



The Hepburn Howler

April 2025

TOWN OFFICE UPDATES

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. www.hepburn.ca/doing_business/business_license.html

Drainage

Thank you for your patience during the upcoming spring melt. Public works crew will address culverts as needed. **REMINDER: Do not pump water without authorization, please call the office before pumping.**



E-Billing Customers

Thanks to all who signed up for e-billing services during the postal strike, & thanks to all existing e-customers. The WINNERS of Flowing Well Café gifts cards were:
*New Customer – Courtney Harmsworth
*Existing Customer – Dean & Jen Fehr
Residents can sign up anytime at info@hepburn.ca.



Hepburn Volunteer Fire & EMS Department Welcomes You!

The Department is looking for **NEW MEMBERS** in Fire, EMS, or both. Visit the Town Office to pick up an application form. The team meets three times a month at the Hepburn Fire Hall on Main Street on Mondays – 1 meeting, and 2 training sessions per month. **April Meeting Schedule is Monday April 14, 21, 28, unless otherwise announced.** Email fire_ems@hepburn.ca. Talk to: Fire Chief - Gord Jackson; Town Council Rep - Rob Lyon; and RM Council Reps Trent Ebach and Ken Fehr. New Members include Chase Thompson and Brad Lyon.

THANK YOU

“The Department would like to thank the community of Hepburn and surrounding area for the generous support received for the 2025 Hepburn Fire & EMS Dinner and Auction held March 1, 2025. Thank you to all individuals and businesses that donated auction items and cash donations, and to all who attended the dinner and auction. Your generosity has helped us

move closer to our goal of purchasing a newer grassland fire truck, and other much needed equipment. Newer equipment will help us better serve our community. Thank you for your appreciation and your support.” (Hepburn Volunteer Fire & EMS Dept)

Pets

If an animal defecates on any public or private property not belonging to the owner, the owner shall remove the defecation immediately as per Section 11.1 of *The Animal Control Bylaw No. 43-2017*.



Reminder that all dogs and cats must be licensed & contained within the owner’s property unless on a leash. The Pet License Form is located on our website. www.hepburn.ca



Sewer Problems

If you experience a sewer blockage, call the office during business hours, or the emergency on call phone after hours - BEFORE taking any action. Section 31 of Utility Management Bylaw states: “*The Town expects that the owner will immediately contact Town Administration or Public Works staff prior to any work being undertaken. If no contact is made with the Town prior to the contractor commencing work, the Town will not take on the responsibility for any of the billing relative to repair work that is done. Any contractor hired to do work in the Town will need to be vetted by the Town prior to commencing work or the Town will not take responsibility for any of the billing.*”

Town Cleanup Day & Garage Sale Day

We are finalizing the Saturday dates for these two events for.....MAY! Want to host a garage sale table indoors, or host a community group meal fundraiser? Contact recreation@hepburn.ca to book your spot.

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, and bylaw and provincial statute compliance. **What Areas Does the CSO Cover?** https://hepburn.ca/living_here/emergency_services/tw_in_rivers_community_safety_officer.html



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HERITAGE COMMON UPDATES

Building Hours

Heritage Common is open weekdays 8:00am-5:00pm. Rental bookings may affect public access to the building. Please take note of the whiteboard sign at the **Atrium Entrance**. **Town Office** is open weekdays 9:00am-12:00pm, and 12:30-4:30pm. Changes to these hours will be posted and announced.

Bookings & Tours

Organize an Easter gathering, fundraiser, birthday, retreat, or conference! Email events@hepburn.ca. Schedule a facility tour to see for yourself. Office spaces also available. Website: <https://heritagecommon.ca/>

Green & Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB)

The lighting phase is almost complete - stop in and see the chandeliers in the Ballroom and Willow Hall! The **Heritage Common Project** is a 2.9 million dollar project shared by federal & municipal to improve the facility's energy efficiency including roof, windows, doors, lighting, HVAC, solar, accessibility features, & more.

Heritage Lodge

Need accommodation for visiting family, work colleagues, quiet retreat, or event guests? 2 single bed dorm style accommodation in each room. Email events@hepburn.ca.



TOWN COUNCIL UPDATES

March Council Meeting Updates

Budget

Council reviewed the 2025 to 2030 Strategic Plan updated action plan in accordance with the **2025 Budget**. It includes:

- *Starting long-term paving program that will see all Town streets completed.
- *Applying for Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund for a lagoon expansion project required for community growth.
- *Preparing for a Wheatland Regional Library Branch in 2026.
- *Preparing for a fitness centre later in 2025.
- *Replacing flooring with grant funding to complete upgrades to Heritage Common.

- *Other steps, plus conventional and digital marketing, to make Heritage Common self-sustaining.
- *Completing a structural analysis on the Hepburn Arena to determine longevity of the facility.
- *Greater emphasis on economic development and actively marketing the community.
- *Partnerships with regional neighbours encouraging development and growth.

Councillor By-Election

Deb McGuire is the Town of Hepburn's newest Councillor, by acclamation, as of March 20, 2025. She will be sworn in at the April Council Meeting.

SREDA (Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority)

Did you know that Town of Hepburn is a member of **SREDA**? Mayor Baerwald and Chief Administrative Officer Jim Puffalt attended a **SREDA 2025 State of the Economy Summit**. The event brought together business and community leaders to explore the forces shaping the region's economic future. It was a chance to gain valuable insights, build strategic connections, and shape the conversation around the region's economic landscape.

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. This is a great opportunity for municipal leaders to gather, connect, and learn.

Town Survey

REMINDER – **DUE APRIL 9**. Give input on the Town's direction and services. Look for the survey in your email, online, or pick up a paper copy at the Town Office.

General Council Reminders

Regular Council Meeting Schedule

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

| April 16, 2025 | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| May 21, 2025 | September 17, 2025 |
| June 18, 2025 | October 15, 2025 |
| July 16, 2025 | November 19, 2025 |
| August 20, 2025 | December 17, 2025 |



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Communication with Council

*Minutes: Minutes are posted monthly here:

www.hepburn.ca/governance/minutes.html

*Regular Meetings: Meetings are open to the public to observe silently from the gallery.

*Correspondence: Submit correspondence to

cao@hepburn.ca on or before April 2 to be included in Council Meeting Agenda.

*Delegations: Submit form to cao@hepburn.ca on or before April 2 to be included in the Agenda:

www.hepburn.ca/governance/council_staff.html

Your Council in Action

Town Council Members assisted with Hepburn School's SaskTrip Fundraiser at Winter Fest. Left to Right:

Councillor Rob Lyon, Mayor Erica Baerwald, & Councillor Joe Homontowski.



SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS – April 22-27 at Heritage Common. 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, April 7.** Send in Correspondence and Delegation Requests by **April 3** to recreation@hepburn.ca.

COMMUNITY GROUPS & EVENTS

BETHANY HOUSE EVENTS – Rempels at 701-2nd St East Craft Retreat – April 11-13 – Bring your own projects. Limited Spaces available. Register with **Marsha** at tweetsinkorea@yahoo.com

FITNESS CLASS – Tuesdays @ Aspen Ballroom or Cedar Room - 8:00-8:30pm, April 1,8,15,29 (OR on facebook) Text Natalie 306-981-4358 to register. \$10/person.

HEPBURN COOPERATIVE PLAYSCHOOL WISH LIST – The board greatly appreciates all donations from the community. If you have any of the following items, please leave outside Room B161 at Heritage Common. **WISH LIST:** Animal figurines, barbie clothing, hotwheels semi-hauler, snow and sand shovels, stickers, craft supplies, flour salt baking powder vinegar and cream of tartar for playdough and science experiments. Have other items? See their bulletin board located outside their space. Email hepburnplayschool@gmail.com.

HEPBURN SCHOOL @ 500-2nd Street East – No School Days are April 18-27, May 9. **YOUTH WELLNESS CONFERENCE** on Thur May 8th at Heritage Common.

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

SONG & STEW NIGHT @ The Centre 422 Main Street – Saturday April 5 at 5:30pm. Fundraising event for Source of Light Ministries Inc. Enjoy singing the old hymns with inspiring origin stories following a delicious and free beef stew meal. A love offering will be taken during the hymn sing. P: 306-371-8128. Website: slmcanada.com

COMMUNITY UPDATES

APRIL 2025 edition

PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS

EARTH DAY April 22 – Check out <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/kids-club/cool-kids/general-kids-club/earth-day/>

NERF DAYS @ Heritage Common Gym - FUN games & challenges. Gr 1-6. No Cost. **April 24 Thursday of Spring Break.** Contact Amanda B to sign up – Text 306-371-6443 or email circle5motorcompany@gmail.com

SASK LOTTERIES GRANT - Hepburn & District Parks and Recreation Board will receive \$12,000+ to distribute to Hepburn community groups. Application request forms are due **April 4.** Existing groups & new initiatives are welcome to apply! Parks and Rec will review requests at April 7 meeting. www.hepburn.ca/recreation/parks_recreation_board.html

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – Thanks to Winter Fest 2025 Sponsors - **Midwest Sportswear, Town of Hepburn, Hepburn Agencies, Westgreen Agronomy, Prairie Forest Vintage Boutique, & Hoving Farms Inc!** Want a sponsorship form? Join in for Easter Programs or Fair Days! Email Lisa at recreation@hepburn.ca to get a form, or find it on the website.



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TAEKWONDO– Tuesdays @ Aspen Ballroom or Cedar Room - 5:45-8:00pm, April 1,8,15,29. Call or text Natalie 306-981-4358 to register. Sessions until May.

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:** For festivals, programs, and projects, includes gr 10 students needing hours!

E: hepburnchildcarehubboard@outlook.com

WOMENS CRAFT SOCIAL NIGHT - @ Pine Room - Once a Month, 7-9pm. **Monday, April 28.** Bring your own projects, offer to lead a group session, bring snacks to share. Talk to Lisa OR Barb, Mom’s Crafts:

<https://www.facebook.com/saskmoms crafts>

WANT YOUR EVENT INCLUDED HERE? Email recreation@hepburn.ca by **April 28 to be included in the May Edition.**

REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL, & BUSINESS NEWS

CUTS & CURLS ANNOUNCEMENT – “I would like to welcome Kelsey of Kels Makes Beauty to my salon. With 9 years of experience, Kelsey is offering gel nails, full waxing options, pedicures, lash lift & tint services two Saturdays a month, starting Saturday, **April 5th.** Text Kelsey at 306-460-9689 for bookings.” (Lesley Meek)

NEW BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS - We will highlight businesses who register for Business Licenses and who bring us business cards. Find form on the website - \$5/annual license.

***Pitstop Pro, Chris Easton.** 306-221-4292. Oil and Filter Changes, Wheel Alignments, Tuneups, and more.

***Stay Centered Clay & Art Home Studio, Courtney Enns.** E: courtneyaenns@gmail.com. Pottery.

PREFERRED VENDOR LIST – Heritage Common is working on a list for - event planning, rentals, florals, jewelry, furniture, linens, photography, videography, catering, coffee service, liquor service, & more! Have a suggestion or want to be on this list? Email for a tour or a meeting - events@hepburn.ca

WHISPER RIDGE LOTS FOR SALE – Hepburn Lots available at North Hill & 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:

www.claystonedevelopments.com/whisperridge

HERITAGE COMMON COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

NEW: VACCINATION CLINICS FOR ANIMALS – at Heritage Common Parking Lot. Sunday May 4, from 9-11am. All shots available including rabies, distemper, leukemia, parvo; deworming; flea and tick medication for dogs and cats; west Nile virus vaccine for horses. For More Info, Contact: **Dr. Rick Omer 306-651-2877.**

COMMUNITY RESOURCES – @ Gym Foyer – There are three bulletin boards and a small table with community, recreation, and town information for you! Check out the new **Kids Help Phone cards – 1-800-668-6868.**

When Fine isn’t Fine.

HOMESCHOOL TIMES @ Gym – Tuesdays, 1-3pm. Court 1 – Gr 7-12. Court 2 - K-Grade 6. **April 15, 22, 29. None April 1 & 8 due to rentals!** \$2/person. Adults accompany their group & all children and youth must be supervised.

KITCHEN TIMES – Need to prep your food in a commercial kitchen? 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!

NEW: NERF Birthday Party Option – Parks and Rec has acquired a **full NERF setup.** Book your birthday party add-on to your gym and gym foyer booking.

POP-UP OFFICE SPACES – Need a daily, weekly, or periodic office/work space? Contact events@hepburn.ca to make a booking for Office A104, Office B114, or Room B113. Other multipurpose rooms can also meet your needs. Availability varies depending on other rentals, so inquire early to arrange your booking. Includes Free Coffee and Wifi.

WALKING TIMES - \$2, OR \$10/month pass @ Gym – Note there are No Walking Times from April 1-12 due to Rentals. Watch for updated times on facebook.