



The Hepburn Howler

September 2025

Greetings! With the start of the new school year, there will be an increase in vehicle and pedestrian traffic around our school zones. We kindly remind all residents to use extra caution while driving, watch for students crossing the streets, and respect posted school zone speed limits. Your attention and cooperation help ensure the safety of our students, staff, and community. Thank you!



TOWN OFFICE UPDATES

OFFICE CLOSED – SEPTEMBER 17, 2025



The Town Office will be **closed all day on Tuesday, September 17th** for staff training. Regular office hours will resume on **Wednesday, September 18th**.

Tree Trimming Reminder

Ratepayers are required to keep trees trimmed along roadways and back alleys. Branches must be cut back, so they do not interfere with vehicles or equipment. Note the grader is approximately three times taller than a standard truck, so trim accordingly.

Off-Road Vehicles

We kindly remind residents that off-road vehicles are not permitted on town-owned properties. Driving on grass or through treed areas creates ruts and compacts the ground, making these spaces difficult to maintain. Thank you for keeping our community areas safe and well cared for. Refer to the ATV act here: <https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/#/products/369>



Arena Concession Tender

Town of Hepburn is accepting tenders for operation of the **Arena Concession**. Submit to Town Office in sealed envelope by **Friday, September 12 at 4:00pm**. Tender packages are available at the Town Office or by contacting reception@hepburn.ca or 306-947-2170.

Town Clean Up Day – September 27, 2025

This is a great opportunity for residents to tidy up their yards and properties, and to dispose of unwanted items. Further details on locations, times, and accepted items will be provided closer to the date.

Care of Parks and Playgrounds

Thank you for your care and attention at all parks and playgrounds, including those owned by town and by other community organizations. If you notice something needing attention, send an email to reception@hepburn.ca and include a photo if possible.

Twin Rivers Community Safety Officer

***Use the Dispatch Number! 306-232-4839.** The operator will ask for your community, name, & report.

***Use the Website Link! [Online Report](https://hepburn.ca/living_here/emergency_services/twin_rivers_community_safety_officer.html)** – More info: https://hepburn.ca/living_here/emergency_services/twin_rivers_community_safety_officer.html

Emergency Preparedness!

There is an emergency plan update underway, gathering contact info of owners who reside in the Town with reliable / licensed **boats & snowmobiles** - for use in water search and rescue or snowstorm emergencies. Information will be updated annually, and will not be shared with any third party. Because Hepburn is **Twin Rivers Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) Committee member**, local resources might be requested to be shared.

Hepburn Volunteer Fire & EMS Department –

Meetings are held at Hepburn Fire Hall on Mondays on Main Street - 1 meeting, & 2 training sessions per month. Talk to Fire Chief Gordon Jackson; Town of Hepburn Council Representative Deb McGuire; & RM of Laird Council Representatives Trent Ebach & Ken Fehr. Email: fire_ems@hepburn.ca

HERITAGE COMMON UPDATES

FALL Fundraiser - Announcing Steak & Lobster Fest!

Saturday October 18 – A fundraiser for **Wheatland Regional Library location in Heritage Common**.

Sponsorship Packages open Wednesday September 3, and ticket sales soon after. Want to volunteer or help out? Email events@hepburn.ca.

Christmas Party Planning – Plan ahead for your

Christmas Celebrations. **Saturday November 22, 2025** will be a **Small Business Christmas Party** – book tickets by emailing events@hepburn.ca. The event will include photo booth, catered meal, licensed bar, & entertainment. More info coming soon!



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Heritage

Lodge @ 705-2nd Street East - 2 single bed dorm style accommodation per room. Access to lounge & kitchenette area with booking with fridge, stove, microwave, and coffeemaker. 23 rooms available. One new queen bedroom is available! \$50/night plus GST.

Green & Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB)

GRANT UPDATE - Solar Panel connections to the main building are underway and we look forward to the power that will be generated. This \$2.9 million project (80% federal, 20% municipal) is part of the **GICB Grant** that the town received April 2021, which covers green energy improvement renovations for windows, doors, HVAC, solar, LED lighting, and accessibility features.

Bookings & Tours

Need a Reunion Date? Still a few fall dates available. Email reception@hepburn.ca to schedule a weekday facility tour. W: <https://heritagecommon.ca/>

COUNCIL UPDATES

General Council Reminders

Meeting Schedule

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

September 17, 2025	
October 15, 2025	December 17, 2025
November 20, 2025	January 21, 2026

Communication with Council

***Minutes:** Minutes posted when approved:

www.hepburn.ca/governance/minutes.html

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

***Correspondence & Delegations:** Submit correspondence and delegation forms to cao@hepburn.ca 1 week before the meeting, before **Sept 10** to be included in Council Meeting Agenda.

Your Council in Action

Pictured: Mayor Erica Baerwald at Museum of Wheat Watermelon and Rollkuchen Fundraiser Event, held on Saturday August 9.



Council Meeting Highlights – August

1. Major milestones of the 2025 to 2030 Strategic Plan – Over the Rise to our Bright Future were achieved with the acceptance of the following :



***Business Retention & Expansion Survey (BR&E):**

The Survey Recommendations were approved and will enhance the relationship with local business by:

1. supporting local business to network, expand and grow;
2. attracting new business and services;
3. attracting new residents; and
4. exploring growth opportunities.

***Town of Hepburn and Heritage Common Long-Term**

Marketing Plan: The Plan Recommendations were approved and will promote and market Hepburn by:

1. Creating content and push out, using Artificial Intelligence supports;
2. Implementing digital marketing of Hepburn and Heritage Common;
3. Expanding website optimization and digital infrastructure; and
4. Supporting Influencer, Community, & Ambassador marketing.

2. In support of the Strategic Plan **Objective 2.2 Marketing Hepburn**, Council approved a **property tax incentive program**. Rather than cancelling property taxes for a three or five year term for new single family home construction and ownership, the Town took an innovative approach by authorizing a grant in the amount of \$ 5,000 and continuing to charge property taxes. Those property taxes that would have been cancelled and cost the Town will be charged and used to fund the grant. This will cost less and is an attractive option to new homebuilders in Hepburn.

3. Thanks to all residents for their patience during **Phase 1 of the Long-Term Asphalt Program**. The project took longer than estimated due to the rain. **Objective 1.3 Road Pavement Program.**

4. Great news - the structural analysis of the **Hepburn & District Arena** showed the building to be in excellent shape with an estimated 20-30 years lifespan. The work of the **Artificial Ice Committee** to determine feasibility of Artificial Ice can begin, **Objective 1.4 of the Strategic Plan.**



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COMMUNITY UPDATES – September 2025

COMMUNITY GROUPS & EVENTS

ARCHERY - Kincaide Archery is working with Heritage Common AND Parks and Recreation Dept to offer classes this fall on Fridays. More dates and details coming soon. Classes for Families, and for Adults. Email Lisa at recreation@hepburn.ca to find out more. Website: <https://kincadescustomarchery.com/>

NEW: FITNESS CLASSES - Prairie Winds Natalie is working with Heritage Common AND Parks and Recreation Dept to offer Pound, Kickboxing, & Strength Fitness Classes this fall on **Tuesdays, 8:00-8:45pm**. Free Class **Tuesday September 2**. Message Natalie – 306-981-4358. E: natalieshy17@gmail.com

MUSEUM OPEN - 10:00am-3:00pm – **September 6 & 13**. See what is NEW - **Horseshoe pits!** Thanks to donations of time, supplies, and skilled labour to complete this project. Like and Follow on **Facebook and Instagram**:
www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61577020152829
www.instagram.com/hepburnmuseumofwheat/



PLAYSCHOOL - Hepburn Cooperative Playschool started their season with four year old program on Tuesday September 2. Find out more about the 4 year old and 3 year old program: hepburnplayschool@gmail.com

***SENIORS COFFEE ON Main Street – Coffee Time:** Wed 9am, **September 3,10,17,24**. All are welcome to enjoy coffee and visiting at The Centre. Watch for news on when QUILTING group resumes their sessions!
*Check out **Sask Seniors Association Inc (SSAI)** – <https://saskseniors.com/wp/>

SCHOOL COMMUNITY BBQ @ Hepburn School.
Thursday, September 18 from 4-6pm. Join in for an evening of good food and community spirit! Everyone is welcome to enjoy a meal, and connect with friends, families, and neighbours. First Day of School Tuesday September 2.

TAEKWONDO - Prairie Winds Taekwondo is working with Heritage Common & Parks and Recreation Dept to offer classes this fall on Tuesdays. Message Natalie to sign up – 306-981-4358. E: natalieshy17@gmail.com

NEW: YOGA AND MINDFULNESS CLASSES - Moody Moon Yoga, Jenn Baetz. Yoga Classes on **Saturdays Oct 18-Nov 22 - 9-10am**, **Free Class Sept 20**. Mindfulness Classes on Mondays. E: moody.moon.yoga@gmail.com

WANT YOUR EVENT INCLUDED IN THE MONTHLY HOWLER? Send email to reception@hepburn.ca by **September 26 to be included in the OCTOBER Edition**. Want to help a friend get signed up for the HOWLER by mail or email? Let us know.

PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS

RECREATION TIMES – Wed Evenings and Sun Afternoons – when it gets cooler - Volunteers needed. \$2 for youth and children, \$5 adult, \$20/monthly pass. Email to sign up for a monthly pass or buy one at the “MEET YOU AT THE MUSEUM” on Saturdays.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – Support Disc Golf Programs, Fall Programs, Light the Night, Festival of Trees, Christmas Break Programs, & More! Email recreation@hepburn.ca, or click: www.hepburn.ca/doing_business/sponsorships.html

NEXT FESTIVAL – LIGHT THE NIGHT – Monday November 24, 2025 – Market vendor sign-up will open up October 1 - more info on facebook and the website. Volunteers are welcome to help.
***Festival of Trees INFO** – sign up to sponsor and decorate a tree anytime after September 5. All trees are part of a silent auction in late November. Volunteers are welcome to help.



DISC GOLF

***Disc Golf** is a sport where players throw flying discs at a basket, aiming to complete each hole in the fewest throws. ***Buy your own discs!** Please support a local company - **Bridge City Discs of Saskatoon** – this company provided support and supplies for the Hepburn Course! W: <https://bridgecitydiscs.ca/>



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NEW

PROGRAMS - Thanks to SPRA Member Grants, we have three new programs:



Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association

***Get Moving Hepburn Program (Tuesdays)** - Fitness **Tuesdays 8:00-8:45pm** for the fall. Message Natalie to sign up – 306-981-4358. E: natalieshy17@gmail.com - Other Ideas Welcome!

***Meet You at The Museum Program (Saturdays)** - FREE September 6 – Wiener Wagon Food Truck; September 13 – Forest Walk Sessions.

***Disc Golf Programs (Self-Serve)** – Buy your own discs, or email recreation@hepburn.ca to sign out a set. Course Located at Hepburn School, with first tee box south of swing set!

***WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU – Write us a letter or email!** Send in an email with your input by Wednesday September 3. **Next Meeting: Monday, September 8.** Annual General Meeting is set for early October*

Hepburn Parks and Recreation Dept

E: recreation@hepburn.ca

F: www.facebook.com/HepburnParksandRec

W: www.hepburn.ca/recreation.html



HERITAGE COMMON (HC) COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

INDOOR WALKING PROGRAM –

@ HC Gym - This self serve program will resume in the fall when the weather cools off.

Mondays through Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am, beginning after **September 15**. Submit your input on days and times that interest you! **\$2 for child/youth/adult drop in, \$20/month, or \$60 for a quarterly pass.** Email recreation@hepburn.ca to sign up for a pass.

HERITAGE COMMON
a place for gathering



HOMESCHOOL GYM TIMES @ HC Gym - This self serve program will resume in the fall when the weather cools off. **Tuesdays from 1-3pm**, beginning after September 15. **\$2 for child/youth/adult drop in, \$20/month, or \$60 for a quarterly pass.** Email recreation@hepburn.ca to sign up for a pass.

BUILDING HOURS @ HC - *Heritage Common (703-B Door) weekdays 8:00am-4:30pm. Rental bookings will affect access to the building. Note the whiteboard sign in the **Atrium**. During Hepburn School Athletic Season, hours will vary. ***Town Office (703-A Door)** weekdays 9:00am-4:30pm. Interior Office Doors are closed for lunch 12:00-12:30pm weekdays. Changes will be posted and announced.

NEW: CO-WORKING SPACE @ HC Pine Room - This new opportunity will begin after September 15. **Mondays-Fridays, from 9am-4pm**, beginning after September 15. **Buy a day pass, or a 10-day punch card.** Email events@hepburn.ca to sign up.

BUSINESS, ECONOMIC, & REGIONAL NEWS

NEW BUSINESS - Moody Moon Yoga, Jenn Baetz
E: moody.moon.yoga@gmail.com

HEPBURN AGENCIES - Updated Hours of Operation. Effective September 8th, Hepburn Agencies will be open on **Mondays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. We look forward to serving the community with this additional availability and appreciate your continued support.

ROSTHERN & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE –

We encourage Hepburn Local and Area Businesses to join in with the nearest Chamber this season!

www.facebook.com/RosthernChamber



ECONOMIC FUNDING AND SUPPORT – Sagehill Community Futures <https://cfsask.ca/sagehill>

“Helping entrepreneurs start and grow small businesses since 1985. Community Futures Sagehill helps rural entrepreneurs and small business owners in Saskatchewan achieve their dreams by providing loans, advice, training and support.

LOTS FOR SALE – Build a House on North Hill (1 lot left) & South Hill Road (several lots left). **P: 306-700-3130.** Find out more: <https://www.claystonedevelopments.com/>

Next Howler Submission Deadline

is **SEPTEMBER 26, 2025**

Send to

reception@hepburn.ca