



NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS, on behalf of the existing three water utilities (FALMOUTH, HANTSPORT, AND THREE MILE PLAINS/WENTWORTH) to amalgamate the three utilities into one utility named the **WEST HANTS WATER UTILITY** and to apply for approval of a Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Water Services and a Schedule of Rules and Regulations

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

Hearing starts: **Wednesday, March 27, 2019**
10:00 a.m.

Evening Session: **Wednesday, March 27, 2019**
7:00 p.m.

Hearing Location: **Council Chambers**
Municipality of the District of West Hants
76 Morison Drive
Windsor, 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, March 25, 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 **Monday, March 25, 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 **Wednesday, January 23, 2019** and a copy of your written evidence by **Thursday, February 21, 2019**

Additional information about the matter is as follows:

a) Effective 2019/20

Utility	Meter Size	Average Current Quarterly Water Bill (\$)	Average Proposed Quarterly Water Bill (\$)	% Increase/Decrease
Falmouth	5/8" (residential)	87.70	132.55	51.1%
	3/4"	130.71	197.58	51.2%
	1"	339.41	518.44	52.7%
	1.5"	569.76	867.99	52.3%
	2"	678.60	1,027.17	51.4%
	3"	2,566.85	3,993.57	53.2%
Hantsport	5/8" (residential)	171.38	132.55	-22.7%
	3/4"	254.21	197.58	-22.3%
	1"	611.30	518.44	-15.2%
	1.5"	1,049.89	867.99	-17.3%
	2"	1,315.00	1,027.17	-21.9%
	4"	2,760.88	1,873.00	-32.2%
Three Mile Plains/Wentworth	5/8" (residential)	135.15	132.55	-1.9%
	3/4"	201.71	197.58	-2.0%
	1"	555.51	518.44	-6.7%
	1.5"	916.56	867.99	-5.3%
	2"	1,048.77	1,027.17	-2.1%

b) Effective 2020/21

For the proposed West Hants Water Utility, for a 5/8" residential customer, the average quarterly water bill is proposed to increase from \$132.55 to \$137.10 (a 3.4% increase) in 2020/21. For the other metered services, the proposed average quarterly water bill increases range from 4.3% to 4.5% in 2020/21.

c) Effective 2021/22

For the proposed West Hants Water Utility, for a 5/8" residential customer, the average quarterly water bill is proposed to increase from \$137.10 to \$146.55 (a 6.9% increase) in 2021/22. For the other metered services, the proposed average quarterly water bill increases range from 7.4% to 8.7% in 2021/22.

d) Amendments are further proposed to the public fire protection charge to the Municipality. The current annual fire protection charges by each of the existing water utilities of Falmouth, Hantsport, and Three Mile Plains/Wentworth, to the Municipality have an estimated combined total of \$604,438. It is proposed to increase to \$616,834 (a 2.1% increase) in 2019/20; \$646,843 (a 4.9% increase) in 2020/21; and \$658,095 (a 1.7% increase) 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. **M09013**, and at the **Municipality of the District of West Hants, 76 Morison Drive, Windsor, Nova Scotia**