

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF BRANDON WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY
OPERATING DEFICIT RECOVERY APPROVAL
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES**

August 2, 2023

The City of Brandon (City) has submitted two applications to the Public Utilities Board (Board). The Board will convene a Public Hearing to be held:

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

City Hall Foyer
410 – 9th Street
Brandon, MB

Doors open at **5:30 p.m.**

Meeting to begin at **6:00 p.m.**

The first application is for approval of Utility operating deficits for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020 and 2021. The sum of the deficits is \$15,869,919 and the Utility is seeking the Board's approval to recover these deficits by rate rider over a period of seven years.

The proposed deficit rate riders are as follows:

Deficit Rate Rider - Water (per cubic meter)	\$	0.19
Deficit Rate Rider - Wastewater (per cubic meter)	\$	0.21

The second application is for revised water and wastewater rates for the Brandon Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-Law No. 7342, read the first time on July 18, 2022. Rates were last approved in 2016 in Board Order No. 60/16, with current rates coming into effect in July 1, 2018.

The current and proposed utility rates are as follows:

	Current By-Law	Proposed Rates - By-Law 7342			
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Monthly Service Charge*	\$ 4.66	\$ 4.80	\$ 5.11	\$ 5.42	\$ 5.74
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 17.48	\$ 18.00	\$ 19.17	\$ 20.34	\$ 21.51
Water (per cubic meter)	\$ 1.66	\$ 1.80	\$ 2.10	\$ 2.40	\$ 2.71
Wastewater (per cubic meter)	\$ 1.63	\$ 1.79	\$ 2.14	\$ 2.49	\$ 2.84
Deficit Rate Rider - Water	\$ -	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.19
Deficit Rate Rider - Wastewater	\$ -	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.21
Quarterly charge - Wastewater only - Residential**		\$108.00	\$124.92	\$141.84	\$158.76
Monthly Charge - Wastewater only - Residential***		\$ 34.80	\$ 40.36	\$ 45.92	\$ 51.49
Wastewater Septic Truck Tipping Fees (per cubic meter)		\$ 8.00	\$ 8.25	\$ 8.50	\$ 9.00
Bulk Water Fee****	\$ 0.25	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Debenture surcharge (per cubic meter of water) [†]	\$ 0.083	\$ 0.083	\$ 0.083	\$ 0.083	\$ 0.083
Debenture surcharge (per cubic meter of water) ^{††}	\$ 0.089	\$ 0.089	\$ 0.089	\$ 0.089	\$ 0.089

*Based on a quarterly charge discounted by 20% due to monthly payments being automatic

**Based on 45 cubic meters of wastewater fee and deficit rate rider plus Quarterly Service Charge

***Based on 15 cubic meters of wastewater fee and deficit rate rider plus Monthly Service Charge

****Current Bulk Water Fee on a per 25 gallons basis; Year 1 per 445 Litres, Year 2 per 400 Litres, Year 3 per 355 Litres and Year 4 per 310 Litres

[†]Approved in Board Order No. 108/21 effective October 1, 2021 for a period of 20 years

^{††} Approved in Board Order No. 83/22 effective October 1, 2022 for a period of 20 years

Current and proposed meter, hydrant and disconnect/reconnect fees are as follows:

	Current By-Law	Proposed Rates - By-Law 7342			
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Meter/Bypass Resealing Fee	\$ 75.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 93.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 98.00
Meter Testing - 1" or less*	\$ 150.00	\$170.00	\$175.00	\$180.00	\$185.00
Meter Testing - Greater than 1"		\$245.00	\$255.00	\$260.00	\$270.00
Meter Replacement - Labour Fee	\$ 75.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 93.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 98.00
Hydrant Fee - Connection/Disconnection	\$ 75.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 93.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 98.00
Hydrant Rental	\$ 200.00				
Hydrant Rental - System Connection		\$125.00	\$130.00	\$135.00	\$140.00
Hydrant Rental -Annual Inspection		\$ 90.00	\$ 93.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 98.00
Water curb stop turn on/turn off (working hours)**	\$ 75.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 93.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 98.00
Water curb stop turn on/turn off (after hours)**	\$ 350.00	\$475.00	\$490.00	\$505.00	\$520.00

*Current meter testing fee is \$150 for any size up to 2". Meters in excess of 2" are charged actual costs of testing plus 20%.

**Working hours shall be between 8am-4pm Monday to Friday, not including statutory holiday

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

Interested parties may attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board. In the interests of ensuring that people have the opportunity to be heard, the Board may set rules that provide time allowances for presentations. Any person wishing to make written representations regarding the City's rate application to the Board should write to:

The Public Utilities Board
400 – 330 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3C 0C4

Or, send an e-mail to publicutilities@gov.mb.ca, on or before **August 25, 2023**.

Interested parties wishing to provide evidence should apply to the Board for Intervener Status using the form on the Board's website at www.pubmanitoba.ca

Applications for Intervener Status must be copied to the City, as well as the Board. Intervener Applications must be received on or before **August 25, 2023**.

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.

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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