

M A N I T O B A) Order No. 83/04
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) June 1, 2004

BEFORE: Graham F. J. Lane, C.A., Chairman
M. Girouard, C.G.A., Member
S. Proven, P.H.Ec., Member

**THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF RIVERSIDE
LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (DUNREA)
WATER RATES
BY-LAW NO. 6 of 2003**

WHEREAS upon application of the Rural Municipality of Riverside serving Local Improvement District No. 1 (Dunrea) for approval of By-law No. 6 of 2003 setting out revised water rates for Local Improvement District No. 1 (Dunrea) and after public notice of the application two customers, namely Mr. Rick Brown and Ms. Laura Roe, Owner of the Dunrea Inn opposed the application in letters received April 26 and dated April 25, 2004 respectively;

AND WHEREAS after meeting with the respondents, the Rural Municipality of Riverside forwarded to The Public Utilities Board a letter dated May 17, 2004 from Ms. Roe indicating that the Dunrea Inn accepted amendments to the rate proposal as submitted by the Rural Municipality including a reduction in the Residential Equivalent Units (REU) assessment for the Dunrea Inn to 2.0 REUs and the introduction of a charge for the Dunrea Rink in the amount of 1.0 REU;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Riverside in a Resolution of Council #112.2004 advised that Council would not guarantee rates will not change in the next year as suggested by a respondent;

AND WHEREAS no other persons signified their intent or desire to make representation in the matter and further notice and hearing of the application being deemed unnecessary;

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 after careful consideration of the Application and the amendments submitted by the Rural Municipality of Riverside through the Resolution, the Board finds the rates as amended are fair and reasonable.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. By-law No. 6 of 2003 of the Rural Municipality of Riverside serving Local Improvement District No. 1 (Dunrea) BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY APPROVED as amended;
2. The water 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 - \$50.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

Chairman

Secretary

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BOARD ORDER NO. 83/04

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF RIVERSIDE

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UNITS	CUSTOMER	SERVICE CHARGE	COMMODITY RATE	ANNUAL BILL
1	Single family residence Church, Hall, Shop	\$10.00	\$330.00	\$340.00
1	Rink	\$10.00	\$330.00	\$340.00
2	Cafe, 30-50 seats Municipal Complex	\$10.00	\$660.00	\$670.00
2	Hotel	\$10.00	\$660.00	\$670.00

Service to Customers Outside L.I.D. #1 Limits

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Riverside may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of Local Improvement District No. 1.

Such agreements will provide for payment of the appropriate rates as set forth in the table above as well as a surcharge, set by resolution of Council which will be equivalent to the frontage levy and general and special taxes for utility purposes in effect at the time or as may be in effect from time to time and would be levied on the property concerned if it were within these boundaries. In addition, all costs in connection to the utility's mains, installing and maintaining service connections will be paid by the customer.

Billing and Penalties

Accounts shall be billed ANNUALLY ON THE TAX NOTICES and shall be due and payable together with the taxes October 31st, of each year unless otherwise identified in the Financial Plan By-law of the municipality. Penalties will correspond with those imposed by the

Levy by-law at the rate of 1¼% per month (15%) per annum.

New Connections

Any person wishing to connect to the water distribution system must make the arrangements with the municipal office. Any new connection from the passing of this study/by-law requires a curb stop to be installed and will be invoiced the applicable rate % ratio to that portion of the year remaining.

Disconnection

Service may be disconnected and discontinued immediately and without further notice in the event of non-payment of the account within 30 days after due date. The municipality WILL INSTALL a curb stop at the property line and charge serviced property with the costs on any disconnection.

Reconnection

Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and a reconnection fee of \$20.00 have been paid.

Hydrant Rentals

In the event of hydrants being installed the Rural Municipality of Riverside shall pay to the utility an annual rental sufficient to cover the cost of maintaining and replacing all hydrants connected to the system. The Rural Municipality of Riverside to pay also for any water used for firefighting, since this is not a utility responsibility and should be recovered through taxes. The hydrant rental charge be set at the Rate of \$75.00 per hydrant per year.