

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
CITY OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE
REVISED WATER & WASTEWATER RATES**

September 16, 2019

The City of Portage la Prairie (City) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) using the simplified rate application process (as per Board Order 86/17), for revised water and wastewater rates for the City of Portage la Prairie Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-Law 19-8699, read for the first time on July 1, 2019. Rates were last approved in Board Order 151/18 for January 1, 2019.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rates	Proposed 2020 Rates
	By-Law 19-8686	By-Law 19- 8699
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 21.34	\$ 21.97
Level 1 - Water (per cubic meter)	\$ 1.33	\$ 1.37
Level 1 - Wastewater (per cubic meter)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.06
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 66.79	\$ 68.79
Water Only - Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 39.49	\$ 40.67
Bulk Water Sales (per gallon)	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00
Level 2 - Water (per cubic meter)	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.14
Level 2 - Wastewater (per cubic meter)	\$ 2.02	\$ 2.08
Level 3 - Water (per cubic meter)	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.08
Level 3 - Wastewater (per cubic meter)	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.55
Level 4 - Water (per cubic meter)	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.46
Level 4 - Wastewater (per cubic meter)	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.55

* Based on 13.65 cubic meters and a 5/8 inch meter

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

If you have concerns/comments regarding the City's application for water and wastewater rates, please go to www.pubmanitoba.ca and provide your comment. *Please note all comments will be forwarded to the City.*

Questions or comments should be sent on or before **October 16, 2019**.

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 recently issued 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.

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