



Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board

Notice of PUBLIC HEARING

The Digby Water Commission has made an **Application** to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board to amend its Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Water Service and its Schedule of Rules and Regulations. Specific details of the Application are set out below.

Commencing: **Wednesday, March 10, 2010**
11:00 a.m.

Place: **Town of Digby Council Chambers**
147 First Avenue
Digby, NS B0V 1A0

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 **Thursday, February 4, 2010** and a copy of their written evidence by no later than **Wednesday, February 10, 2010**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- For an unmetered service, with a current bi-monthly bill of \$40.33, the proposed increases are \$49.48 (22.7%) in 2010/11; \$52.31 (5.7%) in 2011/12; and \$54.35 (3.9%) in 2012/13.
- For a 5/8" meter, residential customer, the average current bi-monthly water bill is \$36.78 and it is proposed to increase to \$43.51 (18.3%) in 2010/11; \$46.21 (6.2%) in 2011/12; and \$48.15 (4.2%) in 2012/13.
- For a 3/4" meter customer, the average current bi-monthly water bill is \$67.99 and it is proposed to increase to \$87.05 (28.0%) in 2010/11; \$91.56 (5.2%) in 2011/12; and \$94.81 (3.5%) in 2012/13.
- The Commission is also requesting increases for other metered customers ranging from 6.7% to 32.3% in 2010/11; 4.8% to 8.0% in 2011/12; and 3.3% to 5.3% to 5.3% in 2012/13.

The current annual fire protection charge is \$160.318. This application proposes that the Fire Protection Charge will decrease in 2010/11 to \$159,023 (a 0.8% decrease); \$174,523 in 2011/12 (a 9.7% increase); and \$186,281 in 2012/13 (a 6.7% increase). These amounts are to be paid by the Town of Digby and the Municipality of the District of Digby, in proportion to the number of hydrants serving each municipal unit.

The Commission is also proposing changes to its Schedule of Rules and Regulations.

A copy of the application may be viewed at the offices of the Board, Summit Place, 1601 Lower Water Street, 3rd Floor, Halifax, NS, and at the office of the Digby Water Commission, 147 First Avenue, Digby, NS.