

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF VICTORIA BEACH
REVISED WATER RATES
VICTORIA BEACH WATER UTILITY**

November 29, 2018

The Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water rates for the Victoria Beach Water Utility (Utility) as set out in By-Law No. 1575, read the first time on November 6, 2018. Rates were last approved in 2012, in Board Order No. 124/12 and revised in Board Order 143/12.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rates		Proposed Rates		
	By-Law 1540	By-Law 1575 Year 1	By-Law 1575 Year 2	By-Law 1575 Year 3	By-Law 1575 Year 4
Annual Service Charge	\$ 15.00	\$ 21.25	\$ 27.50	\$ 33.75	\$ 40.00
Water [per Residential Equivalency Unit (REU)]	\$ 120.00	\$ 152.50	\$ 185.00	\$ 217.50	\$ 250.00
Annual Charge*	\$ 135.00	\$ 173.75	\$ 212.50	\$ 251.25	\$ 290.00
Vacant Lots and Non- Connected Customers - Annually	\$ 30.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 58.00
Water Lines Relocated	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00

*Based on 1 REU

Note: The nine-hole, municipal golf course is proposed to change from a charge based on forty REUs to ten REUs in the proposed rates.

The following clauses were added or revised in By-Law No. 1575. Please review the proposed By-Law at the RM for detailed information:

4. Water Lines
5. Service to Customers Outside Victoria Beach Limits
6. Disconnection
7. Outstanding Bills
8. Cross Connections
9. Conditions of Disrepair
10. Authorization for Officer to Enter Upon Premises

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM's office or the 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 RM's application for water 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 **December 29, 2018**.

The Board is the provincial regulatory agency that reviews and approves rates for water and wastewater utilities in Manitoba, with the exception of the City of Winnipeg. The Board's review process involves:

- the Utility filing a rate application to the Board,
- a 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 an Order, which outlines the Board's decision on the rate application and the rates to be charged.

The Manitoba Ombudsman has privacy guidelines for administrative tribunals. The Board 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 Board 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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