



AUGUST 2021

CITY HALL HOURS

City Hall is currently open to the public Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00am – 4:30pm.

For safety purposes, enter City Hall through the west front doors and exit through the east front doors.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, August 9, 2021
- Monday, September 13, 2021
- Monday, September 27, 2021

City Council is holding virtual meetings until further notice. Meetings are scheduled for 6:00pm unless posted otherwise. Agendas are posted on our website by 1:00pm on the day of the meeting. Meetings can be live-streamed or watched after the fact on the City's YouTube channel.

If you wish to speak at a scheduled public hearing, please pre-register by 3:00pm on the day of the meeting to receive a link. Pre-register by calling 204-239-8337 or emailing info@city-plap.com.

If you wish to speak as a Delegation, you are required to register on the Wednesday prior to the meeting.

COMMUNITY VACCINATION

City Council has committed to encouraging all residents to become vaccinated as soon as they are able, with the goal of being the City with the highest rate of community vaccinations per capita in the Province of Manitoba. Urban Indigenous Clinic (11 Second St NE) Every Tuesday and Wednesday from 11am – 6pm. Walk-ins are available beginning at 11:00am. Call 204-240-7272 to book your appointment.

Herman Prior Pop-Up Clinic (40 Royal Rd N) Call 1-844-626-8222 to book your appointment.

MOSQUITO TRAP COUNTS

The mosquito trap counts remain low, and the City will continue to monitor.

UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES



All City offices will be closed **Monday, August 2** for Civic Holiday.

BURNING RESTRICTIONS

Due to the dry conditions the City of Portage la Prairie has implemented burning restrictions effective July 13.



Open fires or fire pits are not allowed to be used until further notice.

Please refer to the City's website or Facebook page for updates.

BUSINESS STOREFRONT GRANTS

The Portage & District Chamber of Commerce and the City of Portage la Prairie have established a meaningful partnership with respect to business enhancements. The Business Storefront Improvement Grant will provide financial support for Portage la Prairie businesses to improve building exteriors.

The Business Storefront Improvement Grant intends to help business owners in Portage la Prairie improve the face of their businesses by providing funds for exterior building upgrades. In addition to improving the appearance of an individual building, these upgrades are expected to contribute to overall business enhancement. The Business Storefront Improvement Grant is a matching grant offered by the City of Portage la Prairie that will provide up to 50% of the project cost, with a maximum municipal contribution of \$2,000 per project, from a total fund of \$10,000.

- Deadline for application submission is August 3, 2021.
- Successful applicants will be notified by August 9, 2021.
- Projects must be completed by December 10, 2021.

More information is available on the City's website.

CITY COUNCIL

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COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM & MANITOBA 150

The City invites all businesses and non-profit organizations to participate in the Communities in Bloom Summer 2021 contest. We encourage using the MB150 official flower colors in your “all things green and beautiful” display, and the colors are red, yellow, blue and white. You will get MB150 signs for your business or organization to display to signify your participation in this contest. No application is needed. Weekly prizes will be given out in July and August.

Please visit the City's website for more information.



CITY'S HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BOOK AWARD

Congratulations to James Kostuchuk and the City's Heritage Advisory Committee on receiving the 2020 Margaret McWilliams Book Award from the Manitoba Historical Society. Their book, Historic Photographs of Portage la Prairie won in the category of Popular History Book, receiving a prize of \$500 and a certificate.

The book includes never-before-published photographs of Portage la Prairie that offer a visual glimpse of the City's people, places, and events from the 1870s to the 1930s. There are only approximately 50 books still available at City Hall, and you can call 204-239-8337 if you are interested in purchasing. Proceeds from book sales will support future Heritage Advisory Committee projects.

CRESCENT LAKE UPDATE



The low water level in Crescent Lake has delayed the process of spraying to eliminate weeds and algae. Herbicide spraying took place last week on the west side of the lake and will be monitored over the next two or three weeks.

PROPERTY TAXES

Taxes are due on July 31, 2021. In order to accommodate those impacted by COVID-19, taxpayers may defer payments of their 2021 taxes until October 29, 2021, without penalty.

We offer a variety of payment options which are listed on the City's website.

If you have sold your property, please forward the property tax statement to the new owners.

EDUCATION TAX CREDIT

Residential and farm property owners will receive a rebate of 25%. Other property owners (such as commercial, industrial, institutional, railways, pipelines and designated recreational) will receive a rebate of 10%.

Taxpayers accustomed to receiving up to \$700 for the Manitoba Education Property Tax Credit Advance on their tax bills will have this amount reduced to \$525. Property owners should receive the Education Property Tax Rebate cheque in July when taxes are due. No application is required.

More details are available on the City's website or contact the province at 1-866-626-4862.

GARAGE SALES

At this time, yard sales are discouraged; however, they may take place outdoors and must adhere to the Provincial Health Orders on limits for outdoor gatherings at private residences.

COMMUNITY COOLING CENTRE

Stride Place will be accessible as an air-conditioned drop-in cooling centre for members of the public to find temporary relief from the heat, access to water and a water bottle filling station. The cooling centre will be open from 6:00 am – 9:00 pm until further notice. Access to the facility will be available through the south doors. In accordance with COVID-19 safety protocols are in place.

CITY DOCK

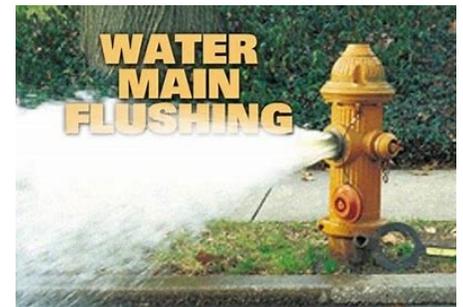
The City of Portage la Prairie partnered with the PRRA to purchase a new dock, free for public use, for improved access to Crescent Lake with canoes & kayaks. The dock is equipped with kayak launches to assist getting into and out of watercraft.

The City has purchased several canoes and kayaks that will be for rent through the PRRA the last week of July.

Watch the PRRA website for more info!

WATER MAIN FLUSHING

Water main flushing is being undertaken to clear mains of iron and calcium scale deposits in order to maintain high quality water.



Flushing will take place between the night-time hours of 10:00pm-6:00am as per the following schedule:

Week #5 – July 18 – 23

15th St NW to Tupper St NW north side of tracks

Week #6 – July 25 – 30

Royal Rd to Westco Dr north side of tracks

Week #7 – August 1 – 6

Koko Platz and Island Park Areas

Week #8 – August 8 – 13

Mellenville and Old Bridge Road Area

After flushing takes place, please do not use any hot water until you have operated your cold water taps to clear the line of any discoloration that may occur during flushing.

For further information please phone the Department of Operations at 204-239-8346.