



**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
CITY OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE
WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES**

November 25, 2015

The City of Portage la Prairie has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates as set out in By-law No.15-8633 read the first time on September 28, 2015. Rates were previously set in 2013 by Board Order No. 02/13. The City has requested *ex parte* rates, which have been approved by the Board effective January 1, 2016, 2017 and 2018. The Board denied the request to set discretionary increases on an interim *ex parte* basis.

The current rates and proposed rates are provided:

	Current By-law No. 06-8326 and 12-8562	2016 By-law No.15-8633	Increase/ Decrease	2017 By-law No.15-8633	Increase/ Decrease	2018 By-law No.15-8633	Increase/ 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%

Note-Discretionary rates requested to be set on an interim *ex parte* basis are denied.

Minimum Quarterly Charges - 2016

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption	Customer Service Charge	Water	Sewer	Quarterly Minimum Charge (Water & Sewer)	Quarterly Minimum Charge (Non-sewer)
5/8"	1	3,000	\$19.72	\$16.74	\$25.26	\$61.72	\$36.46
3/4"	2	6,000	\$19.72	\$33.48	\$50.52	\$103.72	\$53.20
1"	4	12,000	\$19.72	\$66.96	\$101.04	\$187.72	\$86.68
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$19.72	\$167.40	\$252.60	\$439.72	\$187.12
2"	25	75,000	\$19.72	\$391.75	\$631.50	\$1,042.97	\$411.47
3"	45	135,000	\$19.72	\$662.35	\$1,136.70	\$1,818.77	\$682.07
4"	90	270,000	\$19.72	\$1,271.20	\$2,273.40	\$3,564.32	\$1,290.92
6"	170	510,000	\$19.72	\$2,351.90	\$4,269.00	\$6,640.62	\$2,371.62

2017

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption	Customer Service Charge	Water	Sewer	Quarterly Minimum Charge (Water & Sewer)	Quarterly Minimum Charge (Water & Sewer)
5/8"	1	3,000	\$20.31	\$17.25	\$26.01	\$63.57	\$37.56
3/4"	2	6,000	\$20.31	\$34.50	\$52.02	\$106.83	\$54.81
1"	4	12,000	\$20.31	\$69.00	\$104.04	\$193.35	\$89.31
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$20.31	\$172.50	\$260.10	\$452.91	\$192.81
2"	25	75,000	\$20.31	\$404.75	\$650.25	\$1,075.31	\$425.06
3"	45	135,000	\$20.31	\$686.15	\$1,170.45	\$1,876.91	\$706.46
4"	90	270,000	\$20.31	\$1,319.30	\$2,340.90	\$3,680.51	\$1,339.61
6"	170	510,000	\$20.31	\$2,442.70	\$4,397.50	\$6,860.51	\$2,463.01

2018

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption	Customer Service Charge	Water	Sewer	Quarterly Minimum Charge (Water & Sewer)	Quarterly Minimum Charge (Water & Sewer)
5/8"	1	3,000	\$20.92	\$17.76	\$26.79	\$65.47	\$38.68
3/4"	2	6,000	\$20.92	\$35.52	\$53.58	\$110.02	\$56.44
1"	4	12,000	\$20.92	\$71.04	\$107.16	\$199.12	\$91.96
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$20.92	\$177.60	\$267.90	\$466.42	\$198.52
2"	25	75,000	\$20.92	\$418.00	\$669.75	\$1,108.67	\$438.92
3"	45	135,000	\$20.92	\$710.80	\$1,205.55	\$1,937.27	\$731.72
4"	90	270,000	\$20.92	\$1,369.60	\$2,411.10	\$3,801.62	\$1,390.52
6"	170	510,000	\$20.92	\$2,538.30	\$4,531.30	\$7,090.52	\$2,559.22

Details of the City's application are available for review at the City of Portage la Prairie'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 Portage la Prairie.

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 City of Portage la Prairie'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 **December 21, 2015**

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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