

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MOUNTAIN  
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES  
BIRCH RIVER WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY**

September 19, 2019

The Rural Municipality of Mountain (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for the Birch River Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-Law 09/19, read the first time on July 10, 2019. Rates were last approved in 2017 in Board Order No. 113/17. Consumption-based rates approved in Board Order No. 113/17 were not implemented as per Board directives. Current rates are those effective April 1, 2016 as per By-Law No. 06/15.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	<b>Current Rates</b>	<b>Proposed Rates</b>		
	<b>By-Law No. 06/15</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 31.02	\$ 37.10	\$ 38.25	\$ 39.40
Water Rates per Quarter*	\$ 100.85	\$ 145.35	\$ 147.70	\$ 151.60
Wastewater Rates per Quarter*	\$ 19.75	\$ 48.00	\$ 42.80	\$ 37.30
Minimum Quarterly Charge - Water and Wastewater Customers*	\$ 151.62	\$ 230.45	\$ 228.75	\$ 228.30
Minimum Quarterly Charge - Water Only Customers*	\$ 131.87	\$ 182.45	\$ 185.95	\$ 191.00
Bulk Water	\$ 20.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00
Rate Rider per Customer per Quarter**	16.74	16.74	16.74	16.74

\*Based on 1 Residential Equivalency Unit (REU)

\*\*Approved in Board Order No. 113/17 and Varied in Board Order No. 22/18 beginning April 1, 2018 collected over a period of 5 years

The RM is also proposing to revise the current REU Assignments. The current and proposed REU assignments are as follows:

	<b>Existing REU Assignments</b>	<b>Proposed REU Assignments</b>
Residential	1	1
Birch River Library, RM of Mountain, Canada Post Corporation, Crop Production Services, and Northern Neighbors Seniors	1	1.5
Birchwood Grocery	2	2
Royal Canadian Legion	2	3
Birch River Fire Hall	1	3
Birch River Fisheries	3	4
Swan Valley School Division	10	10
Manitoba Housing	12	12

**Clauses were added or revised in By-Law No. 09/19. 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 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 RM's application for water and wastewater rates please go to [www.pubmanitoba.ca](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca) and provide your comment. *Please note all comments will be forwarded to the Municipality.*

Questions or comments should be sent on or before **October 19, 2019.**

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](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca).

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