



The Hepburn Howler

January 2025



TOWN OFFICE UPDATES

Office Closure

The Town Office will be closed for Year-End Processing, on Tuesday January 7 and Wednesday January 8. Regular Hours resume on Thursday January 9.

Employment Opportunities

The Town of Hepburn is currently seeking applications for the following positions: **Permanent Casual On-Call Event Assistant Positions** for Heritage Common and Hepburn Arena. Posting will remain open until suitable candidates are found. Submit to careers@hepburn.ca. Website: <https://hepburn.ca/governance/employment.html>



Winter Season Reminders

Remove vehicles and bins off streets promptly when there is a snowfall to allow grader access on roadways. Keep sidewalks in front of homes

and businesses cleared of snow and ice to prevent slips. Parents, ensure children do not play on snow piles while crews are working. Pedestrians, please use sidewalks, especially when roads are being cleared.

Go Paperless!

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

Twin Rivers Community Safety Officer (CSO)

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

The CSO is serving the Twin Rivers District through proactive policing, public education, stakeholder engagement, and bylaw and provincial statute compliance. https://hepburn.ca/living_here/emergency_services/twin_rivers_community_safety_officer.html

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)

Update: This ICIP program is designed to fund key capital projects in municipalities. The **Hepburn Lagoon Project** was approved for a 3.2 million dollar project shared by federal, provincial, & municipal partners to expand lagoon capacity, over the next 3 years.

Property Taxes Reminder

Interest charges will be applied to overdue accounts effective **January 1, 2025**.



Hepburn Volunteer Fire & EMS Dept

The Department is looking for volunteers. Visit the Town Office to pick up an application form. Their team meets three times a month at the Hepburn Fire Hall on Mondays – 1 meeting, and 2 training sessions per month. Email fire_ems@hepburn.ca



Arena Season

Email arena@hepburn.ca to book your event. Find Facility Calendar here:

www.hepburn.ca/recreation/arena.html

Follow Arena Concession Schedule here:

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61569628524183&mbextid=ZbWKwL

HERITAGE COMMON UPDATES

Green & Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB)

Update: This program enhances Canadian gathering places 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, HVAC, & more. **Lighting phase begins in the new year!**

Office Spaces

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

Bookings & Tours

Organize a family gathering, craft night, staff party, birthday, retreat, conference, or fundraiser with us! Email events@hepburn.ca or call 306-947-2180. Ask about our current SALE pricing! Schedule a facility tour to see what the opportunities are. Find more details on the website:

<https://heritagecommon.ca/>

HERITAGE COMMON
a place for gathering



Heritage Lodge

Accommodation

Need a place for visiting family, work colleagues, or event guests? Book a room at \$41/night plus GST, or \$35/night plus GST for 10 or more rooms. 2 single bed dorm style accommodation in each room. E: events@hepburn.ca

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



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TOWN COUNCIL UPDATES

Mayoral By-Election

The Mayor Position was declared by acclamation on December 19, 2024. Congratulations to Councillor **Erica Baerwald** who is the new Mayor of Hepburn.

Council By-Election

Call for Nominations will open **January 8**; Nomination Day Deadline is **January 22**; and By-Election Day is **February 26**. Get a Councillor Package at the Office or from the website: www.hepburn.ca/governance/election.html

Council Schedule

Council has carried out the 1st month of their ambitious meeting schedule, including Council Orientation, Capital Budget, and ending with their Regular Meeting of December 18, 2024. Next Meeting is January 9, 2025 for **Strategic Planning**.

Regular Council Meeting Schedule

The schedule has been set for the third Wednesday of each month, starting at 6:00pm, at Heritage Common.

January 22, 2025 (moved from Jan 15)
February 26, 2025 (moved from Feb 18)
March 19, 2025
April 15, 2025
May 21, 2025
June 18, 2025
July 16, 2025
August 20, 2025
September 17, 2025
October 15, 2025
November 19, 2025
December 17, 2025

Artificial Ice?

Jillian Brown from Hepburn was a delegation to the Council Meeting and proposed that a new committee be formed to investigate the possibility of having artificial ice installed in Hepburn Arena. Council thanked her group for their vision, expressed interest in continuing the discussion, and will draft Terms of Reference for this new Committee created.

Snow Removal Policy

Council will review the **Snow Removal Policy** at January 22 Meeting to determine if any changes are required, specifically length of day that snow clearing operations are permitted, definition of a major snow event, and clearing priorities at Heritage Common & Hepburn Arena to allow customers to access these facilities.

2025 Assessment

Council appointed Western Municipal Consulting as the 2025 Board of Revision regarding Assessment Appeals. **2025 is a re-assessment year** where every property in Hepburn will have a revised property assessment. Council has invited the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency to meet with Council and review the 2025 assessments. Property Taxes are based to some degree on property assessment.

Council Appointments

Council has made the following appointments for 2025:



Deputy Mayor

Rob Lyon - April 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025
Alvin Thielmann - July 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025

External Boards & Committees

Committee	Council Members
Hepburn & District Parks and Recreation	Joseph Homontowski
Hepburn Fire Department	Rob Lyon
Hepburn Museum of Wheat	Alvin Thielmann
Emergency Measures Organization	Erica Baerwald
Twin Rivers Group	Erica Baerwald
Twin Rivers District Planning Commission	Erica Baerwald
Saskatoon North Communities Association	Alvin Thielmann
Prairie Rivers Reconciliation Circle	Erica Baerwald
Wheatland Regional Library	Erica Baerwald
Hepburn Childcare Hub	Rob Lyon

The Council and Staff of the Town of Hepburn wish everyone Seasons Greetings! We look forward to serving you in 2025 and beyond.



Communication with Council

- ***Minutes:** Minutes are posted monthly on the website.
- ***Regular Meetings:** Meetings are open to members of the public to observe silently from the gallery.
- ***Correspondence:** Submit correspondence to cao@hepburn.ca **on or before Jan 15** to be included in Council Meeting Agenda.
- ***Delegations:** Submit delegation request form to cao@hepburn.ca **on or before Jan 15** to be included in Council Meeting Agenda: www.hepburn.ca/governance/council_staff.html



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JANUARY 2025 WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HEPBURN!

PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS

AWARDS – Karen Bushman was selected as the **Volunteer of the Year 2024**, and Trenton Bell was selected as the **Youth Volunteer of the Year 2024** (new award for those ages 16-25). These awards were presented in person at the Hepburn School Christmas Program on December 17.



Photo 1 from L to R: Trenton Bell, Erica Baerwald (Acting Mayor), Bren Hannay (Principal). Photo 2 from L to R: Erica Baerwald, Karen Bushman, Bren Hannay.

BOOK CLUB – **Thursday, January 23** at Birch Boardroom, 7:00pm. Next Book Title is *The Inconvenient Indian* by Thomas King. Want to sign up for new year? Contact Jen Baetz, Host, at: reading.for.reconciliation@gmail.com

LIGHT UP HEPBURN CONTEST – WINNERS for Best New Entry Award, Most Creative Award, Biggest and Brightest Griswold Award will be announced the week of January 6.

NEW: NERF DAY - Join in for FUN games, battles, & challenges. For grades 1-6. \$2/person. Choose either **Sunday January 19**, 1:30-3:00pm; and **Saturday February 15**, from 10:30am-12:00pm. E: recreation@hepburn.ca.

PUBLIC SKATING TIMES @ Arena – Skating and Shiny Times are provided to community at no cost, thanks to Arena Sponsors! Times are 1:30-4:30pm, unless otherwise posted. *Jan 2, 4, 5, 12, 19, 25.

SNOWSHOES – Rent Snowshoes & Explore Hepburn Forest and beyond! \$10/person, or season pass \$20.

VOLUNTEERING - Sign up for a January-June term – for the ONE OPEN BOARD POSITION OPEN. *Lots of OPEN SPOTS for Subcommittees & Events. Look here: www.hepburn.ca/recreation/parks_recreation_board.html

CONNECT WITH THE BOARD - *We want to hear from you!* Parks & Recreation Meeting is RESCHEDULED TO **Mon, Jan 13**. Send in Correspondence and Delegation Requests by **Wed, Jan 6** to recreation@hepburn.ca.

COMMUNITY GROUPS & EVENTS

ROCKOUT YOUR WORKOUT! Tues 8:00-8:30pm, Jan 14, 21, & 28 - Become the music in this cardio-jam session, inspired by the energizing and sweat dripping fun of playing the drums! “Pound Fitness Class” by Natalie Shynkaruk. Call or text 306-981-4358 to register. Classes \$10/person – drop ins welcome. Heritage Common.

HEPBURN CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS TEAM
18 hampers were given out to families – thank you Hepburn for your generous support.

HEPBURN SCHOOL NEWS – Cheer on the Hawks at Junior Basketball Tournaments – Jan 18, 25 at Heritage Common Gym. No School Day January 31.

HEPBURN MINOR HOCKEY NEWS – It is the Season for Home Tourneys. Cheer on the Hawks – U13 on Jan 11, U9 on Jan 18, U11 on Jan 25, and U7 on Feb 1.

HEPBURN SENIORS – **Coffee Time:** Wed 9am. **Forever in Motion Classes:** Wed 10:20am. **Quilting Groups:** Mondays and Tuesdays.

REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL, & BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES: Know of a business based in Hepburn area NOT listed on the website? Send an email, and drop business cards at Heritage Common. www.hepburn.ca/doing_business/business_directory.html

HERITAGE COMMON COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

HOMESCHOOL TIMES @ Gym – Tuesdays, 1-3pm. Court 1 for Volleyball Gr7-12. Court 2 for children K-Grade 6. **Jan 7, 21, 28.** \$2/youth. Adults accompany their group & all children and youth must be supervised.

WALKING TIMES - \$2, \$10/monthly pass, or \$30 winter pass (4 months for the price of 3) @ Gym -Monday-Friday 9:00am-11:30am, plus **NEW TIMES:** Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 1:00-3:00pm. Bring clean gym shoes and water bottle. Times may be cancelled due to other rentals and bookings.