



NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE TOWN OF STEWIACKE, on behalf its **WATER UTILITY** has applied for approval of amendments to its Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Water Services and amendments to its Schedule of Rules and Regulations

This matter will be considered in a public hearing as follows:

Hearing starts: **Tuesday, August 20, 2019**
10:30 a.m.

Hearing Location: **Royal Canadian Legion**
299 George Street
Stewiacke, Nova Scotia

Board Hearings are open to the public and you may participate as follows:

- You may speak at the hearing. You must notify the Board by **Friday, August 16, 2019**
- You may make written comments by sending a letter to the Clerk of the Board at P.O. Box 1692, Unit "M", Halifax, NS B3J 3S3, or by email at: board@novascotia.ca, or by fax at (902) 424-3919 by **Friday, August 16, 2019**
- You may request formal standing as an Intervener, subject to Board approval. This will allow you to present evidence or cross-examine witnesses. Your request must be received by the Board by **Friday, June 7, 2019** and a copy of your written evidence by **Friday, July 5, 2019**

Additional information about the matter is as follows:

- For the unmetered rate, the current quarterly water bill is \$177.45 and is proposed to increase to \$210.55 (18.7% increase) in 2019/20; \$222.42 (5.6% increase) in 2020/21; and \$237.01 (6.6% increase) in 2021/22.
- For a 5/8" meter, residential customer, the average current quarterly water bill is \$116.14 and it is proposed to increase to \$135.40 (16.6% increase) in 2019/20; \$142.60 (5.3% increase) in 2020/21; and \$152.31 (6.8% increase) in 2021/22.
- The Utility is also requesting amendments for other metered services ranging from 7.0% to 18.7% in 2019/20; 5.5% to 10.8% in 2020/21; and 6.3% to 13.4% in 2021/22.

- The annual fire protection charge to be paid by the Town of Stewiacke, currently \$161,065, is proposed to increase to \$175,199 (8.8% increase) in 2019/20; increase to \$189,000 (7.9% increase) in 2020/21; and decrease to \$188,598 (0.2% decrease) in 2021/22.

Upon reviewing the Application, the Board, in its Decision, may determine that the proposed amendments should be as requested, higher, or lower.

A copy of the Application and any timetable applying to this matter may be viewed at the Offices of the Board, Summit Place, 1601 Lower Water Street, 3rd Floor, Halifax, NS, or on the Board's website at <https://nsuarb.novascotia.ca/>, by clicking on "Matters & Evidence", and in the "Go To Files and Documents", enter Matter No. **M09199**, and at the **Town of Stewiacke, 295 George Street, Stewiacke, Nova Scotia**