

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARGYLE
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES
LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BALDUR
BALDUR WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY**

December 18, 2023

The Rural Municipality of Argyle (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for the Baldur Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility), using the Board's Simplified Rate Application Process as set out in By-Law No. 05-2023, read the first time on November 14, 2023. Rates were last approved in 2022 in Board Order No. 39/22, with current rates coming into effect July 1, 2022.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	By-Law 2-2021	By-Law 05-2023 Year 1
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 10.72	\$ 11.47
Water (per 1,000 gallons)*	\$ 32.76	\$ 35.05
Water Pass Through Increase*	\$ -	\$ 2.10
Total Water Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 32.76	\$ 37.15
Wastewater (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 9.71	\$ 10.39
Minimum Quarterly Charge**	\$ 138.13	\$ 154.09
Wastewater Only Quarterly Charge***	\$ 68.98	\$ 73.81

*Year 1 rates include a pass through rate increase of \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons for water purchased from Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB) that was approved April 1, 2023

**Based on 3,000 gallons

***Based on 6,000 gallons

Note – The RM is also requesting pass through authority to allow the Utility to pass through water rate increases approved by the MWSB to its customers. The RM is anticipating a further increase (in addition to the \$2.10 increase noted in the table above) from MWSB on April 1, 2024, which the RM is planning to pass through to customers pending the Board's review/approval of the above noted requested rates.

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the Municipal 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 **February 5, 2024**.

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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