

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
REVISED WATER and WASTEWATER RATES  
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROLAND**

April 28, 2016

The Rural Municipality of Roland (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates as set out in By-law No. 2-2016 read the first time on February 9, 2016.

Rates were last set in Board Order No. 95/06 reflected in By-law No. 3-2006.

This was followed by Amending By-law No. 12-2008, and 6-2009 and Current By-law No. 8-2011.

Note: Amending By-laws reflect “pass-thru” rate increase from the Pembina Water Valley Co-op.

The rates applied for are as follows:

	<b>Current By-law (8-2011)</b>	<b>Proposed By-law (2-2016) July 1, 2016</b>	<b>Increase/ Decrease</b>
Water \$/1,000 gallons	\$8.67	\$12.24	41%
Water \$/cubic meter	\$1.91	\$2.73	43%
Wastewater \$/1,000 gallons	\$3.00	\$4.25	42%
Wastewater \$/cubic meter	\$0.66	\$0.94	42%
Customer Service Charge	\$3.50	\$6.59	88%
Minimum Quarterly Charges*	\$38.50	\$56.06	46%
Bulk Water /1,000 gallons	\$8.67	\$16.05	85%
Reconnection Fee	\$0.00	\$15.00	new
Meter Accuracy Testing	\$0.00	\$100.00	new

\*Based on 14 cubic meters or 3,000 gallons

Minimum Quarterly Charges:

<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Group Capacity Ratio</b>	<b>Minimum Quarterly Consumption</b>	<b>Customer Service Charge</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Wastewater</b>	<b>Quarterly Minimum Charge</b>
5/8"	1	3,000 (14)	\$6.59	\$36.72	\$12.75	\$56.06
3/4"	2	6,000 (28)	\$6.59	\$73.44	\$25.50	\$105.53
1"	4	12,000 (56)	\$6.59	\$146.88	\$51.00	\$204.47
1½"	10	30,000 (140)	\$6.59	\$367.20	\$127.50	\$501.29
2"	25	75,000 (350)	\$6.59	\$918.00	\$318.75	\$1,243.34

By-law No. 2-2016 includes new clauses:

4. Service to Customers Outside Municipality
5. Billings and Penalties
6. Disconnection
7. Reconnection
8. Outstanding Bills
9. Water Allowance Due to Line Freezing or Sewer Issues
10. Meter Accuracy Testing
11. Sewage Surcharges

Ratepayers are encouraged to review the By-law in its entirety at the RM office.

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 RM of Roland's application for revised rates should either write to:

The Public Utilities Board  
400-330 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0C4

or, send an email to: [publicutilities@gov.mb.ca](mailto:publicutilities@gov.mb.ca) on or before **May 27, 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](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca)

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