



# NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION** by the **HALIFAX REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION** for approval of amendments to its Schedule of Rates and Charges and approval of its Regulations respecting Rates and Charges for the provision of water, public and private fire protection, wastewater services, and stormwater services. The matter will be considered in a public hearing as follows:

**Hearing starts:** **Monday, June 27, 2022**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**(Continuing Tuesday, June 28 through Thursday, June 30, if necessary)**

**Evening Session:** **Monday, June 27, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m. (if speakers have registered)**

**Hearing Location:** **Office of the Board**  
**Summit Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**1601 Lower Water Street**  
**Halifax, Nova Scotia**

**Depending on the circumstances related to COVID-19, all or part of 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 listen to the live hearing by visiting the Board's website at <https://nsuarb.novascotia.ca> and selecting the "Listen to Live Hearings" option. This will enable you to see the electronic document display as well as hear the audio of the proceeding.
- You may speak at the hearing. You must notify the Board by **Thursday, June 16, 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](mailto:board@novascotia.ca), or by fax at (902) 424-3919 by **Thursday, June 16, 2022**.
- You may request formal standing as an Intervenor, subject to Board approval. This will allow you to present evidence or cross-examine witnesses. Your request must be received by the Board by **Monday, March 14, 2022** and a copy of your written evidence by **Monday, May 16, 2022**.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The proposed range of rate increases for water and wastewater services depends upon the meter size and the volume of water consumed.

For a 5/8" meter, primarily residential customer, the proposed increases for water and wastewater services total 3.1% in 2022/23 and 3.0% in 2023/24.

Proposed increases for all other metered sizes for water and wastewater services range from 3.5% to 4.8% in 2022/23 and from 1.7% to 5.4% in 2023/24.

For non-residential property customers receiving stormwater service, the current site related flow charge per m<sup>2</sup> of impervious area of \$0.135, is proposed to increase to \$0.145 in 2022/23 and to \$0.173 in 2023/24.

For residential property customers receiving stormwater service, the site related flow charge is based upon an impervious area tiered rate structure. The proposed annual increase in the tier rates range from \$2.00 to \$15.00 in 2022/23, with a further annual increase ranging from \$3.00 to \$19.00 in 2023/24.

All of the above increases are proposed to become effective on September 1, 2022 for 2022/23 and on April 1, 2023 for 2023/24.

The Application further proposes various fee adjustments and administrative changes, including changes to definitions, to Halifax Water's Regulations. The fee adjustments include amendments to fire protection charges, and the stormwater Right of Way (ROW) Charge, which is currently charged to Halifax (HRM) and is proposed to be charged to Halifax (HRM), the Province and the Halifax Dartmouth Bridge Commission.

Upon reviewing the Application, the Board, in its decision, may determine that the proposed amendments should be approved as requested, or higher, or lower.

A copy of the Application and any timetable applying to this matter may be viewed on the Board's website at <http://nsuarb.novascotia.ca/>, by clicking on "Matters & Evidence", and in the "Go Directly to Matter" search box, enter Matter No. **M10468**, and at <https://halifaxwater.ca/>.