



**DECEMBER 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, December 13, 2021
- Monday, January 10, 2022
- Monday, January 24, 2022

To ensure that there is adequate space for social distancing, the public and media are asked to pre-register to attend Council meetings by calling 204-239-8337. Council meetings continue to be live-streamed and viewable on YouTube. Meetings are scheduled for 6:00pm unless posted otherwise.

If you wish to speak at a public hearing or make a presentation to Council, please call 204-239-8337 or email [info@city-plap.com](mailto:info@city-plap.com).

**COVID-19 VACCINATION**

We are pleased to share that City of Portage la Prairie staff have a high vaccination rate of approximately 90%, and Council is 100% fully vaccinated. We know that vaccination is the best way to keep ourselves, our families, and our community safe. If we want our local businesses to be able to get back to full capacity, it is imperative that we increase our vaccination rate, which will in turn lower our case counts.



If you have not already, please get a Covid-19 vaccine. From now until December 15, clinics will run every Wednesday from

11:00am - 6:00pm at the Herman Prior Activity Centre.

Flu shots are available as well.

**UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES**



All City offices will be closed Monday, December 27 and Tuesday, December 28 for Christmas and Boxing Day.

**CAUSEWAY AND ROUNDABOUT UPDATE**

Construction of the roadways on the west side of the roundabouts is complete, and they are both open to traffic from all directions. Work will continue on landscaping, lighting and the pocket park until project construction is complete.



**NEW STATIONARY STANDBY GENERATORS**

Two new stationary standby generators have been purchased and installed. One is a 150-Kilowatt Diesel unit installed at the Broadway lift station, and the other is a 200-Kilowatt Diesel unit at the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue lift station. These will provide alternate power to those lift stations in the event of a power outage from the main electrical supply. These two stations were selected due to the large areas of the City that they service. The addition of these two generators to our infrastructure puts us in a much better position to respond to any power outage event. It not only significantly reduces the manpower and downtime that is needed for mobilizing the portable generators or dispatching vac trucks, it also frees up that equipment to be used in other locations. The capital expense for these two generators was \$215,000.

**CITY COUNCIL**

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- Brent Budz
- Melissa Draycott
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**EMERGENCY 9-1-1**

## ROUTINE SNOW CLEARING

The City of Portage la Prairie reminds citizens that routine snow clearing takes place on the day after garbage collection when snow accumulation has met set standards.

By-Law No.20-8705 states:

“From November 1 to April 30 in each year Parking on Streets shall be limited for routine snow clearing. During this period no Person shall Park a Vehicle on any portion of a Street on the Business Day following residential garbage collection for that Street, until such time as the employees or contractors acting on behalf of the Municipality have completed snow clearing for the said Street.”

Parking in violation of the By-law is subject to a fine.

Our City crews work as fast as possible to remove snow from the streets, but unfortunately, parked cars can get in our way. If we have to tow some cars to make winter driving safe for everyone, we will, but we would rather not. So please, to avoid having your car towed, you should not park on the street during snow clearing operations.

## MAJOR SNOWFALL PARKING BAN

A citywide parking ban may be implemented 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.

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, at a cost outlined in the current Fees and Charges Schedule. As well, your vehicle 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. For more information, please call the Operations Department at 204-239-8346. You can also watch the City's website and social media for updates, or receive updates through the City's app.

## DRIVEWAY SNOW CLEARING

Snow being blown, shoveled or pushed onto City Streets is not permitted. All residents should adhere to City of Portage la Prairie Traffic By-Law No. 20-8705 which states:

“It shall be an offence for any Person to remove from any Private Property, public property, Street, Boulevard or Sidewalk any snow or ice and deposit same on any Street, Boulevard, parking lot, public place, or Sidewalk in such a manner that could negatively impact drainage or create a hazardous condition for either vehicular or Pedestrian traffic, or otherwise impede the snow removal efforts of the City or Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation.”



## SIDEWALK SNOW CLEARING

Reminder to Business Owners/Operators, By-Law No. 20-8705 states:

“before 10:00 hours each day, following every fall of snow, hail or rain which shall have frozen on the Sidewalk, or after a fall of snow or ice off any building, cause the same to be removed entirely off the Sidewalk fronting or abutting the premises and in the event the ice or snow shall be so frozen that removal would damage the Sidewalks, every such Person shall strew the Sidewalk with salt, sand or other like substances.”

## WINTER LANDFILL HOURS

The Portage la Prairie Regional Landfill has switched over to their winter hours of operation. It is now open Monday through Saturday, from 8:30am to 4:30pm. These hours will remain in effect until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

The Portage la Prairie Regional Landfill wants to remind the public that there is no trespassing and no hunting allowed on the Landfill site.

## PET LICENSES



Pet licenses for dogs and cats expire on December 31. Licenses are **FREE** from January 1 to March 31.

Please remember to bring in your current vaccination papers showing the expiry date of the rabies vaccination for your pet.

Or, you can register through the City's website, just go to the Services tab and select License, Permits & Grants.

***This publication is available in an accessible format upon request by calling 204-239-8331.***