

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
TOWN OF VIRDEN
VIRDEN WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES**

January 3, 2020

The Town of Virden (Town) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) to approve the for revised water and wastewater rates, as set out in By-law No. 2776, read the first time on November 19, 2019. The Virden Utility rates were last approved in 1998 in Board Order No. 84/98.

The current rates and proposed rates are as follows:

Virden Utility	Current Rates	Proposed Rates		
	By-Law No. 2548	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 10.90	\$ 24.18	\$ 24.94	\$ 25.74
Water (first 100,000 gallons per quarter)	\$ 4.35	\$ 6.33	\$ 6.50	\$ 7.92
Water (over 100,000 gallons per quarter)	\$ 2.60	\$ 5.71	\$ 5.79	\$ 5.87
Wastewater (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 3.55	\$ 4.45	\$ 4.54	\$ 4.62
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 34.60	\$ 56.52	\$ 58.06	\$ 63.36
Deficit Recovery Rate Rider (per 1,000 gallons)**	\$ -	\$ 1.26	\$ 1.26	\$ 1.26
Bulk Water (per 1,000 gallons over 500 gallons)	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
Bulk Water (under 500 gallons)	\$ -	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
Hydrant Rental	\$ 70.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Reconnection (during working hours)	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Reconnection (outside of working hours)	\$ 70.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Meter Testing Deposit	\$ 45.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

*Based on 3,000 gallons; does not include deficit recovery rate rider

**2009-2017 operating deficits totalling \$921,355, proposed recovery period of ten years

Clauses were added or revised in By-Law No. 2776. Please review the proposed By-Law at the Town's office for detailed information.

Details of the Town's application are available for review at the Town 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 Town.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the Town of Virden'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 Town.*

Questions or comments should be sent on or before **February 2, 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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