



# News Release

## NOTICE OF DECISION

November 25, 2015

In Board Order No. 124/15, the Public Utilities Board approved on an interim *ex parte* basis, water and sewer rates applied for by the City of Portage la Prairie (City) water and wastewater utility (Utility).

The City's application also included requests for discretionary increases of 1% in 2017 and 2018, as well as discretionary increases of 3% to 5% for 2019 and beyond. The Board denies the request for interim *ex parte* approval of these discretionary increases. The Board will, however, consider these requested discretionary increases when reviewing the application with a more complete process, prior to setting final rates for the City.

The revised rates are to be effective January 1, 2016, 2017 and 2018. The approved rates are shown below.

|   | Current<br>By-law No.<br>06-8326 and<br>12-8562 | Approved<br>2016<br>By-law<br>No.15-8633 | Increase/<br>Decrease | Approved<br>2017<br>By-law<br>No.15-8633 | Increase/<br>Decrease | Approved<br>2018<br>By-law<br>No.15-8633 | Increase/<br>Decrease |
|---|---|--|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Quarterly Service Charge                  | \$19.15   | \$19.72                                  | 2.98%                 | \$20.31                                  | 2.99%                 | \$20.92                                  | 3.00%                 |
| Water (Gallons per quarter) \$/1,000 gal. |   |  |                       |  |                       |  |                       |
| 50,000 and less                           | \$5.42  | \$5.58                                   | 2.95%                 | \$5.75                                   | 3.05%                 | \$5.92                                   | 2.96%                 |
| 50,001 to 500,000                         | \$4.38  | \$4.51                                   | 2.97%                 | \$4.69                                   | 3.99%                 | \$4.88                                   | 4.05%                 |
| 500,001 to 4,000,000                      | \$4.21  | \$4.34                                   | 3.09%                 | \$4.47                                   | 3.00%                 | \$4.63                                   | 3.58%                 |
| Over 4,000,000                            | \$1.73  | \$1.82                                   | 5.20%                 | \$1.91                                   | 4.95%                 | \$2.01                                   | 5.24%                 |
| Sewer (Gallons per quarter) \$/1,000 gal. |   |  |                       |  |                       |  |                       |
| 50,000 and less                           | \$8.17  | \$8.42                                   | 3.06%                 | \$8.67                                   | 2.97%                 | \$8.93                                   | 3.00%                 |
| 50,001 to 500,000                         | \$8.17  | \$8.42                                   | 3.06%                 | \$8.67                                   | 2.97%                 | \$8.93                                   | 3.00%                 |
| 500,001 to 4,000,000                      | \$5.57  | \$5.90                                   | 5.92%                 | \$6.25                                   | 5.93%                 | \$6.63                                   | 6.08%                 |
| Over 4,000,000                            | \$5.57  | \$5.90                                   | 5.92%                 | \$6.25                                   | 5.93%                 | \$6.63                                   | 6.08%                 |
| Bulk Water (\$/1,000 gal.)                | \$8.09  | \$8.33                                   | 2.97%                 | \$8.58                                   | 3.00%                 | \$8.84                                   | 3.03%                 |
| Hydrant Rental (annual)                   | \$125.00  | \$125.00                                 | 0.00%                 | \$125.00                                 | 0.00%                 | \$125.00                                 | 0.00%                 |

Details of other rates may be found in Schedule "A" of Board Order No. 124/15.

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