



# The Hepburn Howler

March 2025

## TOWN OFFICE UPDATES

### Hepburn Volunteer Fire & EMS Department

The Department is looking for new members. 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](mailto:fire_ems@hepburn.ca)



### Pets!

Please complete an animal registration form for each of your pets if you have not already done so. Reminder to keep pets tagged with id tag, securely contained within their properties, and leashed when off your property. Thanks for picking up all pet waste while walking.



### Drainage

Public works crews will be working to thaw culverts. Drivers be mindful of crews at work. Thank you for your patience during the upcoming spring melt. *Reminder: Do not pump water without authorization - please call the office before pumping.*

### Snow Removal Reminders

Please keep sidewalks clear along your residence and/or business to prevent slips. Pedestrians, use available sidewalks while equipment is in operation.

### SaskTel Fibre Optics Update

SaskTel will contact you when your address is ready for conversion to the new fibre optic network. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Sasktel at [www.sasktel.com/infinet](http://www.sasktel.com/infinet) or call 1-800-SASKTEL. Further information can also be found on [www.sasktel.com/infinet](http://www.sasktel.com/infinet) regarding the benefits of infiNET and the network construction process.

### Twin Rivers Community Safety Officer

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

The CSO serves Twin Rivers District through proactive policing, public education, stakeholder engagement, and bylaw and provincial statute compliance. **What Areas Does the CSO Cover?** Find out here:

[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)

### Business Licenses

Are you a contractor, home business owner, or sales person? You are required to have a business license to operate within the boundaries of the Town of Hepburn. Contact the Town Office to renew or receive a license. Find the form on the website here:

[https://www.hepburn.ca/doing\\_business/business\\_license.html](https://www.hepburn.ca/doing_business/business_license.html)

## HERITAGE COMMON UPDATES

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

**Lighting phase continues - stop in and see the new chandeliers in the Ballroom and Willow Hall!** 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, solar, accessibility features, & more. **\*Curious about this grant and future grant writing projects? Email Lisa to sign up for a workshop.**

HERITAGE COMMON

*a place for gathering*

### Bookings & Tours

Organize a fundraiser, family gathering, birthday, retreat, or conference with us! Email [events@hepburn.ca](mailto:events@hepburn.ca) or call 306-947-2180. *Ask about our current SALE pricing effective until March 31, 2025!* 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, quiet retreat, 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. Email [events@hepburn.ca](mailto:events@hepburn.ca)



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## TOWN COUNCIL UPDATES

### February Council Meeting Updates

#### Strategic Plan

Council approved a Strategic Plan entitled 2025 to 2030 Strategic Plan *“Over the Rise to our Bright Future.”*

#### Survey

In accordance with the Strategic Plan, Council authorized a Survey be created and forwarded to residents of the Town and area, seeking advice and guidance on the Town’s direction and services. Look for it by email, online, or paper version at the Town Office.

#### Virtual Summit

Town Representatives attended the February SUMA Virtual Summit. Keynote speaker Doug Griffiths, author of the book *13 Ways to Kill Your Community*, entertained participants with a presentation on what a Council and Community can do to ensure that there is no growth. To have the greatest opportunity for success, communities *must do exactly opposite* of what the book describes. This was a very timely presentation considering the release of the 2025 to 2030 Strategic Plan.

#### Councillor By-Election

As no nominations were received in the last By-Election cycle, Council set the following new dates:

- \*By-Election - Wednesday, April 23, 2025
- \*Nomination Day – Wednesday, March 19, 2025
- \*Nomination Period – Wednesday, March 5, 2025 to Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Pick up a Councillor Package at the Office or from the website: [www.hepburn.ca/governance/election.html](http://www.hepburn.ca/governance/election.html)

#### Utility Rate Increase

Council authorized a utility rate increase that will take effect once approval from the Saskatchewan Municipal Board is obtained, which is expected for April 1, 2025. Rates have increased 2.7% due to increases charged by the City of Saskatoon - water supply costs and SaskWater – water distribution costs.

#### SUMA Convention

Town Council and Chief Administrative Officer Jim Puffalt will attend the annual Saskatchewan Urban

Municipalities Association (SUMA) Convention in Saskatoon April 13-17.

### General Council Reminders

#### Regular Council Meeting Schedule

On 3rd Wednesday of month, 6:00pm, at Heritage Common.

March 19, 2025
April 16, 2025 – typo in previous Howler*
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 here: [www.hepburn.ca/governance/minutes.html](http://www.hepburn.ca/governance/minutes.html)
- **Regular Meetings:** Meetings are open to members of the the public to observe silently from the gallery.
- **Correspondence:** Submit correspondence to [cao@hepburn.ca](mailto:cao@hepburn.ca) **on or before March 12** to be included in Council Meeting Agenda.
- **Delegations:** Submit form to [cao@hepburn.ca](mailto:cao@hepburn.ca) **on or before March 12** to be included in the Agenda: [www.hepburn.ca/governance/council\\_staff.html](http://www.hepburn.ca/governance/council_staff.html)

### Your Council in Action



Access Communications has sponsored internet at the Hepburn Arena. Martin Smith of Access was a delegation at Town Council Meeting to explain the sponsorship package, highlight the services, and present the signage. Left to Right: Martin Smith, Councillor Joe Homontowski, Councillor Alvin Thielmann, Mayor Erica Baerwald, and Councillor Rob Lyon.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HEPBURN! March 2025 Edition

### PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS

**WINTER FEST WEEKEND – March 7-9. Schedule:**  
[www.hepburn.ca/recreation/festivals\\_events.html](http://www.hepburn.ca/recreation/festivals_events.html)  
Volunteers, partners, & sponsors needed – email  
[recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca) to ask questions!

**WINTER FEST SPONSORSHIP - THANK YOU** to committed sponsors already on board – **Midwest Sportswear, Town of Hepburn, Hepburn Agencies, Westgreen Agronomy, & Prairie Forest Vintage Boutique.** Want a sponsorship form? Email Lisa to get one or find it on the website.

**WINTER FEST MARKET VENDORS –** Pop Up Market Saturday March 8 from 10am-3pm at Aspen Ballroom. The next market is planned for Saturday June 14 during Fair Days. Want to help make Markets Happen? New volunteers for the Marketplace Team are welcome! Email [hepburnmarketplace@gmail.com](mailto:hepburnmarketplace@gmail.com)

**CLOTHES SWAP @ Aspen Ballroom–** During Winter Fest Saturday March 8 10am-3pm. AND also open Monday March 10, a NO SCHOOL DAY. Leave what you want, take what you want! Volunteers!

**NERF DAYS @ Heritage Common Gym -** FUN games & challenges. Gr 1-6. No Cost. **March 10 No School Day, March 23 Sunday, and April 24 Thursday of Spring Break.** Contact Amanda Bruneau to sign up – Text 306-371-6443 or email [circle5motorcompany@gmail.com](mailto:circle5motorcompany@gmail.com)

**PUBLIC SKATING –** There might be a few more times this season, depending on ice conditions. Watch facebook for details. Thanks to our VOLUNTEERS!

**SASK LOTTERIES GRANT -** This year Parks and Rec Board will receive \$12,000+ to distribute to Hepburn community groups. Application requests due April 1. Book an appointment with Lisa OR see website: [www.hepburn.ca/recreation/parks\\_recreation\\_board.html](http://www.hepburn.ca/recreation/parks_recreation_board.html)

**SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS – April 18-27.** Watch for Art, Drop In Gym Time, Archery (\$5), New Ideas, Sport Skill Sessions, and more! \$2/person for any program or \$10/monthly pass!

**CONNECT WITH THE PARKS AND REC BOARD - We want to hear from you!** Parks & Recreation Meeting is **Mon, Mar 3, and next one is Mon, Apr 7.** Send in Correspondence and Delegation Requests to [recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca).

### COMMUNITY GROUPS & EVENTS

**ARCHERY -** For ages 8 up to Adult. Find forms at Heritage Common Gym Foyer or here on the website: [www.hepburn.ca/recreation/community\\_groups.html](http://www.hepburn.ca/recreation/community_groups.html)

**BETHANY HOUSE EVENTS – Rempels at 701-2<sup>nd</sup> St E**  
**\*Crafting & Sewing Retreat – March 13-16.** Limit of 12 work stations per day. Register with Starla Bruneau.  
**\*Craft Retreat – April 11-13 –** Bring your own projects. Register with Marsha at [tweetsinkorea@yahoo.com](mailto:tweetsinkorea@yahoo.com)

**HEPBURN SCHOOL @ 500-2<sup>nd</sup> Street East –** No School Days are March 10, April 18-27, May 9.

**HEPBURN MINOR SOCCER –** Registration is open: <http://hepburnsoccerassociation.rampregistrations.com/>

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

**ROCKOUT POUND FITNESS @ Aspen Ballroom - Tue 8:00-8:30pm, March 4, 11, 18, 25 (OR on facebook)**  
Text Natalie 306-981-4358 to register. \$10/person

**TAEKWONDO – Tuesdays @ Aspen Ballroom - Tue 5:45-8:00pm, March 4, 11, 18, 25.** Call or text Natalie 306-981-4358 to register. Session goes until May.

**WOMENS CRAFT SOCIAL NIGHTS - @ Pine Room -** Once a Month, 7-9pm. **Monday, March 17 and April 28.** Bring your own projects, offer to lead a group session, bring snacks to share. Talk to Barb, Mom's Crafts: <https://www.facebook.com/saskmoms crafts>

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - Hepburn is Full of Amazing Volunteers!** We always welcome new people to get involved, and volunteers of varying ages.  
**\*BOARDS:** Childcare, Playschool, & Museum are looking for new members.  
**\*EVENTS:** Welcoming volunteers for festivals, programs, and projects, includes gr 10 students needing hours!



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## REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL, & BUSINESS UPDATES

**FLOWING WELL CAFÉ** – Recent Change – New Saturday Hours from 10am-2pm. Follow on Facebook and Instagram. <https://www.facebook.com/flowingwellcafe>

**GOLDEN CHEF** – 306-947-2052. Dine in or Take Out. Open Tuesday-Saturday 8am-8pm, and Sundays 11:30am-8pm.

**HEPBURN CENTENNIAL BOWL – 308 Main Street, Hepburn** – Dine in or take out, AND book your private events and celebrations at [hepburnbowl@gmail.com](mailto:hepburnbowl@gmail.com) or 306-947-BOWL. Follow on Facebook Here: [www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100075842725716](http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100075842725716)

**SASK VALLEY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION PRESENTS - SVHF Spring Fling Fundraiser with Johner Brothers.** Saturday March 22 at Heritage Common. Cash bar, refreshments, silent auction. \$40/ticket. Purchase online or contact SVHK at [admin@svhf.net](mailto:admin@svhf.net) or phone 306-212-8992. Doors open at 7pm, and music starts at 8pm, with special guests The Johner Boys. Sponsorship opportunities – email [admin@svhf.net](mailto:admin@svhf.net) for details.

**PREFERRED VENDOR LIST** - Are you planning a wedding or larger event? Heritage Common is working on building a **Preferred Vendor List** with partnership pricing and services. Do you need help in event planning, rentals, florals, jewelry, furniture, linens, photography, videography, caterer, coffee service, liquor service, etc? Ask us about our growing list of Partners! Want to be on this list? Email [events@hepburn.ca](mailto:events@hepburn.ca)

**NEW BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS** - We will highlight businesses who register for Business Licenses – find form on the website - \$5/annual license.

**\*Oven Scents Catering: Tanya Goertzen, Owner.** Catering Services. P: 306-230-3365. Email: [ovenscents2@gmail.com](mailto:ovenscents2@gmail.com)

**\*Access Communications: Martin Smith, Regional Manager NW District.** Residential and Commercial Internet, TV, Phone, and Security Provider. P: 1-866-363-2225. E: [Martin.Smith@myaccess.coop](mailto:Martin.Smith@myaccess.coop) W: <http://www.myaccess.ca>

**PRAIRIE FOREST VINTAGE BOUTIQUE – 411 Main Street North, Waldheim** – A social space where you can shop vintage clothes in-store, vinyl records, comics, Pokémon and Magic cards, authorized Nintendo & PS products, retro rentals, a gaming corner & candy. Watch for them at Winter Fest – a youth gaming room! <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61566762770588>

**WALDHEIM LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE – Tuesday March 18, 7:00pm, AGM at 8:00pm.** Everyone is invited! Come and go. Snacks, Prize Draw, & Trivia. Waldheim Library is part of the Wheatland Regional Library Network.

**WHISPER RIDGE LOTS FOR SALE** – Hepburn Lots available at North Hill and South Hill Road. Buy a lot and build your own house, or Claystone can build it for you. Call 306-700-3130, or visit website here: <https://www.claystonedevelopments.com/whisperridge>

## HERITAGE COMMON COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

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

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

**OPEN HOUSE TIMES** – The building is open weekdays from 8:00am-5:00pm. Watch for upcoming times for Coffee at Heritage Common. See Lisa at Town Office or at Office B115 to set up an appointment, stop in for a coffee, book a tour, or share an idea.

**WALKING TIMES - \$2, OR \$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.

**\*SPECTATOR TIMES – CHECK OUT THIS NEW EVENT -** There is a large Table Tennis weekend event happening March 14-16 at Heritage Common. **Spectator viewing** will be available from the mezz and stage. \$5 admission. Watch for more information on facebook.