

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MONTCALM
REVISED WATER & WASTEWATER RATES
AMALGAMATION OF UTILITIES**

September 11, 2017

The Rural Municipality of Montcalm (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) to approve the amalgamation of the four (4) existing water and wastewater utilities that it operates. The RM is also applying for revised water and wastewater rates as set out in By-law No. 776/17 read for the first time on May 3, 2017. Rates for the utilities were last set in 2008 and 2009 in PUB Orders 164/08, 169/08, 91/09 and 92/09. Rates have since been revised only for pass through rates approved for the Pembina Valley Water Coop, from whom the Utility purchases all treated water.

The current rates for each of the utilities are as follows:

| St. Jean Water and Wastewater Utility | Current By-law 770/16 |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Quarterly service charge | \$ 7.20 |
| Water per 1,000 gallons (first 15,000 gallons) | \$ 16.52 |
| Water per 1,000 gallons (over 15,000 gallons) | \$ 13.17 |
| Wastewater per 1,000 gallons | \$ 3.45 |
| Bulk water sales rates | \$ 17.37 |
| Minimum Quarterly Charge* | \$ 67.11 |
| Letellier Water and Wastewater Utility | |
| | Current By-law 769/16 |
| Quarterly service charge | \$ 7.30 |
| Water per 1,000 gallons (first 15,000 gallons) | \$ 11.59 |
| Water per 1,000 gallons (over 15,000 gallons) | \$ 9.79 |
| Wastewater per 1,000 gallons | \$ - |
| Minimum Quarterly Charge* | \$ 42.07 |
| Montcalm Water Utility | |
| | Current By-law 768/16 |
| Quarterly service charge | \$ 6.40 |
| Water per 1,000 gallons (first 15,000 gallons) | \$ 11.18 |
| Water per 1,000 gallons (over 15,000 gallons) | \$ 10.10 |
| Minimum Quarterly Charge* | \$ 39.95 |
| St. Joseph Water Utility | |
| | Current By-law 767/16 |
| Quarterly service charge | \$ 6.80 |
| Water per 1,000 gallons (first 15,000 gallons) | \$ 27.23 |
| Water per 1,000 gallons (over 15,000 gallons) | \$ 17.25 |
| Minimum Quarterly Charge* | \$ 88.48 |
| Bulk water sales rate | \$ 33.32 |

*Based on 3,000 gallons

The proposed rates are provided below:

| | Proposed Year 1 | Proposed Year 2 | Proposed Year 3 |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Quarterly service charge | \$ 8.92 | \$ 11.05 | \$ 13.81 |
| Water per 1,000 gallons | \$ 17.74 | \$ 19.81 | \$ 22.07 |
| Wastewater per 1,000 gallons | \$ 3.36 | \$ 3.27 | \$ 3.30 |
| Minimum quarterly charge* | \$ 72.22 | \$ 80.29 | \$ 89.92 |
| Minimum quarterly charge - water only* | \$ 62.14 | \$ 70.48 | \$ 80.02 |

*Based on 3,000 gallons

The following clauses were added or revised in By-law No. 4-2017. Please review the proposed By-law at the Municipal office for detailed information:

8. Outstanding Bills
10. Cross Connections
11. Conditions of Disrepair
12. 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 Rural Municipality of Montcalm's application for water and wastewater rates 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 October 11, 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'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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