

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
VALE CANADA LIMITED
PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF
THOMPSON WATER TREATMENT PLANT TO
CITY OF THOMPSON**

December 6, 2017

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). Vale has also applied for approval of the applicable pumping rates to be charged by Vale to the City under the Water Services Agreement.

The proposal is for Vale to donate and transfer to the City all assets directly related to the Thompson WTP, including the relevant land, buildings, plant and equipment. Vale shall retain certain process water supply lines and potable water services lines.

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 Vale's application are available for review at the City'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 City or Vale.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the application for transfer of ownership please go to www.pubmanitoba.ca and provide your comment. **Please note all comments will be forwarded to the City/Vale.**

Questions or comments should be sent on or before **January 8, 2018**.

Note: All concerns received by the Board in response to the Vale Application will be considered in the Public Hearing for the City of Thompson Rate Application being held on January 23, 2018.

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

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.

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