

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MOUNTAIN
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES
BIRCH RIVER WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY**

November 10, 2022

The Rural Municipality of Mountain (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for the Birch River Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-Law No. 04/22, read the first time on August 24, 2022. Rates were last approved in 2020 in Board Order No. 77/20, with current rates coming into effect January 1, 2022. The Residential Equivalency Unit (REU) assignment was last revised in Board Order 116/20.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

| | Current Rates | Proposed Rates | | | | |
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| | By-Law 09/19 | By-Law 04/22 January 1, 2024* | By-Law 04/22 January 1, 2025* | By-Law 04/22 January 1, 2026* | By-Law 04/22 January 1, 2027* | By-Law 04/22 January 1, 2028* |
| Quarterly Service Charge | \$ 39.40 | \$ 39.91 | \$ 40.42 | \$ 40.93 | \$ 41.44 | \$ 41.95 |
| Water (per quarter)** | \$ 133.96 | \$ 145.77 | \$ 157.58 | \$ 169.39 | \$ 181.20 | \$ 193.01 |
| Wastewater (per quarter)** | \$ 21.58 | \$ 31.97 | \$ 42.36 | \$ 52.75 | \$ 63.14 | \$ 73.53 |
| Minimum Quarterly Charge*** | \$ 194.94 | \$ 217.65 | \$ 240.36 | \$ 263.07 | \$ 285.78 | \$ 308.49 |
| Bulk Water (per 1,000 gallons) | \$ 24.00 | \$ 24.00 | \$ 24.75 | \$ 26.25 | \$ 27.75 | \$ 29.25 |
| Rate Rider (per customer per quarter)**** | \$ 16.74 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Tipping Fee (per load)***** | \$ 15.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 |

*Proposed

**Based on 1 Residential Equivalency Unit (REU)

***Based on 1 REU for customers with both water and wastewater services.

****Approved in Board Order 113/17 and varied in Board Order 22/18 beginning April 1, 2018, collected for a period of 5 years. (expires March 31, 2023)

*****Tipping Fees previously approved in Board Order 98/13, \$15.00 per load up to 1,500 gallons (single axle) and \$30.00 per load up to 3,000 gallons (tandem axle)

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM's office or the Board's office. Any questions concerning the application for revised rates, the operation of the Utility, or the REU assignments, should be sent directly to the RM.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the RM'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 **December 27, 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 www.pubmanitoba.ca.



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