

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF THOMPSON
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES
WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY**

December 6, 2017

The City of Thompson (City) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates as set out in By-law No. 1945-2016, read the first time on October 3, 2016. Rates were last approved on an interim *ex parte* basis in December 2014 in Board Order No. 146/14.

A public notice was issued on July 11, 2017. As a result of the significant response from the customers of the Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility), the Board will convene a Public Hearing. A Public Hearing will be held:

Tuesday, January 23, 2018
City of Thompson, St. Joseph's Ukrainian Hall
140 Juniper Drive, Thompson, MB
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Hearing to begin at 6:30 p.m.

The current rates and proposed rates are provided:

	Current	Proposed rate year 1	Inc/Dec	Proposed rate year 2	Inc/Dec	Proposed rate year 3	Inc/Dec
Quarterly service charge	\$ 79.35	\$ 82.58	4%	\$ 84.23	2%	\$ 91.62	9%
Water \$/cubic metre	\$ 1.46	\$ 2.14	47%	\$ 2.39	12%	\$ 2.92	22%
Wastewater \$/cubic metre	\$ 1.66	\$ 0.95	-43%	\$ 1.28	35%	\$ 1.17	-9%
Minimum quarterly - water and wastewater*	\$123.03	\$ 125.84	2%	\$ 135.61	8%	\$ 148.88	10%
Bulk water \$/cubic metre	\$ 6.00	\$ 4.65	-23%	\$ 4.90	5%	\$ 5.60	14%
Reconnection fee	\$320.00	\$ 320.00	0%	\$ 320.00	0%	\$ 320.00	0%
Hydrant rental (annual)	\$125.00	\$ 125.00	0%	\$ 125.00	0%	\$ 125.00	0%

*Based on 14 cubic meter

Note: Vale Canada Limited (Vale) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for approval to transfer ownership of the Thompson Water Treatment Plant (WTP) currently owned and operated by Vale to the City of Thompson (City).

Arrangements for transferring ownership and operations:

- 2017 – Vale will continue to own and operate the WTP, but will charge the city for potable water estimated to be 25% of the total cost of production in 2017
- 2018 – City will assume ownership and operation of the WTP. The WTP will be operated under a 50:50 cost share.
- 2019- Vale will be charged for potable water based on their metered usage.

Details of the City's and Vale's application are available for review at the City of Thompson office or at 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 City of Thompson.

Interested parties may attend the hearing and make their views known to the board. In the interests of ensuring that people have the opportunity to be heard, the Board may set rules that provide time allowances for presentations. Any person wishing to make written representations regarding the City of Thompson's rate application to the Board should write to:

**The Public Utilities Board
400 – 330 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0C4**

Or, send an email to publicutilities@gov.mb.ca, on or before **January 8, 2018**.

Interested parties wishing to provide evidence should apply to the Board for Intervener status using the form on the Board's website at www.pubmanitoba.ca

Applications for intervener status must be copied to the applicant as well as the board. Intervener Applications should be received on or before **January 8, 2018**.

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.

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

"Original Signed By:"

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