

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PRAIRIE LAKES  
REVISED WATER RATES  
DUNREA WATER UTILITY**

April 23, 2024

The Rural Municipality of Prairie Lakes (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water rates for the Dunrea Water Utility (Utility) as set out in By-Law No. 7, 2023, read the first time on December 12, 2023 with second reading on March 12, 2024. Rates were last approved in 2023 in Board Order No. 34/23, with current rates to be effective May 30, 2024.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rates	Proposed Rates		
	By-Law 7-2021	By-Law 7, 2023 Year 1	By-Law 7, 2023 Year 2	By-Law 7, 2023 Year 3
Annual Service Charge	\$ 17.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Annual Water Rate (per REU)	\$ 737.36	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Annual Charge*	\$ 754.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Quarterly Service Charge <sup>N</sup>	\$ 4.36	\$ 13.30	\$ 15.82	\$ 16.33
Quarterly Water Rate (per REU) <sup>N</sup>	\$ 184.36			
Water (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ -	\$ 38.61	\$ 43.99	\$ 44.97
Minimum Quarterly Charge <sup>**N</sup>	\$ 188.72	\$ 129.13	\$ 147.79	\$ 151.24
Bulk Water Sales (per 1,000 gallons)	\$ -	\$ 46.26	\$ 47.78	\$ 48.88
Reconnection Fee	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00

\*Based on one Residential Equivalency Unit (REU)

\*\*Based on 3,000 gallons

<sup>N</sup>Note – Current rates have been prorated for comparison purposes only.

Details of the RM’s application are available for review at the RM’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 RM.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the RM’s application for water, rates please go to [www.pubmanitoba.ca](http://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 **June 7, 2024**.

The 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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