



THE HEPBURN HOWLER

December 2021

Council Message

As we welcome in December, Council wishes all Hepburn residents the Merriest of Christmas' and that you would feel the hope and joy that this season brings! 2021 has been another year unlike any other, and we remain so thankful for the ways our community has shown resilience and cared for one another in these days. With colder weather comes the many tasks associated with maintaining the town – clearing roadways, getting the ice in at the rink and the fiscal year end at the town office... and of course, finalizing a name for the new community centre (look for a survey in your emails)! In the midst of the hustle and bustle of December, we hope you and yours can take some time to enjoy being with those you love; viewing the lights going up around town, taking in the Journey Through Christmas event or Light the Night, sponsored by Hepburn Parks & Rec. Here is to ringing in 2022 with the hope of good things to come!

- Erica Baerwald

Congratulations and Thank you!

Thank you to Roy Eichendorf for nominating the Hepburn Fire Department and EMS for the **Affinity Community Spirit Fund**. Congratulations to the Hepburn Fire Dept. on receiving \$200 from Affinity Credit Union.

Town Office Christmas Hours



Dec. 24 & 27 Closed

Dec. 28-31 OPEN 9am - 4:30pm

Jan. 3 Closed

We wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season.

Community Centre Rentals

Indoor & outdoor event space and gymnasium available for rent. Email Ashton at events@hepburn.ca OR call **306-947-2180** for more information.

Emails from the Town

Did you know utility bills, receipts and reminder letters are sent from no-reply@hepburn.ca? This email is not monitored. Please make sure that if you wish to respond to these emails you reply to info@hepburn.ca.

Property Taxes – Due Date

Reminder, **property taxes for 2021 are due in full December 31, 2021**. All amounts outstanding as of January 1, 2022 will be subject to a penalty.

Covid-19 Rapid Test Kits

Covid-19 rapid test kits are available at the Town Office for anyone who wants one. There are 5 tests in each kit, **limit of one kit per household**. Rapid tests are for peace of mind. If you have been in close contact with someone who has Covid-19, or are feeling under the weather these tests are handy to test to see if you have Covid-19. If the test is positive it is recommended to get a PCR test. These tests are not usable to get into restaurants or to travel.

Packages

Please do not arrange to have any personal packages delivered to the Town Office. The Town Office does not accept personal parcels for Town or Rural residents.

Council Meeting Highlights

Bowling Alley Update

Hepburn Centennial Bowling Alley has been sold! Troy and Ruth Fehr are the very excited new owners. The bowling alley is open for private bookings through the month of December. Please contact Troy Fehr at (306)-229-2741 for information and bookings.



There are several pairs of bowling shoes left at the bowling alley. If any of these shoes belong to you please phone Troy to arrange a time to pick them up.

Zoning Bylaw Amendment

At the Regular November meeting, Council adopted a zoning bylaw amendment which made changes to one definition and the permitted and discretionary uses in the C2 District. To see the full bylaw, please refer to the bylaw section of the website. <https://hepburn.ca/governance/bylaws.html>

Help us name the Facility!

Please Fill out the following survey...

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NVNH5J3>

Council Meeting Schedule

The next regular Council meeting is Wednesday December 15, 2021. **The following is the schedule for 2022:**

January 19	May 18	September 21
February 16	June 15	October 19
March 16	July 20	November 16
April 20	August 16	December 21

The public will be notified of any schedule changes.

TOWN OF HEPBURN

Office: (306) 947-2170 Emergency: (306) 947-0000 Payments: onlinepayments@hepburn.ca Email: info@hepburn.ca

DECEMBER PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES

THANK YOU FROM PARKS & REC!

For attending the Parks and Rec Annual General Meeting (AGM)! Your INPUT is welcome all year-round. For 2020 minutes & financials, email recreation@hepburn.ca.

LIGHT THE NIGHT EVENT: December 2nd!



LIGHT UP HEPBURN DECORATING CONTEST

Vote for your favorite decorated house in town from Dec 10-19. Winner announced Dec 20. **Voting sheet**, found on facebook, website, & at Journey Through Christmas.

CROKICURL

Project underway at corner of 1st St E & Main St. New Milk Jug Rocks Available for self-serve use.

PUBLIC SKATING

Dec 11 and 12! Free of charge. Sat, Sun, & School Breaks, from 1:30-4:30pm, or as announced. No pre-registration required.
*Schedule: www.hepburn.ca/recreation/arena.html. *Bookings: arena@hepburn.ca. *Sponsorships: recreation@hepburn.ca.

SNOWSHOES

Book a pair for a day or weekend by emailing recreation@hepburn.ca.

VOLUNTEERING AT ARENA

Want to help out with arena preparations!? Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D44A9A62DABF85-icemaking>

COMMUNITY GROUP ACTIVITIES

Journey Through Christmas Event

Friday, Dec 10 & Saturday, Dec 11. To get on waiting list, email office@hepburnmb.com. Admission: Non-perishable food items.

SECRET SANTA

With a donation of \$35, items will be purchased and gift wrapped for each nominee. Contact Tamara to donate or to nominate someone AT 306-947-0025 or tamara@skippingstonesdesign.ca

THANK YOU FROM MINOR HOCKEY!

A NEW record of **\$2994.10** for **Hepburn Minor Hockey Bottle Drive**, thanks to the AMAZING folks of Hepburn. The U7, U9, & U11 hockey teams are beyond grateful!

*The next bottle drive is Jan 8th by **Hepburn Skate Club**

CHRISTMAS HAMPER COLLECTION

Hepburn School Community Council, Gospel Church, & Mennonite Brethren Church are collecting money for grocery gift cards for families that have experienced hardship, such as loss of a family member, an illness, or financial instability. **To confidentially nominate a Hepburn family or individual**, email hepburnchristmashampers@gmail.com or fill out a nomination form at the town office with name, contact number, & number of people in the household. **Nominations close Dec 15.** Donations of cash or cheque (payable to Hepburn MB Church PO Box 237), with note "CHRISTMAS HAMPERS" are being accepted at the Golden Chef. Tax deductible receipts for cheques of \$20+ will be provided by Hepburn MB Church. **For further information please contact Judith: 306-230-8947.**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

*Gospel Church: Dec 19, 10:30 AM - Sunday School Christmas Program, & Dec 24, 7:30PM - Christmas Eve Service.
*MB Church: Dec 24, 6:30 PM - Christmas Eve Service.

REGIONAL/PROVINCIAL ACTIVITIES

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

***Bowling Alley Under New Ownership!** Contact Troy Fehr at 1 (306)229-2741 to Book a Christmas Party or family fun night. Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/Hepburn-Centennial-bowl-100491365818806

***Lease an Office OR Book a Holiday Event!** Spaces available at New Community Centre. Email Ashton at events@hepburn.ca.

***Feature Business This Month:** Skipping Stones Design.



***Feature Your Business:** Email recreation@hepburn.ca



Next Howler Deadline is **December 29.**

Lisa Braun, Community Coordinator

E: recreation@hepburn.ca

F: www.facebook.com/HepburnParksandRec

W: www.hepburn.ca/recreation.html