



THE HEPBURN HOWLER

September 2022

Message from the Mayor

It comes with mixed feelings of a heavy heart and excitement for the future, that I am stepping down as Jenn and I are moving. The decision to resign early was not an easy one. Recent events have made us re-evaluate our tomorrow plans and make them our today plans. There are various reasons that we are moving but the summary is that it's the right time for our family. It has been a great 6 years on Town Council. At the time of the 2020 General Election, most of the Councillors had served for multiple terms and were not going to run again. I decided to stay on Council to provide leadership to the brand-new Council. I am very proud of the accomplishments of both Councils. The four remaining Councillors have proven themselves capable of making the hard but important decisions and are ready to continue without my guidance.

I look forward to remaining Mayor of Hepburn and leading the next two meetings in September and October, as my last day will be October 20th, 2022. The Hepburn community is fortunate to be led by a dedicated and knowledgeable group of Councillors and Staff. Hepburn is in good hands.

Sincerely,
Mayor Chris Becker

Property Tax Discounts

All payments made on current taxes in the month of September will receive a 2% discount on the municipal portion.



Council Seat Vacancy

At the next regular Council meeting Sept 21, 2022, Town Council will set the date for a By-election for the seat of the Mayor. Nomination day will be the 5th Wednesday prior to the election date. A notice of a Call For Nominations **will be posted as per section 66 of The Local Government Election Act, 2015.**

Arena Concession Lease

The Town of Hepburn is now accepting tenders from interested parties for the lease of the Hepburn and District Arena Concession for the 2022/2023 season. Concession operator will have exclusive use of all existing Equipment. Tender packages may be picked up at the Town Office. **The deadline for submitting a tender is September 14, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

Lagoon & Sewer

Current Reserves:
Sewer System - \$192,284.46
Lagoon - \$537,467.78

The Town of Hepburn's lagoon is permitted to serve the current collection system including the Whisper Ridge subdivision. To allow for population growth and expansion of the wastewater collection system to provide sewer access to residents not currently serviced, upgrades to the Main lift station, force main and lagoon will be required. In 2020 the Town of Hepburn submitted a grant application through ICIP for this wastewater project, unfortunately that application was not successful. At the time of the grant application, the projected budget for upgrades to the main lift station, force main & lagoon was \$2.3 million - however with inflation this number will likely have increased significantly. The above outlined wastewater project will increase the capacity of our wastewater collection system, well above our current population. In preparation for this project the Town of Hepburn Council has been allocating funds to the above-mentioned reserves on an annual basis. Town Staff are searching for grant opportunities for this project.

To extend the sewer collection system to those currently not serviced, a standard gravity fed collection system cannot be easily used as the majority of the dwellings are gravity fed to the rear of the property. If a standard sewer main was installed the properties with septic in the rear would have to complete significant modifications to the sewer in their basements including but not limited to jackhammering out portions of their basements. It is for this reason, it is likely that a S.T.E.P (septic tank effluent pumping) system will likely be needed.

All of the above mentioned upgrades to the wastewater system will need to be engineered prior to commencement.

Town Council is very much aware of the need to complete upgrades to our wastewater infrastructure and has and will continue to take the necessary steps to ensure the completion of this project. Given the significant cost of this project and a west-side sewer expansion project, obtaining grant funding would be ideal. If grant funding cannot be obtained to match the reserve savings the municipality will need to finance the project.

SEPTEMBER 2022
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HEPBURN
HERITAGE COMMON

Friday September 23, 7:00pm at Heritage Common: The Legacy of Residential Schools: Tony Stevenson is an Anishinaabe First Nation from Treaty 4 land. He attended the Qu'Appelle Indian Residential School at Lebret, SK from Grade 5 to 12. Tony worked extensively with former students of residential schools during the IAP compensation and has worked tirelessly to educate communities on the history and truth of the residential school system in Canada. His goal is to expand the Legacy of Residential Schools Tour from Saskatchewan to reach across the whole country.

Fall Gala: Saturday, October 29
Featuring Corrie J. Dinner, bar service, entertainment, and midnight lunch! **Tickets go on sale on September 16.**



Cash of the Month Raffle

Available now until sold out. Only 500 available! Tickets are \$50 each. Draws for \$1,000 are scheduled for the last Friday of every month for one year! Each ticket has 12 chances to win! **All proceeds go towards Heritage Common roof repair.** Tickets can be purchased via e transfer at hepburnlotto@gmail.com. Email Ashton to make arrangements for ticket pickup- events@hepburn.ca.



Book Your Fall Event at Heritage Common. Call Ashton Prescott, Facility & Event Coordinator, at 306-947-2180 or email events@hepburn.ca. Book a tour to find out more!

REGIONAL & PROVINCIAL ACTIVITIES

LOCAL FEATURE: Hepburn Co-op has "Good Buy to Hunger" Bags. Purchase one and donate to the bin in the store – donations go to local Rosthern Good Neighbours Food Centre.

*Available at marketplace Sept 6.

Be a Feature! Email recreation@hepburn.ca to sign up as a feature business or an upcoming event sponsor!

Explore Local: www.tourismsaskatchewan.com & <https://www.findthefunsk.com/>

COMMUNITY GROUP ACTIVITIES

4H CLUBS IN THE AREA

Check out www.4-h.sk.ca. P: 306-933-7727 or E: info@4-h.sk.ca. The 4-H year runs from September 1 to August 31.

HEPBURN BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Program starts September 1.

Contact hepburnchildcarehub@gmail.com.

Volunteer or donate!

HEPBURN COOPERATIVE PLAYSCHOOL

AGM & Meet the Teacher Night is **Thursday, September 1, from 6-8pm**. Contact hepburnplayschool@gmail.com

HEPBURN FIGURE SKATING CLUB REGISTRATION NIGHT

Skate Club Registration is **Thursday, September 15**, at Arena Lobby, 6-8pm. Contact hepburnfigureskatingclub@gmail.com

HEPBURN MARKETPLACE WINDUP

Tuesday, September 6, 4:00-7:30pm at Heritage Common. **Smokehaus Martensville Food Truck.**

Marketplace **LIVE MUSIC - Electric Bucket Brigade Band**

***CASH OF THE MONTH RAFFLE TICKETS on sale at the market!**

Vendors can sign up at hepburnmarketplace@gmail.com.

MUSEUM OF WHEAT @ Railway & Main

***September 3 & 10.** Open Saturdays from 10am-3pm. Want a tour at another time? Contact a board member!

***September 17. Threshing Day.** Threshing at 10:30am, then BBQ & Bake Sale. Museum & School open until 3pm.

***November 5. Fall Banquet at the Waldheim Jubilee Centre**

PERENNIAL & SEED GIVEAWAY @ Little Free Library

Do you have perennials you need to divide? Do you have extra seeds that you collect? Would you like perennials and/or seeds? Come out on **Saturday, September 17**, at 9:30 am. CONTACTS: Kim Bushman 947.7440 & Cathy Shields 639.916.2220

Communicate with Your Parks & Recreation Board!



Next Meeting: **Monday, September 12.** Submit correspondence & delegation requests by September 9.

The team is Jennifer Beaumont-Becker, Chair; Troy Prosofsky, Vice Chair; Cheryl Reddekopp, Treasurer (until Sept); Lisa Braun, Secretary; Doug Peters, Sheldon Willems, Andrew Berg, Kim Poulsen, Craig Pitcher, and Johannes Schauss.

Next Howler Submission Deadline is **SEPTEMBER 28.**

Lisa Braun, Community Coordinator

recreation@hepburn.ca