



The Hepburn Howler

November 2025

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below."

—John McCrae, Canadian poet, doctor and medical officer during WWI



Office Closure Notice

The Town Office will be **closed on November 10 and 11** in observance of **Remembrance Day**. Regular office hours will resume on **November 12**.

We encourage everyone to take a moment to honor and remember those who served.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Your Council in Action

Members of Council were able to meet Wes Cates at the Steak and Lobster Fundraiser.



L: Mayor Baerwald, Councillor Lyon, Wes Cates, Councillor McGuire. Not pictured: Councillor Thielmann and Councillor Homontowski.

Council Meeting Highlights – October

1. The Hepburn Fitness Centre is nearing completion with the final piece of equipment, the Power Body Multi Station Stack, arriving the week of November 3, 2025. Details about membership fees and rules will be released next week. However, to encourage new customers, there will be no charge to use this brand-new facility until January, 2026. Persons using the fitness centre will still have to sign the membership and waiver form. Please drop in The Town Office to sign the agreement and receive access.

2. The Artificial Ice Committee met on October 16, 2025 and reviewed the structural analysis of the Hepburn Community Arena, discussed plans from 2012 to add a new dressing room area and toured the facility. There was agreement that a feasibility study should be completed and the Committee will meet again once engineering/architectural firms have submitted proposals.
3. Town Council received a Business Incentive Package and referred to the 2026 Budget Deliberations. The Business Incentives proposed embraces our role as a bedroom community as well as encouraging existing business to expand and new business to locate here.
4. The Town has created a **New Home Grant Program that makes Hepburn one of Saskatchewan's most affordable places to build!**

The Town of Hepburn is taking bold steps to encourage community growth with the launch of a new incentive program: beginning in 2025, the **purchaser of a newly constructed single-family residence in Hepburn** will receive a **\$5,000 grant**.

Unlike traditional three- or five-year municipal property tax exemptions, this innovative approach provides **an immediate benefit to new homeowners** while saving the Town money in the long run.

Mayor Erica Baerwald shares the community's vision:

"We are committed to responsible growth in Hepburn, and we know that every dollar makes a difference when you are building a new home. A brand-new home in Hepburn is already nearly \$100,000 less than in Saskatoon, Martensville, or Warman—with the added benefit of small town living and our lot size being larger than other towns and cities. Add this \$5,000 grant on top of that, and Hepburn becomes a truly prime location for families to build their future."

With affordability, space, and community spirit, Hepburn is ready to welcome new families and businesses.

General Council Reminders

Meeting Schedule

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

November 19, 2025	
December 17, 2025	February 18, 2026
January 21, 2026	March 18, 2026



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Town Office UPDATES

Arena Staff Positions

Interested in Working for Hepburn Arena? Submit your resume to reception@hepburn.ca by Friday, **November 7 at 4:00pm**

Arena Concession Tender – EXTENDED AGAIN!

EXTENSION: Accepting tenders for operation of the **Arena Concession**. Submit to Town Office in sealed envelope by **Friday, November 7 at 4:00pm**. Tender packages are available at the Town Office or contact reception@hepburn.ca or 306-947-2170.

Snow Removal

With the winter months quickly approaching, we'd like to remind residents that during significant snowfalls requiring the grader to clear the streets, **all vehicles and bins must be removed from the roadway**. This helps ensure efficient snow removal and keeps our streets safe and accessible for everyone.



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

Observe and Report

The safety of our community is a shared responsibility. If you observe any activity of concern, please report it to the appropriate authority:

***Emergency:** 911

***Non-Emergency (Rosthern Detachment):** 306-310-7267

***Community Safety Officer Dispatch:** 306-232-4839

Be ready to provide your community, name, & report

***Online Report:** [Online Report](#)

Steak & Lobster Sportsman Dinner

Thanks for your great support for this fundraiser event – we sold 173 tickets for dinner, and had an amazing evening together. THANK YOU TO THE CORE EVENT TEAM who made this event possible. **Want to contribute to the Future Library Project?** Use the charitable donation form on the website here:

https://hepburn.ca/doing_business/sponsorships.html

OR send donation to onlinepayments@hepburn.ca with comment LIBRARY!

HERITAGE COMMON UPDATES

Christmas Party Bookings

Plan ahead for your Christmas Celebrations. **Saturday November 22, 2025** will be a **Small Business Christmas Party at Willow Hall** – inquire about individual tickets or table of 8 at events@hepburn.ca. Includes photo booth, catered meal, licensed bar, & musical entertainment with Kris Klyne. \$45/ticket, or \$320 for table of 8. Ticket sales open November 1-14. Limited tickets available. Doors open 5:00pm, dinner 6:00pm, & music/entertainment 7:00pm.

Private Christmas Party Bookings

Book your family or business event with us at Willow Hall – open dates still available in November and December.

Email Lisa at

events@hepburn.ca to find out about the options.



Heritage Lodge – Need Room for Winter Guests?

Book a room at Heritage Lodge - 2 single beds per room. Access to laundry, lounge, & kitchenette area with booking with fridge, stove, microwave, and coffeemaker. 23 rooms available. One new queen bedroom is available! Room Rate is \$50/night plus GST.

Event Positions – We Need You!

Interested in Volunteering OR Working For Heritage Common? Submit your inquiry and resume to

events@hepburn.ca – positions may be available at various events, tournaments, rentals, weddings, retreats, recreation nights, birthday parties, and more. Ages 16 years and up+

Bookings & Tours

Email reception@hepburn.ca to schedule a weekday or weekend facility tour. W: <https://heritagecommon.ca/> Check out the Heritage Common Information Display located in the Main Atrium.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

COMMUNITY GROUPS & EVENTS

ARCHERY - Kincaide Archery is working with Heritage Common AND Parks and Recreation Dept to offer classes this fall on **Fridays**. WANT TO SEE THIS HAPPEN? Let me know about your interest in classes for Families, and for Adults. Email Lisa at recreation@hepburn.ca to find out more. Website: <https://kincaidescustomarchery.com/>



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CHILDCARE HUB – Contact the board about employment, volunteer, and donation opportunities. E: hepburnchildcarehub@gmail.com
Town Council Rep is Rob Lyon.

FITNESS CLASSES – Strength and Stretch Class on **Tuesdays, 8:00-8:45pm. \$10/class. Drop ins are welcome.** Message Natalie – 306-981-4358. E: natalieshy17@gmail.com

SENIORS COFFEE – **Coffee Time:** Wed 9am, **November 5, 12, 19, 26.** All are welcome for coffee & visiting time at The Centre. Quilting Group welcomes newcomers.

GARDEN GROUP – “The Hepburn Community Gardens aims to address the need for sustainably sourced, nutrient dense food for families in our community by providing an accessible space where residents can participate, connect, learn, and grow.” Find out more about volunteering with the Garden Group – sign up for a box for next year. Like and Follow this group on Facebook and Instagram! THANK YOU to outgoing Chair Leanne Thiessen who has led this group since its beginning in September 2023.

MUSEUM OF WHEAT FUNDRAISER – Saturday November 1st. Weren't able to attend the banquet this year? You can still contact the Museum about donating to their ongoing needs and operations as a Museum Board. Want to volunteer with them? Contact Dirk at 306-947-7443. Positions are open on the board. Town Council Rep is Alvin Thielmann.

SCHOOL NEWS!

Hepburn Hawks Senior Volleyball is into the Playoff Time of the season. Watch for games and updates for November 1 and November 7-8 weekends.

Hepburn School invites the community to a Remembrance Day Service on **Thursday November 6** at 11:15am. Please be seated early.

YOGA AND MINDFULNESS CLASSES - Moody Moon Yoga, Jenn Baetz - moody.moon.yoga@gmail.com
*Yoga Classes on **Saturdays - Oct 18-Nov 22**
*Mindfulness Classes on **Mondays - Nov 3, 10, 17, 24**

PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS

NEW: VOLUNTEER POSITION OPEN – One position on the board is vacant – apply here: https://hepburn.ca/recreation/parks_recreation_board.html

LIGHT THE NIGHT CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL - Monday November 24, 2025, 4:00-9:00pm @ Heritage Common
***Market** - Vendor sign-up is now open – email Jackey Sigstad at jesigstad@gmail.com at \$20/spot.
***Festival of Trees Silent Auction Fundraiser** – sign up to sponsor and decorate a tree – Individuals, Businesses, Organizations, Classrooms, etc – email recreation@hepburn.ca to sign up. All trees are part of a silent auction in late November. Bid generously! Volunteers welcome. Funds will go towards Programming for Youth and Children on School Breaks!

RECREATION TIMES – on Selected Wed Evenings -

Volunteers needed. \$2 for youth and children, \$5 adult, \$20/monthly pass. Pickleball, badminton, and more! Oct 29, Nov 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec 3, 10, 17.

*Men's Basketball is starting soon!

ANNUAL LIGHT UP HEPBURN CONTEST – Decorate your home and yard for the season!



Decorate with energy and creativity. Nominate your favorite places – watch for voting ballots available at Light the NIGHT.

NEW: SNOWSHOE OUTINGS – When will be the first Snowfall? Watch for news about snowshoe outings, and Full Moon Treks in Hepburn Forest. Parks and Rec has snowshoes to loan out. Email recreation@hepburn.ca to book a pair or more.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – Donate your year-end giving to Hepburn Projects - Winter Programs, Light the Night, Festival of Trees, Christmas Break & More! Click: www.hepburn.ca/doing_business/sponsorships.html

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD – Nominate a worthy Hepburn & Area Resident who makes a difference with their time and energy! Email recreation@hepburn.ca to give a name and reason for your nomination. **ALSO - Nominate a YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR (Aged 13-19 years of age).**

***WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU – Write us a letter or email!**
Due Nov 5th. Next Meeting is Nov 12. Want to get involved? Volunteer with the board. Town Council Rep is Joe Homontowski.

Hepburn Parks and Recreation Dept

E: recreation@hepburn.ca

F: www.facebook.com/HepburnParksandRec





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HERITAGE COMMON 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.** There will be a drop box for payment located outside Office B115. **\$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.

HOMESCHOOL GYM TIMES - @ HC Gym

****CANCELLED – We had been doing Tuesdays from 1-3pm – if you have suggestions of another daytime that works for your family, let us know.**

BUILDING HOURS

*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. Reminder - Children under 10 years of age should be supervised when in the facility.

HERITAGE COMMON

a place for gathering



BUSINESS, ECONOMIC, & REGIONAL NEWS

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/>

HEPBURN CENTENNIAL BOWL

On Main Street!

Now Open MONDAYS 4:00-10:00pm.

Mondays-Thursdays 4:00-10:00pm, and Fridays-Saturdays 4:00pm-12:00am.

Contact: 306-947-BOWL

Book your Christmas parties, events, or stop by and watch league bowling.

ROSTHERN & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Pick up a registration form at
Heritage Common Gym Foyer or here:

www.facebook.com/RosthernChamber

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

NEW BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT

Kaitlin Schultz Massage Therapy is joining us at Heritage Common – she will be taking appointments out of The Chambers Room temporarily (A102 Room).

<https://www.facebook.com/kaitlin.schultz.rmt/>

She will eventually be in Office B141 by the gymnasium.

NEW BUSINESS? Do you have a new business to highlight? Let us know!

Want advice on how to get your business idea launched? Contact Lisa at

events@hepburn.ca to find resources

from Sagehill, SK Startup, SREDA, SEDA, etc.



Next Howler
Submission Deadline
is

NOVEMBER 27, 2025.

NOVEMBER EDITION
goes out
on **Monday December 1, 2025.**

Send info to
reception@hepburn.ca
or call 306-947-2170