

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF VICTORIA BEACH
REVISED WATER RATES
ALBERT BEACH WATER UTILITY**

December 29, 2016

The Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water rates as set out in By-law No. 1562 read the first time on August 2, 2016. Rates were last approved in 2012 in Board Order (BO) No. 125/12 and revised in BO No. 144/12.

The current rates and proposed rates are provided:

Yearly Rates	Current By-law No. 1541	Proposed 2017 By-law No. 1562	Inc/Dec	Proposed 2018 By-law No. 1562	Inc/Dec	Proposed 2019 By-law No. 1562	Inc/Dec
Single Family Residence/Cottage Commodity Charge	\$112.06	\$143.49	28%	\$144.69	1%	\$146.64	1%
Single Family Residence/Cottage Service Charge	\$17.00	\$19.51	15%	\$19.51	0%	\$19.51	0%
Single Family Residence/Cottage Total Charge	\$129.06	\$163.00	26%	\$164.20	1%	\$166.15	1%
Non-connected / Vacant Lots Commodity Charge	\$8.00	\$5.49	-31%	\$5.49	0%	\$5.49	0%
Non-connected / Vacant Lots Service Charge	\$17.00	\$19.51	15%	\$19.51	0%	\$19.51	0%
Non-connected / Vacant Lots Total Charge	\$25.00	\$25.00	0%	\$25.00	0%	\$25.00	0%

Details of the Albert Beach's application are available for review at the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach'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 Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach.

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 Albert Beach'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 **February 27, 2017**.

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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