

M A N I T O B A ) Order No. 189/01  
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT ) December 11, 2001

BEFORE: M. Girouard, Acting Chair  
S. Proven, Member

**THE TOWN OF ALTONA  
WATER AND SEWER RATES  
BY-LAW NO. 1581/2001**

**WHEREAS** The Town of Altona has applied to The Public Utilities Board for approval of By-law No. 1581/2001 to revise the schedule of water and sewer rates of the said Town, and after public notice of the application - no person signifying their desire to make representation in the matter;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board notes that the utility rate study which accompanied the application provided for a sum of money to be placed in a utility reserve account, and the Board therefore desires to ensure that these moneys be expended in an appropriate fashion;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board deems it expedient to do so;

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. By-law No. 1581/2001 of The Town of Altona BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY APPROVED subject to amendment on second reading to correct minimum quarterly charges as set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto;
2. The water and sewer rates set forth in Schedule "A" hereto shall apply to all customers of the utility effective on the next billing in the normal course after the date of this Order;
3. This Order is subject to moneys being expended from the utility reserve fund only to support existing infrastructure, unless the Board has authorized the expenditure pursuant to Section 168 of The Municipal and Various Acts Amendment Act, c. 58.

Fees payable upon this Order - \$10.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"M. GIROUARD"

Acting Chair

"G. O. BARRON"

Secretary

Certified a true copy of  
Order No. 189/01 issued by  
The Public Utilities Board

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Secretary

**SCHEDULE "A"**

**TO BOARD ORDER NO. 189/01**

**THE TOWN OF ALTONA**

**WATER AND SEWER RATES**

**BY-LAW NO. 1581/2001**

**SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES:**

**1. Commodity Rates per 1000 gallons - (Effective January 1, 2002)**

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water &amp; Sewer</u>
First 150,000 gallons per quarter	7.99	2.19	10.18
150,000 to 500,000 gallons per quarter	7.62	1.98	9.60
Over 500,000 gallons per quarter	6.31	1.36	7.68

**2. Minimum Quarterly Rates**

Notwithstanding the commodity rates set forth in paragraph 1 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges set out below, which will include the water allowances indicated:

a) Water and Sewer Customers

Meter Size (Inches)	Group Cap. Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption	Service Charge	Commodity Rates		Minimum Quarterly Charges
				Water	Sewer	
5/8	1	3,000	\$11.93	\$ 23.97	\$ 6.57	\$ 42.47
¾	2	6,000	11.93	47.94	13.14	73.01
1	4	12,000	11.93	95.88	26.28	134.09
1 ¼	10	30,000	11.93	239.70	65.70	317.33
1 ½	10	30,000	11.93	239.70	65.70	317.33
2	25	75,000	11.93	599.25	164.25	775.43
4	90	270,000	11.93	2,112.90	566.10	2,690.93

b) Sewer Only Customers

Customers with sewer only shall be charged \$38.69 per quarter.

c) Water Only Customers

Customers with water only services shall be charged the minimum quarterly rate applicable to the customers meter size less the sewer charge.

3. Commodity Rates per 1000 gallons - (Effective January 1, 2003)

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water &amp; Sewer</u>
First 500,000 gallons per quarter	8.15	2.24	10.38
Over 500,000 gallons per quarter	6.60	1.47	8.07

4. Minimum Quarterly Rates

Notwithstanding the commodity rates set forth in paragraph 3 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges set out below, which will include the water allowances indicated:

a) Water and Sewer Customers

Meter Size (Inches)	Group Cap. Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption	Service Charge	Commodity Rates		Minimum Quarterly Charges
				Water	Sewer	
5/8	1	3,000	\$12.17	\$ 24.45	\$ 6.72	\$ 43.34
¾	2	6,000	12.17	48.90	13.44	74.51
1	4	12,000	12.17	97.80	26.88	136.85
1 ¼	10	30,000	12.17	244.50	67.20	323.87
1 ½	10	30,000	12.17	244.50	67.20	323.87
2	25	75,000	12.17	611.25	168.00	791.42
4	90	270,000	12.17	2,200.50	604.80	2,805.30

b) Sewer Only Customers

Customers with sewer only shall be charged \$39.46 per quarter.

c) Water Only Customers

Customers with water only services shall be charged the minimum quarterly rate applicable to the customers meter size less the sewer charged.

5. Commodity Rates per 1000 gallons - (Effective January 1, 2004)

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water &amp; Sewer</u>
First 500,000 gallons per quarter	8.31	2.28	10.59
Over 500,000 gallons per quarter	6.89	1.57	8.46

6. Minimum Quarterly Rates

Notwithstanding the commodity rates set forth in paragraph 5 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges set out below, which will include the water allowances indicated:

a) Water and Sewer Customers

Meter Size (Inches)	Group Cap. Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption	Service Charge	Commodity Rates		Minimum Quarterly Charges
				Water	Sewer	
5/8	1	3,000	\$12.42	\$ 24.93	\$ 6.84	\$ 44.19
¾	2	6,000	12.42	49.86	13.68	75.96
1	4	12,000	12.42	99.72	27.36	139.50
1 ¼	10	30,000	12.42	249.30	68.40	330.12
1 ½	10	30,000	12.42	249.30	68.40	330.12
2	25	75,000	12.42	623.25	171.00	806.67
4	90	270,000	12.42	2,243.70	615.60	2,871.72

b) Sewer Only Customers

Customers with sewer only shall be charged \$40.25 per quarter.

c) Water Only Customers

Customers with water only services shall be charged the minimum quarterly rate applicable to the customers meter size less the sewer charged.

7. Customers with a Significant Volume of Water not returned to the Sewers

Can Amara Foods Ltd., shall be billed quarterly for each meter for water and sewer at the rates set forth in this Schedule. However, sixty-five (65) percent of the water metered in any quarter through the two (2) inch meter supplying the boiler room

shall be exempt from sewer charges at the applicable sewer rate charged on consumption over 500,000 gallons per quarter.

**8. Bulk Sales**

All water sold in bulk by the Town of Altona shall be charged as follows:

January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002 - \$8.23 per 1,000 gallons or \$0.25 per 30.4 gallons

January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31, 2003 - \$8.39 per 1,000 gallons or \$0.25 per 29.8 gallons

January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31, 2004 - \$8.56 per 1,000 gallons or \$0.25 per 29.2 gallons

**9. Quarterly Meter Reading**

All customers shall complete and submit a quarterly meter reading by the end of the month in which it is mailed. Failure by any customer to complete and submit the card by the due date will result in an estimate of the water consumption for that customer for the specified quarter. The estimates shall be based on the average consumption per quarter in the previous year, or in the case of a new customer the estimate shall be based on the average quarterly residential consumption. All estimated readings shall be subject to a \$10.00 administration fee. The fee may be waived in the case of a physical disability and/or extended leave from the community.

**10. Billings and Penalties**

Accounts shall be billed quarterly, and shall be due and payable on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the month of billing. A penalty of ten (10) percent, up to a maximum of \$1,000 per account, of the amount of the bill shall be added if not paid by the due date.

**11. Disconnection and Reconnection**

Service may be disconnected and discontinued immediately and without further notice in the event of non-payment of the account within thirty (30) days of the due date. Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and a reconnection fee of \$30.00 have been paid.

Service may be interrupted or disconnected as follows:

Curb Stop Turn On or Turn Off	\$10.00 per incident
Curb Stop Turn Off & Removal of Meter	\$15.00 per incident
Re-installation of Meter & Curb Stop Turn On	\$20.00 per incident

**12. Outstanding Bills**

Pursuant to Section 252(2) of the Municipal Act, the amount of all outstanding charges for water and sewer service are a lien and charge upon the land serviced, and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the land are collectible, and with like remedies.

**13. Hydrant Rentals**

The Town of Altona will pay to the utility an annual rental for each hydrant connected to the system which includes the cost of water for fire fighting as follows:

2002	-	\$76.50 per hydrant
2003	-	\$78.00 per hydrant
2004	-	\$79.60 per hydrant

**14. Sewer Surcharges**

- a) There may be levied annually, in addition to the rates set forth above, a special surcharge on sewage having a Biochemical Oxygen Demand in excess of 300 parts per million, to be set by Resolution of Council.
- b) A special surcharge for substances requiring special treatment shall be charged based on the actual costs of treatment required for the particular sewage or industrial waste.