

NOTICE OF APPLICATION REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES CITY OF STEINBACH

June 16, 2016

The City of Steinbach (City) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates as set out in By-law No. 2064 read the first time on May 17, 2016. Rates were last approved in 2013 in Board Order No. 107/13.

The current and proposed rates are provided:

	Current By-law (1983)	Proposed By-law (2064) 2017	Inc/ Dec	Proposed By-law (2064) 2018	Inc/ Dec	Proposed By-law (2064) 2019	Inc/ Dec	Proposed By-law (2064) 2020	Inc/ Dec
Water \$/cubic meter (m ³)	\$1.08	\$1.08	0%	\$1.08	0%	\$1.08	0%	\$1.08	0%
Sewer \$/cubic meter (m ³)	\$0.63	\$0.63	0%	\$0.70	11%	\$0.76	9%	\$0.83	9%
Quarterly Service Charge	\$17.00	\$19.58	15%	\$19.76	1%	\$20.16	2%	\$20.61	2%
Minimum Quarterly*	\$42.65	\$45.23	6%	\$46.46	3%	\$47.76	3%	\$49.26	3%
Wastewater Only - Unmetered FLAT RATE	\$54.00	\$47.93	-11%	\$51.26	7%	\$54.36	6%	\$57.96	7%
Bulk Water \$/m ³ **	\$1.50	\$2.50	67%	\$2.50	0%	\$3.50	40%	\$3.50	0%
Hauled Sewage \$/m ³ ***	\$2.52	\$2.52	0%	\$2.80	11%	\$3.04	9%	\$3.32	9%
Hydrant Rental (Annual)	\$135.00	\$140.00	4%	\$140.00	0%	\$145.00	4%	\$145.00	0%

*Based on 15 cubic meters

Minimum charge is **\$75.00 per sale of bulk water for **2017 and 2018**

Minimum charge is **\$100.00** per sale of bulk water for **2019 and 2020**

***Minimum charge per load of hauled sewage \$20.00

Minimum Quarterly Rates Proposed 2017

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption	Customer Service Charge	Water	Wastewater	Quarterly Minimum Charge
5/8"	1	15.0	\$19.58	\$16.20	\$9.45	\$45.23
3/4"	2	30.0	\$19.58	\$32.40	\$18.90	\$70.88
1"	4	60.0	\$19.58	\$64.80	\$37.80	\$122.18
1½"	10	150.0	\$19.58	\$162.00	\$94.50	\$276.08
2"	25	375.0	\$19.58	\$405.00	\$236.25	\$660.83
3"	45	675.0	\$19.58	\$729.00	\$425.25	\$1,173.83
4"	90	1,350.0	\$19.58	\$1,458.00	\$850.50	\$2,328.08
6"	170	2,550.0	\$19.58	\$2,754.00	\$1,606.50	\$4,380.08
8"	300	4,500.0	\$19.58	\$4,860.00	\$2,835.00	\$7,714.58

Proposed 2018

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption	Customer Service Charge	Water	Wastewater	Quarterly Minimum Charge
5/8"	1	15.0	\$19.76	\$16.20	\$10.50	\$46.46
3/4"	2	30.0	\$19.76	\$32.40	\$21.00	\$73.16
1"	4	60.0	\$19.76	\$64.80	\$42.00	\$126.56
1½"	10	150.0	\$19.76	\$162.00	\$105.00	\$286.76
2"	25	375.0	\$19.76	\$405.00	\$262.50	\$687.26
3"	45	675.0	\$19.76	\$729.00	\$472.50	\$1,221.26
4"	90	1,350.0	\$19.76	\$1,458.00	\$945.00	\$2,422.76
6"	170	2,550.0	\$19.76	\$2,754.00	\$1,785.00	\$4,558.76
8"	300	4,500.0	\$19.76	\$4,860.00	\$3,150.00	\$8,029.76

Proposed 2019

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption	Customer Service Charge	Water	Wastewater	Quarterly Minimum Charge
5/8"	1	15.0	\$20.16	\$16.20	\$11.40	\$47.76
3/4"	2	30.0	\$20.16	\$32.40	\$22.80	\$75.36
1"	4	60.0	\$20.16	\$64.80	\$45.60	\$130.56
1½"	10	150.0	\$20.16	\$162.00	\$114.00	\$296.16
2"	25	375.0	\$20.16	\$405.00	\$285.00	\$710.16
3"	45	675.0	\$20.16	\$729.00	\$513.00	\$1,262.16
4"	90	1,350.0	\$20.16	\$1,458.00	\$1,026.00	\$2,504.16
6"	170	2,550.0	\$20.16	\$2,754.00	\$1,938.00	\$4,712.16
8"	300	4,500.0	\$20.16	\$4,860.00	\$3,420.00	\$8,300.16

Proposed 2020

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption	Customer Service Charge	Water	Wastewater	Quarterly Minimum Charge
5/8"	1	15.0	\$20.61	\$16.20	\$12.45	\$49.26
3/4"	2	30.0	\$20.61	\$32.40	\$24.90	\$77.91
1"	4	60.0	\$20.61	\$64.80	\$49.80	\$135.21
1½"	10	150.0	\$20.61	\$162.00	\$124.50	\$307.11
2"	25	375.0	\$20.61	\$405.00	\$311.25	\$736.86
3"	45	675.0	\$20.61	\$729.00	\$560.25	\$1,309.86
4"	90	1,350.0	\$20.61	\$1,458.00	\$1,120.50	\$2,599.11
6"	170	2,550.0	\$20.61	\$2,754.00	\$2,116.50	\$4,891.11
8"	300	4,500.0	\$20.61	\$4,860.00	\$3,735.00	\$8,615.61

Note - New or Revised Clauses and Fees

No. 7 Meter Circumventing

Any consumer who circumvents the water meter by installing a bypass line around the meter or by a dual line from the water main so as to draw water that has not been metered shall pay a fine of **\$500.00** plus a charge for unmetered water consumed for each occurrence. Water services to the customer may be terminated upon discovery of an unauthorized bypass line in use, and service will not be restored until the bypass is metered or removed and the fine and water charges are paid.

No.17. Meter Testing Charges

Any customer who desires and requests that their water meter be tested for accuracy shall deposit with the City the sum of three hundred (**\$300.00**) dollars. If the water meter, upon being tested, is found to measure within the allowable limits of accuracy, an amount equal to the cost of the meter test will be retained by the City, and the balance of the deposit shall be returned to the customer. If the water meter fails to measure within the allowable limits of accuracy, the deposit shall be refunded in full and the customer's account shall be adjusted. The allowable limit of meter variation shall be 4% of average flow.

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

The Public Utilities Board is the provincial regulatory agency that reviews and approves rates for municipal water and wastewater 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 City of Steinbach's 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 **July 15, 2016**

The Manitoba Ombudsman has recently issued privacy guidelines for administrative tribunals. The PUB 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 PUB 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.pub.gov.mb.ca

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