



JANUARY 2022

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, January 10, 2022
- Monday, January 24, 2022
- Monday, February 14, 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.

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. PCRC'S next vaccination clinic will be held on January 5th and runs from 11:00am-6:00pm at the Herman Prior Activity Centre.

Walk-ins are welcome or call 204-595-1666 to make an appointment. You can also check local pharmacies or the Portage Clinic for available appointments.

UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES



All City offices will close at noon on December 24th and December 31st.

They will also be closed Monday, December 27 and Tuesday, December 28 for Christmas and Boxing Day, plus Monday, January 3, 2022 for New Year's Day.

WATER DISRUPTION NOTICE

Due to necessary maintenance at the McKay Reservoir, low water pressure and water discoloration may occur throughout the City water lines between December 26 - December 29.



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.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At the December 13th meeting, council meeting dates were set for 2022 and the 2022 Fees and Charges were approved. The 2022 interim budget was approved as well as transfers to reserves for 2021 projects in progress. CUPE and management agreements were approved. By-Laws were passed – Zoning, Maintenance and Occupancy, and two Amending By-Laws for Borrowing. The full minutes can be viewed on the City's website, and the video can be viewed on the City's YouTube channel. See our website for details.

CITY COUNCIL

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Councillors

Brent Budz
Melissa Draycott
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Water On/Off & Invoices
204-239-8370

Property Tax Clerk
204-239-8308

Animal Control/Bylaw
Enforcement
204-239-8326

Portage la Prairie Planning
District
204-239-8345

RCMP 204-857-4445
EMERGENCY 9-1-1

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLABLE SCHEDULES AND GUIDES

Watch for your 2022 Solid Waste and Recyclables Collection Schedule and your Recycling and Waste Reduction Guide to be delivered soon.



If you do not receive them by December 31, you can call the Operations Department at 204-239-8346.

Beginning January 4, 2022, they can be viewed on the City's website under the "[Services](#)" heading.

ADDITIONAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AT CHRISTMAS

There will be a limit of 4 containers per household on the 1st collection day following the Christmas Holidays.

The 4-container limit will only be on the following days:

Wednesday, December 29–Day 4

Thursday, December 30–Day 5

Friday, December 31–Day 1

Tuesday, January 4, 2022–Day 2

Wednesday, January 5, 2022–Day 3



The current 2-container limit per household will resume on Thursday, January 6, 2022 - Day 4

THANK-YOU

We 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 and once the tree is taken down, it will be recycled and used throughout City gardens.

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREES



We will be recycling Christmas trees again this year. Trees may be placed on the

boulevard in front of your residence and will be picked up between January 4, 2022 and January 24, 2022. 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.

The Burn Site is open 9:00am–9:00pm, 7 days a week. For more information, call the Operations Department at 204-239-8346.

LANDFILL HOURS

The Portage la Prairie Regional Landfill site will be closed:

- Saturday, December 25, 2021
- Sunday, December 26, 2021
- Monday, December 27, 2021
- Saturday, January 1, 2022

Operating hours after the holidays:

Monday to Saturday, 8:30am–4:30pm from now until to March 31, 2022.

Monday to Saturday, 8:30am–6:00pm from April 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022.

The Management and Staff of the Landfill wishes you a safe holiday season and looks forward to servicing your waste needs in 2022.

2022 PROPERTY TAX PREPAYMENT

We offer taxpayers the ability to prepay their taxes each year between January and June.

Taxes may be prepaid up to 90% of the previous year's net tax levy in multiples of \$10.00.

The prepayment discount rates are as follows:

January 0.66%	February 0.55%
March 0.44%	April 0.33%
May 0.22%	June 0.11%

Taxes are at par for the month of July and penalties begin August 1 at a rate of 1.25% per month.

2022 Property Tax Prepayment can be made in the following ways:

- Financial Institutions: payment can be made through Telephone or internet banking. Allow sufficient time for your payment to be received by the City on or before the due date.
- Telpay: www.telpay.ca
- Mail: send a cheque or money order payable to City of Portage la Prairie.
- Post-Dated Cheque: cheque must be dated and received at City Hall by the due date
- In Person: 9:00am-4:30pm Monday to Friday at City Hall
- Any Time: a deposit box is located on the East Front Door of City Hall.
- eTransfer: a quick and convenient way to pay your property taxes. See City's website for details.

PROCUREMENT

Reminder - all tenders, requests for proposals and requests for quotations for City projects and purchases are posted on the City's website under the heading "City Hall", "Tenders and Proposals." Please visit the webpage on a regular basis for upcoming opportunities.

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