



NOTICE OF APPLICATION MUNICIPALITY OF EMERSON-FRANKLIN REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES DOMINION-EMERSON WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY

May 26, 2023

The Municipality of Emerson-Franklin (Municipality) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for Dominion-Emerson Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-law No. 23-01, read the first time on January 10, 2023 and for the second time on May 12, 2023.

Rates were last approved in 2019 in Board Order No. 59/19, and pass through rate increases from Pembina Valley Water Cooperative have been implemented as required. Current rates came into effect January 1, 2023.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rates					Proposed Rates							
	By-Law - 01-2018 per 1,000 gallons		Converted to cubic meters*		By-Law 23-01 Year 1		By-Law 23-01 Year 2		By-Law 23-01 Year 3		By-Law 23-01 Year 4		
Quarterly Service Charge	\$	30.64	\$	30.64	\$	27.52	\$	26.14	\$	24.76	\$	23.38	
Water*	\$	19.35	\$	4.26	\$	4.70	\$	4.97	\$	5.24	\$	5.51	
Wastewater*	\$	5.86	\$	1.29	\$	1.79	\$	2.01	\$	2.23	\$	2.46	
Minimum Quarterly Charge**	\$	106.27	\$	108.28	\$	118.38	\$	123.86	\$	129.34	\$	134.96	
Wastewater Only Quarterly Charge***	\$	77.52	\$	77.52	\$	90.17	\$	96.49	\$	102.81	\$	109.48	
Bulk Water Sales (per 1,000 gallons)	\$	27.75	\$	27.75	\$	28.75	\$	30.25	\$	31.50	\$	34.25	

*Current rates per 1,000 gallons, proposed rates per cubic meter (1,000 imperial gallons = 4.54609 m³)

Current minimum based on 3,000 gallons, proposed rates based on 14 cubic meters *Current rate based on 8,000 gallons, proposed rates based on 35 cubic meters

Details of the Municipality'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 Municipality.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the Municipality of Emerson-Franklin's application for water and wastewater, rates please go to <u>www.pubmanitoba.ca</u> and provide your comment. *Please note all comments will be forwarded to the Municipality.*

Questions or comments should be sent on or before July 10, 2023.





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 <u>www.pubmanitoba.ca</u>.

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