

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
MUNICIPALITY OF MINITONAS-BOWSMAN
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES
BOWSMAN WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY**

December 22, 2022

The Municipality of Minitonas-Bowman (Municipality) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for the Bowsman Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-Law No. 05-2022, read the first time on October 18, 2022. Rates were last approved in 1998 in Board Order No. 148/98, with current rates coming into effect October 1, 1998. In addition to the revised rate application, the Municipality has also applied for the recovery of a 2010 to 2020 Utility deficit by rate rider.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rates		Proposed Rates			
	By-Law 7/97	By-Law 05-2022	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 6.45	\$ 23.66	\$ 25.47	\$ 27.28	\$ 29.10	
Water (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 7.65	\$ 12.29	\$ 12.78	\$ 13.27	\$ 13.75	
Wastewater (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 0.85	\$ 2.94	\$ 3.16	\$ 3.38	\$ 3.60	
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 31.95	\$ 69.35	\$ 73.29	\$ 77.23	\$ 81.15	
Bulk Water Sales (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00	
Reconnection Fee	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	
Hydrant Charges	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	
Deficit Recovery			Proposed Rate Rider			
Deficit Rate Rider	\$ -	\$ 3.67	\$ 3.67	\$ 3.67	\$ 3.67	
Minimum Quarterly Charge with Rate Rider*	\$ -	\$ 80.36	\$ 84.30	\$ 88.24	\$ 92.16	

*Based on 3,000 gallons

Details of the Municipality’s application are available for review at the Municipal office or the Board’s. 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’s application for revised 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 **February 5, 2023.**

The 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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