

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF FLIN FLON WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY
OPERATING DEFICIT RECOVERY APPROVAL
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES**

June 20, 2024

The City of Flin Flon (City) has submitted two applications to the Public Utilities Board (Board). The Board will convene a Public Hearing to be held:

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Location: RH Channing Auditorium (Flin Flon Community Hall)

Address: 2 North Avenue

Flin Flon, MB

Doors open at 5:00 P.M.

Hearing to begin at 5:30 P.M.

The first application is for approval of Utility operating deficits for the years 2018 (\$372,385) and 2022 (\$1,091,682). The sum of the deficits is \$1,464,067 and the Utility is seeking the Board's approval to recover the deficits by a rate rider of \$1.69 per customer per 1,000 gallons over a period of five years.

The second application is for revised water and wastewater rates for the Flin Flon Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-Law No. 2023-20, read the first time on November 21, 2023. Rates were last approved in 2020 in Board Order No. 122/20, with current rates coming into effect in January 1, 2021.

Note – The Public Hearing will be strictly limited to the deficit and rate applications filed by the City with the Public Utilities Board. Any other City issues can only be resolved by the City and therefore will not be part of the Hearing.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rates*	Proposed Rates			
	By-Law 2022-14	By-Law 2023-20 Year 1	By-Law 2023-20 Year 2	By-Law 2023-20 Year 3	By-Law 2023-20 Year 4
Monthly Service Charge		\$ 7.09	\$ 7.87	\$ 8.65	\$ 9.43
Water (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 12.33	\$ 12.44	\$ 13.66	\$ 14.88	\$ 16.09
Wastewater (per 1,000 gallons)		\$ 10.21	\$ 11.31	\$ 12.41	\$ 13.52
Deficit Rate Rider (per 1,000 gallons)**	\$ -	\$ 1.69	\$ 1.69	\$ 1.69	\$ 1.69
Minimum Monthly Charge***	\$ 73.93	\$ 29.74	\$ 32.84	\$ 35.94	\$ 39.04
Minimum Monthly with Rate Rider***		\$ 31.43	\$ 34.53	\$ 37.63	\$ 40.73
Unmetered Services - Monthly****	\$ 104.81	\$ 131.67	\$ 145.21	\$ 158.75	\$ 172.29
Unmetered Services - Monthly with Rate Rider****		\$ 140.97	\$ 154.51	\$ 168.05	\$ 181.59
Bulk Water (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 12.33	\$ 16.50	\$ 17.75	\$ 16.75	\$ 18.00
Disconnection Fee	\$ 93.98	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

*Current rates are based on combined commodity and service charge fee.

**Recovery of actual operating deficits incurred in 2018 and 2022

***Current rates based on 6,000 gallons, Proposed rates based on 1,000 gallons

****Current rates based on a flat rate basis, Proposed rates based on 5,500 gallons per month

Details of the City's applications are available for review at the City's office or the Board's office. Any questions concerning the application for revised rates, recovery of Utility operating deficits, or the operation of the Utility, should be sent directly to the City.

Interested parties may attend the hearing and make their views known to the Board by way of public presentations. In the interest of ensuring that people have the opportunity to be heard, the Board may set a time limit for each presentation. Any person wishing to make a written representation regarding the City's rate application to the Board should write to:

The Public Utilities Board
400 – 330 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3C 0C4

Or, send an e-mail to publicutilities@gov.mb.ca, on or before **August 20, 2024**.

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.

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 these applications, 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.

"Original signed by:"

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