

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GREY
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES
AMALGAMATION OF GREY REGIONAL AND ST. CLAUDE WATER AND
WASTEWATER UTILITIES**

December 4, 2023

The Rural Municipality of Grey (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for Grey Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-law No. 09/23, read the first time on July 19, 2023. Rates for Grey Regional Water and Wastewater were last approved in 2020 in Board Order No. 28/20, with current rates coming into effect January 1, 2022, and rates for the St. Claude Water and Wastewater were last approved in 2020 in Board Order 29/20, with current rates coming into effect January 1, 2022. The RM has been granted approval in Board Orders 137-22 and 140-22 to pass through rate increases from Pembina Valley Water Co-op and Cartier Water Co-op. The RM is also requesting amalgamation of the utilities into one utility known as Grey Utility. The RM also has a deficit application before the Board to recover the 2018-2022 St. Claude Deficit.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	St. Claude	Grey Regional	By-Law 09/23 Year 1	By-Law 09/23 Year 2	By-Law 09/23 Year 3
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 32.52	\$ 29.87	\$ 30.47	\$ 30.73	\$ 30.98
Water (per 1,00 gallons)	\$ 16.55	\$ 17.57	\$ 21.36	\$ 22.97	\$ 24.59
Wastewater (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 6.40	\$ 6.43	\$ 7.20	\$ 7.53	\$ 7.86
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 101.37	\$ 101.87	\$ 116.15	\$ 122.23	\$ 128.33
Wastewater only customers**	\$ 90.12	\$ 87.74	\$ 95.27	\$ 98.50	\$ 101.72
Bulk Water Sales(per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 19.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 24.75	\$ 26.50
Tipping Fees (per load)	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Hydrant Rental (Annual)	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Deficit Recovery - Rate Riders					
St. Claude Deficit ¹	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.78	\$ 1.78	\$ 1.78
Minimum Quarterly Charge with deficit*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 121.49	\$ 127.57	\$ 133.67

*Based on 3,000 gallons

**Based on 9,000 gallons

¹ St. Claude Deficit Rate Rider application currently before the Board for approval

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM 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 Grey'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 **January 19, 2024**.

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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