



# THE HEPBURN HOWLER

August 2023

## Notice to Residents:

The Town of Hepburn Council has made the decision to provide the Hepburn Childcare Hub, a registered non-profit organization with a loan of \$100,678 for a term of 25 (twenty-five) years at an interest rate of 4.5% per annum.

The Hepburn Childcare Hub came before Council to request the loan due to the rising costs of construction resulting in a short-fall on capital funding to complete construction of the new licensed childcare centre which is located in the municipal dormitory building.

The main reasons the childcare hub requested a direct loan from the Town of Hepburn are:

The loan parameters available from a financial institution were unsustainable due to the fact that the renovations are being completed as leasehold improvements to a Town owned building. Higher loan parameters for the non-profit organization would have prevented the success of the childcare centre; The Childcare Hub is providing a secure and trustworthy tenant for a minimum of 25 years in a town facility; The high-demand and urgency for families to have access to subsidized childcare as soon as possible. If the Childcare Hub had secured a loan directly with the bank, it would have been a 15-year amortization period with an interest rate of 9.7%. These parameters would have caused tremendous strain on the operating budget of the non-profit organization. A direct loan from the Town of Hepburn ensures the program is fiscally sustainable, to provide this essential service to our residents.

The Hepburn Childcare Hub is investing an estimated \$400,678 to retrofit a town-owned facility, \$300,000 of which is grant funding. The new daycare is a fundamental service that local and rural families desperately need. This retrofit will also increase the value of the building. The Hepburn Childcare hub will provide permanent and dependable licensed childcare services to Hepburn families. This facility will provide residents with affordable childcare which will give them peace of mind when choosing to call Hepburn home. Childcare is an essential community service that is vital to ensure that the Town can sustain and grow our population. Additionally, the Hub will provide many employment opportunities to locals.

Council considered the community's need for childcare services and the value that the childcare hub would bring to Hepburn. Council considered the options

presented to them and collectively concluded that it is in the Town's best interest to offer a direct loan to the Childcare Hub.

## Mayor & Council

### Tree Trimming



Residents are reminded to keep trees trimmed along your property. Sidewalk areas are to be trimmed to edge of sidewalk to not encroach on pedestrians and at least 8 ft. high over sidewalks. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Cash of the Month Raffle Continues!

There is **one** more chance to win **\$1000.00!** To get in on the next draw, e-transfer \$50/ticket to [hepburnlotto@gmail.com](mailto:hepburnlotto@gmail.com), with name, phone number, & email in comments. Purchase tickets by cash or cheque at *the Town Office*. Proceeds go to the Heritage Common roof project. Congratulations to our July winner **Lori Peters!** The next draw is: **Friday, August 25**

### Hepburn & District Volunteer Fire Dept

The Hepburn Fire & EMS Department is looking for volunteers. If you are interested in joining the team, please visit the town office to pick up an application form.

Are you wondering what you could do to make that special person's birthday just a little more special? **The Hepburn Volunteer Fire Department does birthday drive-bys.** They will drive by in the big red truck with the lights and siren on. Contact the fire department by email

[carollabrash@hotmail.com](mailto:carollabrash@hotmail.com) with plenty of notice prior to the special day. The Fire Department will do their best to accommodate all requests.



### Job Opportunity

The Town of Hepburn is seeking applications for the position of Permanent full-time Assistant Administrator.

For the full ad visit:

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

### Property Taxes

Did you know that you can pay your taxes with online banking? Go to your online banking account and add the Town of Hepburn as a payee. To enter an account number, use the letter 'T' for Taxes, followed by a 0 and your 3 digit tax roll number. Example: TO(Tax Roll Number). NOTE: Different banks may require more or less zeros.

TOWN OF HEPBURN

Office: (306) 947-2170 Emergency: (306) 947-0000 Payments: [onlinepayments@hepburn.ca](mailto:onlinepayments@hepburn.ca) Email: [info@hepburn.ca](mailto:info@hepburn.ca)

## AUGUST 2023 WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HEPBURN!

### PARKS & RECREATION

#### THE GREAT OUTDOORS EVENT @ Heritage Common

**Tuesday, August 15. 10:30am-12:00pm. FREE!** By Regional Kids First. Grow children's love of nature! For ages 1-10; all welcome. Parent/Caregiver must attend with children.

#### BEACH VOLLEYBALL @ Heritage Common

Drop in play is welcome all summer long - bring your own ball, or contact Lisa to sign out a beach volleyball during office hours.

#### OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL NIGHT @ Hepburn School

At Hepburn School Basketball Court, **Wednesday August 23, 7:00-8:30pm.** Set up volunteers are needed.

#### 1000 HOURS OUTSIDE CHALLENGE @ Anywhere!

Did you make a Summer Bucket List? Send an email and share it with us at [recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca). Find more at <https://www.1000hoursoutside.com/>



#### COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Email in your ideas for FALL to [recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca). Regular Meeting: Monday, September 11 at 7:00pm. Correspondence & Delegation Requests Due By Email: **September 6.**

### HERITAGE COMMON

#### BOOKINGS – You are invited to gather here!

Contact Sarah Sims at [events@hepburn.ca](mailto:events@hepburn.ca) or 306-947-2180 to book your tour, birthday, wedding, anniversary, reunion, retreat, workshop, camping spot, or overnight accommodation.

### BUSINESS, REGIONAL, & PROVINCIAL ACTIVITIES

**\*BUSINESS FEATURE:** Hepburn Centennial Bowl is serving ice cream, floats, snacks, and drinks every **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6-9pm.** Enjoy a treat, and check out the new lanes. Coming this fall, Pizza at the Alley!

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

**HEPBURN CENTENNIAL BOWL** - Seniors, are you interested in a **DAYTIME BOWLING** time? Contact 306-229-5491.

**HEPBURN COOPERATIVE PLAYSCHOOL** - If your child is 3 or 4 years old, now is the **TIME TO REGISTER** for playschool!

Contact by email [hepburnplayschool@gmail.com](mailto:hepburnplayschool@gmail.com) or by facebook for more info and forms. AGM on Aug 31. [www.facebook.com/hepburncooperativeplayschool](http://www.facebook.com/hepburncooperativeplayschool)

**HEPBURN SCHOOL** - Sept 5 is the first day back to school.

**HEPBURN GARDEN GROUP** - The **2023 Garden Tour** met on July 12 at the Gazebo. 14 people joined the walking tour of 6 stops – on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West at Earl & Tracy's, Kevin & Stacey's, and Jeff & Linda's, Terry & Debbie's where Debbie had door

prizes for everyone, plus Morris & Laura's, and Alvin & Joy's. Thanks to all who opened their gardens and yards! \*Looking forward to **fall plant giveaway TBA** - a great time to bring plants you no longer want, or that you are dividing and sharing with others. You do not have to bring any plants to take some plants! Contact Kim: [rkbushman@sasktel.net](mailto:rkbushman@sasktel.net)

#### HEPBURN GOSPEL CHURCH

\*Show and Shine – Sunday, August 13, from 3-5pm.

#### HEPBURN MARKETPLACE

Due to a number of factors, it is no longer viable to continue with the Market. It was decided to end the Season and reevaluate what direction HMP should go. Hepburn Marketplace Volunteer Team thanks all Vendors & Customers. We are grateful for the support that the Community has shown. [www.facebook.com/hepburnmarketplace](http://www.facebook.com/hepburnmarketplace)



**HEPBURN MUSEUM OF WHEAT - Saturdays from August 5 to September 2. 10am-3pm.** Volunteers are on site in museum & schoolhouse to answer questions! Tours: Dirk 306-947-7443 or Ruby 306-290-9575.

**HEPBURN SENIORS ASSOCIATION @ The Centre Main St August 2,9,16,23,30:** Wednesday Coffees at 9am. To book The Centre, contact Jim & Dorothy at 306-371-2809.

#### TAE KWAN DO CLASSES @ Heritage Common Library

Sign up for Fall Classes Tuesday evenings. Classes begin Aug 29. Contact Instructor Natalie to register: [natalieshy17@gmail.com](mailto:natalieshy17@gmail.com)

**WE ARE IN THE TWIN RIVERS REGION** - This includes Laird, Waldheim, Rosthern, Hepburn, & R.M. of Laird! Want to know more about dance, wrestling, gymnastics, 4H, music, riding, etc? See Waldheim Recreation page to find out what is offered just up the road. [www.facebook.com/waldheimrecreation](http://www.facebook.com/waldheimrecreation)

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ Gospel Church

August 22-24, from 1-3:30pm.

#### YOUTH PROGRAM @ Good Neighbours in Rosthern

Something for YOUTH!

Tuesdays, 7-9:30pm, for gr 7-12.

Aug 1: Super Mario Bros movie and pizza night. Aug 8: No event. Aug 15: Swimming at the Valley Aquatic Centre, bring \$2 & food donation, followed by ice cream. Aug 22: Community service night at GNFC. Aug 29: Photo scavenger hunt. [www.facebook.com/goodneighboursfoodcentre](http://www.facebook.com/goodneighboursfoodcentre)

#### WANT YOUR NEWS IN THE NEXT HOWLER?

Email your submission to Lisa at [recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca) by August 29.

