



# The Hepburn Howler

December 2024



## TOWN OFFICE UPDATES

### GO PAPERLESS!

Sign up for E-Billing for a chance to win a gift card from Flowing Well Café. Two draws – one for existing E-Customers, and one for new E-customers who sign up by the end of **January 31**.



### Holidays Hours

The Town Office will be closed on **Wednesday December 25, Thursday December 26, 2024, and Wednesday January 1, 2025**. Please plan your visits and inquiries accordingly.



### Property Taxes Reminder

Property Tax Payments are due **December 31, 2024**. Make sure to process your payment prior to this date to avoid an interest charge.

### Election Update

\*Municipal Positions were all filled by Acclamation.  
\*Prairie Spirit School Division Position was won by Christa Ann Willems. E: [christa-ann.willems@spiritsd.ca](mailto:christa-ann.willems@spiritsd.ca)

### Mayor By-Election

Notice of Call for Nominations was issued Monday, December 2. Nominations will be received from Wednesday December 4 until Wednesday December 18. By-election Date for Vacant Mayor Position is set for **Wednesday, January 22, 2025**, from 9am-8-pm. Advance Poll will be announced. Find Election Info here: [www.hepburn.ca/governance/election.html](http://www.hepburn.ca/governance/election.html)

### Snow Removal

Remove vehicles and bins off town streets promptly when there is a snowfall to allow grader access on all roadways.

### Staffing Update

\*The *Director of Administration, Marketing & Events* position is now closed. A new employee will begin work on December 16.  
\*The *Chief Administrative Officer* position closed on November 29. Thanks to all who applied. Interview candidates will be contacted shortly from the town's [careers@hepburn.ca](mailto:careers@hepburn.ca) email account.

### Twin River Community Safety Officer (CSO)

See A Concern? Call CSO Dispatch Number 306-232-4839.

This program provides joint enforcement services to ensure safer municipalities, including proactive policing, public education, local stakeholder engagement, and bylaw compliance.

[https://hepburn.ca/living\\_here/emergency\\_services/twin\\_rivers\\_community\\_safety\\_officer.html](https://hepburn.ca/living_here/emergency_services/twin_rivers_community_safety_officer.html)



### Hepburn & District Arena Updates

\*Be a Volunteer: You can sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D44A9A62DABF85-52896448-flooding>

\*Make a booking: [arena@hepburn.ca](mailto:arena@hepburn.ca). View calendar here: [www.hepburn.ca/recreation/arena.html](http://www.hepburn.ca/recreation/arena.html)



### Hot Mess Grill is BACK!

Welcome Miranda and Joni to the Hepburn Arena Concession for the 2024-2025 season.

Email: [hotmessconcessions@gmail.com](mailto:hotmessconcessions@gmail.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61569628524183&mibextid=ZbWKwL](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61569628524183&mibextid=ZbWKwL)

## HERITAGE COMMON UPDATES

### Green & Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) Update

HERITAGE COMMON  
a place for gathering



This program enhances the places Canadians live & gather through green & inclusive improvements. The **Heritage Common Project** is a 2.9 million dollar project shared by federal, provincial, & municipal partners to improve roof, windows, doors, lighting, & more.

### Office Spaces

Need a place to run your business, complete your studies, or work remotely during bad weather? B114 and A104 are available – stop by for a tour and pricing info.

### Bookings & Tours

\*Sale Prices on until December 31. Holiday Bookings open from **Dec 20-Jan 5**, except for Dec 25, 26, & Jan 1.

\*Organize your family gathering, craft night, staff party, birthday, retreat, conference, or fundraiser with us! Email [events@hepburn.ca](mailto:events@hepburn.ca) or call 306-947-2180. Schedule a tour at: <https://heritagecommon.ca/>

### Heritage Lodge Accommodation

Need a place for overnight guests? Contact us for a room - \$41/night plus GST, or \$35/night plus GST when booking 10 or more rooms.



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## TOWN COUNCIL UPDATES

### Introductions

Meet your **New Town Council for 2024-2028**. Left to Right: Joseph Homontowski, Erica Baerwald, Alvin Thielmann, & Robert Lyon.



### Council Roles

Councillor **Erica Baerwald** was appointed as Acting Mayor, with Councillor **Joseph Homontowski** being appointed as Deputy Mayor for a three-month term. Councillors will all have a three-month term as Deputy Mayo.

### Mayor By-Election

Council determined that the by-election date for the Vacant Mayor position be set for **Wednesday, January 22, 2025**, with Nomination Day being **Wednesday, December 18, 2024**. Call for Nominations will be advertised in early December.

### Council Meeting Schedule

Council reviewed and approved of an ambitious schedule for the next three months, including Orientation, Long Term Planning, and Budget Process, with the goal to have the budget completed by February 28, 2024.

\*The next special Council meeting will be held on Thursday December 12, 2024 – budget meeting.

\*The next regular Council meeting will be held on Wednesday December 18, 2024.

### Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Jim Puffalt, MBA, RMA, CMMA, from Prairie Rising Consulting, was appointed as Acting Chief Administrative Officer.

### Thank You

The Town of Hepburn extends thanks and appreciation to the members of the **2020-2024 Council** for their valuable service to the Community:

- \*Mayor: Deidra Prosofsky
- \*Councillors: Erica Baerwald, Andrew Berg
- \*Deputy Mayor & Acclaimed Mayor: Neal Mihalicz - in Memoriam
- \*Former Members: Chris Becker (Mayor), Craig Kosowan (Councillor)

### Communication with Council

Council wants to hear from Town Residents. You can connect with them in the following ways:

\*Council Minutes are posted on the website at: <https://hepburn.ca/governance/minutes.html>

\*Council Meetings are open to the public, and attendees can watch proceedings silently from the gallery. The meeting is set for the Third Wednesday of the Month, unless otherwise posted, at 7:00pm.

\*If you have **correspondence** to submit to Town Council, email [info@hepburn.ca](mailto:info@hepburn.ca) on or before December 12 to be included in the December Council Meeting Agenda.

\*If you want to be a **delegation**, use the form from the website on or before December 12 to be reviewed for the December Council Meeting Agenda: [https://www.hepburn.ca/governance/council\\_staff.html](https://www.hepburn.ca/governance/council_staff.html)





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**DECEMBER 2024**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HEPBURN!**

## **PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS**

**AWARDS FOR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR & Youth VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR** – Watch for announcement about VOLUNTEER AWARD Winners.

**BOOK CLUB - Thursday, December 19, 2024** at Birch Boardroom, 7:30pm. Want to sign up for new year? Email: [reading.for.reconciliation@gmail.com](mailto:reading.for.reconciliation@gmail.com)

**LIGHT UP HEPBURN CONTEST** - Decorate your home and yard for the season, and nominate yourself and your neighbours for chances to win prizes. Nominations are welcome from **Nov 18-Dec 31**. Send exact street address and why you like it! You can submit as many nominations as you like. Nomination forms are on facebook, and paper copies available at Town Office.

**LIGHT THE NIGHT** - Thank you to all who attended, participated, and volunteered at LIGHT THE NIGHT CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL & MARKET 2024!



**LIGHT UP HEPBURN TWINKLE TOUR** – Watch for bingo sheet for Twinkle Tour over Christmas Break (facebook post coming on Dec 20!)

**PUBLIC SKATING VOLUNTEERING** – 1:30-4:30pm.  
\*Sundays – December 8, 15, 22, 29, and January 5  
\*Holidays – December 27, 31, January 2, 4

**SNOWSHOES** – Rent Snowshoes & Explore Hepburn Forest and beyond! \$10/person, or season pass \$20/person. Book with Lisa by email.

**VOLUNTEERING OPTIONS** - Sign up for December  
\*ONE POSITION is OPEN on the board. \*Lots OPEN for Subcommittees – Christmas Break Programs Dec 20-Jan 5, & MORE. Email [recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca) OR go to [www.hepburn.ca/recreation/parks\\_recreation\\_board.html](http://www.hepburn.ca/recreation/parks_recreation_board.html)

**CONNECT WITH THE BOARD** - *We want to hear from you!* Parks & Recreation Board Meeting is on **Monday, December 9, 2024**. Send in Correspondence by Wednesday, December 4 to [recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca).

## **COMMUNITY GROUPS & EVENTS**

### **HEPBURN CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS**

Until Dec 9, confidentially nominate a Hepburn family or person to [hepburnchristmashampers@gmail.com](mailto:hepburnchristmashampers@gmail.com) with name, contact number, reason for need, & number of people in the household. Donate at Post Office, Gospel Church, MB Church, Hepburn School, or mail to Hepburn MB Church PO Box 237 S0K 1Z0.

### **HEPBURN SCHOOL NEWS – Support with volunteering, donations, & attendance!**

- \*Hepburn Seniors Boys Bball Home Game – Dec 3, 7pm – FILL THE GYM and Wear Your Hawks Colours!
- \*Hepburn Seniors Girls Bball Tournament – Dec 13-14
- \*School Break December 21, 2024-January 5, 2025.

**HEPBURN SENIORS – Coffee Time:** Wed 9am. **Forever in Motion Classes:** Wed 10:20am.

**MOMS CRAFTS “SOCIAL AND CRAFT” NIGHT** – Barb Bueckert hosted a craft night on November 27. Watch for another date coming soon! Follow Barb at <https://www.facebook.com/saskmomscrafts>

## **REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL, & BUSINESS ACTIVITIES**

**SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES:** Email to be listed: [www.hepburn.ca/doing\\_business/business\\_directory.html](http://www.hepburn.ca/doing_business/business_directory.html)

## **HERITAGE COMMON COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

**CRAFT RETREAT** – Did you know that there is a craft retreat group gathering Dec 6-8 in Heritage Lodge? Want to get in on the next spring date? Email Lisa at [recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca) to get on the mailing list.

**HOMESCHOOL GYM TIMES** – Tue, 1-3pm. Court 1 is Volleyball for Gr 7-12. Court 2 for children K-Grade 6. **November 5,12,19,26**. \$2/youth. Adults should accompany their group & all Children and youth must be supervised.

**WALKING TIMES - \$2, OR \$10/monthly pass. Mon-Fri 9:00am-11:30am.** Bring clean gym shoes and water bottle. May be cancelled due to other rentals and bookings. \*WINTER SALE – get a 4 month pass for the price of 3 - \$30/person, while supplies last.