



NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF LUNENBURG, on behalf of 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: Wednesday, August 10, 2022
10:30 am**

**Lunenburg Town Hall
119 Cumberland Street
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia**

Depending on the circumstances related to COVID-19, this public hearing may be held by GoToWebinar video conferencing.

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 5, 2022**.
- 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 5, 2022**.
- 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, May 20, 2022**, and a copy of your written evidence by **Thursday, June 30, 2022**.

Additional information about the matter is as follows:

- For unmetered customers, for the first dwelling unit, the current quarterly water bill is \$149.15 and it is proposed to increase to \$166.48 (an 11.6% increase) in 2022/23; \$168.41 (a 1.2% increase) in 2023/24; and \$173.43 (a 3.0% increase) in 2024/25. For the unmetered service for each additional dwelling unit the current quarterly water bill is \$62.53 and is proposed to decrease to \$50.10 in

2022/23 (a 19.9% decrease); increase to \$51.40 (a 2.6% increase) in 2023/24; and \$53.06 (a 3.2% increase) in 2024/25.

- For a 5/8-meter residential customer, the average current quarterly water bill is \$138.65, and it is proposed to increase to \$155.29, (a 12.0% increase) in 2022/23; \$156.93, (a 1.1% increase) in 2023/24; and \$161.57, (a 3.0% increase) in 2024/25.
- The Utility is also requesting amendments for other metered services ranging from 8.2% to 20.9% in 2022/23; 1.3% to 3.9% in 2023/24; and 3.0% to 4.0% in 2024/25.
- The Utility currently has a two-block consumption rate structure based on an upper limit of 27,000,000 gallons per year per customer for the first block. The Utility is requesting that the first block limit be changed to 41,200,000 gallons in the first test year, 43,200,000 gallons in the second test year, and that the second block rate be eliminated in the final test year.
- The annual fire protection charge paid by the Town, currently \$331,000, is proposed to decrease to \$325,156 (a 1.8% decrease) for all three test years, based on the calculation of the fire protection charge for the third test year.

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 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. **M10552**.