

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALEXANDER
GREAT FALLS WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES**

December 4, 2019

The Rural Municipality of Alexander (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for the Great Falls Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility), as set out in By-Law No. 05/19, read the first time on October 8, 2019. The RM has requested interim rates that the Board has approved on an interim *ex parte* basis in Board Order No. 175-19. Rates were last approved in 2015 in Board Order No. 60/15.

NB - *Interim rates are typically approved as applied for and are then subject to review. This process is used when there is an urgent need for revised rates.*

The previous rates and approved interim rates are as follows:

	Previous Rates	Interim Rates Approved in PUB Order 175/19
Water \$/1,000 Gallons	\$14.00	\$31.40
Wastewater \$/1,000 Gallons	\$10.65	\$10.65
Quarterly Service Charge	\$15.00	\$15.00
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$88.95	\$141.15
Wastewater Only Customers	\$46.95	\$46.95
Bulk Water \$/1,000 Gallons	\$13.75	\$31.40**
Hydrant Rental (Annual)	\$100.00	\$100.00

*Based on 3,000 gallons

**For any quantity of 500 gallons or less the minimum charge will be \$15.70

Clauses were added or revised in By-Law No. 05/19. Please review the proposed By-Law at the RM's office for detailed information.

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM's 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 RM'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 **January 3, 2020.**

The Public Utilities 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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