

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
INITIAL INTERIM WATER RATES
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WEST ST. PAUL
WEST ST. PAUL WATER UTILITY**

August 1, 2018

The Rural Municipality (RM) of West St. Paul has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for initial interim water rates as set out in By-law No. 2018-02 read the first time on January 30, 2018.

NB-*The RM has requested rates be approved on an interim ex parte basis to be effective January 1, 2018. The RM has advised the Board that affected customers were notified they would be billed retroactively upon Board approval.*

Interim rates are rates that are subject to review following a more complete process. When setting initial rates for a new utility, the Board will often approve interim rates as proposed. These are then confirmed as final once there is sufficient historical information about the utility to provide accurate projections for rate setting purposes. The initial interim rates have been set in Board Order 105-18.

The proposed initial interim rates are provided:

	Proposed By-Law (2018-02) Year One	Proposed By-Law (2018-02) Year Two	Proposed By-Law (2018-02) Year Three
Water \$/Cubic Meter	\$ 2.58	\$ 2.63	\$ 2.67
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 4.66	\$ 6.39	\$ 6.53
Minimum Quarterly Charge *	\$ 40.78	\$ 43.21	\$ 43.91
Bulk Water \$/Cubic Meter	\$ 2.65	\$ 2.73	\$ 2.78
Hydrant Rentals	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
* based on 14 cubic meters			

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the Rural Municipal 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 Rural Municipality of West St. Paul'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 Municipality.*

Questions or comments should be sent on or before **September 1, 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.

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