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**Hepburn To Celebrate Grand Opening of Parks and Pathways Project on Sat., June 24 at Fair Days Weekend  
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The Town of Hepburn will celebrate the grand opening of its \$150,000 Parks and Pathways Project, as part of the community's upcoming annual Fair Days Weekend and Saskatchewan's Parks and Recreation Month.

Construction began with a significant volunteer labour force in the spring of 2021. Work involved renovating and upgrading the existing Hepburn Little Park. It also included developing a new park, playground and pathway area called Harvest View Park, along with adding an accessible pathway. The final touches on the project were completed in the spring of 2023.

This project was made possible through a hardworking volunteer team of Greg Klassen, Courtney Wall, Madeleine Gougeon, Kaelan Wall, and Lisa Braun (staff liaison). Special thanks from the community to: Playgrounds-R-Us, 442 Construction, Lyndell Concrete Supply, Zak's Home Hardware Warman, OnTrack Earthworks, Claystone Developments, Dieter Martin Greenhouse, Matrix Construction, Cal's Signs & Designs, and Cowan Graphics.

The Government of Canada invested \$60,000 towards this project, and the Government of Saskatchewan contributed \$49,995. The Town of Hepburn was responsible for funding the remainder of the project.

"This grand opening is the result of considerable volunteer efforts and community mobilization. Through the work of everyone involved in this project, Hepburn families will now be able to enjoy a new outdoor space to spend time with friends and get some fresh air. Congratulations to everyone involved," said the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities.

"The Government of Saskatchewan's nearly \$50,000 investment toward the Town of Hepburn's Path and Parkways project has not only helped move this idea to a reality, but it will also improve recreation opportunities and quality of life in this special part of our great province," said the Honourable Randy Weekes, MLA for Biggar-Sask Valley, on behalf of the Honourable Don McMorris, Saskatchewan's Minister of Government Relations.

"The Hepburn Parks and Pathways Project has been a great addition to the community of Hepburn, providing two outdoor play areas for families and community members to gather. The contributions of the federal and provincial governments allowed for this resiliency project to be completed. The Hepburn community is benefitting from enhanced space for physical activity, creative play, nature experiences, social interaction, and small gatherings. We are grateful for the investment of volunteers and business leaders from the community that made this project successful," said Her Worship Deidra Prosofsky, Mayor of the Town of Hepburn.

The grand opening celebration will occur at Heritage Common, Fair Days Festival Stage, 703 Second St. E., Hepburn, Sask. at 2 p.m., Sat., June 24.

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