

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ELLICE-ARCHIE
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES
WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY**

June 23, 2017

The Rural Municipality of Ellice-Archie (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for the St. Lazare Utility (Utility) as set out in By-law No. 06-2016 and approved on an interim *ex parte* basis in Board Order No. 18/17.

The previous and interim rates are provided:

	Current	July 1, 2017	Increase	January 1, 2018	Increase	January 1, 2019	Increase
Current Charge per REU	\$37.88						
Water \$/cubic meter*	REU	\$1.91	N/A	\$2.65	39%	\$3.69	39%
Sewer \$/cubic meter*	REU	\$0.88	N/A	\$0.91	3%	\$0.94	3%
Quarterly Service Charge	\$7.00	\$7.21	3%	\$7.43	3%	\$7.68	3%
Minimum Quarterly Water and Wastewater**	REU	\$46.27	N/A	\$57.27	24%	\$72.50	27%
Minimum Quarterly Water Only**	REU	\$33.95	N/A	\$44.53	31%	\$59.34	33%
Bulk Water Fee-\$/1,000 gallons	\$5.00	\$10.00	100%	\$13.00	30%	\$18.00	38%
Reconnection Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00	0%	\$25.00	0%	\$25.00	0%
Hydrant Rental (Annual)	\$75.00	\$75.00	0%	\$75.00	0%	\$75.00	0%

*Previously charged based on Residential Equivalency Units (REUs)

**Based on 14 cubic metres

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM's office or the Public Utilities Board's office. Any questions concerning the application for revised rates, or the operation of the Utility, should be sent directly to the RM.

The RM's requested, and the PUB approved, interim *ex parte* rates to allow the Utility to bill customers on a volume basis, rather than a flat rate, after the completion of a metering project. The RM also circulated a Notice in March 2017 regarding these rate changes.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the RM of Ellice-Archie's application for revised water and wastewater rates for the St Lazare Utility please go to www.pubmanitoba.ca and provide your comment. *Please note all comments will be forwarded to the RM.*

Questions or comments should be sent on or before July 24, 2017.

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.

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.pubmanitoba.ca

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