



The Hepburn Howler

February 2025

TOWN OFFICE UPDATES

Town Office Closure

The Town Office will be closed on Monday February 17 for Family Day!

Snow Removal Reminders

Please move vehicles and bins off town streets promptly when there is a snowfall, to allow our grader easier access. Please keep sidewalks clear along your residence and/or business to prevent slips. Please do not place extension cords across sidewalks and/or roadways. The Town of Hepburn will not accept liability for any damage caused to extension cords during the snow removal process. Parents, please ensure children understand that they should not play on snow piles while crews are in the process of snow removal. Pedestrians use available sidewalks while equipment is in operation.



Hepburn Volunteer Fire & EMS Department

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

Annual Fire & EMS Fundraising Banquet

The Annual Fundraising Banquet is scheduled for **March 1, 2025**. Ticket prices are \$35 for one ticket or \$200 for a table of 8. Tickets are available for purchase from any of the Hepburn Volunteer Fire & EMS Department members.

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

Twin Rivers Community Safety Officer

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. Find reporting form and link here on the town website: https://hepburn.ca/living_here/emergency_services/twin_rivers_community_safety_officer.html

HERITAGE COMMON UPDATES

Green & Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB)

Update: **Lighting phase is underway!** This GICB program enhances Canadian gathering places through green & inclusive improvements. The **Heritage Common Project** is a 2.9 million dollar project shared by federal & municipal partners to improve the facility's energy efficiency including roof, windows, doors, lighting, HVAC, & more.

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 for yourself. Office spaces also available. Find more details on the website: <https://heritagecommon.ca/>

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

HERITAGE COMMON

a place for gathering



Council By-Election

Further Call for Nominations opened **January 29**; Nomination Day Deadline is **February 12**; and By-Election Day is **February 26**. Get a Councillor Package at the Office or from the website: www.hepburn.ca/governance/election.html



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TOWN COUNCIL UPDATES

January 22, 2025 Council Meeting Updates

Mayor of Hepburn

Council formally welcomed **Erica Baerwald to the position of Mayor of Hepburn** as she received the Mayor oath of office.



Left to Right: Mayor Erica Baerwald, Acting CAO Jim Puffalt

Ice Edger

Council authorized the purchase of the first ice edger for the Hepburn & District Arena. This use of this piece of equipment will **help to ensure a quality ice surface** for users.

Vending Machines

Vending machines have been installed at Heritage Commons to provide the opportunity for snacks and drinks on-site. The contract that generates 5% revenue from sales to the Town, was included in the meeting information package.

Snow & Ice Removal Policy

The **Snow & Ice Removal Policy** has been updated to take into account that the two major facilities, Arena and Heritage Common, require a level of service during snow removal, as well as to define a major snow event from 2 inches to 4 inches. Other changes include continued discretion to the Public Works Foreman to ensure that the streets are passable, and confirmation that snow removal operations are exempt from the noise bylaw.

We thank those residents that provided feedback commented on the proposed changes.

Provincial Revenue Sharing

Council passed the resolution confirming that the Town of Hepburn is in compliance with the Provincial Requirements to receive **Provincial Revenue Sharing**. The Town received almost \$220,000 in 2024.

Council Reminders

Regular Council Meeting Schedule

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

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

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 Feb 19** to be included in Council Meeting Agenda.

***Delegations:** Submit delegation request form to cao@hepburn.ca **on or before Feb 19** to be included in Council Meeting Agenda:

www.hepburn.ca/governance/council_staff.html





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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HEPBURN! February 2025 Edition

PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE – Winter Fest is March 7-9, 2025. Outdoor and indoor fun, pancake breakfast fundraiser by Hepburn School SaskTrip, noodle supper fundraiser by Seniors, senior men's hockey game, minor hockey game day, skating carnival, kid zone, library zone, youth gaming zone, silent auction, and MORE! No Cost unless posted. Bring cash for fundraiser meals. Events at Alley, Arena, Seniors Centre, Heritage Common, & outdoor spaces. Volunteers, partners, & sponsors needed – email recreation@hepburn.ca

LIGHT UP HEPBURN CONTEST – The winners are:
***Best New Entry Award** – Oron & Bree at 8 Poplar Place.
***Most Creative Award** – Rob & Kim at 411 - 2nd Ave S.
***Biggest & Brightest Griswold Award** – Danny & Tania at 102 - 2nd Ave S. All nominations were highlighted on facebook. More nominations & participants are welcome next year. Thanks for a beautiful holiday season!

NERF DAY @ Heritage Common Gym - FUN games & challenges. Gr 1-6. \$2/person. **Saturday February 15, 10:30am-12:00pm.**

PUBLIC SKATING TIMES @ Arena – Provided to community at no cost, thanks SaskWater! Times are 1:30-4:30pm. *Feb 2,9,16, 23 Sundays.

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

WINTER BREAK Feb 15-23 - Public skating times, Gym times Feb 18-21, & **Archery Feb 18 from 1-2, 2-3pm.** Ideas and volunteers welcome.

YOUTH TUTORING TIMES @ Heritage Common – Mon 6:30-8:30pm, and Wed 3:15-5:15pm. Homework help, snacks and drinks provided at no cost. Volunteers are welcome.

CONNECT WITH THE BOARD - *We want to hear from you!* Parks & Recreation Meeting is **Mon, Feb 10.** Send in Correspondence and Delegation Requests by **Wed, Feb 5** to recreation@hepburn.ca.

COMMUNITY GROUPS & EVENTS

ROCKOUT POUND FITNESS - Tue 8:00-8:30pm, Feb 4, 11, 25 & Sun 3:00-3:30pm, 3:45-4:15 on Feb 16, 23 - "Pound Fitness Class" by Natalie. Call or text 306-981-4358 to register. Classes \$10/person – drop ins welcome.

HEPBURN SCHOOL NEWS – The School February Break is Feb 15-23. School Skate-a-thon is February 7 at Arena.

HEPBURN MINOR HOCKEY NEWS – Follow the Hockey Page, or see arena schedule: <https://hepburn.ca/recreation/arena.html>

Feb 1 - U7 Home Tournament	
Feb 4 - U9 Hawks vs Dalmeny Sabres	6-7 pm
Feb 5 - U13 Hawks vs Warman Tigers	7-8:30 pm
Feb 6 - U7 Hawks vs Waldheim Outlaws	6-7 pm
Feb 6 - U11 Hawks vs Dalmeny Sabres	7-8:30 pm
Feb 10 - U13 Hawks vs Warman Lions	7-8:30 pm
Feb 11 - U9 Hawks vs Clavet Cougars	6-7 pm
Feb 12 - U13 Hawks vs Warman Cheetahs	7-8:30pm
Feb 13 - U7 Hawks vs Dalmeny Sabres	6-7 pm
Feb 13 - U11 Hawks vs Langham Vikings	7-8:30pm
Feb 26 - U13 Hawks vs Martensville Bandits	7-8:30 pm
Feb 28 - Hawks vs Flyer Spartans	6-7:30 pm
U9 & U11 League playoff dates TBD	

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

WOMEN'S CRAFT SOCIAL @ Pine Room – Thu Feb 27, 7-9pm. No Cost. Bring your own craft / project. Sign up to bring a snack or beverage. Talk to Barb Bueckert.

REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL, & BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES: NOT listed on the website? Send an email, & bring your business cards www.hepburn.ca/doing_business/business_directory.html

HERITAGE COMMON PROGRAMS

HOMESCHOOL TIMES @ Gym – Tuesdays, 1-3pm. Court 1 - Volleyball Gr7-12. Court 2 - for K-Grade 6. **Feb 4, 11, 18, 25.** \$2. Adults accompany their group & all children and youth must be supervised.

WALKING TIMES - \$2, \$10/month pass @ Gym - Mon-Fri 9:00am-11:30am, plus Mon, Wed, & Thu 1:00-3:00pm. Bring clean gym shoes and water bottle. Times may be cancelled due to other bookings.

KITCHEN TIMES – Want to do baking, cooking, & bulk food prep, or host a Food Safe Course? Talk to Lisa about daytime use, and collaborating on a cooking class or other idea!