



# The Hepburn Howler



## May 2025

### Greetings to Residents and Readers!

Spring is a great time to clean up around your home and yard. Take advantage of the opportunities scheduled this month.

## TOWN OFFICE UPDATES



### Garage Sale Day

**Saturday May 3**, from 9:00am-3:30pm. Maps will be available at various sales – watch for balloons. **Book an indoor table by Friday May 2**, for \$20/spot at Heritage

Common at [events@hepburn.ca](mailto:events@hepburn.ca). New: There will be a fundraiser lunch at Heritage Common – perogy and sausage lunch for Heritage Common projects (\$8, \$12, \$18 meal sizes), and coffee & donuts fundraiser for Parks and Rec programs - at Willow Hall, Heritage Common.

### Curbside Free Day

Sunday May 4, 2025, from 9:00am-5:00pm. Mark any unwanted items for free pickup. Remove all items from curbside by 5:00pm.

### Clean Up Day

Clean Up day will be held on **Saturday May 10**, from 8:00am-3:00pm, or until bins are filled. Remember the **LIMIT** of one 1/2ton load OR one 8ft trailer load per household. Loraas Disposal (**Red Bins**) and BN Steel and Metal (**Green Bins**) will be available to Town of Hepburn residents for drop off of household & yard waste and metal recycling. Place items in the bins provided at the Arena Compound.



### Household Hazardous Waste Day



**Saturday, May 10**, from 9:00am – 3:00pm at the Town of Waldheim Public Works Shop, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue next to Coop Gas Bar.

This event is open to residents of Hague, Rosthern, Waldheim, Hepburn, Duck Lake and the RMs of Duck Lake, and Rosthern. Household Hazardous Waste events are sponsored by Twin Rivers Group and alternate locations each year.

<https://waldheim.ca/household-hazardous-waste-day-2/>

### RM Waste Transfer Site

This site is operated by the **RM of Laird**. Find the latest info here: <https://rmoflaird.ca/waste-transfer-station/>  
Hours: April 1st to September 30<sup>th</sup> are Thursdays – 12:00p.m. noon to 8:00p.m & Saturdays – 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> of month).

### Business Licenses

You are required to have a business license to operate within the boundaries of the Town of Hepburn. Contact Town Office to renew or receive a license. Form here: [www.hepburn.ca/doing\\_business/business\\_license\\_.html](http://www.hepburn.ca/doing_business/business_license_.html)

### Hepburn Volunteer Fire & EMS Department



The Department is looking for **NEW MEMBERS** for Fire, EMS, or both. Visit Town Office for 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. **Meeting Schedule is Monday May 12, 19, & 26, unless otherwise announced.** Email [fire\\_ems@hepburn.ca](mailto:fire_ems@hepburn.ca). Talk to: Fire Chief - Gord Jackson; **NEW: Town Council Rep – Deb McGuire**; and RM Council Reps Trent Ebach and Ken Fehr.



### Fire Safety & Recreational Fires

With the weather warming up, remember to follow Town Bylaws regarding proper burning:

<https://www.hepburn.ca/governance/bylaws.html>

**Open-Air Fires 18.1:** (a) Fires shall be contained in a non-combustible receptacle constructed of cement, brick or sheet metal with a minimum 18-gauge thickness; (b) A receptacle shall be covered with a heavy gauge screen with openings not exceeding 13 millimetres; and (c) The size of the fire box of any receptacle shall not exceed 1.2 meters. See guidelines: [https://www.hepburn.ca/mrws/filedriver/Recreational\\_Fire\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://www.hepburn.ca/mrws/filedriver/Recreational_Fire_Guidelines.pdf)

### 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. Find out more 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)



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## Bike Safety

Cyclists, wear your helmets and learn about bike safety, and signals. Drivers, be cautious when driving past young riders, in school zones, and during peak times.

Parents, discuss bike safety, helmet usage, and the rules of the road with your children. Let's continue working together as a community to keep our children safe!



## Pets

Reminder that all dogs and cats must be licensed & contained within the owner's property unless on a

leash. Form here:

[https://www.hepburn.ca/living\\_here/pets.html](https://www.hepburn.ca/living_here/pets.html)

## Sewer Blockages

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."*



## Street Cleaning

Public works crews will be cleaning the streets in the month of May. Please move all vehicles and Loraas bins off the street. Watch facebook for notices!



## HERITAGE COMMON UPDATES

### Building Hours

**\*Heritage Common (703-B Entrance)** 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 (703-A Entrance)** is open weekdays 9:00am-12:00pm, and 12:30-4:30pm. Changes to these hours will be posted and announced.

### Bookings & Tours

Organize your getaway, gathering, celebration, creative evening, or fundraising event with us! Heritage Common is a vibrant hub for learning, leisure, and connection! Reach out to [events@hepburn.ca](mailto:events@hepburn.ca) with the details of your inquiry. Schedule a facility tour to see for yourself. Website: <https://heritagecommon.ca/>

### Green & Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB)

**The next phase includes HVAC upgrades and solar field installation.** The **Heritage Common Project** is a 2.9 million dollar project shared by federal & municipal levels to improve energy efficiency of the building, including roof, windows, doors, lighting, HVAC, solar, accessibility features, & more.

### Heritage Lodge

Located at 705-2<sup>nd</sup> Street East. Need accommodation for visiting family, work colleagues, quiet retreat, or event guests? 2 single bed dorm style accommodation in each room. Access to lounge and kitchenette area with your booking. Email [events@hepburn.ca](mailto:events@hepburn.ca).

### Pop-Up Work Spaces

Need a daily, weekly, or occasional work space? Contact [events@hepburn.ca](mailto:events@hepburn.ca) to make a booking for Office A104, Room B113, or other multipurpose rooms to meet your needs. Availability varies depending on other rentals, so inquire early to arrange your booking for hours between 8am-5pm. Includes Free Coffee and Wifi.

HERITAGE COMMON

a place for gathering





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## TOWN COUNCIL UPDATES

### April Council Meeting Updates

#### New Councillor

Deb McGuire, Town of Hepburn's newest Councillor, took her Oath of Office at the April 16 Council Meeting.



#### Strategic Plan Updates

A Request for Proposals for **Residential Land Development** at Heritage Common was authorized. This would see the Music Wing Building demolished, and an opportunity for multi-family buildings on the grounds. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Project would be the North Court Parcel, with a potential for redevelopment of the existing building. This is a project under **Strategic Objective 2.1 - Heritage Common Event Centre** becoming self-sufficient and enhancing its role as a gathering place in the community.

A Structural Analysis of the Hepburn Arena by Associated Engineering was authorized. This is a project under **Strategic Objective 1.4 - Artificial Ice at the Arena**.

Application for Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund that was due by March 31, 2025 to upgrade the capacity of *the Lagoon to allow for growth* was submitted by the deadline. This is a project under **Strategic Objective 1.1 - Engineering Assessment of New Lagoon project**.

The Town is excited to announce the start of the Community Social Media, Digital Marketing, and Economic Development contract in April. This project will raise awareness of the amazing potential of Hepburn. Look for digital content of Mayor Baerwald explaining this new initiative including the Business Retention and Expansion Project. This is an initiative under **Strategic Objective 2.2 - Marketing/Tourism/Promotion of Hepburn**.

#### SUMA Convention

Twin Rivers District won a **Saskatchewan Municipal Award for Regional Cooperation** – in recognition of the Fire Chief Collaboration, EMO Committee, and Community Safety Officer Program.



**Photo: Members of Twin Rivers District receiving award at SUMA.** Third from Left – Councillor Rob Lyon, Councillor Alvin Thielmann, and Mayor Erica Baerwald.

### General Council Reminders

#### Meeting Schedule

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

May 21, 2025	September 17, 2025
June 18, 2025	October 15, 2025
July 16, 2025	November 19, 2025
August 20, 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 the public to observe silently from the gallery.

*\*Correspondence:* Submit correspondence to [cao@hepburn.ca](mailto:cao@hepburn.ca) on or before May 14 to be included in Council Meeting Agenda.

*\*Delegations:* Submit form to [cao@hepburn.ca](mailto:cao@hepburn.ca) on or before May 14 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



**Town Council Members attended the SUMA Convention in Saskatoon April 13-16.**

**\*Photo from President's Gala** - Left to Right: Councillor Alvin Thielmann, Mayor Erica Baerwald, Councillor Rob Lyon, CAO Jim Puffalt, and Assistant CAO / Director of Events and Leisure Services Lisa Braun.





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## COMMUNITY UPDATES

### MAY 2025 edition

#### PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS

##### FAIR DAYS WEEKEND IS COMING!

**June 13-15, 2025!** Sign up for the parade, ball tourney, lawnmower races, info booth, beer gardens, stage crew, smokeshow competition, fundraiser events, market table, and VOLUNTEERING roles – email



[recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca) \*Parade Coordinator NEEDED!  
[https://www.hepburn.ca/recreation/festivals\\_events.html](https://www.hepburn.ca/recreation/festivals_events.html)

**SASK LOTTERIES GRANT** - Hepburn & District Parks and Recreation Board will receive \$12,000+ to distribute to Hepburn community groups. Parks and Rec announces allocations after May 12 meeting.

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** – Want a sponsorship form? Support Valley Slopitch League, Fair Days Festival, Disc Golf Project, and Summer Programs! Email [recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca), or find info here: [https://www.hepburn.ca/doing\\_business/sponsorships.html](https://www.hepburn.ca/doing_business/sponsorships.html)

**\*\*CONNECT WITH THE PARKS AND REC BOARD - We want to hear from you!** Parks & Recreation Meeting is **Mon, May 12**. Send in Correspondence and Delegation Requests by **May 7** to [recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca).

#### COMMUNITY GROUPS & EVENTS

**WANT YOUR EVENT INCLUDED HERE?** Email [recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca) by **May 28** to be included in the June Edition.

##### HEPBURN MINOR SOCCER GAMES – May & June.

Head out to the Heritage Common Field and Hepburn School Field to cheer on the teams.

<https://www.facebook.com/HepburnMinorSoccer>

**HEPBURN SCHOOL** – No School Days are May 9 and 19. **YOUTH WELLNESS CONFERENCE** on Thur May 8<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Common.

[https://www.hepburn.ca/recreation/community\\_groups.html](https://www.hepburn.ca/recreation/community_groups.html)

#### HEPBURN MUSEUM OF WHEAT **OPENING DAY** @ Main & Railway – Saturday May 17, from 10:00am-3:00pm

Saturdays from May Long Weekend to September Long Weekend. Join in the FUN - Sidewalk Chalk Painting, Free Ice Cream, Reading from historic literature books, & Lariat Demonstration. Volunteers, New Ideas, and New Members Welcome. Pick up info about Saskatchewan River Valley Museums Network & 2025 Museum Tour Contest. Donations appreciated. W: [www.hepburn.ca/recreation/community\\_groups/museum\\_of\\_wheat.html](http://www.hepburn.ca/recreation/community_groups/museum_of_wheat.html)

**HEPBURN SENIORS @ Main Street – Coffee Time:** Wed 9am. **Forever in Motion Classes:** Classes takes a break for the spring and summer. **Quilting:** Mon & Tue. Nominate a Hepburn Senior for Annual Awards – find info here: <https://skseniorsmechanism.ca/celebrating-seniors-2025/>

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** - We welcome new people to get involved, and 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](mailto:hepburnchildcarehubboard@outlook.com)

#### REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL, & BUSINESS NEWS

**NEW BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS** - We will highlight those who register for Business Licenses and who bring us business cards each month. Form on the website - \$5/annual license. **Do You Know All the Hepburn Area Greenhouses? Watch Facebook!**

**WHISPER RIDGE LOTS FOR SALE** – Lots available at North Hill & South Hill Road. P: 306-700-3130 W: [www.claystonedevelopments.com/whisperidge](http://www.claystonedevelopments.com/whisperidge)

#### HERITAGE COMMON COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

**ANIMAL VACCINATION CLINIC @ Heritage Common Parking Lot. Sunday May 4, 9-11am.** All shots available - rabies, distemper, leukemia, parvo; deworming & more! **Dr. Rick Omer 306-651-2877.** No cost.

**NEW: NERF Birthday Party Option** – Parks and Rec has acquired a **full NERF setup**. Book your birthday party add-on to your gym & gym foyer booking at [events@hepburn.ca](mailto:events@hepburn.ca). Availability is dependent on staff and volunteer schedules.