

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
RURAL MUNICIPALITY (RM) OF WHITEMOUTH  
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES  
WHITEMOUTH WATER, WHITEMOUTH WASTEWATER AND SEVEN SISTERS  
WASTEWATER UTILITY**

June 11, 2018

The Rural Municipality (RM) of Whitemouth (Rural Municipality (RM)) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised rates for Whitemouth Water Utility, Whitemouth Wastewater Utility and Seven Sisters Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-law No. 681/18, read the first time on May 23, 2018. Rates were last approved in 2010 in Board Order No. 140/10.

The current Whitemouth Water rates and proposed rates are provided:

	<b>Current By-Law 539/10</b>	<b>Proposed Year 1 (By-Law 681/18)</b>	<b>Proposed Year 2 (By-Law 681/18)</b>	<b>Proposed Year 3 (By-Law 681/18)</b>	<b>Proposed Year 4 (By-Law 681/18)</b>	<b>Proposed Year 5 (By-Law 681/18)</b>
Water (\$/cubic metre)	\$ 2.73	\$ 3.33	\$ 3.93	\$ 4.53	\$ 5.13	\$ 5.74
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 19.17	\$ 18.59	\$ 18.01	\$ 17.43	\$ 16.85	\$ 16.28
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 56.03	\$ 63.55	\$ 71.07	\$ 78.59	\$ 86.11	\$ 93.77
Hydrant Charge	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Rate Rider (\$/cubic metre)**	-	\$ 0.58	-	-	-	-

\*Based on 13.5 m<sup>3</sup>

\*\*Deficit Recovery for 1(one) year based on Board Order No. 138/17

The current Whitemouth Wastewater rates and proposed rates are provided:

	<b>Current By-Law 539/10</b>	<b>Proposed Year 1 (By-Law 681/18)</b>	<b>Proposed Year 2 (By-Law 681/18)</b>	<b>Proposed Year 3 (By-Law 681/18)</b>	<b>Proposed Year 4 (By-Law 681/18)</b>	<b>Proposed Year 5 (By-Law 681/18)</b>
Wastewater (\$/cubic metre)	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.74	\$ 1.01	\$ 1.28	\$ 1.55	\$ 1.82
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 8.79	\$ 9.36	\$ 9.93	\$ 10.50	\$ 11.07	\$ 11.66
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 15.14	\$ 19.35	\$ 23.57	\$ 27.78	\$ 32.00	\$ 36.23
Wastewater Unmetered	\$ 18.80	\$ 29.60	\$ 40.40	\$ 51.20	\$ 62.00	\$ 72.80
Minimum Quarterly Charge Unmetered**	\$ 27.59	\$ 38.96	\$ 50.33	\$ 61.70	\$ 73.07	\$ 84.46
Rate Rider (\$/cubic metre)**	-	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25	-	-	-
Rate Rider Quarterly Charge Umetered***	-	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	-	-	-
Lagoon Tipping Fee****	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00

\*Based on 13.5 m<sup>3</sup>

\*\*Based on 40 m<sup>3</sup>

\*\*\*Deficit Recovery for 2(two) years based on Board Order No. 135/17

\*\*\*\*Based on 3,000 gallons

The current Seven Sisters Wastewater rates and proposed rates are provided:

	Current By-Law 539/10	Proposed Year 1 (By-Law 681/18)	Proposed Year 2 (By-Law 681/18)	Proposed Year 3 (By-Law 681/18)	Proposed Year 4 (By-Law 681/18)	Proposed Year 5 (By-Law 681/18)
Wastewater (\$/cubic metre)	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.97	\$ 1.27	\$ 1.57	\$ 1.87
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 8.62	\$ 9.33	\$ 10.04	\$ 10.75	\$ 11.46	\$ 12.19
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 13.62	\$ 18.38	\$ 23.14	\$ 27.90	\$ 32.66	\$ 37.44
Wastewater Unmetered	\$ 5.00	\$ 9.05	\$ 13.10	\$ 17.15	\$ 21.20	\$ 25.25
Minimum Quarterly Charge Unmetered*	\$ 13.62	\$ 18.38	\$ 23.14	\$ 27.90	\$ 32.66	\$ 37.44
Lagoon Tipping Fee ***	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00

\*Based on 13.5 m<sup>3</sup>

\*\*Based on 3,000 gallons

**The following clauses were added or revised in By-law No. 681/18 Schedule “A”. Please review the proposed By-law at the RM for detailed information:**

4. Liability for Charge
5. Disconnection and Reconnection
8. Water Meters
9. Cross Connections
10. Conditions of Disrepair
11. Authorization for Officer to Enter Upon Premises
12. Services to Customers outside Utility’s Limits
13. Sewer Surcharges

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 Rural Municipality.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the RM of Whitemouth’s application for water and wastewater 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 11, 2018**.

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](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca)

*"Original Signed By:"*

Rachel McMillin, B.Sc.  
A/Assistant Associate Secretary  
Manitoba Public Utilities Board