

**NOTICE OF DECISION**

April 1, 2022

In Board Order No. 34/22, the Public Utilities Board (Board) granted interim *ex parte* approval to the Town of Leaf Rapids' (Town) request for revised rates for the Water and Wastewater Utility.

In water and wastewater utilities, interim *ex parte* rates are typically approved as applied for and are then subject to a standard Board review process. Since this process allows a municipality to charge ratepayers revised rates in advance of the Board's comprehensive review, it is reserved for instances where a municipality can show a compelling argument to allow it.

In the case of Leaf Rapids, the Board recognized the circumstances of the Town are extraordinary and found the Administrator has demonstrated the Utility has an urgent need for revised rates. The Board has directed the Town to submit a full rate application on or before July 1, 2022.

The rates have been approved as follows:

	<b>Current Rates</b>	<b>April 1, 2022 Rates</b>
	<b>By-Law -487</b>	<b>By-Law 515-21</b>
General Fee	\$ 31.75	\$ 47.63
Water Service	\$ 75.50	\$ 113.25
Wastewater Service	\$ 52.50	\$ 78.75
Quarterly Charge (per REU)	\$ 159.75	\$ 239.63

Details of the Board's decision and rates may be found in Board Order No. 34/22.

Board Orders can be viewed on the Board's website: [www.pubmanitoba.ca](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca).