

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARGYLE
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES
BALDUR WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY**

March 15, 2018

The Rural Municipality of Argyle (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for the Baldur Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-law No. 1-2018, read the first time on February 13, 2018. Rates were last approved in 2015 in Board Order No. 22/15.

The current rates and proposed rates are provided:

	Current By-Law 04- 2013	Proposed January 1, 2019 By-Law 2357-17	Proposed January 1, 2020 By-Law 2357-17	Proposed January 1, 2021 By-Law 2357-17
Customer service charge	\$ 8.25	\$ 8.97	\$ 9.69	\$ 10.41
Water \$/1,000 gallons	\$ 15.24	\$ 20.76	\$ 26.28	\$ 31.81
Wastewater \$/1,000 gallons	\$ 9.43	\$ 9.43	\$ 9.43	\$ 9.43
Minimum quarterly charge*	\$ 82.26	\$ 99.54	\$ 116.82	\$ 134.13
Water only customers*	\$ 53.97	\$ 71.25	\$ 88.53	\$ 105.84
Wastewater only customers**	\$ 59.88	\$ 65.55	\$ 66.27	\$ 66.99
Bulk water fees	\$ 20.77	\$ 28.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 39.00
Reconnection fee	\$ 100.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
*Based on 3,000 gallons				
**Based on average residential water consumption (6,000 gallons) including service charge				

The following clauses were added or revised in By-law No. 1-2018. Please review the proposed By-law at the RM for detailed information:

- 6. Meter Testing
- 7. Disconnection and Reconnection
- 11. Cross Connections
- 12. Conditions of Disrepair
- 13. Authorization for Officer to Enter Upon Premises

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the Municipal office or the Public Utilities Board's office. Any questions concerning the application for revised rates, or the operation of the Utility, should be sent directly to the RM.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the Rural Municipality of Argyle's application for water and wastewater rates please go to www.pubmanitoba.ca and provide your comment. *Please note all comments will be forwarded to the RM.*

Questions or comments should be sent on or before April 16, 2018.

The Public Utilities Board is the provincial regulatory agency that reviews and approves rates for municipal water and wastewater utilities. The Board's review process involves:

- the Utility filing a rate application to the Board,
- the public notification of proposed rate changes,
- the Board's review of the application through a public hearing or paper review process, and
- the issuance of a Board Order which outlines the Board's decision on the rate application and the rates to be charged.

The Manitoba Ombudsman has recently issued privacy guidelines for administrative tribunals. The PUB is mindful of its obligations under those guidelines. Its decisions in respect of the application being considered will be sensitive to the guidelines. Personal information will not be disclosed unless it is appropriate and necessary to do so. However, the PUB advises participants that these proceedings are public and that as a result, personal information protections are reduced.

The Board will then decide whether any further notice is required and whether to proceed with a public hearing or paper review process. All concerns received by the Board will be considered in the Board's decision on rates to be charged.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IN CONSIDERING THIS APPLICATION, THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MAY OR MAY NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO DETERMINE RATES DIFFERENT FROM THOSE APPLIED FOR BY THE APPLICANT.

Note: All proceedings will be conducted in accordance with the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* which the Board may vary in order to constrain regulatory costs. The Rules are available at www.pubmanitoba.ca

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