



Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The **TOWN OF ANTIGONISH WATER UTILITY** has made Application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for Approval of amendments to its Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Water Services and its Schedule of Rules and Regulations. Specific details of the application are set out below.

Hearing: **Wednesday, May 21, 2014**
11:00 a.m.

Place: **Antigonish Town Council Chambers**
274 Main Street, Antigonish NS

ALL PERSONS are entitled to attend the hearing.

ANYONE WISHING TO MAKE COMMENTS may do so at the hearing or by forwarding a letter to the Clerk of the Board at P. O. Box 1692, Unit "M", Halifax, NS B3J 3S3, or by email at: board@gov.ns.ca, or by fax (902) 424-3919.

ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE FORMAL STANDING to present evidence or cross-examine witnesses should file such intention with the Board by no later than **Thursday, April 3, 2014** and a copy of their written evidence by no later than **Thursday, April 24, 2014**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

1. For a 5/8 meter, residential customer, the average current quarterly water bill is \$65.38 and it is proposed to be amended to \$64.30 (a 1.6% decrease) in 2014/15; \$63.58 (a 1.1% decrease) in 2015/16; and \$64.22 (a 1.0% increase) in 2016/17.
2. The Utility is also requesting amendments for other metered services ranging from 5.8% to 13.1% in 2014/15; -0.2% to 0.2% in 2015/16; and 2.5% to 2.9% in 2016/17.
3. The wholesale rate for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish, currently \$5,151.93/month plus \$1.51/1,000 gallons, is proposed to increase to \$7,108.50/month (38.0%) plus \$1.70/1,000 gallons(12.6%) in 2014/15; \$7,309.37/month (2.8%) plus \$1.74/1,000 gallons (2.4%) in 2015/16; and \$7,446.83/ month (1.9%) in plus \$1.77/ 1,000 gallons (1.7%) in 2016/17.
4. The total annual fire protection charge to be paid by the Town of Antigonish and the Municipality of the County of Antigonish is as follows:

| | <u>Town's Share</u> | <u>Municipality's Share</u> |
|---------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Current | \$154,995 | \$101,448 |
| 2014/15 | \$159,165 (2.7%) | \$115,184 (13.5%) |
| 2015/16 | \$156,784 (-1.5%) | \$113,461 (-1.5%) |
| 2016/17 | \$160,863 (2.6%) | \$116,413 (2.6%) |

5. 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 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 www.nsuarb.novascotia.ca, Matter No. M06076; and at the office of Town of Antigonish, 274 Main Street, Antigonish, NS.