

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
CITY OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES
PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY**

March 2, 2021

The City of Portage la Prairie (City) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for the City of Portage la Prairie Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-law No. 20-8710, read the first time on September 28, 2020, and second reading completed on January 11, 2021. Rates were last approved in 2019 in Board Order No. 173/19.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rates	Proposed Rates			
	By-Law 19/8699	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Water (per m ³) – Step 1 – up to 227 m ³	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.65	\$ 1.93	\$ 2.21	\$ 2.47
Water (per m ³) – Step 2 – 228 m ³ to 2,273 m ³	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.83	\$ 2.05
Water (per m ³) – Step 3 – 2,274 m ³ to 18,184 m ³	\$ 1.08	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.52	\$ 1.74	\$ 1.94
Water (per m ³) – Step 4 – over 18,184 m ³	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.83
Wastewater (per m ³) – Step 1 – up to 227 m ³	\$ 2.06	\$ 1.98	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.82	\$ 1.75
Wastewater (per m ³) – Step 2 – 228 m ³ to 2,273 m ³	\$ 2.08	\$ 1.98	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.82	\$ 1.75
Wastewater (per m ³) – Step 3 – 2,274 m ³ to 18,184 m ³	\$ 1.55	\$ 1.49	\$ 1.43	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.32
Wastewater (per m ³) – Step 4 – over 18,184 m ³	\$ 1.55	\$ 1.49	\$ 1.43	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.32
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 21.97	\$ 22.15	\$ 22.33	\$ 22.51	\$ 22.69
Minimum Quarterly Charge *	\$ 68.79	\$ 72.97	\$ 75.95	\$ 78.93	\$ 81.77
Wastewater Only Customers **	\$ 114.67	\$ 111.25	\$ 107.83	\$ 104.41	\$ 101.44
Bulk Water (per gallon)	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 10.25	\$ 11.50
Septic Tipping fee (per load, up to 14,000 litres)	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00

*Current rates based on 13.65 cubic meters, proposed rates based on 14 cubic meters

**Based on 45 cubic meters

***The Utility has converted from imperial gallons to cubic meters, and rounded to the nearest cubic meter in determining step rates and quarterly minimums.

Details of the application are available for review at the City of Portage la Prairie 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 City.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the City of Portage la Prairie 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 City.*

Questions or comments should be sent on or before **April 1, 2021.**

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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