



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
REVISED WATER and WASTEWATER RATES  
and AMALGAMATION of the  
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MACDONALD**

December 11, 2015

The Rural Municipality of Macdonald (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates as set out in By-law No. 6/15 read the first time on March 24, 2015. The RM proposed consolidating the six (6) existing wastewater utilities in Resolution No. 108/15 passed by their Council on March 24, 2015 requesting that the Board approve this amalgamation.

The RM revised its initial application on October 29, 2015. The amended rates being applied for are shown below.

A Public Notice was issued on July 7, 2015. As a result of significant response from the RM of Macdonald customers, the Board will convene a Public Hearing:

**Monday January 18, 2016**  
Oak Bluff Recreation Centre  
101 Macdonald Road, Oak Bluff, MB  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
**Meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m.**

The current rates and proposed rates are provided:

|  | <b>Current By-law<br/>(28/05-33/05)</b> | <b>Proposed By-law<br/>(6/15)</b> | <b>Increase/<br/>Decrease</b> |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Water- \$/per cubic meter  | \$1.80                                  | \$2.75                            | 53%                           |
| Quarterly Service Charge Water and Wastewater (Urban)                | \$7.70                                  | \$8.00                            | 3.90%                         |
| Quarterly Service Charge Water (Rural)                               | \$7.70                                  | \$8.00                            | 3.90%                         |
| Wastewater- <b>Brunkild</b> -\$/per cubic meter                      | \$0.50                                  | \$1.30                            | 160%                          |
| Wastewater- <b>Brunkild</b> -quarterly charge for annual pump out**  | \$15.15                                 | 0                                 | -100%                         |
| Minimum Quarterly-Water and Wastewater <b>Brunkild</b> *             | \$55.05                                 | \$64.70                           | 18%                           |
| Wastewater- <b>Oak Bluff</b> - \$/per cubic meter                    | \$0.30                                  | \$1.30                            | 333%                          |
| Wastewater- <b>Oak Bluff</b> -quarterly charge for annual pump out** | \$15.20                                 | 0                                 | -100%                         |
| Minimum Quarterly- Water and Wastewater <b>Oak Bluff</b> *           | \$52.30                                 | \$64.70                           | 24%                           |
| Wastewater- <b>Starbuck</b> - \$/per cubic meter                     | \$0.70                                  | \$1.30                            | 86%                           |
| Wastewater- <b>Starbuck</b> -quarterly charge for annual pump out**  | \$15.30                                 | 0                                 | -100%                         |
| Minimum Quarterly- Water and Wastewater <b>Starbuck</b> *            | \$58.00                                 | \$64.70                           | 12%                           |
| Wastewater- <b>Sanford</b> - \$/per cubic meter                      | \$0.32                                  | \$1.30                            | 306%                          |
| Wastewater- <b>Sanford</b> -quarterly charge for annual pump out**   | \$11.27                                 | 0                                 | -100%                         |
| Minimum Quarterly- Water and Wastewater <b>Sanford</b> *             | \$48.65                                 | \$64.70                           | 33%                           |
| Wastewater- <b>La Salle</b> - \$/per cubic meter                     | \$0.30                                  | \$1.30                            | 333%                          |
| Wastewater- <b>La Salle</b> -quarterly charge for annual pump out**  | \$10.30                                 | 0                                 | -100%                         |
| Minimum Quarterly- Water and Wastewater <b>La Salle</b> *            | \$47.40                                 | \$64.70                           | 36%                           |

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| Wastewater- <b>Domain</b> - \$/per cubic meter                    | \$0.55  | \$1.30   | 136%  |
| Wastewater- <b>Domain</b> -quarterly charge for annual pump out** | \$14.50 | 0        | -100% |
| Minimum Quarterly- Water and Wastewater <b>Domain</b> *           | \$55.10 | \$64.70  | 17%   |
| Bulk Water Rate- \$/per cubic meter                               | \$1.80  | \$2.75   | 53%   |
| Bulk Septage Fee- \$/per cubic meter                              | \$0.00  | \$7.35   | new   |
| Reconnection Fee  | \$50.00 | \$50.00  | 0%    |
| Hydrant Rental (Annual)   | \$90.00 | \$150.00 | 67%   |

\*Based on 14 cubic meters

\*\*Based on 5/8" meter; this charge is now included in /per cubic meter charge

**NB**-Wastewater only customers will be billed 42m<sup>3</sup> quarterly

#### Minimum Quarterly Charge

| Meter Size | Group Capacity Ratio | Minimum Quarterly Consumption | Administrative Fee Quarterly | Water      | Wastewater | Total       |
|------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 5/8"       | 1                    | 14                            | \$8.00                       | \$38.50    | \$18.20    | \$64.70     |
| 3/4"       | 2                    | 28                            | \$8.00                       | \$77.00    | \$36.40    | \$121.40    |
| 1"         | 4                    | 56                            | \$8.00                       | \$154.00   | \$72.80    | \$234.80    |
| 1 1/2"     | 10                   | 112                           | \$8.00                       | \$308.00   | \$145.60   | \$461.60    |
| 2"         | 25                   | 224                           | \$8.00                       | \$616.00   | \$291.20   | \$915.20    |
| 3"         | 45                   | 448                           | \$8.00                       | \$1,232.00 | \$582.40   | \$1,822.40  |
| 4"         | 90                   | 896                           | \$8.00                       | \$2,464.00 | \$1,164.80 | \$3,636.80  |
| 6"         | 170                  | 1,792                         | \$8.00                       | \$4,928.00 | \$2,329.60 | \$7,265.60  |
| 8"         | 300                  | 3,584                         | \$8.00                       | \$9,856.00 | \$4,659.20 | \$14,523.20 |

Questions concerning the application should be addressed to the municipal administration. Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM's office.

Interested parties should make every effort to attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board. Any person wishing to make written representations to the Board should write:

**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 **January 8, 2016**.

Interested parties wishing to make a presentation to the Board at the Public Hearing may do so without registering in advance.

*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.*

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 accord 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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