

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

October 9, 2020

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. 16-2020, read the first time on August 18, 2020. Rates were last approved in 2006 in Board Order No. 68/06. Interim rates were approved in April 2020 in Board Order No. 22/20.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Interim Rates	Proposed Rates		
	By-Law No. 7-2019	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 4.91	\$ 14.67	\$ 19.55	\$ 24.43
Water (per cubic meter)	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.79	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.43
Wastewater (per cubic meter)	\$ 0.97	\$ 1.07	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.16
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 34.45	\$ 54.71	\$ 64.77	\$ 74.69
Wastewater Only Customers - Flat Rate	\$ 78.00	-	-	-
Wastewater Only Customers (per REU)	-	\$ 54.57	\$ 57.12	\$ 59.16
Minimum Quarterly Charge Wastewater Only**	-	\$ 69.24	\$ 76.67	\$ 83.59
Bulk Water Sales (per cubic meter)	\$ 1.22	\$ 2.45	\$ 2.80	\$ 3.10
Septic Hauler Fees (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00

*Based on 14 cubic meters

**Current rates are based on a flat rate. Proposed rates are based on 1 REU, where 1 REU shall be 51 cubic meters (per quarter).

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 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 **November 9, 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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