
December 9, 2025

Public Notice – Saskatchewan Avenue West Debenture Surcharge

Intent to Request Review & Vary of PUB Order No. 139/25

The City of Portage la Prairie will submit a Review & Vary request to the Manitoba Public Utilities Board (PUB) regarding Order No. 139/25, which approved surcharges to recover a portion of debenture servicing costs for the Saskatchewan Avenue West project, effective January 1, 2026.

Council approved a resolution on December 8, 2025, to request that the PUB change the effective date of the Saskatchewan Avenue West surcharge from January 1, 2026, to the Year 1 implementation date of the new utility rates proposed under By-Law No. 25-8781.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
CITY OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER] RATES
PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY**

November 21, 2025

The City of Portage la Prairie (City) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for the Portage la Prairie Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-Law No. 25-8781, read the first time on July 14, 2025. Rates were last approved in 2021 in Board Order No. 133/21, with current rates coming into effect January 1, 2025. The Saskatchewan Avenue West Project Debenture Surcharges were approved on October 31, 2025 in Board Order No. 139/25, as set out in By-Law 21-8728 and By-Law 22-8737.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rates	Proposed Rates By-Law No. 25/8781			
	By-Law No. 22-8748	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 22.69	\$ 24.51	\$ 26.33	\$ 28.15	\$ 29.98
Water (per m ³) – Step 1 – up to 227 m ³ *	\$ 2.64	\$ 3.05	\$ 3.43	\$ 3.81	\$ 4.20
Water (per m ³) – Step 2 – 228 m ³ to 2,273 m ³ *	\$ 2.19	\$ 2.54	\$ 2.86	\$ 3.18	\$ 3.49
Water (per m ³) – Step 3 – 2,274 m ³ to 18,184 m ³ *	\$ 2.07	\$ 2.40	\$ 2.70	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.30
Water (per m ³) – Step 4 – over 18,184 m ³ *	\$ 0.89	\$ 1.03	\$ 1.16	\$ 1.29	\$ 1.41
Wastewater (per m ³) – Step 1 – up to 227 m ³ *	\$ 1.76	\$ 1.93	\$ 2.06	\$ 2.19	\$ 2.31
Wastewater (per m ³) – Step 2 – 228 m ³ to 2,273 m ³ *	\$ 1.76	\$ 1.93	\$ 2.06	\$ 2.19	\$ 2.31
Wastewater (per m ³) – Step 3 – 2,274 m ³ to 18,184 m ³ *	\$ 1.33	\$ 1.46	\$ 1.56	\$ 1.66	\$ 1.74
Wastewater (per m ³) – Step 4 – over 18,184 m ³ *	\$ 1.33	\$ 1.46	\$ 1.56	\$ 1.66	\$ 1.74
Minimum Quarterly Charge with Debenture Surcharge**	\$ 84.29	\$ 94.23	\$ 103.19	\$ 112.15	\$ 121.12
Wastewater Only Customers (based on 45m ³)	\$ 101.44	\$ 111.36	\$ 119.03	\$ 126.70	\$ 133.93
Bulk Water (per m ³)	\$ 11.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 19.75	\$ 21.50	\$ 23.25
Septic Tipping fee (per load, up to 14,000 litres)	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Hydrants Within City Limits - Metered	\$ 55.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Hydrants Within City Limits - Unmetered	\$ 140.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Hydrants Outside City Limits - Metered	\$ 140.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Hydrants Outside City Limits - Unmetered	\$ 220.00	\$ 405.00	\$ 405.00	\$ 405.00	\$ 405.00

*Rates include Debenture Surcharges as per Board Order No. 139/25

**Based on 14 m³

Note - Current rates do not include debenture surcharges.

The surcharge for By-Law 21-8728 is effective January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2036 or until the debenture is fully recovered as follows:

By-Law	Total Borrowing	Balance Remaining at December 31, 2025	Net Annual Debenture Payment	Approved Surcharge per m ³ Water		Approved Surcharge per m ³ Wastewater		Time Period
21-8728	\$2,100,000	\$1,616,508	\$170,860	Domestic	\$0.03	Domestic	\$0.04	11 years
				Intermediate	\$0.03	Intermediate	\$0.04	
				Wholesale	\$0.02	Wholesale	\$0.03	
				Variable	\$0.01	Variable	\$0.03	

The surcharge for By-Law 22-8737 is effective January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2037 or until the debenture is fully recovered as follows:

By-Law	Total Borrowing	Balance Remaining at December 31, 2025	Net Annual Debenture Payment	Approved Surcharge per m ³ Water		Approved Surcharge per m ³ Wastewater		Time Period
22-8737	\$842,000	\$703,485	\$71,350	Domestic	\$0.01	Domestic	\$0.01	12 years
				Intermediate	\$0.01	Intermediate	\$0.01	
				Wholesale	\$0.01	Wholesale	\$0.01	
				Variable	\$0.01	Variable	-	

Details of the City's application are available for review at the City 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 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 **January 6, 2026**.

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.



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