

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WEST INTERLAKE  
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES  
ASHERN WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY**

September 10, 2019

The Rural Municipality of West Interlake (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for the Ashern Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-Law No. 7-2019, read the first time on April 9, 2019. Rates were previously approved in Board Order No. 68/06.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rates	Proposed Rates		
	By-Law No. # 1/06	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Water (\$/cubic meter)	\$ 0.67	\$ 1.07	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.20
Wastewater (\$/cubic meter)	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.92	\$ 0.97	\$ 1.02
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 8.00	\$ 3.45	\$ 4.91	\$ 5.09
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 21.02	\$ 31.31	\$ 34.45	\$ 36.17
Bulk Water Fees	\$ 0.80	\$ 1.13	\$ 1.22	\$ 1.28
Flat Rate Residential Wastewater (annual)	\$ 78.00			
Wastewater Only Customers***		\$ 61.41	\$ 66.02	\$ 69.35
Hydrant Rental Charge (annual)	\$ 136.36	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Septic Hauler per 1,000 gallons	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00

\*Based on 14 cubic meters

\*\*Please refer to clause 2.2. of the proposed By-law for the proposed rates

\*\*\* Based on 42 cubic meters

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the 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 RM.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the RM'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 **October 10, 2019**.

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,
- a 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 an Order which outlines the Board's decision on the rate application and the rates to be charged.

The Manitoba Ombudsman has privacy guidelines for administrative tribunals. The Board 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 Board 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).

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