



**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
REVISED WATER and WASTEWATER RATES
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PIPESTONE
RURAL WATER PIPELINE AND RESTON UTILITY**

January 4, 2016

The Rural Municipality of Pipestone has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and sewer rates for the Reston Utility as set out in By-law No. 2015/09 read the first time on October 8, 2015. Rates were last approved in 2012 in Board Order No. 45/12. The application included a request that the Reston customers and capital assets be transferred to the Municipal Utility and the Reston Utility be dissolved.

The current rates and proposed rates are provided:

	Current By-law 2012/07-Municipal	Proposed By-law (2015-09)	Increase/Decrease Municipal customers
Water \$/cubic meter	\$2.90	\$3.49	20.34%
Quarterly Service Charge	\$14.25	\$15.10	5.96%
Minimum Quarterly Charges*	\$54.85	\$63.96	17%
Reconnection Fee	\$100.00	\$60.00	-40%

*Based on 14 cubic meters – Water only

Previous Reston Utility to proposed Municipal Utility Current charges in gallons provided below	Current By-law 2011/10-Reston	Proposed By-law (2015-09)	Increase/Decrease Reston customers
Water \$/cubic meter *	\$1.27	\$3.49	174.80%
Sewer \$/cubic meter**	\$1.85	\$0.85	-54.05%
Quarterly Service Charge	\$15.96	\$15.10	-5.39%
Minimum Quarterly Charges***	\$59.76	\$75.86	27%
Bulk water \$/cubic meter****	\$1.52	\$4.71	210%
Reconnection Fee	\$60.00	\$60.00	0%
Hydrant Rental (Annual)	\$150.00	\$150.00	0%

*Current charge in gallons of \$5.93/1,000 gallons converted to cubic meters

**Current charge in gallons of \$8.67/1,000 gallons converted to cubic meters

***Current charge based on 3,000 gallons and proposed based on 14 cubic meters

****Current charge in gallons of \$7.10/1,000 gallons converted to cubic meters

Minimum Quarterly Charges-Water and Sewer

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption	Customer Service Charge	Water	Sewer	Total
5/8"	1	14	\$15.10	\$48.86	\$11.90	\$75.86
3/4"	2	27	\$15.10	\$94.23	\$22.95	\$132.28
1"	4	55	\$15.10	\$191.95	\$46.75	\$253.80
1 1/4"	10	140	\$15.10	\$488.60	\$119.00	\$622.70
2"	25	341	\$15.10	\$1,190.09	\$289.85	\$1,495.04
3"	45	614	\$15.10	\$2,142.86	\$521.90	\$2,679.86
4"	90	1,227	\$15.10	\$4,282.23	\$1,042.95	\$5,340.28
6"	170	2,319	\$15.10	\$8,093.31	\$1,971.15	\$10,079.56

Minimum Quarterly Charges-Water Only

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5/8"	1	14	\$15.10	\$48.86	\$63.96
3/4"	2	27	\$15.10	\$94.23	\$109.33
1"	4	55	\$15.10	\$191.95	\$207.05
1 1/4"	10	140	\$15.10	\$488.60	\$503.70
2"	25	341	\$15.10	\$1,190.09	\$1,205.19
3"	45	614	\$15.10	\$2,142.86	\$2,157.96
4"	90	1,227	\$15.10	\$4,282.23	\$4,297.33
6"	170	2,319	\$15.10	\$8,093.31	\$8,108.41

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the Rural Municipality of Pipestone'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.

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 Rural Municipality of Pipestone'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 **January 29, 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

"Original Signed By"

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