



March 16, 2020

Dear Residents,

The Town of Hepburn is closely monitoring developments relating to COVID-19.

On Saturday March 14, 2020, Town Council had a special meeting to address our municipal response to COVID-19. **As a Local Government, the Town of Hepburn is taking direction from Provincial & Federal Governments, and the health authorities.** Therefore, the decision was made to close the town-owned indoor recreation facilities **as a preventative measure to ensure the continued health and safety of the entire community.** This closure will be re-evaluated after 14 days. *“Hepburn Town Council decided to close the arena and bowling alley in order to do our part to help curb the spread of COVID-19. We did not take this decision lightly, and thoroughly reviewed the actions of other local governments across Saskatchewan.”* says Mayor Jeff Peters

**The Town of Hepburn Council strongly recommends that residents and organizations do not hold any large social events or gatherings** at this time. *“Council will not roll the dice and take a chance when it comes to the health, safety, and welfare of our community. We must follow the advice of public health officials.”* says Mayor Peters

**Direction and advisories from the Federal and Provincial Governments are changing rapidly.** *“Our precautionary measures in Hepburn will most certainly change as well. I ask and encourage everyone to remain positive, and to not get discouraged. Let us all work together in responding calmly and effectively to the COVID-19 situation.”* (Mayor Peters)

#### To Residents & Office Visitors

**The health and safety of our residents and employees is our top priority.** We have implemented increased cleaning protocols for high-touch surfaces in the Town Office. We are reminding employees about washing hands frequently, using proper hand-washing protocol. Additional hand sanitizing dispensers are being provided. **We encourage everyone to follow the guidelines of the World Health Organization to reduced the spread.**

#### Essential Services

**Please note that essential services will not be interrupted.** Water, sewer, garbage and recycling pickup, and snow removal will continue as usual. **To all bulk water station customers, we encourage you to stop in at the office to load up your water cards and purchase additional coins.**

The regular Town Council Meeting is **Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** at which time Council will again review the COVID-19 situation based on the most current information. We are monitoring this situation and remain committed to ensuring the wellbeing of the residents and employees. Additional resources can be found at [https://www.hepburn.ca/town\\_office/emergency.html](https://www.hepburn.ca/town_office/emergency.html)

If you have any questions, please contact the office at **306-947-2170** or [info@hepburn.ca](mailto:info@hepburn.ca)

**Town Council**



**The Town Office is currently open however, we are encouraging the public to:**

- Make payments online
- Use the drop slot for payments
- Call or email your questions or concerns

This will allow us to follow social distancing protocols and keep staff and residents safe.

We are registered with most major financial institutions, if you need help getting set up, please contact your bank or the Town Office for assistance.

If you are vulnerable, immunocompromised or sick please do not visit the Town Office.

**Rural bulk water station users are strongly encouraged to visit the office to purchase coins or load their water cards as soon as possible.**