

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF RITCHOT
AMALGAMATION OF STE. AGATHE, ST. ADOLPHE, ILE DES CHENES and
RITCHOT RURAL WATER AND/OR WASTEWATER UTILITIES
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES**

October 19, 2021

The Rural Municipality of Ritchot (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) to approve the amalgamation of Ste. Agathe Water and Wastewater Utility, St. Adolphe Water and Wastewater Utility, Ile des Chenes Water and Wastewater Utility and the Rural Water Utility to become the Amalgamated Ritchot Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility). The RM has also applied for revised water and wastewater rates as set out in By-law No. 10-2021, read the first time on July 21, 2021.

Rates for Ste. Adolphe were last revised in 2004, approved in Board Order No. 150/03, rates for Ste. Agathe were last revised in 2006, approved in Board Order No. 100/06, rates for Ile des Chenes were last revised in 2004, approved in Board Order No. 151/03 and rates for Ritchot Water were last revised in 2005, approved in Board Order No. 24/05.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Ste. Agathe By-Law 4-2006	St. Adolphe By-Law 19-2003	Ile des Chenes By-Law 18-2003	Rural Water By-Law 17-2004	By-Law 10-2021 Year 1	By-Law 10-2021 Year 2	By-Law 10-2021 Year 3
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 4.70	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.53	\$ 10.06	\$ 10.58
Water	\$ 1.54	\$ 1.54	\$ 1.54	\$ 1.54	\$ 1.68	\$ 1.82	\$ 1.95
Wastewater	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.42	\$ -	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.90	\$ 1.14
Minimum Quarterly Charge	\$32.42	\$36.44	\$36.44	\$30.56	\$ 42.43	\$ 48.14	\$ 53.84
Bulk Water Sales per cubic meter	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.32	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Wholesale water - Ste. Agathe (over 227 cubic meters)*	\$ 1.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.65	\$ -
Wholesale water - Ile des Chenes/St. Adolphe & Rural Water (over 91 cubic meters)*	\$ -	\$ 1.21	\$ 1.21	\$ 1.21	\$ 1.46	\$ 1.71	\$ -
Wastewater Only Customer (per REU)**	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$112.90	\$ 151.65	\$ 192.10
Wastewater Only Customers - Annual Total ***	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$122.43	\$ 161.71	\$ 202.68
Lagoon Tipping Fee - septic trucks 9 cubic meters or less****	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Lagoon Tipping Fee - septic trucks over 9 cubic meters****	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00

NB: Ste. Agathe and Rural Water rates are currently set per 1,000 gallons with a 3,000 gallon quarterly minimum – all rates and quarterly minimums have been converted to cubic meters for comparison purposes. The RM intends to charge all customers based on cubic meters going forward.

*The RM is proposing to phase out wholesale water rates by year 3 and use a single water rate

**REU – residential equivalency unit

***The RM proposes to charge wastewater only customers a single quarterly service charge on the annual billing

****based on capacity of the septic truck

Proposed rates for the Ste. Agathe Viterra Canola Plant shall be charged for wastewater service at the following rate: wastewater rates set forth above to be applied to 85% of actual water consumption of the plant. This does not represent a change to the billing practices approved in 2006 for Associated Protein.

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the Municipal 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 Ritchot'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 18, 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:

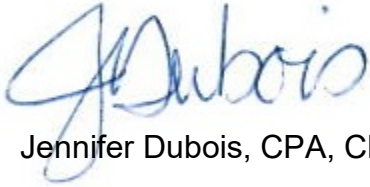
- the Utility filing a rate application to the Board,
- a public notification of proposed rate changes,
- the Board's review of the application through a public hearing or paper review process, and
- the issuance of an Order which outlines the Board's decision on the rate application and the rates to 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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