



NOTICE OF APPLICATION TOWN OF NEEPAWA REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES NEEPAWA UTILITY

October 3, 2022

The Town of Neepawa (Town) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for Neepawa Utility (Utility) as set out in By-law No. 3217-22 read the first time on June 7, 2022, and the second time on September 6, 2022. Rates were last approved in 2017 in Board Order No. 15/17, with current rates coming into effect July 1, 2019.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rates By-Law - 3145			Proposed Rates								
				By-Law 3217-22 Year 1		By-Law 3217-22 Year 2	By-Law 3217-22 Year 3					
Quarterly Service Charge	\$	19.75	\$	22.50	\$	23.00	\$	23.00				
Water - first 450 cubic meters per quarter	\$	2.36	\$	2.36	\$	2.39	\$	2.41				
Water - over 450 cubic meters per quarter	\$	1.32	\$	1.35	\$	1.37	\$	1.38				
Wastewater per cubic meter	\$	1.40	\$	1.42	\$	1.57	\$	1.61				
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$	72.39	\$	75.42	\$	78.44	\$	79.28				
Bulk Water per cubic meter	\$	2.72	\$	2.58	\$	2.60	\$	2.64				
Water sold to outside communities**	\$	1.84	\$	1.86	\$	1.88	\$	1.90				

*Based on 14 cubic meters

**Rates for the Municipality of North Cypress and the Rural Municipality of Rosedale per cubic meter

Lagoon Tipping Fees	Current Rates					Proposed Rates						
Within Neepawa	Res	sidential		Commercial	Res	Residential		Commercial				
Yearly	\$	60.00	\$	240.00	\$	71.00	\$	284.00				
Per Use	\$	12.00	\$	48.00	\$	14.20	\$	56.80				
Outside of Neepawa												
Yearly	\$	150.00	\$	600.00	\$	177.50	\$	710.00				
Per Use	\$	30.00	\$	120.00	\$	35.50	\$	142.00				

Additional Commercial Classes

	Res	sidential	Non-Re	Re	sidential	Non-Residential				
	A	nnual	Annual	Per Use	Annual		A	nnual	Per Use	
Fees shall not be < than:	\$	60.00	\$150.00	\$ 60.00	\$	71.00	\$	177.50	\$	71.00
Fees shall not be > than:	\$	480.00	\$900.00	\$ 240.00	\$	568.00	\$ ·	1,065.00	\$	284.00





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

If you have concerns/comments regarding the Town of Neepawa's application for water and wastewater, rates please go to <u>www.pubmanitoba.ca</u> and provide your comment. *Please note all comments will be forwarded to the Town.*

Questions or comments should be sent on or before November 17, 2022.

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 <u>www.pubmanitoba.ca</u>.

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