

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON
REVISED WATER RATES
THOMPSON RURAL UTILITY**

September 12, 2017

The Rural Municipality of Thompson (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water rates for the Thompson Rural Water Utility (Utility) as set out in By-law 9/17, read for the first time on June 22, 2017. Rates were last approved in 2007 in Board Order 178/07. Rates have since been revised only for pass through rates approved for the Pembina Valley Water Coop, from whom the Utility purchases treated water.

The current rates and approved rates are provided:

	Current By- law 7/17	Proposed Year 1	Proposed Year 2	Proposed Year 3
Quarterly service charge	\$ 2.75	\$ 5.68	\$ 8.61	\$ 11.54
Water per 1,000 gallons	\$ 11.92	\$ 13.93	\$ 15.94	\$ 17.96
Minimum quarterly charge*	\$ 38.51	\$ 47.47	\$ 56.43	\$ 65.42
Reconnection fee**	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00

*Based on 3,000 gallons

**Per By-law No. 5/07

The following clauses were added or revised in By-law No. 5/07. Please review the proposed By-law at the Municipal office for detailed information:

6. Water allowance due to line freezing
7. Meter testing
8. Cross connections
9. Conditions of disrepair
10. 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 Thompson's application for water 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 12, 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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