

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
POPLAR RIDGE LAND CO. LTD.  
PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER WATER UTILITY TO  
MUNICIPALITY OF HARRISON PARK – ONANOLE UTILITY**

July 18, 2017

Poplar Ridge Land Co. Ltd. (Poplar Ridge) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for approval to transfer ownership of the water utility currently owned by Poplar Ridge to the Onanole Utility (Utility), located in the Municipality of Harrison Park (Municipality).

The proposal is for the common water lines located in the Poplar Ridge subdivision to be turned over to the Utility. The individual water service lines from the curb stop to each residence remain as private property of each property owner and are excluded from this application.

Once Board approval has been received, the Poplar Ridge subdivision will be connected to, and customers of, the Municipality's Onanole Utility. They will be serviced with treated water by the Utility and charged Utility rates approved by the PUB.

The current Poplar Ridge rates and Onanole Utility rates approved by Board Order No. 142/16 are as follows:

	Poplar Ridge current rates	Onanole current rates	Effective January 1, 2018	Effective January 1, 2019
Water \$/1,000 gallons	n/a	\$ 6.54	\$ 6.93	\$ 7.05
Quarterly service charge	n/a	\$ 32.50	\$ 32.50	\$ 32.50
Minimum quarterly charge *	\$240/year flat	\$ 52.12	\$ 53.29	\$ 53.65

\*Onanole rates are based on 3,000 gallons; Poplar Ridge rates were not based on consumption

Details of Poplar Ridge's application are available for review at the Municipality's office or the Public Utilities Board's office. Any questions concerning the application for transfer of ownership, or the operation of the Utility, should be sent directly to the Municipality or Poplar Ridge.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the application for transfer of ownership please go to [www.pubmanitoba.ca](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca) and provide your comment. *Please note all comments will be forwarded to the Municipality/Poplar Ridge.*

Questions or comments should be sent on or before August 14, 2017.

The Public Utilities Board is the provincial regulatory agency that reviews and approves rates for water and wastewater utilities in Manitoba, with the exception of the City of Winnipeg. The Board also must approve all transfers of ownership for utilities. The Board's review process involves:

- the Utility filing an application to the Board requesting approval to transfer ownership,
- the public notification of proposed 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 application.

*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 the application.

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](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca)

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