

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
MUNICIPALITY OF WESTLAKE-GLADSTONE  
AMALGAMATION OF LANGRUTH WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY  
AND YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL WATER UTILITY  
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES**

May 29, 2023

The Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone (Municipality) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) to approve the amalgamation of the Langruth Water and Wastewater Utility and the Yellowhead Regional Water Utility. The Municipality has also applied for revised water and wastewater rates as set out in By-Law No. 2023-03, read the first time on March 15, 2023.

Rates for Langruth Water and Wastewater Utility were last revised in 2016, approved in Board Order No. 78/16, rates for Yellowhead Regional Utility were last revised in 2021, approved in Board Order No. 99/21.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rates		Proposed Rates			
	Langruth Utility*	Yellowhead Regional**	By-Law 2023-03 Year 1	By-Law 2023-03 Year 2	By-Law 2023-03 Year 3	By-Law 2023-03 Year 4
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 19.00	\$ 15.96	\$ 15.91	\$ 15.86	\$ 15.81	\$ 15.76
Water (per cubic meter)	\$ 3.18	\$ 3.08	\$ 3.23	\$ 3.38	\$ 3.53	\$ 3.66
Wastewater (per cubic meter)	\$ 0.79	\$ -	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.49
Minimum Quarterly Charge***	\$ 74.58	\$ 59.08	\$ 71.21	\$ 72.28	\$ 73.35	\$ 73.86
Deficit Rate Rider (per cubic meter)****	\$ 3.50	\$ -	\$ 3.51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bulk Water Sales**	\$ 4.96	\$ 3.09	\$ 5.25	\$ 5.50	\$ 5.50	\$ 5.75
Reconnection Fee	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Hydrant Charge	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Wastewater Tipping Fee (annual)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00

\*Rates were approved in Board Order No. 78/16 based on a \$/1,000 gallon basis and have been converted to cubic meters.

\*\*Rates were approved in Board Order No. 99/21, By-Law No. 2021-02. Rates were increased by pass through authority in By-Law No. 2021-11 and 2022-01.

\*\*\*Based on 14 cubic meters

\*\*\*\*Langruth Utility Customers Only - Recovery of a 2019 operating deficits was approved in Board Order No. 109/21 to be recovered through a rate rider of \$1.51 in Years 1 and 2 and \$1.52 per cubic meter in Year 3, beginning October 1, 2021. Board Order No. 75/22 approved a 2020 operating deficit to be recovered through a rate rider of \$1.99 per cubic meter over 2 years beginning October 1, 2022.

Details of the Municipality's application are available for review at the Municipality's 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 Municipality.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the Municipality'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 **July 13, 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 [www.pubmanitoba.ca](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca).



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