

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF YELLOWHEAD
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES
STRATHCLAIR WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY**

April 29, 2019

The Rural Municipality (RM) of Yellowhead has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for initial interim water rates as set out in By-law No. 5-2019 read the first time on January 22, 2019.

Interim rates are rates that are subject to review following a more complete process. When setting initial rates for a new utility, the Board will often approve interim rates as proposed. These are then confirmed as final once there is sufficient historical information about the utility to provide accurate projections for rate setting purposes. The interim rates have been set in Board Order 44/19.

The current rates and approved interim rates are as follows:

	Current Rates (PUB Order 61/07)	Interim Rates Approved in PUB Order 44/19		
		Year 1 - July 1, 2019	Year 2 - July 1, 2020	Year 3 - July 1, 2021
Quarterly service charge	\$ 19.85	\$ 20.07	\$ 20.18	\$ 20.29
Water per 1,000 gallons	\$ 17.65	\$ 20.73	\$ 22.27	\$ 23.80
Wastewater per 1,000 gallons	\$ 3.80	\$ 5.93	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.06
Minimum quarterly charge*	\$ 84.20	\$ 100.05	\$ 107.99	\$ 115.87
Wastewater only Customers **	\$ 84.20	\$ 49.72	\$ 55.18	\$ 60.59
Bulk Water Sales per 1,000 gallons	\$ 12.50	\$ 24.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 33.00
Reconnection	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Hydrant Charges	100	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

*Based on 3,000 gallons

**Previously wastewater only customers were charged a flat charge equivalent to the minimum quarterly charges for a 5/8' water and wastewater customer. Effective July 1, 2019 wastewater only customers will be charged an average quarterly consumption of 5,000 gallons plus the quarterly customer service charge

Clauses were added or revised in By-Law No. 5-2019. Please review the By-Law at the Municipality's office for detailed information.

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM 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 of Yellowhead'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 29, 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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