



**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NEW WATER RATES
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF CORNWALLIS
LID WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF CHATER**

August 28, 2014

The Rural Municipality of Cornwallis (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for new water rates for the Local Improvement District (LID) within the Village of Chater for 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 as set out in By-law No. 1650/04/2014 read the first time on July 3, 2014.

The proposed rates are as follows:

| | 2014/15 | 2016 | Increase/ Decrease | 2017 | Increase/ Decrease |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Quarterly Service Charge | \$38.47 | \$40.19 | 4.47% | \$41.21 | 2.54% |
| Water \$/per cubic meter | \$4.03 | \$4.11 | 1.99% | \$4.19 | 1.95% |
| Minimum Quarterly-Charge* | \$94.89 | \$97.73 | 2.89% | \$99.87 | 2.26% |
| Reconnection Fee | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | 0.00% | \$50.00 | 0.00% |

*Based on 14 cubic meters

Proposed Minimum Quarterly Charges for various meter sizes are as follows:
2014-15

| Meter Size | Group Capacity Ratio | Minimum Quarterly Consumption | Customer Service Charge | Water | Quarterly Minimum Charge |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 5/8" | 1 | 14 | \$38.47 | \$56.42 | \$94.89 |
| 3/4" | 2 | 27 | \$38.47 | \$108.81 | \$147.28 |
| 1 " | 4 | 55 | \$38.47 | \$221.65 | \$260.12 |

2016

| Meter Size | Group Capacity Ratio | Minimum Quarterly Consumption | Customer Service Charge | Water | Quarterly Minimum Charge |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 5/8" | 1 | 14 | \$40.19 | \$57.54 | \$97.73 |
| 3/4" | 2 | 27 | \$40.19 | \$110.97 | \$151.16 |
| 1 " | 4 | 55 | \$40.19 | \$226.05 | \$266.24 |

2017

| Meter Size | Group Capacity Ratio | Minimum Quarterly Consumption | Customer Service Charge | Water | Quarterly Minimum Charge |
|------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| 5/8" | 1 | 14 | \$41.21 | \$58.66 | \$99.87 |
| 3/4" | 2 | 27 | \$41.21 | \$113.13 | \$154.34 |
| 1 " | 4 | 55 | \$41.21 | \$230.45 | \$271.66 |

On August 26, 2014, the Board granted interim approval of the above rates in Board Order No. 95/14 effective August 1, 2014. These interim rates are subject to change pending the Board's full review of the application.

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM of Cornwallis' office or the Public Utilities Board's office. Questions concerning the application for water rates, or the operation of the Utility, should be addressed to the RM of Cornwallis.

The Public Utilities Board is the provincial regulatory agency that reviews and approves rates for municipal water and sewer utilities. The Board's review process involves:

- the Utility filing a rate application to the Board,
- the 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 a Board Order which outlines the Board's decision on the rate application and the rates to be charged.

Any person who has concerns regarding the RM of Cornwallis' application for revised rates should either write to:

**The Public Utilities Board
400-330 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0C4**

or, send an email to: publicutilities@gov.mb.ca on or before **September 30, 2014**.

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 final 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.pub.gov.mb.ca

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