

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
RURAL MUNICIPALITY (RM) OF MORRIS
REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES
MORRIS WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY**

April 12, 2018

The Rural Municipality (RM) of Morris (Rural Municipality (RM)) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for Morris Utility (Utility) as set out in By-law No. 1732/2018, read the first time on February 14, 2018. Rates were last approved in 2011 in Board Order No. 157/11.

The current urban rates and proposed rates are provided:

	Current By-Law 1677/11	Proposed Year 1 (By-Law 1732/2018)	Proposed Year 2 (By-Law 1732/2018)	Proposed Year 3 (By-Law 1732/2018)
Water (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$ 13.30	\$ 17.59	\$ 18.51	\$ 19.42
Wastewater (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$ 1.75	\$ 1.94	\$ 2.13	\$ 2.32
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.02	\$ 20.04	\$ 20.06
Rate Rider Urban Customers (\$/1000)	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.61
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 75.98	\$ 89.44	\$ 92.79	\$ 96.11
Wastewater only Customers **	\$ -	\$ 37.48	\$ 39.21	\$ 40.94
Bulk water sales (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$ 17.25	\$ 24.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 26.00
Hydrant Charge	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
*Based on 3,000 gallons				
**Based on 9,000 gallons				

The following clauses were added or revised in By-law No. 1732/2018 Schedule “A”. Please review the proposed By-law at the RM for detailed information:

3. Definitions
4. Water Rates during Drought
5. Deficit Rate Ride
6. Service to Customers outside Utility Limits
7. Disconnection and Reconnection
9. Hydrant Charges
11. Sewer Surcharges
12. Meter Testing
13. Cross Connections
14. Conditions of Disrepair
15. Authorization for Officer to Enter Upon Premises

The current rural rates and proposed rates are provided:

	Current By-Law 1677/11	Proposed Year 1 (By-Law 1732/2018)	Proposed Year 2 (By-Law 1732/2018)	Proposed Year 3 (By-Law 1732/2018)
Water (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$ 7.70	\$ 11.25	\$ 12.85	\$ 14.46
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 27.30	\$ 24.29	\$ 21.28	\$ 18.26
Rate Rider (\$/1000)**	\$ 0.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 51.06	\$ 58.04	\$ 59.83	\$ 61.64
*Based on 3,000 gallons				
** Rate rider no longer in effect as deficit has been recovered for Rural Customers				

The following clauses were added or revised in By-law No. 1732/2018 Schedule “B”. Please review the proposed By-law at the RM for detailed information:

3. Definitions
4. Water Rates during Drought
5. Service to Customers outside Utility Limits
6. Disconnection and Reconnection
9. Meter Testing
10. Cross Connections
11. Conditions of Disrepair
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Details of the RM’s application are available for review at the RM’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 Rural Municipality.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the RM of Morris’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 RM.*

Questions or comments should be sent on or before May 12, 2018.

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,
- the 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 a Board 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 PUB 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 PUB 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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