



CITIZENS INFO

FEBRUARY 2023

UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES



All City offices will be closed Monday, February 20, 2023, for Louis Riel Day.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Monday, January 23, 2023
- Monday, February 13, 2023
- Monday, February 27, 2023

Council and Committee meetings are open to the public and begin at 6:00pm unless otherwise stated. Meetings are live-streamed on the City's YouTube channel. If you wish to appear as a delegation, please call 204-239-8337 or email info@city-plap.com no later than the Wednesday prior to the Council meeting.

OUTDOOR RINKS



The City constructs and maintains 4 outdoor rinks that are FREE for public use. They are located at:

- Prosvita Park (7th Ave NW & 3rd St NW)
- North Memorial School (6th Ave NE & 6th St NE)
- Red River College (Sask Ave & 5th St SE)
- McKay Ave Park (15th St NW & McKay Ave)

HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Congratulations to the Banfields at 816 9th Street NW for winning the City's third annual Holiday Lights Contest. They received the most votes in our Facebook contest for their beautiful light display. When presenting their prize package, Mayor Knox was informed that the residents of 9th Street NW collectively decided to light up their street this year, and we think they all did a great job!

2023 BUDGET SPEECH

The City's 2023 budget speech will be presented at the Monday, January 23rd Council meeting. The meeting can be watched on the City's YouTube channel or read on the City's website under "Latest News" the day after the meeting. Those who applied for 2023 community grants will be advised of Council's decision on their application by letter.

PET LICENSES



Pet licenses for 2023 are available **FREE** if registered between now and March 31st. Proof of a current rabies vaccination is

required and can be submitted online with your Pet License Application on the City's website. Your application and copy of vaccination can also be dropped off in an envelope in the City Hall drop box, or mailed to City Hall.

If registered after March 31st, the cost for a spayed/neutered dog or cat is \$25 and a non-spayed or intact dog or cat is \$60. All dogs and cats over the age of six months must have a pet license.

For more info, call 204-239-8310 or email officeclerk@city-plap.com.

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLABLE SCHEDULES

If you did not receive your 2023 garbage schedule you can call the Operations Department at 204-239-8346 or it can be viewed online under the Services tab on the City's website.

FROZEN PIPES

If your pipes are frozen, contact a plumber. If the plumber is unsuccessful in thawing the lines, contact the Operations Department at 204-239-8346, or 204-239-8340 after hours or on weekends.

CITY COUNCIL

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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

ROUTINE SNOW CLEARING

Routine snow clearing takes place on the day after garbage collection when snow accumulation has met set standards. After a major storm event, with more than 10cm of snowfall, or when more than 10cm of snow accumulates, the City’s snow-clearing efforts will focus on priority routes which can be viewed on the City’s website.

Traffic By-Law 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.”

Traffic By-Law 20-8705 states: “Any vehicle may be towed from a street or from an off-street parking area when, in the opinion of an officer, the vehicle: has been parked on a street for longer than 72 hours;”

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

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. 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. You can call 204-857-PARK (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.

DRIVEWAY SNOW CLEARING

Snow being blown, shoveled or pushed onto City streets is not permitted. All residents should adhere to Traffic By-Law 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 Traffic By-Law 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.”



2023 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. Property Tax prepayments 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/money order payable to the 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 - See City’s website for details.

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