

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. ANDREWS
INITIAL INTERIM WASTEWATER RATES
ST. ANDREWS SOUTH WASTEWATER UTILITY**

February 17, 2021

The Rural Municipality of St. Andrews (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for initial interim wastewater rates for St. Andrews South Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-law No. 4350, read the first time on December 8, 2020.

The new Utility will provide wastewater collection services to St. Andrews residents with wastewater treatment being provided by the City of Winnipeg at the North End Water Pollution Control Centre.

As a condition of providing wastewater treatment services, the City of Winnipeg requires that all Utility customers install water meters on their wells.

In accordance with the proposed Service Sharing Agreement (SSA) with the City of Winnipeg, every property connecting to the St Andrews South Wastewater Utility shall pay a Utilities Buy-In Charge to the RM of St Andrews. The RM anticipates the SSA will be signed prior to April 1, 2021.

The proposed rates are as follows:

	Proposed Rates		
	2021	2022	2023
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 80.82	\$ 80.82	\$ 80.82
Wastewater (per cubic meter)	\$ 4.23	\$ 4.23	\$ 4.23
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 140.04	\$ 140.04	\$ 140.04
Utilities buy-In Charge	\$ 2,680.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,100.00
Meter Testing (5/8" or 3/4")**	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Meter Testing (1" and larger)**	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00
Minimum Meter Tampering	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

*Based on 14 cubic meters

**If the meter is found to be recording water flows more than 3% in excess of actual flows, all costs associated with the testing process will be borne by the Municipality and the deposit will be refunded to the customer and the customer's account will be adjusted for the preceding six (6) months.

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the Municipal office or the Public Utilities Board's office. Any questions concerning the application for rates, or the operation of the Utility, should be sent directly to the RM.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the RM of St. Andrews' application for 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 **March 17, 2021**.

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 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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