



The Hepburn Howler

June 2025



Greetings to Residents and

Readers! Summer is a beautiful time in Hepburn. Take good care of the parks and green spaces, enjoy the beauty around you, and get involved with the events coming your way!

TOWN OFFICE UPDATES

New Staff - We are happy to welcome Debbie Dyck as the new **Part-time Administrative Assistant / Finance Clerk**. Stop by and meet her at the front desk. E: reception@hepburn.ca

Business Licenses - Complete an application to operate a business within the boundaries of the Town of Hepburn. W: www.hepburn.ca/doing_business/business_license.html



Hepburn Volunteer Fire & EMS

Department - Looking for **NEW MEMBERS**

for Fire, EMS, or both! Visit Town Office for an application form. The Dept meets at Hepburn Fire Hall on Main St on Mondays: 1 meeting, & 2 training sessions per month. **Schedule: June 9, 16, & 23, unless otherwise announced.** Talk to: Fire Chief Gord Jackson; Town Council Rep Deb McGuire; & RM Council Reps Trent Ebach & Ken Fehr. E: fire_ems@hepburn.ca.

Saskatchewan Fire Situation Update - Sask declares "Wildfire State of Emergency" www.publicsafety.sk.ca. To find about donation and volunteer opportunities, check out Canadian Red Cross 2025 Saskatchewan Wildfires Appeal: <https://brnw.ch/21wT3IX>

Fire Safety & Recreational Fires -

Please exercise caution. Open-Air Fires
18.1: (a) Fires shall be contained in a non-combustible receptacle....of cement, brick or sheet metal with a min 18-gauge thickness; (b) A receptacle shall be covered with a heavy gauge screen with openings not exceeding 13mm; (c) The size of the fire box...shall not exceed 1.2m:
www.hepburn.ca/mrws/filedriver/Recreational_Fire_Guidelines.pdf



Twin Rivers Community Safety Officer

Dispatch Number 306-232-4839. Serving the Twin Rivers District through proactive policing, public education, & bylaw and provincial statute compliance. W: https://hepburn.ca/living_here/emergency_services/twin_rivers_community_safety_officer.html



Noise Bylaw

Read Noise Bylaw here:

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

"5. ...no person shall operate or allow to be operated a lawn mower or leaf blower or a snow clearing device, powered by an engine of any type...in any residential district between the **hours of 23:00 o'clock and 7:00 o'clock on weekdays, Sundays and holidays.**

6. No person....shall cause, allow or permit the sound of a howling, wailing or barking dog....which can be heard by a person not on the same premises and which unreasonably disturbs, or is likely to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of that person."

Bike Safety

Cyclists, wear helmets and learn about bike safety and signals. Drivers, travel with care past young riders, in school zones, & during peak times. Parents, discuss bike safety, helmet usage, & the rules of the road with your children.



All Terrain Vehicles Act

Residents are reminded to adhere to the articles of the **ATV Act**. ATVs should not be operated on town

property and parks. ACT: 18(1) The operator of, and any passenger in or on all terrain vehicle that is being operated shall wear a helmet and protection for the eyes of the type and in manner prescribed. Link: <https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/#/products/369>

Wet Wipes

Please refrain from flushing **ANY** wipes as they do not dissolve and can cause issues with the waste water plant, and clog sewer lines.



Congratulations!

The Town of Hepburn Council and Staff would like to extend our congratulations to the Hepburn School graduating class of 2025!

TOWN OF HEPBURN

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



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HERITAGE COMMON UPDATES

Building Hours

***Heritage Common (703-B Entrance)** open weekdays 8:00am-5:00pm. Rental bookings may affect access to the building. Note the whiteboard sign at the **Atrium Entrance**. ***Town Office (703-A Entrance)** open weekdays 9:00am-12:00pm, and 12:30-4:30pm. Changes to hours will be posted and announced.

Bookings & Tours

Organize your event with us! Email the details of your inquiry to reception@hepburn.ca. Schedule a weefacility tour to see for yourself. W: <https://heritagecommon.ca/>

Green & Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB)



UPDATE: The **Solar Project** underway on Heritage Common North Field is part of the large Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Grant (GICB) the town received as of April 2021. The total

project amount is \$2.3 million, with 80% being federally funded and 20% municipally funded. This project was built into town budget plans for 2021 until the projects are complete, likely in 2026. The total grant covers green energy improvement renovations, including windows, doors, HVAC, solar, LED lighting, and accessibility features.

Heritage Lodge

705-2nd Street East. 2 single bed dorm style accommodation in each room. Access to lounge and kitchenette area with booking. Email events@hepburn.ca.

COUNCIL UPDATES

General Council Reminders

Meeting Schedule

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



June 18, 2025	
July 16, 2025	October 15, 2025
August 20, 2025	November 19, 2025
September 17, 2025	December 17, 2025

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 June 11 to be included in Council Meeting Agenda.

***Delegations:** Submit form to cao@hepburn.ca on or before June 11 to be included in the Agenda: www.hepburn.ca/governance/council_staff.html

Your Council in Action

Pictured: Erica

Baerwald, Mayor, introducing a workshop presenter at *Prairie Rivers Reconciliation Circle Educational Gathering @ Dakota Dunes*, May 9.



Council Meeting Highlights – May

Strategic Plan Updates (2025-2030): The plan is building Hepburn to be: “a **dynamic, thriving community** where amenities support our growth and contribute to a high quality of life for all current and future residents. We are committed to embracing sustainable and green growth, creating an environment where developers and businesses thrive.”

Economic Development & Community

Marketing Initiative: First up is a **Business**

Retention and Expansion Survey to better understand our dedicated local businesses who do so much for the town. The surveys are confidential and a final report will be made public in late June. Watch new Hepburn Promotional Video:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1e9kav4rrBEgeLuAsifTJvgtPAmr3v_vm/view?usp=sharing

Summer Maintenance: Work is underway with a **full crew** and emphasis on the appearance of Hepburn. There is a plan to open 1st Street East as a pedestrian corridor from Museum of Wheat to Main Street to Heritage Common. Look for more flowers and planters to create this esthetically pleasing pathway.



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Reassessment & Mill Rate: Because this is an assessment year, properties saw an overall increase:
***Commercial/Industrial 17% increase in assessment;**
***Agricultural 13% increase in assessment;** &
***Residential 10% increase in assessment.** The goal was to ensure that most property owners would see a 2025 municipal property tax bill similar to 2024, plus a 3% increase. This is difficult as properties with assessment that increased more than 10% residentially would see a larger increase than 3%. Conversely, properties that assessment increased less than 10% would see a lesser increase than 3%. To achieve this, the Town was able to keep the **increase in the mill rate to just 0.2 mills from 5.4 mills to 5.6 mills** with the following factors:

	2025	2024
Commercial/Industrial	1.4	1.4
Agricultural	1.3	1.3
Residential	1.01	1.01

There will be **no increase in the 2025 base tax** and that softens the impact - for example, a 12% increase in property taxes equates to just over \$29 monthly. The assessment portion of your **municipal property tax bill** is less than 40% of the **total** municipal property taxes, as the remainder is the base tax. **Property Tax Notices will be sent in early July 2024.**

Progress on Strategic Goals: Progress continues towards 2025 to 2030 Strategic Plan with 2025 Budget:

- Request for proposals to **redevelop existing properties** at Heritage Common have closed with promising proposals received.
- First phases of long-term **paving program** have been determined, waiting estimates.
- Application made under the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) to assist in funding a **lagoon expansion project** required for community growth, waiting response.
- Preparing for a **Wheatland Regional Library Branch** in 2026.
- Preparing for **fitness centre in Fall 2025**. Quotes received and in-budget.
- Structural analysis on the **Hepburn Arena** to determine longevity of the facility completed.
- Conventional & digital **marketing** to make Heritage Common self-sustaining, with Hepburn video content.
- Emphasis on **economic development** and actively marketing the community.
- Partnerships with regional neighbours encouraging development and growth.

COMMUNITY UPDATES – June 2025 Edition

PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS

FAIR DAYS WEEKEND IS COMING!
June 13-15, 2025!



***ADMISSION PASSES NOW ON SALE** – Thanks to your community feedback **there is NEW reduced pricing and more FREE events!** \$5 child, youth, or senior, \$10 adult, & \$25/family – admission pass is needed to get into feature event & races. Payment by - Cash, cheque, etransfer to recreation@hepburn.ca

***SIGN UP FOR:** Show and Shine, Bike Decorating Contest, Ball Tourny, Lawnmower Races & Smoke Show Competitors, Kids Midway, Info Booth, Beer Garden Hosts, Stage Crew, & VOLUNTEER roles – email recreation@hepburn.ca

***NOTE:** No Parade this year.

*FUNDRAISERS:

- Seniors – Pancake Breakfast - Sat 730-10am
- Fire / EMS – Sausage Lunch - Sat 11am-1pm
- Museum – Snack Booth - Sat 10am-4pm
- Childcare Hub – Bake Sale - Sat 1-5pm
- Community Garden – Spudnut Sale - Sat 1-4pm
- Parks and Rec – Bingo Sat 1-3pm & 50/50 Races Event Sat 5-8pm

***SPONSORSHIPS:** ROOM for a few more business sponsors for this year – submit by June 7 to be included.

***FULL EVENT SCHEDULE:** COMING SOON to Post Office, Bulletin Boards, Social Media, & Website:
www.hepburn.ca/recreation/festivals_events.html

***CONCERTS:** FREE – or make a donation if you wish!)
- Kris Klyne: Sat 12-2pm at Heritage Common
- Jeffery Straker: Sat 2-4pm, Centennial Station Gazebo

***FACEBOOK EVENT:** Follow Hepburn Parks Recreation!
www.facebook.com/events/583192647587766



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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – Support Community Programs such as Valley Slo-pitch League, Fair Days Festival, Disc Golf Project, and Summer Programs! Email recreation@hepburn.ca, or find info here: https://www.hepburn.ca/doing_business/sponsorships.html

***CONNECT WITH PARKS & REC BOARD** – *Write us a letter or email!* Next Meeting: **Mon, Jun 2, at 7pm.**

COMMUNITY GROUPS & EVENTS

NEW: WOMEN'S FITNESS CLASS: "POUND WORKOUT"



Join us for Women's POUND® workouts in Hepburn!

When: Tuesday Nights from 6:30 - 7:15 PM
May 27, June 10, June 17 June 24

Where: Jen Fehr's Backyard - 224 2nd Ave S
Just walk in through the gate to the left of the garage

Instructor: Natalie Shynkaruk

Cost: \$10/class

POUND® IS A FULL-BODY, DRUMMING-INSPIRED WORKOUT that combines cardio, strength training, and yoga/plates-inspired movements. It uses *Bigstix*®, lightly weighted drumsticks, to make drumming an effective way to exercise.

HEPBURN COMMUNITY GARDENS

Volunteers are welcome to sign up to help with spudnut fundraiser, and other seasonal work bees at the garden. E: hepburncommunitygardens@gmail.com



CONGRATULATIONS PLAYSCHOOL!

Congratulations to Hepburn Co-operative Playschool Class of 2025! 14 graduates move on to Kindergarten.

HEPBURN MINOR SOCCER - Head out to the Heritage Common Field & Hepburn School Field to cheer on the teams. Bring a lawn chair!

www.facebook.com/HepburnMinorSoccer

HEPBURN SCHOOL – June 26 is the last day of school. Hepburn Graduation is Thursday June 26, 7:00pm program at Heritage Common. Doors open at 6:45pm.

HEPBURN MUSEUM OF WHEAT - Saturdays 10:00am-3:00pm – June 7, 14, 21, & 28 - Volunteers, New Ideas, and New Members Welcome. Pick up **Saskatchewan River Valley Museums Network**



BROCHURE & 2025 Museum Tour Contest. W: www.hepburn.ca/recreation/community_groups/museum_of_wheat.html

HEPBURN SENIORS @ Main Street – Coffee Time: Wed 9am, June 4, 11, 18, 25. **Quilting:** Mon & Tue. Nominate a Hepburn Senior for Annual Awards until June 13: skseniormechanism.ca/celebrating-seniors-2025/

SASK COMMUNITY LOTTERY FUNDING NOTICES

Hepburn Community Groups who applied for Sask Lottery Funding will be getting an email notice this month advising of the allocation amount. Be ready with your invoices and follow-up reports. Email recreation@hepburn.ca with any questions, or to book a training meeting. Reminder: Community groups should submit final invoices and follow-up report.



WEBSITE UPDATES – Find current community group info: www.hepburn.ca/recreation/community_groups.html Have updates? Email recreation@hepburn.ca.

WANT YOUR EVENT INCLUDED IN THE MONTHLY HOWLER? Email recreation@hepburn.ca by **June 25** to be included in the July Edition.

HERITAGE COMMON COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

NEW: NERF Birthday Party Option – Parks and Rec has acquired a **full NERF setup**. Book this add-on to your party at events@hepburn.ca. Note: Availability is dependent on staff and volunteer schedules.

HERITAGE COMMON

a place for gathering



REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL, & BUSINESS NEWS

NEW BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS – Register for Annual Business Licenses & bring in business cards. www.hepburn.ca/doing_business/business_license.html Find directory here: www.hepburn.ca/doing_business/business_directory.html

LOTS FOR SALE – Build a House on North Hill & South Hill Road. Contact P: 306-700-3130. Find out more: www.claystonedevelopments.com/whisperridge