

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
INITIAL INTERIM WATER RATES  
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF DAUPHIN**

May 25, 2016

The Rural Municipality of Dauphin has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for initial interim water rates as set out in By-law No. 2981 read the second time on May 10, 2016.

Interim rates are rates that are subject to review following a more complete process. When setting initial rates for a new utility, the Board will often approve interim rates as proposed. These are then confirmed as final once there is sufficient historical information about the utility to provide accurate projections for rate setting purposes.

The proposed initial rates are provided:

	<b>Proposed By-law (2981) July 1, 2016</b>
Water \$/cubic meter	\$2.87
Quarterly Service Charge	\$36.07
Minimum Quarterly Charges*	\$75.10
Reconnection/Disconnection Fee	\$50.00
Turn on charge**	\$30.00
Future connection fee***	\$17,000.00

\*Based on 13.6 cubic meters

\*\*New customers or change of occupancy

\*\*\*After initial round of connections; plus costs of installation on owner's property

**Proposed Minimum Quarterly Rates - Effective July 1, 2016**

<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Group Capacity Ratio</b>	<b>Minimum Quarterly Consumption</b>	<b>Customer Service Charge</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Quarterly Minimum Charge (Water Only)</b>
5/8"	1	13.6	\$36.07	\$39.03	\$75.10
3/4"	2	27.2	\$36.07	\$78.06	\$114.13
1"	4	54.5	\$36.07	\$156.42	\$192.49
1½"	10	136.2	\$36.07	\$390.89	\$426.96

The Public Utilities Board is the provincial regulatory agency that reviews and approves rates for municipal water and wastewater utilities. It has three principal roles in relation to water and wastewater utilities. These include: to set rates, approve operational deficits, and act as the adjudicator for appeals.

The utility is responsible for dealing with its customers, including the handling of complaints. It is expected in the vast majority of cases, disputes will be resolved between the customer and the utility. Utility owners must be diligent in ensuring that their rate base is sufficient to meet operational requirements.

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM of Dauphin'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 RM of Dauphin.

Any person who has concerns regarding the RM of Dauphin's application for initial 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](mailto:publicutilities@gov.mb.ca) on or before **June 20, 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.*

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](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca)

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