



NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The **Municipality of the County of Cumberland (Municipality)** has made Application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for an Order approving the service territory of the proposed Pugwash Water Utility and for approval of an Interim Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Water Services and Schedule of Rules and Regulations. Specific details of the application are set out below.

Hearing: Friday, November 3, 2017
11:00 a.m.

Place: Council Chambers
Municipality of the County of Cumberland
1395 Blair Lake Road
Upper Nappan, NS

ALL PERSONS are entitled to attend the hearing.

ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE FORMAL STANDING to present evidence or cross-examine witnesses should file such intention with the Board by no later than **Wednesday, August 16, 2017** and a copy of their written evidence by no later than **Wednesday, September 20, 2017**.

ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK at the hearing but not wishing to cross-examine witnesses may do so at the hearing. Presentations will follow the order in which interested parties notify the Board of their intention to appear. Such notification is to be given to the Board on or before **Tuesday, October 31, 2017**.

ANYONE WISHING TO MAKE COMMENTS may do so by forwarding a letter to the Clerk of the Board at Box 1692, Unit "M", Halifax, NS B3J 3S3, or by email at: board@novascotia.ca or by calling the Clerk at (902) 424-4448, or fax (902) 424-3919 no later than **Tuesday, October 31, 2017**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

1. For a 5/8 meter, residential customer, the average quarterly water bill proposed in 2017/18 is \$113.01, and it is proposed to increase to \$115.33, (a 2.1% increase) in 2018/19; and \$116.98, (a 1.4% increase) in 2019/20.
2. The Utility is also proposing rates in 2017/18 for other metered services, with average quarterly water bills proposed to range from \$277.41 to \$880.18, depending on meter size. The Utility proposes increases in these rates ranging from 3.2% to 3.5% in 2018/19; and 2.6% to 2.8% in 2019/20.
3. 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 <http://nsuarb.novascotia.ca/>, by clicking on "Matters & Evidence", "Go Directly to Matter" search box, and insert in Matter Number M08120; and at the office of the Municipality, 1395 Blair Lake Road, Upper Nappan, Nova Scotia.