



NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The **TOWN OF PICTOU** has made Application to the Board, on behalf of its **WATER UTILITY** 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: **Wednesday, October 17, 2018**
11:00 a.m.

Hearing Location: **Town of Pictou Council Chambers**
40 Water Street
Pictou, 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 **Monday, October 15, 2018**.
- 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 **Monday, October 15, 2018**.
- You may request formal standing as an Intervenor, subject to Board approval. This will allow you to present evidence or cross-examine witnesses. Your request must be received by the Board by **Monday, July 30, 2018** and a copy of your written evidence by **Thursday, August 30, 2018**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For the unmetered rate, the current quarterly water bill is \$121.04 and it is proposed to increase to \$127.70 (a 5.5% increase) in 2018/19; \$149.96 (a 17.4% increase) in 2019/20; and \$174.86 (a 16.6% increase) in 2020/21. Although a large number of unmetered customers existed in 2017/18, it is expected that there will be no unmetered customers during the test period.

For a 5/8 meter, residential customer, the average current quarterly water bill is \$92.12, and it is proposed to increase to \$120.81 (a 31.1% increase) in 2018/19; \$133.48 (a 10.5 % increase) in 2019/20; and \$146.12 (a 9.5 % increase) in 2020/21.

The Utility is also requesting increases for other metered services ranging from 32.9% to 43.8% in 2018/19; 10.1% to 17.2% in 2019/20; and 10.7% to 16.5% in 2020/21.

The annual fire protection charge paid by the Town, currently \$185,997, is proposed to be increase to \$187,917 (a 1.0% increase) in 2018/19; \$223,272 (an 18.8% increase) in 2019/20; and \$262,369 (a 17.5% increase) in 2020/21.

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 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 <http://nsuarb.novascotia.ca/>, by clicking on "Matters & Evidence", and in the "Go Directly to Matter" search box, enter Matter Number M08739; and at the Town of Pictou, 40 Water Street, Nova Scotia.