

M A N I T O B A) Order No. 114/04
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) September 2, 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 LAC DU BONNET
INITIAL WATER AND SEWER RATES
BY-LAW NO. 10/04**

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet has applied to The Public Utilities Board for approval of By-law No. 10/04 for establishment of water and sewer rates of the said Municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Board deems it expedient to do so;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. By-law No. 10/04 of the Rural Municipality Lac du Bonnet BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY APPROVED subject to amendment of the late payment charge in clause 3 and section correction in clause 6;
2. The initial 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.

Fees payable upon this Order - \$50.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"GRAHAM F. J. LANE, C.A."
Chairman

"G. O. BARRON"
Secretary

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No. 114/04 issued by The Public
Utilities Board

Secretary

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BOARD ORDER NO. 114/04

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SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES:

1. **Commodity Rates Per Cubic Meter - Metered Customers**

COMMODITY RATES:

	Water	Sewer	Water & Sewer
Domestic - First 455 c.m.	\$0.75	\$0.23	\$0.98
Intermediate - Over 455 c.m.	\$0.63	\$0.23	\$0.86

2. **Minimum Charges, Quarterly - Cubic Meters**

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

a)

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included c.m.	Customer Service Charge	Commodity Charges		Total Quarterly Minimum
				Water	Sewer	
5/8"	1	14	22.56	10.50	3.22	36.28
3/4"	2	28	22.56	21.00	6.44	50.00
1"	4	56	22.56	42.00	12.88	77.44
1 1/2"	10	140	22.56	105.00	32.20	159.76
2"	25	350	22.56	262.50	80.50	365.56

b) **Water Only Customers - Metered**

Minimum charge will be the same for each meter size shown above, but the Sewer Commodity Charge and Sewer Debenture Charge will be excluded.

3. **Billings and Penalties**

A late payment charge of 1 1/4% shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date. The due date will be at least fourteen days after the mailing of the bills.

4. **Disconnection**

Service shall be disconnected and discontinued immediately and without further notice in the event of non-payment of the account within 30 days after due date.

5. **Reconnection**

Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and a reconnection fee of \$25.00 plus costs have been paid in full.

6. **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.

7. **Hydrant Rentals**

The Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet will pay to the utility an annual rental fee of \$100.00 for each hydrant connected to the system.

8. **Water Allowance Due to Line Freezing**

That in any case where, at the request of Council, a customer allows water to run continuously for any period of time to prevent the water lines in the water system from freezing, the charge to that customer for the current quarter shall be the average of the billings for the last two previous quarters to the same customer, or to the same premises if the occupant has changed.

9. **Sewer Surcharge**

There may be levied annually, in addition to 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.

10. **Authorization for Officer to Enter Upon Any Premises**

The Public Works Foreman, or other employee authorized by Resolution of Council in the absence of the Public Works Foreman, shall be authorized to enter upon any premises for the purpose of:

- i) affixing to any pipe, wire, or apparatus connected with any such utility, a meter of any other measuring or

- testing device;
- ii) inspecting any wire, pipe, appliance or thing connected with, or intended to be connected with, any waterworks or other system operated by the municipality;
- iii) taking readings from, repairing, inspecting, or removing any meter or apparatus belonging to the municipality.

11. **Cross Connections and Backflow Prevention**

No customer or person shall connect, cause to be connected, or allow to remain connected, any piping, fixture, fitting, container or appliance in a manner which, under any circumstances, may allow water, waste water, or any harmful liquid or substance to enter the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet's water system.

If a condition is found to exist which in the opinion of the Designated Officer is contrary to the aforesaid, the Designated Officer may either:

- a) shut off the service or services, or
- b) give notice to the customer to correct the fault at his own expense with a specified time period. If the customer fails to comply with such notice, the Designated Officer shall proceed in accordance with clause (a) of this section.

12. **Meter Installations**

The Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet will install meters with the cost of the meter and installation fee of same borne by a one time set fee to the water customer.