

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
MUNICIPALITY OF RHINELAND
AMALGAMATION OF RHINELAND, PLUM COULEE AND GRETNA UTILITIES
& REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES**

April 26, 2019

The Municipality of Rhineland (Municipality) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) to approve the amalgamation of Rhineland Utility, Gretna Utility and Plum Coulee Utility to become the Rhineland Utility (Utility). The Municipality has also applied for revised water and wastewater rates, as set out in By-law No. 2019-03, read the first time on February 27, 2019. The Rhineland Utility rates were last approved in 2012 in Board Order No. 3/12, The Gretna Utility rates were last approved in 2012 in Board Order No. 23/12, and The Plum Coulee Utility rates were last approved in 2011 in Board Order No. 119/11. Subsequently, water rates have increased by flow through rate increases from Pembina Valley Water Co-op, as approved last in Board Order 127/18.

The current rates and the proposed rates are as follows:

Rhineland Utility Rates	Current Rates By-law 2019-02	Proposed Rates Year 1	Amalgamated Utility	
			Proposed Rates	
			Year 2	Year 3
Quarterly service charge	12.15	13.80	15.45	17.09
Water per 1,000 gallons	15.45	15.93	16.41	16.90
Wastewater per 1,000 gallons	5.05	8.24	11.43	14.62
Minimum quarterly charge*	73.65	86.31	98.97	111.65
Wastewater only **	62.65	96.20	129.75	163.29
Treated Bulk Water per 1,000 gallons	15.45	15.65	19.00	19.00
Untreated Bulk water per 1,000 gallons	11.16	11.16	11.16	11.16
Septic Dumping Fees per 100 gallons	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00

*Based on 3,000 gallons

**Based on 10,000 gallons

Plum Coulee Utility Rates	Current Rates		Proposed Rates	
	By-Law 2019-02	Year 1	Amalgamated Utility Proposed Rates	
			Year 2	Year 3
Quarterly service charge	\$ 14.25	\$ 14.25	\$ 15.45	\$ 17.09
Water per cubic meter	\$ 3.69	\$ 3.69	\$ -	\$ -
Water per 1,000 gallons	\$ -	\$ 16.77	\$ 16.41	\$ 16.90
Wastewater per cubic meter	\$ 1.95	\$ 1.95	\$ -	\$ -
Wastewater per 1,000 gallons	\$ -	\$ 8.86	\$ 11.43	\$ 14.62
Minimum quarterly charge*	\$ 93.21	\$ 91.14	\$ 98.97	\$ 111.65
Wastewater only per quarter**	\$ 102.50	\$ 102.50	\$ 129.75	\$ 163.29
Treated Bulk Water per cubic meter	\$ 3.70	\$ 3.70	\$ -	\$ -
Treated Bulk Water per 1,000 gallons	\$ 16.81	\$ 16.81	\$ 19.00	\$ 19.00
Untreated Bulk Water per 1,000 gallons	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11.16	\$ 11.16
Septic Dumping Fees per 100 gallons	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00

*Current rates based on 14 cubic meters, proposed rates based on 13.6 cubic meters/3,000 gallons, difference between 2019-02 and Year 1 rates is due to conversion rounding.

**Years 2 & 3 based on 10,000 gallons

Gretna Utility Rates	Current Rates		Proposed Rates	
	By-law 2019-02	Year 1	Amalgamated Utility Proposed Rates	
			Year 2	Year 3
Quarterly service charge	\$ 24.30	\$ 24.30	\$ 15.45	\$ 17.09
Water per 1,000 gallons	\$ 16.54	\$ 16.54	\$ 16.41	\$ 16.90
Wastewater per 1,000 gallons	\$ 8.40	\$ 8.40	\$ 11.43	\$ 14.62
Minimum quarterly charge*	\$ 93.38	\$ 99.12	\$ 98.97	\$ 111.65
Wastewater only per 1,000 gallons (year 1)**	\$ 9.71	\$ 9.71	\$ 129.75	\$ 163.29
Treated Bulk Water Rates per 1,000 gallons	\$ 16.47	\$ 16.47	\$ 19.00	\$ 19.00
Untreated Bulk Water per 1,000 gallons	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11.16	\$ 11.16
Septic Dumping Fees***	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00

*Based on 3,000 gallons

**Years 2 & 3 based on 10,000 gallons

*** Septic Dumping Fee – Current rates based on 1,500 gallons, proposed rates based on 100 gallons

Clauses were added or revised in By-Law No. 2019-03. Please review the proposed By-Law at the Municipality’s office for detailed information.

Details of the Municipality’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 Municipality.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the Municipality of Rhineland’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 Municipality.*

Questions or comments should be sent on or before **May 26, 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,
- 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 an Order which outlines the Board's decision on the rate application and the rates to be charged.

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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