

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
INITIAL WATER RATES
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF LAD DU BONNET
BROOKFIELD WATER UTILITY**

August 16, 2019

The Rural Municipality (RM) of Lac du Bonnet has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for initial water rates as set out in By-Law No. 05-19 for Brookfield Water Utility (Utility) read the first time on June 11, 2019. The RM has requested interim rates the Board approved on an interim *ex parte* basis in Board Order No. 103/19. The new water utility will purchase water at the first step rate from the Whitemouth Water Utility, owned by the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

Note: Interim rates are typically approved as applied for and are then subject to review. This process is used when there is an urgent need for new or revised rates.

The proposed rates and interim rates are as follows:

	Board Order No. 103/19 Interim Rates	Proposed Rates			
		July 1, 2020	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2023
Quarterly service charge	\$ 27.41	\$ 27.41	\$ 27.41	\$ 27.41	\$ 27.41
Water per cubic meter	\$ 7.20	\$ 7.24	\$ 7.30	\$ 7.35	\$ 7.62
Minimum quarterly charge*	\$ 128.21	\$ 128.77	\$ 129.61	\$ 130.31	\$ 134.09
Curb Stop Turn-off	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Curb Stop Turn-on	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Meter Removal	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Re-installation of meter	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00

*Based on 14 cubic meters

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM's office or the 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 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 **September 16, 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.

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