



**CITIZENS INFORMATION**

**MAJOR SNOWFALL PARKING BAN**

The Mayor may declare a citywide parking ban in the event of a major snowstorm. This ban will prohibit parking on any city street for as many days as the ban is in effect. This will enable crews to clear the streets as quickly and efficiently as possible. The ban may last up to several days.



**204-857-PARK (204-857-7275)**

If a citywide parking ban is declared, it will be advertised on the radio and in the newspaper (if time permits). There will also be signs placed around the City stating whether or not the ban is in effect. As well, you may call 204-857-7275 for a recorded message on the status of the ban.

**TICKET AND TOW**

If your car is parked on any street during a citywide parking ban, it will be ticketed. The fine is \$40.00, or \$30.00 if paid within 12 days. As well, your car could be towed to the nearest cleared street.

**BETTER DRIVING FOR ALL**

We want to react to snowfall and clear the streets quickly. With the streets clear, roads will be less congested and drivers will be able to reach their destination easily and safely. By listening for messages and watching for the signs, you'll be ensuring trouble-free, easy winter driving for everyone.

**For more information, please telephone the Operations Department at 204-239-8346.**

**RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREES**

The City of Portage la Prairie will once again be recycling Christmas trees this year. Trees may be placed on the boulevard in front of your residence and will be picked up between January 2 and 22, 2018. Trees may or may not be picked up on your regular scheduled garbage day. You can also drop your tree off at the Burn Site, located behind St. Mary's Cemetery, where trees will be picked up for recycling. For more information, call the Operations Department at 204-239-8346.



**WELCOME!**

We're pleased to welcome our new City Manager, Nathan Peto, who begins his position December 11.

**UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**6:00 p.m. at City Hall unless otherwise stated**  
Monday, January 8, 2018  
Monday, January 22, 2018

**All are welcome.**

Meetings taking place at City Hall can be viewed **LIVE** or after the fact on our You Tube Channel:

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCy2MKYDEsK\\_SRF2ByXIBcBw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCy2MKYDEsK_SRF2ByXIBcBw)  
(or simply Google it!)

**FREE PARKING AT METERS**



The City of Portage la Prairie will be offering free parking at meters from December 11 to December 26, 2017, inclusive for the Christmas season. All other infractions will be enforced.

**HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION**

There will be a limit of 4 containers per household on the 1st collection day following Christmas holidays. The 4-container limit will be only on the following days:

- Wednesday, December 27, 2017 - Day 2
- Thursday, December 28, 2017 - Day 3
- Friday, December 29, 2017 - Day 4
- Tuesday, January 2, 2018 - Day 5
- Wednesday, January 3, 2018 - Day 1

The 2-container limit per household will resume on Thursday, January 4, 2018 - Day 2

**SOLID WASTE & RECYCLABLE SCHEDULES**

Watch for your new 2018 garbage collection schedule to be delivered soon. If you do not receive one by December 31, you can pick one up at City Hall or the Operations Department, or call 204-239-8346. You can also view them online at <http://www.city-plap.com/main/waste-collection-schedules/>

**THANK YOU!**

The City of Portage la Prairie would like to thank Ken and Cindy Tessier for donating the Christmas tree currently on display in front of City Hall. Their generosity is greatly appreciated. Once the tree is taken down, it will be recycled and used throughout City gardens.

**CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Irvine Ferris

**Councillors**

- Brent Budz
- Melissa Draycott
- Liz Driedger
- Ryan Espey
- Brent Froese
- Wayne Wall

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Nathan Peto,  
City Manager

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204-239-8340

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**OPERATIONS DEPT.**

204-239-8346

Water On/Off  
& Billings  
204-239-8370

Tax Clerk  
204-239-8308

**OTHER CONTACTS**

Animal Control/  
Bylaw Enforcement  
204-239-8326

Portage la Prairie  
Planning District  
204-239-8345

RCMP  
204-857-4445

EMERGENCY  
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You can still qualify for a prize if you sign up for any of our online services by December 31, 2017.

## Water Services

### E-Billing

Eliminate the need for paper water bills to be mailed to you. Sign up for E-Billing and we will deliver your bills to your email address. A green solution – less paper, plus less paper to store or eventually dispose of in a secure manner.

### Monthly Payment Plan

Enroll in the new monthly payment plan to make equal monthly payments on your quarterly utility bill. Payments are debited from your bank or credit union account on a monthly basis. An easier way to manage your household expenses.

### Preauthorized Payment Plan

Pay your 3-month bill through automatic debit from your bank or credit union account. Do you need to remember to pay your bill by the due date? We will take care of that for you!

### Water Turn on or off Request

You may request a new water turn on or off request electronically. No need to visit City Hall to request these services; any applicable fees will be billed to your water account. Snowbirds or others who will be away from their residence for an extended time period are ideal users of this service.

## Property Tax Services

### Tax Installment Payment Plan (T.I.P.P)

Sign up for the TIPP (Tax Installment Payment Plan) program to make monthly payments on your property taxes. Payments will be automatically deducted from your bank or credit union account.

## Other Services

### Business License

Applying for a new or renewing your business license? Use this service.

Visit our website at  
[www.city-plap.com](http://www.city-plap.com) and  
click on "E-Services" in  
the Quick Links

## Sign Up & Win!

Sign up for any electronic service or payment by December 31 2017, and be entered to win.

### Grand Prize:

PRRA/Stride Place Active Annual Family Membership  
(prize value: \$1,000)

### 2nd Prize:

PRRA/Stride Place Active 3-month Individual Membership  
(prize value up to \$125)

### 3rd Prize:

PRRA/Stride Place Active 1-month Individual Membership  
(prize value up to \$59)

You will be entered 1 ballot for each service you sign up for.

## PREMIER'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS 2018

### Who will you nominate?

Portage la Prairie is home to many dedicated youth and adult volunteers in a variety of areas such as community leadership, health and social services, recreation and sports, arts and heritage, education, environment, multiculturalism and more. Our province is looking for individuals who inspire the spirit of volunteerism in others. The special youth category recognizes young Manitobans who have made exceptional volunteer contributions in their schools, organizations, or communities, acting as role models for other young people.

The Premier's Volunteer Service Awards nominations open in December. The deadline is in February. Awards will be presented at a dinner in April. Watch for details on how you can nominate a deserving candidate by checking their website at

[www.volunteermanitoba.ca/awards](http://www.volunteermanitoba.ca/awards). The process is fairly involved, so you'll want to start as soon as nomination forms are posted.



### Help Firefighters fight!

#### 2018 PORTAGE FIREFIGHTERS MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY CALENDAR

These 2018 calendars, with beautiful black and white photos of our own Portage la Prairie firefighters at work, taken by local photographer Tine Butler, are available for \$20 at the Fire Hall or City Hall. The project was sponsored by several local businesses, and all proceeds go to Muscular Dystrophy Canada.



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