

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
TOWN OF ALTONA
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER
UTILITY RATES**

December 22, 2016

The Town of Altona (Town) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates as set out in By-law No. 1753/2016 read the first time on August 25, 2016. Rates were last approved in 2014 in Board Order No. 57/14 with pass-through rates authorized in No. 103/15.

The current rates and proposed rates are provided:

	Current By-law (1746/2016)	Proposed By-law (1753/2016) 2017	Inc/Dec	Proposed By-law (1753/2016) 2018	Inc/Dec	Proposed By-law (1753/2016) 2019	Inc/Dec	Proposed By-law (1753/2016) 2020	Inc/Dec
Water \$/1,000 gallons	\$12.55	\$12.45	-0.80%	\$12.35	-0.80%	\$12.25	-0.81%	\$12.14	-0.90%
Wastewater \$/1,000 gallons	\$6.25	\$6.98	12%	\$7.71	10.46%	\$8.44	9.47%	\$9.18	8.77%
Quarterly Service Charge	\$21.50	\$24.59	14.37%	\$27.68	12.57%	\$30.77	11.16%	\$33.84	9.98%
Minimum Quarterly*	\$77.90	\$82.88	6%	\$87.86	6.01%	\$92.84	5.67%	\$97.80	5.34%
Wastewater Only**	\$99.63	\$111.84	12%	\$124.06	10.93%	\$136.27	9.84%	\$148.59	9.04%
Bulk Water Sales***	\$12.55	\$14.00	12%	\$14.00	0.00%	\$14.00	0.00%	\$14.00	0.00%
Reconnection Fee	\$35.00	\$40.00	14%	\$40.00	0.00%	\$40.00	0.00%	\$40.00	0.00%
Hydrant Rental (Annual)	\$150.00	\$150.00	0%	\$150.00	0.00%	\$150.00	0.00%	\$150.00	0.00%

*Based on 3,000 gallons

**Based on 12,500 gallons calculated $(12.5 * \$6.98) + \$24.59 = \$111.84$

***Based on 1,000 gallons or \$.25 per 17.9 gals previously based on 19.9 gallons

There are new or revised sections to By-law No. 1753/2016. These are available for review at the Town of Altona office.

Minimum Quarterly Rates schedules are also available for review.

Details of the Town's application are available for review at the Town of Altona'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 **Town of Altona**.

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 Town'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 23, 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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