

# Town of Hague

**Population: 878**

**Municipal Budget: \$ 1,940,700**

**Total Area: 100 Hectares**

**Town Owned: 10 Hectares within Town boundaries**

**25 Hectares out of Town, including lagoon and landfill**



**2012  
Hague  
Aerial**

## History

Hague is a thriving and prosperous community situated 45 kms north of Saskatoon on Highway #11. Hague was named after Mr. J. Hague, an engineer for the CNR when the track was laid. Hague was incorporated into a village in 1903 and town in 1991. The current population, according to the latest census, is 878.

Hague has a large business core which has been able to remain strong, the Town boasts many local businesses plus countless home based businesses. Hague is home to restaurants, garages, convenience stores, gas stations, car dealership, grocery, hardware, building supplies, bakery, a banking institution, post office, accountant and more.

The town also services the community with a local library with free internet services, a hall, arena with artificial ice for both skating and curling rink, a K to 12 school system and a youth drop-in centre. Hague is able to service its residents with city water as well as high speed internet.

Hague continues to be a great place to put down your roots and raise a family.



**Community Profile**

## Tidiness

Council for the Town of Hague is committed to improving the overall appearance of the community, using the Nuisance Abatement Bylaw #2005-04 to regulate unsightly yards and provide warning letters to residents and businesses that are in contravention of the standards within. We have a verbal agreement with the rail line owners to maintain grass and weeds in right of way in exchange for sign corridor use north of Town limits. The Provincial / Federal entities (Sasktel and Canada Post) do have caretakers and/or students hired to maintain the landscaping surrounding their buildings.

The Town partners with Hague Parks and Recreation and Hague Senior Citizens Housing Corporation to make annual applications with Service Canada for summer students to help beautify green spaces and parks. For 2016, we have two summer students.

This year Council has approved the replacement of 560 sqft of sidewalk on 4<sup>th</sup> Street for improved pedestrian access to key business services. In the 2016 transportation budget three residential streets are being resurfaced with dust freeing product. The budget has also been ear tagged for additional length of cemetery headstone isles.

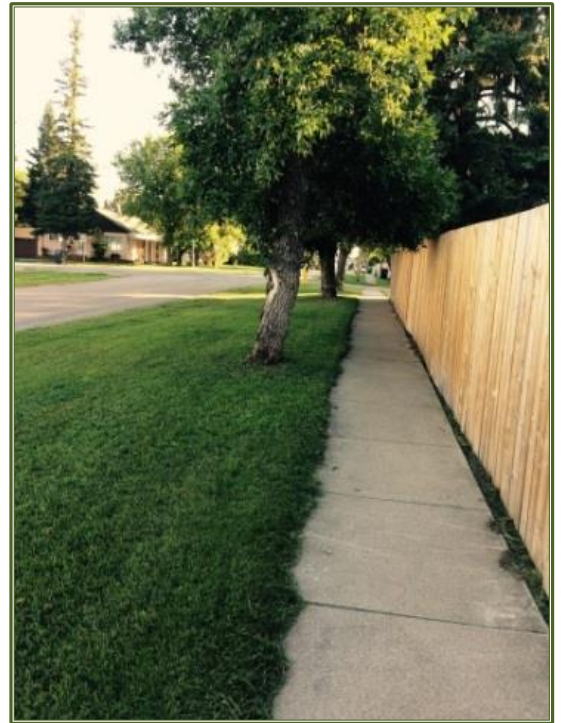
We are very pleased to be actively working on upgrading Heritage Park on Main Street, in the middle of the downtown core. We have been able to access funds from numerous partners for building a Community Gazebo, installing park benches, playground toys and a decorative light standard. Our application to partner with Saskatchewan's Scrap Tire Corporation for several different types of recycled products will complement the park.

The public works department divides their resources between upkeep of streets, ditches, building maintenance, boulevards, cemeteries and green spaces. The arena grounds are home to the ball diamonds and outdoor rink / tennis court.





**Heritage  
Park  
Upgrades  
in progress**



**Ditches and Boulevards trimmed up**

**Arena grounds tennis court / outdoor rink**

**Hague Arena**



Hague is home to “Sunshine Housing”, an eight bed home for the disabled and its partner “Venture Home”, home to another eight higher functioning individuals, 4 beds dedicated to men in the north wing and another 4 for women in the south wing. Both homes were designed to fit aesthetically in the residential neighborhoods where they are located.

TR Petroleum is one of the newest re-located businesses in our town with its opening in early July of 2016. They provide services of fuel and propane along with a newly renovated convenience store.

Between green spaces, residential neighborhoods, businesses and the two local churches among others we see the efforts made to keep the community clean and tidy.



**Sunshine Housing, 6<sup>th</sup> Street**



**Venture Home, Venture Crescent**



**TR Petroleum, 4<sup>th</sup> Street**



**Canada Post, Main Street**



**Sasktel Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Street**

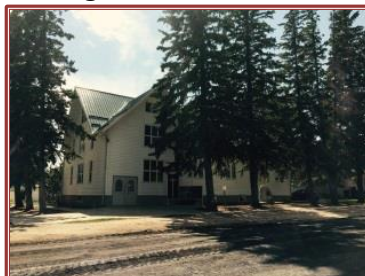
**Green Space, 6<sup>th</sup> Street**



**Homes on Venture Court**



**Hague Mennonite Church**



**Hague Gospel Church**



## Environmental Action

Town Council has implemented several programs to encourage and involve the community at large to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle! We have a successful and widely used compost program, compost bins are provided free of charge to every household and picked up weekly during compost season. Our compost site has several piles in various stages of decomposition. We have been able to sell mature compost back to the community for an affordable fee.

Within our compost compound we have an area to accept branches from residents. Residents that put out small amounts of branches receive complimentary pickups, large amounts are subject to pick-up fees. The Public Works annually rents a chipper and shreds branches making mulching material for reuse.

The Town's waste management bylaw includes the provision for our recycling program. The Town has contracted Valley Action Abilities, located in nearby Rosthern, to provide weekly door to door pickup of paper, cardboard, glass and tin products for a small monthly charge added to the utility billing. All Town residents are encouraged to drop off recyclable plastic products at the Loraas Recycle Bin located on Main Street. Waste management services are provided by Loraas Disposal with weekly pickup.

The Town of Hague is a member community in the Twin Rivers Group and takes part annually in a Regional residential Household Hazardous Waste Day. The collection location is alternated in different neighboring communities each year, in 2015 Hague was host. Each year we provide volunteers to help run the event.

The Town annual Garage Sale weekend is always a big hit as it allows residents to re-home household items, furniture, clothes, baby items and so much more! Through the municipal office we schedule a suitable weekend every spring and provide advertising for the event.

With the promise of a new residential development on the horizon the Town is working with Sask Environment to provide monitoring information at the nearby inactive landfill. With seeing the natural habitat restored we are hopeful that the closure process will be complete within a couple of years. The Town, in the past, also had two derelict gas stations that were an eye sore for many years. We are pleased to report that both properties have been purchased by commercial businesses and have been cleaned up and in use; locations are providing services to the community, one as a new gas station and the other as an expansion to the building supply store.



The Town experienced good fortune with past Building Canada Fund grants and was able to expand both the lagoon and the water reservoir and treatment plant, we now have infrastructure capacity for a population of up to 1200. We have addressed water conservation efforts using water rate increases to discourage high water usage, hopefully this will decrease the estimated usage of future growth.



With new growth and the changes that came from the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure we have had numerous additional light standards added to both residential and commercial areas of town. For the majority of light standards we have designed and decorated dozens of seasonal lighting decorations for the benefit of both residents and visitors to our community.



**Plastic Recycle Depot, Main Street**



**Hague Municipal Building, Main Street**

**New Hague Shop and Fire Hall built in 2015**



**Water Treatment Plant, expansion completed in 2015**



## Heritage Conservation

Our community is proud to use the existing water tower as a symbol of our history. The community began its roots as the first settlers built homes and businesses around the locomotive water filling tower along the CP rail line in 1903. The current red tower is the second tower to be built by CP Rail, as the original tower required enlargement, interestingly enough just a few short years before the need for the tower was no longer required. At that time it was offered to the Town for their municipal water supply system.



**Hague Water Tower, constructed around 1960**

The Saskatchewan River Valley Museum has remarkable displays of historical items from our past and does a great job of depicting life as it was! The museum grounds consist of an artifact exhibit building and several out buildings that make up a little community. The museum board has put in countless volunteer hours organizing and fundraising to produce this impressive display! Definitely a worthwhile stop on every tourist's visit.



**Museum's House Barn Display Building**



**Church and School House on Museum Grounds**

**Monuments on Site**



**Artifact / Administration Building**





Scattered throughout the Town are several vintage dwellings, two and three story houses that still remain from the early decades of Hague's existence. One of the oldest houses that is still in use in our community is a character home that once belonged to our only resident doctor – our older residents from Hague would still remember Doctor Hamm's house where his patients would visit his home office for medical services.

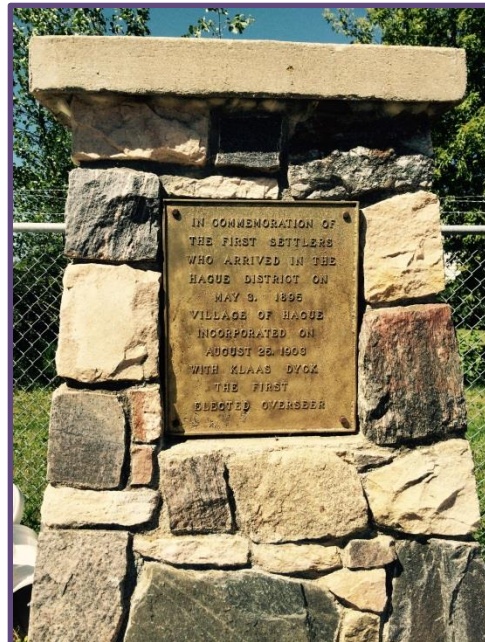


**Dr. Hamm's House originally built in 1903**



**Doctor David Hamm and wife Agneta's  
grave stones in the  
Hague New Cemetery**

As we work towards completing the upgrade of our downtown Heritage Park, we look forward to being able to permanently place the memorial cairn that has graced our town for several decades; different construction activities have resulted in the cairn being put in temporary storage.



The Town of Hague are the official caretakers of two cemeteries, one within town limits (Hague New Cemetery), the other (Hague Old Cemetery) is located a few miles south east of the community. Through the Town Office, plots are purchased and burial arrangements are completed.



**Hague New Cemetery**

The Town of Hague and various volunteer groups hosts several annual events for our residents enjoyment and celebrating our culture. In February of each year the Town hosts a Family Day event, this is generally centered around the arena and the activities offered at the arena, always followed by a display of fireworks.

To kick off summer, the Town, in combination with the majority of local not-for-profit groups, hosts our annual Summer Blast. Held towards the end of June each year, this weekend draws attention from the community between the Museum's soup & pie supper, petting zoo, soft ball and kid's games, the event always proves a great turn out!

Heritage Day, upcoming in August is held at the Museum grounds with displays and presentations from our cultural past...bread baking, butchering, entertainment.

Additionally, the Thresherman's Club does their part to re-enact our communities' past activities with harvesting displays using vintage equipment, tractor competitions, farmer's market and lunch available on site!

These weekend events compliment the ongoing use of the arena and school grounds where soccer, ball and playground equipment are utilized.





## Landscape



ago. In the same commercial and industrial block is the building supply store, Zak's Home Hardware, which produce a large number of visitors browsing the wide selection of ready to move homes and cabins in inventory.

One of the first images you view of the Town of Hague as you arrive is of our newest businesses, perched at the main entrance of the Town. The Hague Service Center hosts several fast food outlets in addition to a well serviced gas bar and convenience store. Just past is the new Valley Ford dealership, which celebrated their grand opening earlier this year after experiencing a devastating fire two years



The Public Works Department work diligently at keeping up the municipal lands and green spaces including designated areas where trees have been started for future transplanting for decorative and buffering uses.

The Hague Arena grounds provides for expansive views of greenery and park equipment.. The Hague High and Elementary Schools make efforts to contribute to the landscape of the community, in addition to the Hague Senior Citizens Housing Corporation, the seniors residence also known as Sunset Manor. In 2012 the Town partnered with the Hague High School IA class to supply material to have their students construct several picnic tables for use on the Arena grounds.



**Hague High School, Panthers Sports Teams**



**Garden site at Hague Elementary School**

### **Hague Arena Grounds**



**Hague Arena Playground**



**Picnic tables at arena ground,  
joint project with High School IA Class**



**Trees planted at the Cemetery Grounds  
for future transplanting**



**Sunset Manor, 95 Main Street**

### **Floral Displays**

Our community can boast a wide spread of residential and commercial properties that go the extra mile to beautify their yards and provide unique displays.

We have a downtown business that has constructed flower beds surrounding their building, planting both flowers and vegetables – quite suiting for the quaint restaurant!

The municipality takes care of several flowerbeds and has partnered with Sunset Manor to purchase new self-watering planters to make attractive displays easier to maintain. Sunset Manor obtained funding through the Dakota Dunes CDC to purchase the planters while the Town proved the plants and volunteers for planting.



**Lunch Corner**



**Shades Hair Salon & Spa**



**Agri-Business Accounting**



**Floral Displays at the Hague Municipal Building**



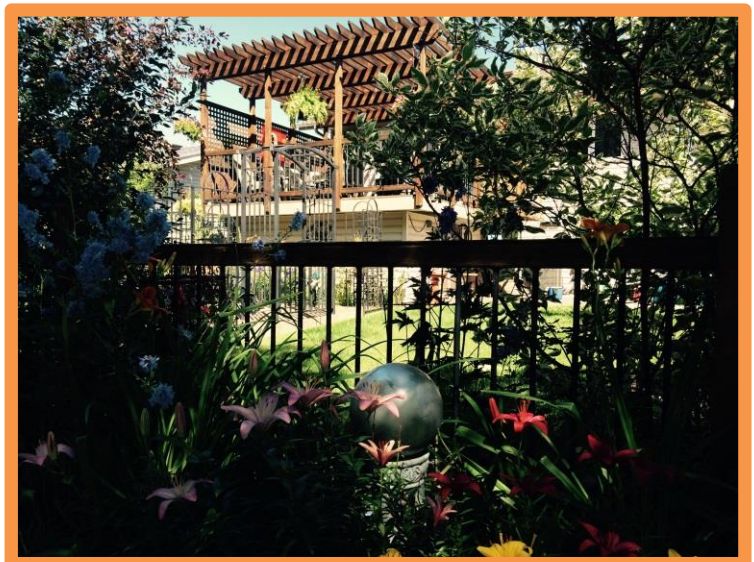
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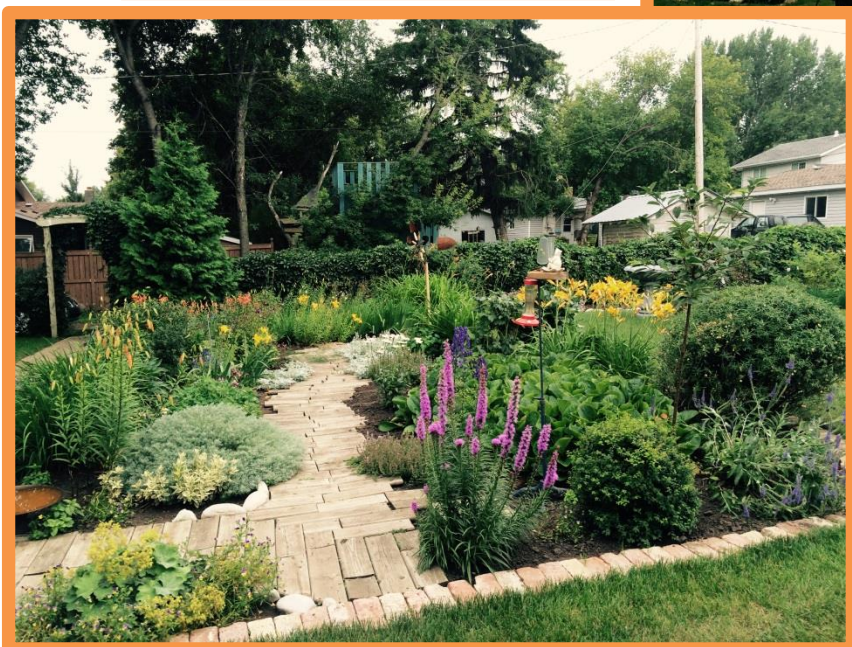
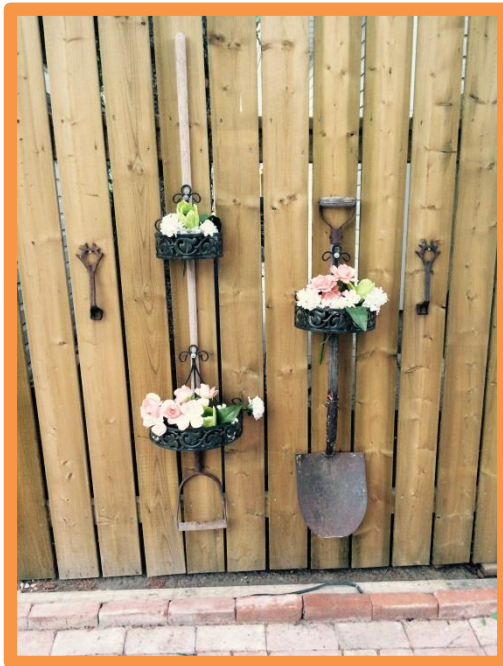
**New Self Water Planters**



**301 Diefenbaker Ave.**



Back alley / back yard display at 212 Venture Court



106 Smith Crescent

116 Third Street, Hague

