

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF DUFFERIN  
REVISED WATER RATES  
DUFFERIN STEPHENFIELD WATER UTILITY**

June 23, 2017

The Rural Municipality of Dufferin (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water rates as set out in By-law No. 1959, read the first time on October 18, 2016, updated to include pass through rate increases from the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative. The pass through rate increases were authorized in By-law No. 1962, which was read for the third and final time February 21, 2017.

Rates were last reviewed and approved by the Public Utilities Board in 2010 in Board Order No. 116/10.

The current rates and proposed rates are provided:

	Current	Proposed rate year 1	Increase	Proposed rate year 2	Increase	Proposed rate year 3	Increase
Water \$/1,000 gallons	\$13.02	\$14.24	9%	\$15.62	10%	\$17.00	9%
Quarterly Service Charge	\$23.75	\$25.50	7%	\$27.25	7%	\$29.01	6%
Minimum Quarterly*	\$62.81	\$68.22	9%	\$74.11	9%	\$80.01	8%
Bulk water fee	\$14.32	\$16.00	12%	\$18.00	13%	\$19.00	6%
Reconnection Fee	\$35.00	\$35.00	0%	\$35.00	0%	\$35.00	0%
*Based on 3,000 gallons							

The following clauses were added in By-law No. 1959. Please review the proposed By-law at the RM for detailed information:

7. Meter Testing
8. Cross Connections
9. Authorization For Officer To Enter Upon Premises

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.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the RM of Dufferin's application for revised water rates please go to [www.pubmanitoba.ca](http://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](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca)

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