

NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF an Application of the **TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL**, on behalf of its **WATER UTILITY**, for approval of amendments to its Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Water Services and its Schedule of Rules and Regulations

BEFORE:



Murray E. Doehler, C.A., P.Eng.

ORDER

WHEREAS the Town of Annapolis Royal, on behalf of its Water Utility (“Utility”), made Application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (“Board”) for approval to amend its Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Water Services and its Schedule of Rules and Regulations;

AND WHEREAS after due public notice, the Application was heard by the Board at the Town of Annapolis Royal Council Chambers on February 27, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. and the Board was pleased to render its Decision on the 15th day of May, 2008;

AND WHEREAS the Utility has filed a compliance filing, as directed by the Board, on May 16, 2008.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Schedules of Rates for Water and Water Services, as amended, and attached hereto as Schedule “A”, be approved effective for

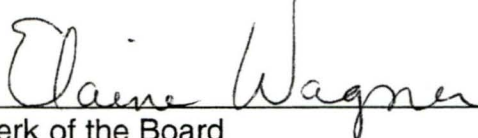
water and water services supplied on and after July 1, 2008.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Schedules of Rates for Water and Water Services, as amended, and attached hereto as Schedule "B", be approved effective April 1, 2009.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Schedules of Rates for Water and Water Services, as amended, and attached hereto as Schedule "C", be approved effective April 1, 2010.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the total depreciation charge for the three years ending March 31, 2011 be used to fund the principal portion of the debt.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 20th day of June, 2008.


Clerk of the Board

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SCHEDULE "C"
TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL WATER UTILITY
SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR WATER & WATER SERVICES

(Effective for water and water services supplied on and after April 1, 2010)

RATES

The rates set out below are the rates approved by the Board for water and water services when payment is made within 30 days from the date rendered as shown on the bill.

When payment is made after 30 days from the date rendered as shown on the bill, the rates will include interest charges of 1.5% per month, or part thereof.

Each bill shall show the amount payable within 30 days from the date rendered as shown on the bill.

In this Schedule, the word "Utility" means the Town of Annapolis Royal Water Utility.

1. **METERED RATES**

(a) **Base Charges**

<u>Size of Meter</u>	<u>Quarterly Charge</u>
5/8"	\$ 97.95
3/4"	\$ 143.18
1"	\$ 233.65
1 1/2"	\$ 459.81
2"	\$ 731.20
3"	\$1,454.92

(b) **Consumption Rates**

\$ 0.90 per Cubic Metre

(c) **Minimum Bill**

The minimum bill shall be the Base Charge.

2. **PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION RATE**

The Town of Annapolis Royal shall pay, annually, to the Water Utility for public fire protection services, the sum of \$110,130.

3. **RATES FOR SPRINKLER SERVICE**

Each building having a sprinkler system installed shall pay for each twelve-month period, \$320.00 for each building served by a sprinkler service pipe.

4. **UNMETERED RATES**

Per Quarter

Residential Service	\$133.95
Alden Hubley Drive Subdivision	\$999.81
Hillside Drive Subdivision	\$819.81

The unmetered rate for the two subdivisions shall only apply until source meters are installed and a reading is taken at the beginning of a billing cycle. After this, the normal billing of a base charge for the meter, plus actual consumption will start.

5. **WATER FOR BUILDINGS OR WORKS UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

The Utility may furnish water to any person requiring a supply thereof for the construction of a building or other works. This person shall deposit with the Utility such sum as may be determined by the Utility as is sufficient to defray the cost of making the necessary connection to any water service or main together with the cost of the meter to be installed to measure the water consumed. Upon completion of the work and the return of the meter to the Utility, a refund will be made after deducting the cost, if any, of repairing the meter and of testing the same and payment of the base and connection charges and the consumption rates in respect to such installation.

6. **RATES FOR WATER SUPPLIED FROM FIRE HYDRANTS**

Whenever the use of any fire hydrant is desired for supplying water for any purpose, excepting those of the Fire Department, the Utility may grant a permit containing such terms and conditions as it may provide, including arrangements regarding supervision of the opening and closing of the hydrant, and the keeping of a record of the time the hydrant is used.

7. **CHARGES FOR RE-ESTABLISHING WATER SERVICE**

When water service has been suspended for any violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Utility, such water service shall not be re-established until a reconnection charge of \$20.00 has been paid to the Utility.

8. **THE INSTALLATION OR RE-CONNECTION OF A WATER METER**

The Utility shall charge a \$20.00 fee for the creation of a water account, reconnection of a water meter or for the installation of a water meter.

9. **CHARGE FOR NON-NEGOTIABLE CHEQUES**

The Utility shall charge a \$20.00 administration fee for cheques that, due to non-negotiability, have been rejected by the Utility's bank.

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SCHEDULE "A"
TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL WATER UTILITY
SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR WATER & WATER SERVICES
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1. **METERED RATES**

(a) **Base Charges**

<u>Size of Meter</u>	<u>Quarterly Charge</u>
5/8"	\$ 76.74
3/4"	\$ 111.59
1"	\$ 181.28
1 1/2"	\$ 355.49
2"	\$ 564.56
3"	\$1,122.06

(b) **Consumption Rates**

\$ 0.83 per Cubic Metre

(c) **Minimum Bill**

The minimum bill shall be the Base Charge.

2. **PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION RATE**

The Town of Annapolis Royal shall pay to the Water Utility for public fire protection services, the amount of \$86,039 for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2008. This is the annual amount of \$99,324 prorated over the three months of April, May and June and the annual amount of \$81,060 prorated over the remaining nine months of the fiscal year.

3. **RATES FOR SPRINKLER SERVICE**

Each building having a sprinkler system installed shall pay for each twelve-month period, \$290.00 for each building served by a sprinkler service pipe.

4. **UNMETERED RATES**

	<u>Per Quarter</u>
Residential Service	\$109.94
Alden Hubley Drive Subdivision	\$853.49
Hillside Drive Subdivision	\$687.49

The unmetered rate for the two subdivisions shall only apply until source meters are installed and a reading is taken at the beginning of a billing cycle. After this, the normal billing of a base charge for the meter, plus actual consumption will start.

5. **WATER FOR BUILDINGS OR WORKS UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

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6. **RATES FOR WATER SUPPLIED FROM FIRE HYDRANTS**

Whenever the use of any fire hydrant is desired for supplying water for any purpose, excepting those of the Fire Department, the Utility may grant a permit containing such terms and conditions as it may provide, including arrangements regarding supervision of the opening and closing of the hydrant, and the keeping of a record of the time the hydrant is used.

7. **CHARGES FOR RE-ESTABLISHING WATER SERVICE**

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8. **THE INSTALLATION OR RE-CONNECTION OF A WATER METER**

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9. **CHARGE FOR NON-NEGOTIABLE CHEQUES**

The Utility shall charge a \$20.00 administration fee for cheques that, due to non-negotiability, have been rejected by the Utility's bank.

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SCHEDULE "B"
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2"	\$ 728.72
3"	\$1,450.18

(b) **Consumption Rates**

\$ 0.86 per Cubic Metre

(c) **Minimum Bill**

The minimum bill shall be the Base Charge.

2. **PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION RATE**

The Town of Annapolis Royal shall pay, annually, to the Water Utility for public fire protection services, the sum of \$109,897.

3. **RATES FOR SPRINKLER SERVICE**

Each building having a sprinkler system installed shall pay for each twelve-month period, \$300.00 for each building served by a sprinkler service pipe.

4. **UNMETERED RATES**

Per Quarter

Residential Service	\$131.85
Alden Hubley Drive Subdivision	\$974.18
Hillside Drive Subdivision	\$802.18

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