



## CITIZENS INFO

JULY 2022

### UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES



All City offices will be closed for Canada Day on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Please be advised that a general election will be held on October 26, 2022.

Prospective municipal election candidates must register with the Senior Election Official (SEO) during the registration period before they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise, or borrow money for their campaign.



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will be receiving candidate registrations:

- For the office of Mayor: Between May 1, 2022 and September 20, 2022
- For the office of Councillor: Between June 30, 2022 and September 20, 2022

at the City of Portage la Prairie City Hall office, 97 Saskatchewan Avenue East during the regular hours of business 9:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

To obtain a registration form, contact the telephone number listed below:

Diane Van Aert  
Senior Election Official  
City of Portage la Prairie  
Phone: 204-239-8337

### UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, June 27, 2022
- Monday, July 11, 2022
- Monday, August 8, 2022

Council and Committee meetings are open to the public and begin at 6:00 pm unless otherwise stated. Meetings are live-streamed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCy2MKYDEsKSRF2ByXIBcBw> If you wish to appear as a delegation, please call 204-239-8337 or email [info@city-plap.com](mailto:info@city-plap.com) no later than the Wednesday prior to the Council meeting.

### CITY FACILITY HOURS

City Hall is open to the public from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00am–4:30pm, excluding statutory holidays. Entering and exiting City Hall is through the east front doors.

The Operations Department is open to the public, but it is encouraged to call ahead at 204-239-8346.

The Fire Department is always accessible to the public in the event of an emergency, however, if your inquiry is of a general nature, please contact them by telephone at 204-239-8340 or email at [firehall@city-plap.com](mailto:firehall@city-plap.com).

For all other inquiries please call the general line at 204-239-8309 or visit the City's website under "Latest News".

### CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

For Canada Day events/schedules, visit the Portage Regional Recreational Authority (PRRA) website at [www.strideplace.ca](http://www.strideplace.ca) or call 204-857-7772.



Our Canada Day fireworks show returns this year! This year's show will begin at approximately 11:00 pm on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Watch our website, Facebook and Twitter for notification of possible road closures closer to that day.

### CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Irvine Ferris

#### Councillors

Brent Budz  
Ryan Espey  
Sharilyn Knox  
Preston Meier

#### Visit us online at:

[www.city-plap.com](http://www.city-plap.com)  
[www.facebook.com/cityplap/](https://www.facebook.com/cityplap/)  
[Twitter@cityofportage](https://twitter.com/cityofportage)

### CITY MANAGER

Nathan Peto

### CITY HALL

97 Saskatchewan Avenue East  
Portage la Prairie MB R1N 0L8  
(T) 204-239-8309  
(F) 204-239-1532

#### After-hours emergency:

204-239-8340

#### EMAIL

[info@city-plap.com](mailto:info@city-plap.com)

### OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

204-239-8346

#### 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**

**2022 PROPERTY TAXES**

2022 Property Tax Statements have been mailed out.



If you do not receive a copy of your Property Tax Statement, please contact us at 204-239-8308.

**Taxes are due on July 29, 2022.**

To avoid waiting in line, we offer a variety of payment options:

- Online Banking: set up through your financial institute. Please note electronic payments take 3-5 days to process, to avoid penalty allow sufficient time for your payment to be received by the City on or before the due date.
- E-Transfer: instructions are available on the City's website.
- Post-Dated Cheques: to avoid penalty the cheque must be dated and received at City Hall by 4:30pm, July 29, 2022.
- After Hours: a night deposit box is located on the East front door of City Hall.
- In Person: at City Hall Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:30pm. Interac debit card service is available. If you have sold the property, please return the property tax statement to City Hall.

**EDUCATION / PROPERTY TAX CREDIT ASSISTANCE (EPTCA)**

If you are a resident owner of a single dwelling unit as of January 1, 2022, which is your principal residence, you are eligible for EPTCA up to \$437.60 on your tax statement.

For further details on changes to the EPTCA go to the Provincial website <https://www.gov.mb.ca/edupropertytax/index.html> or call 1-866-626-4862.

**COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM**

The City is participating in the National Communities in Bloom program this year. We will be judged on six criteria: community appearance, tree management, environmental action, landscape, heritage conservation, and plant/floral designs.



The judges will be visiting on July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The Communities in

Bloom Committee members are asking residents, businesses and organizations to support by putting extra effort into the exterior of their property, tidying up their yards/grounds, and planting extra plants or flowers.

**COMPOST SITE**

The City operates a compost site at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW and 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW. The site accepts all organic yard and garden waste (no tree trimmings, no animal waste) in compostable paper lawn & yard waste bags.



The site is open 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. To keep the compost site free of garbage please remove your compostable waste from plastic bags and place unwanted bags in the garbage container. Finished compost is available for use annually.

**CITY DOCK**

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

The City has purchased several canoes and kayaks that will be for rent through the PRRA the first 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.

**Week #1 – June 26 – July 1**

15th St NW between Saskatchewan Ave W and McKay Ave moving westward to 25th St NW

**Week #2 – July 3 – July 8**

15th St NW to 8th St NW between Saskatchewan and Fisher Avenues and continuing from 9th St SW westward to City limits between Crescent Rd and Saskatchewan Ave

**Week #3 – July 10 – July 15**

7th St NW to 10th St NE between Saskatchewan Ave & Fisher Ave

**Week #4 – July 17 – July 22**

8th St SW to 9th St SE between Saskatchewan Ave & Crescent Rd

**Week #5 – July 24 – July 29**

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

**Week #6 – July 31 – Aug 5**

Royal Rd to Westco Dr north side of tracks

**Week #7 – August 7 – August 12**

Koko Platz and Island Park Areas

**Week #8 – August 14 – August 19**

Mellenville and Old Bridge Road Area

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.

**CRESCENT LAKE WEED CONTROL**

The City has begun weed control treatment on Crescent Lake. Treatment will take approximately 2–4 weeks, depending on the weather. Please be advised there is no swimming allowed for 24 hours after herbicide application and watch for signage along the lake bank if you plan to enter the water.

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