

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICT OF PINAWA
AWANIPARK WATER UTILITY
INITIAL INTERIM WATER RATES**

January 29, 2021

The Local Government District of Pinawa (LGD) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for initial interim water rates, as set out in By-Law No. 853-19, read the first time on May 14, 2019. Please note, the new water utility will purchase water from the Brookfield Water Utility.

Note: The LGD has requested rates be approved on an interim ex parte basis to be effective December 1, 2019. The Public Utilities Board has varied the initial interim rates applied for by the LGD. The LGD has advised the Board affected customers were notified accordingly they would be billed retroactively upon Board Approval.

Interim rates are rates that are subject to review following a more complete process. When setting initial rates for a new utility, the Board will often approve interim rates as proposed. These are then confirmed as final once there is sufficient historical information regarding the utility to provide accurate financial projections for rate setting purposes. The initial interim rates have been approved in Board Order No. 10/21.

The approved initial interim rates are as follows:

	December 1, 2019	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2022
Quarterly Service Charge	\$4.80	\$4.80	\$4.80
Water (per cubic meter)	\$9.19	\$9.24	\$9.27
Total Quarterly Minimum Charge*	\$133.46	\$134.16	\$134.58

*Based on 14 cubic meter

Clauses were added or revised in By-Law No. 853-19. Please review the proposed By-Law at the LGD's office for detailed information.

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

If you have concerns/comments regarding the LGD of Pinawa's application for water rates please go to www.pubmanitoba.ca and provide your comment. *Please note all comments will be forwarded to the LGD.*

Questions or comments should be sent on or before **February 28, 2021**.

The 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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