



THE HEPBURN HOWLER

December 2022

Message from Town Council

As we head into the month of December, Council wishes all of Hepburn an excellent Christmas Season. We hope that you will enjoy time with family and friends, experiencing some hope and peace this season. Over the last number of months, our aging fire truck, which was purchased, used about 10 years ago, came to the end of its useful life. The repairs began to outweigh the value of the truck. Through research, consultation, and a joint agreement between the **RM of Laird, the Hepburn Fire Department**, and the Town of Hepburn, we have purchased a 'new to us' Fire Truck. This truck is a very significant upgrade, built for our Canadian winters, and particularly well suited to rural roads and environments. Thanks for all who worked to see this project through! Our mayoral by-election is taking place on December 7. Please take the time to get out and vote! I want to thank those who are running, and for all the engagement we have seen from so many people in this process. It is great to be a part of a community where individuals are willing to set their own desires aside and work together as a team to make our town a great place live!

- **Andrew Berg, Councillor**

Arena Season is Here!

*Volunteer! Email recreation@hepburn.ca to sign up as a public skating supervision volunteer.

*Book! Email arena@hepburn.ca. View calendar on the website: www.hepburn.ca/recreation/arena.html

Mayoral By-Election Update

Advance Poll: Dec 2, 2022, 6 pm - 8 pm

Regular Poll: Dec 7, 2022, 9 am - 8 pm

All Voting is at Heritage Common

*Candidate Forum Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5wG7Sz99sE>

*Candidate Profiles:

<https://hepburn.ca/governance/election.html>

Arena Concession is OPEN!

HOT MESS GRILL is now open in the Hepburn Arena!

Email: hepburnconcession@hotmail.com. Follow on

Facebook: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087472446392

Snow Removal

Please move all vehicles and bins off town streets promptly when there is a snowfall to allow our grader easier access on all roadways. Keep sidewalks clear along your residence and property.

Council Highlights

Grant & Funding Updates

SPRA Community Rink Affordability Grant – Hepburn was awarded **\$2,500** for the 2022-2023 Arena season.

SaskWater – Hepburn received **\$1,200** in sponsorship for the 2022-2023 public skating season.

ICIP Green Infrastructure Stream – At the end of November, Hepburn applied for the Lagoon & Wastewater Improvements/Expansion Project.

Gala Fundraising Update – \$10,000 was raised through ticket sales, sponsorships, silent auction, 50/50 draw, & bar. Mark your calendar for 3rd Annual Gala for Saturday, October 21, 2023.

Water Consumption Rate

Please note as of January 1, 2023, the consumption for residential & commercial will be \$17.15/1,000 gallons. This is due to an increase in the water rates from SaskWater & the City of Saskatoon. The previous water consumption rate was \$16.55/1,000 gallons.

Water Base Rate Breakdown:

Administration: \$30

Infrastructure Loan: \$33.07

Future Capital Replacement: \$28.26

Total: \$91.33

In January 2012, the base rate on the utility bills was structured to allow for repayment of the water project loans (see above \$33.07 charge built into the base rate). The Town of Hepburn currently has two loans for the original water project (from 2011/2012). The two loan payments combined are **\$207,210.12 annually** and the loans mature in **2025 and 2026**. The base rate has remained the same since it was set in 2012.

Hospital Update

It was a privilege to attend the Rosthern Hospital Replacement Project Meeting on



November 25th with Premier Scott Moe, Minister of Rural & Remote Health Hon. Everett Hindley, and the many stakeholders. A new hospital that can meet the growing demand for rural health care services is essential. It was exciting to hear the progress that has already happened, and have hopeful discussions for the future!

- **Deidra Prosofsky, Councillor**

DECEMBER 2022
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HEPBURN

HERITAGE COMMON

CASH OF THE MONTH RAFFLE

Draws are for \$1,000 on the last Friday of each month. \$50/ticket, Get them while they last! E-transfer to hepburnlotto@gmail.com, with name, phone number, & email address in comments. Purchase at *Heritage Common Office OR Town Office*. Proceeds to **Heritage Common roof repairs**. The **November winner was Amy Schauss**. Next draw is **Friday, December 30**.



GRINCH MOVIE EVENT @ Heritage Common Gym

Saturday, December 17, 2:00-4:30pm. Free admission, concession items for purchase, Hepburn clothing sale, cash of the month raffle tickets, costume contest, photo station, Grinch Activities, donation bucket, & MORE!

BOOKINGS & TOURS @ Heritage Common

Plan your **WINTER Event** with us - meeting, birthday, Christmas party, craft night, & more! Contact Ashton Prescott at 306-947-2180 or events@hepburn.ca. Book a tour! Talk to Lisa & Ashton, on weekdays, 9am-12pm, 12:30-4:30pm.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

HEPBURN SCHOOL

Congrats to Hepburn Hawks 2A Boys Volleyball Provincial Champions, coached by Rob Braun, Jeff Thiessen, & Lorne Ebach. *School Break is Dec 23, 2022-Jan 8, 2023 & Christmas Program is Dec 21.



BOWLING @ Hepburn Centennial Bowl

Contact Troy Fehr 306-229-2741 for your holiday booking! Follow on Facebook. Join Tuesday League Bowling for 2023. Choose either 7-9pm or 9-11pm.

CHILDCARE HUB

Thanks for your support of the Hot Chocolate & Coffee Bar at the Christmas Marketplace. Thanks to our sponsors: Easton Painting, Robin Shooter, & Glenda Mihalicz, and to our hardworking board who made this event come to life. We are working hard behind the scenes to open our daycare in 2023. Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Thanks Hepburn for your donations of – 22 bags of \$10, 6 bags of \$15, 1 cash donation of \$5, and 3 bags of non-perishable items for Good Neighbours Food Centre.

JOURNEY THROUGH CHRISTMAS

Watch for extra traffic in town on **Dec 9-10**. To VOLUNTEER, contact office@hepburnmb.com or 306-947-2085.

HEPBURN SECRET SANTA

4th year of this special event! We currently have the largest list of nominees that we have ever spread Christmas spirit to! The deadline to nominate and donate is Friday, December 16. ITEMS WILL BE WRAPPED & PERSONALLY DELIVERED IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS. Contact Tamara Kaminski at P: 306-947-0025. E: tamara@skippingstonesdesign.ca



HEPBURN CHRISTMAS HAMPER COLLECTION

Hepburn School Community Council, Hepburn Gospel Church, & Hepburn MB Church are providing grocery store gift cards for any community family that has experienced hardship over the past year. To confidentially nominate a Hepburn family or individual, email hepburnchristmashampers@gmail.com with name, phone number, & number of people in the household. Nominations & donations are due by December 14. Donations can be made by cash or cheque to Hepburn MB Church - at the Hepburn Post Office, Gospel Church, MB Church, School Office, or by mail to Hepburn MB Church Box 237 - Mark for "Christmas hampers". Tax deductible receipts for cheques of \$20+ will be receipted through Hepburn MB Church. Judith 306-230-8947.

PARKS & RECREATION

LIGHT THE NIGHT EVENT @ Gazebo

TODAY: Thursday, December 1, at 6:30pm – FREE EVENT for all ages! Enjoy horse & wagon rides, carol singing, fireside, hot chocolate, snow fun, marshmallows, hot dogs, visiting, & kids candy bags. Dress warm & bring your own lawn chair.

PUBLIC SKATING!

Thanks to SaskWater the community can enjoy public skating at no cost. New this season – a donation bucket will be available at each session if you wish to offset other arena facility costs. **December 4, 11, 18, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31** – from 1:30-4:30pm. Younger children should be supervised by responsible older youth or adult. Volunteer hosts are organized by Parks & Rec – sign up at recreation@hepburn.ca.

SNOWSHOES PROGRAM @ Heritage Common

Try out snowshoes! Email recreation@hepburn.ca. \$10/pair, or \$20/individual season pass for unlimited usage.

VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME!

- *Boards: Minor Soccer, Shepherds Villa, Housing Authority, Museum, Seniors, etc welcome new members!
- *Help at "Grinch Movie Event" on **December 17**, 1-5pm.
- *Watch for more **Volunteer Award Announcements** in January.
- *Nominate a Citizen of the Year by **February 1**.



Communicate with Your Parks

& Rec Board: Next Meeting: **Dec 12**. Deadline: Correspondence & delegation requests: **Dec 7**. Email recreation@hepburn.ca. Next **Howler Submission Deadline: Dec 28**.