

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
MUNICIPALITY OF NORFOLK TREHERNE  
REVISED WATER AND INITIAL WASTEWATER RATES  
RATHWELL WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY**

December 8, 2023

The Rural Municipality of Norfolk Treherne (Municipality) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and initial wastewater rates for the Rathwell Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-Law No. 96-2023, read the first time on September 19, 2023. Water rates were last approved in Board Order 124/11 with rates coming into effect on January 1, 2011. The Board denied interim *ex parte* rates in Board Order No. 131/23 as requested by the Municipality.

**NB** - *Interim ex parte rates are typically approved as applied for and are then subject to a Notice and review. This process is used only when there is an urgent need for revised rates.*

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	<b>Current Rates</b>	<b>Proposed Rates</b>
	<b>By-law 2486/10</b>	<b>By-Law 96-2023 Year 1</b>
Annual Charge per REU - water only*	\$ 250.00	\$ -
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ -	\$ 21.45
Water (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ -	\$ 36.43
Wastewater (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ -	\$ 24.87
Minimum Quarterly Charge**	\$ -	\$ 205.35
Bulk Water Sales(per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 7.00	\$ 39.00
Untreated Bulk Water (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00

\*Residential equivalency units

\*\*Based on 3,000 gallons

Details of the Municipality's application are available for review at the Municipality 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 Norfolk Treherne's application for water and wastewater rates please go to [www.pubmanitoba.ca](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca) and provide your comment. *Please note all comments will be forwarded to the Municipality.*

Questions or comments should be sent on or before **January 29, 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:

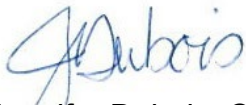
- the Utility filing a rate application to the Board,
- a public notification of proposed rate changes,
- the Board's review of the application through a public hearing or paper review process, and
- the issuance of an Order which outlines the Board's decision on the rate application and the rates to 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](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca).



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