

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE
AMALGAMATION OF PORTAGE REGIONAL AND OAKVILLE UTILITIES
& REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES**

January 21, 2020 – Revised January 22, 2020

The Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) to approve the amalgamation of Portage Regional Water and Wastewater Utility and Oakville Water and Wastewater Utility to become the RM of Portage la Prairie Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility).

The RM has also applied for revised water and wastewater rates, as set out in By-law No. 3168, read the first time on December 12, 2019. The Regional Water and Wastewater Utility rates were last approved in 2013 in Board Order No. 150/13, Pine Crescent water rates were approved in 2014 in Board Order No. 66/14, and Pass-Through Rates were approved in 2019 in both Board Order No. 19/19 and 32/19. Oakville Water and Wastewater Utility rates were last approved in 2015 in Board Order No. 118/15 and the Pass-Through rates were approved in 2019 in Board Order No. 19/19.

The current rates and proposed rates are as follows:

Regional Water and Wastewater Utility	Current Rates	Amalgamated Utility			
		Proposed Rates			
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 11.73	\$ 11.73	\$ 11.73	\$ 11.73	\$ 11.73
Rural Water (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 17.74	\$ 18.36	\$ 18.98	\$ 19.60	\$ 20.23
Rural Wastewater (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 7.65	\$ 6.83	\$ 6.83	\$ 6.83	\$ 6.83
Pine Crescent Water (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 12.90	\$ 18.36	\$ 18.98	\$ 19.60	\$ 20.23
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 87.90	\$ 87.30	\$ 89.16	\$ 91.02	\$ 92.91
Wastewater Only Customers **	\$ 88.23	\$ 80.03	\$ 80.03	\$ 80.03	\$ 80.03
Water Only Customers*	\$ 64.95	\$ 66.81	\$ 68.67	\$ 70.53	\$ 72.42

*Based on 3,000 gallons

**Based on 10,000 gallons

Oakville Water and Wastewater Utility	Current Rates	Amalgamated Utility			
		Proposed Rates			
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 5.92	\$ 11.73	\$ 11.73	\$ 11.73	\$ 11.73
Water (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 18.65	\$ 18.65	\$ 18.98	\$ 19.60	\$ 20.23
Wastewater (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 5.35	\$ 6.83	\$ 6.83	\$ 6.83	\$ 6.83
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 77.92	\$ 88.17	\$ 89.16	\$ 91.02	\$ 92.91
Wastewater Only Customers**	\$ 59.42	\$ 80.03	\$ 80.03	\$ 80.03	\$ 80.03

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Clauses were added or revised in By-Law No. 3168. Please review the proposed By-Law at the RM's office for detailed information.

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM 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 of Portage la Prairie'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 RM.*

Questions or comments should be sent on or before **February 20, 2020.**

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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