

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
REVISED WASTEWATER RATES
MUNICIPALITY OF PEMBINA
LOCAL URBAN DISTRICT OF DARLINGFORD**

December 20, 2016

The Municipality of Pembina has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised wastewater rates for the Local Urban District of Darlingford (LUD) as set out in By-law No. 3/2016 read the first time on July 14, 2016 to be effective on January 1, 2017. Current rates were approved in Board Order No. 14/13 effective January 1, 2015.

The current rates and proposed rates are provided:

Yearly Rates	Current Rates By-law No. 4-2012 2015	Proposed Rates By-law No. 3-2016 2017	Inc/ Dec	Proposed Rates By-law No. 3-2016 2018	Inc/ Dec	Proposed Rates By-law No.3-2016 2019	Inc/ Dec
Unmetered Services Flat Rate per REU*	\$222.99	\$247.47	11%	\$255.31	3%	\$257.33	1%
Customer Service Charge	\$8.65	\$6.98	-19%	\$7.12	2%	\$7.26	2%

Residential Equivalency Unit (REU) Assignments remain unchanged

Proposed new or revised sections to By-law No. 3/2016:

2. Lagoon Tipping Fees

Each septic wastewater contractor registered with the Municipality shall be charged a flat annual fee to be paid by September 30 of each year of \$250.00 for access to the lagoons located in the LUD of Darlingford, the LUD of La Riviere and the Town of Manitou.

4. Disconnection

The Public Utilities Board has approved the Conditions Precedent to be followed by the Municipality with respect to the disconnection of service for non-payment including such matters as notice and the right to appeal such action to the Public Utilities Board. A copy of the Conditions Precedent is available for inspection at the Municipality's office.

5. Reconnection

Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and a reconnection fee of \$50.00 has been paid.

6. Outstanding Bills

Pursuant to Section 252(2) of *The Municipal Act*, the amount of all outstanding charges for water and sewer service are a lien and charge upon the land serviced, and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the land are collectible, and with like remedies.

7. Sewage Surcharges

- a) There may be levied annually, in addition to rates set forth above, a special surcharge on sewage having a Biochemical Oxygen Demand in excess of 300 parts per million, to be set by resolution of Council.
- b) A special surcharge for substances requiring special treatment shall be charged based on the actual costs of treatment required for the particular sewage or industrial wastes.

Details of the Municipality of Pembina's application are available for review at the Municipality of Pembina'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 Municipality of Pembina.

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 Municipality of Pembina'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 **February 28, 2017**.

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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