



Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board

Notice of PUBLIC HEARING

The Municipality of the County of Colchester has made application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board on behalf of the **Tatamagouche 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. Specific details of the application are set out below.

Commencing: Tuesday, February 9, 2010
10:30 a.m.

Place: Fraser Cultural Centre
362 Main Street
Tatamagouche, 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 Box 1692, Unit "M", Halifax, N.S. B3J 3S3, or email at: board@gov.ns.ca or by calling the Clerk at (902) 424-4448, or fax (902) 424-3919.

ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE FORMAL STANDING to present evidence or cross-examine witnesses should file notice of such intention with the Board by **December 18, 2009**, and a copy of their written evidence by no later than **January 6, 2010**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- For a 5/8" meter, residential customer, the average current quarterly water bill is \$119.58 and it is proposed to increase to \$138.45 (a 15.8% increase) in 2010/11; \$149.23 (a 7.8% increase) in 2011/12; and \$155.41 (a 4.1% increase) in 2012/13.
- For a 1-1/2" meter the average current quarterly water bill is \$1,602.94 and it is proposed to increase to \$1,985.63 (a 23.9% increase) in 2010/11; \$2,131.64 (a 7.4% increase) in 2011/12; and \$2,213.79 (a 3.9% increase) in 2012/13.
- The Utility is also requesting amendments for other metered services ranging from 18.7% to 23.4% in 2010/11; 7.4% to 9.2% in 2011/12; and 3.9% to 4.1% in 2012/13.
- The annual fire protection charge paid by the Municipality, currently \$34,687 is proposed to be amended by decreasing it to \$30,199 (a 12.9% decrease) in 2010/11; \$33,856 (a 12.1% increase) in 2011/12; and \$35,787 (a 5.7% increase) in 2012/13.
- The Utility is also proposing a new rate per 1,000 gallons of bulk water purchased by water haulers of \$20.84 in 2010/11; \$21.22 (a 1.8% increase) in 2011/12 and \$22.29 (a 5.0% increase) in 2012/13.

A copy of the application may be viewed at the offices of the Board, Summit Place, 1601 Lower Water Street, 3rd Floor, Halifax, NS; the office of the Municipality of Colchester, 1 Church Street, Truro, NS; and the Tatamagouche Branch of Colchester-East Hants Public Library, 237 Main Street, Tatamagouche, NS.