



**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
REVISED WATER RATES
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALEXANDER
PINE GROVE WATER UTILITY**

November 27, 2015

The Rural Municipality of Alexander (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water rates for the Pine Grove Utility (Utility) as set out in By-law No. 06/15 read the first time on September 22, 2015. Rates were last approved in 2013 by Board Order No. 28/13.

The current rates and proposed rates are provided:

Pine Grove Utility Annual Rates	Current By-law 16/12 (2015)	Proposed By-law 06/15 (2016)	Increase/ Decrease	Proposed By-law 06/15 (2017)	Increase/ Decrease	Proposed By-law 06/15 (2018)	Increase/ Decrease
Customer Service Charge	\$34.91	\$128	267%	\$142	11%	\$149	5%
Unmetered Services Flat Rate Per Customer	\$510.00	\$685	34%	\$734	7%	\$754	3%
Total Annual Charge	\$544.91	\$813	49%	\$876	8%	\$903	3%
2014 Deficit rate rider Board Order No. 21/15*	\$46.61 annually	\$46.61 annually		\$0		\$0	

*Deficit rate rider is for 2015 and 2016

NOTE: By-law 06/15 now includes clause 3(a) disconnection fee for non-payment of account and clause 6 allowing for service to customers outside of boundary.

The By-law is available at the RM's office.

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the Rural Municipality of Alexander'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 Alexander'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 15, 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

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