



# NOVA SCOTIA REGULATORY AND APPEALS 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, September 15, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**(Continuing Tuesday, September 16 through Friday, September 19, if necessary)**

**Evening Session:** **Monday, September 15, 2025**  
**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**

**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, August 25, 2025**.
- 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 **Monday, August 25, 2025**.
- 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 **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**, and a copy of your written evidence by **Thursday, July 24, 2025**.
- 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.

**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 15.8% in 2025/26 and 17.1% in 2026/27.

Proposed increases for all other metered sizes for water and wastewater services range from 19.9% to 23.3% in 2025/26 and from 20.6% to 24.5% in 2026/27.

For non-residential property customers receiving stormwater service, the current site related flow charge per m<sup>2</sup> of impervious area of \$0.173, is proposed to increase to \$0.216 in 2025/26 and to \$0.277 in 2026/27.

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 \$5.00 to \$28.00 in 2025/26, with a further annual increase ranging from \$6.00 to \$40.00 in 2026/27.

All of the above increases are proposed to become effective on January 1, 2026 for 2025/26 and on April 1, 2026 for 2026/27.

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 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. **M12257**, and at <https://halifaxwater.ca/>.