

M A N I T O B A) Order No. 122/04
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) September 27, 2004

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

**THE VILLAGE OF ETHELBERT
WATER AND SEWER RATES
BY-LAW NO. 2004-7**

WHEREAS The Village of Ethelbert has applied to The Public Utilities Board for approval of By-law No. 2004-7 to revise the schedule of water and sewer rates of the said Village, and after public notice of the application - no persons 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. 2004-7 of The Village of Ethelbert BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY APPROVED subject to amendment on second reading to agree with Schedule "A" attached hereto;

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BOARD ORDER NO. 122/04

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SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES:

1. Commodity Rates per Cubic Meter (C.M.)

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water & Sewer</u>
All water consumption	\$7.95	\$3.00	\$10.95

2. Minimum Charges, Quarterly

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

(a) Water and Sewer Customers

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption (gallons)	Service Charge	Commodity Rates		Minimum Quarterly Charges
				Water	Sewer	
¾" (19mm)	1	3,000	\$16.65	\$ 23.85	\$ 9.00	\$ 49.50
1" (25mm)	4	12,000	\$16.65	\$ 95.40	\$ 36.00	\$148.05
1½" (38mm)	10	30,000	\$16.65	\$238.50	\$ 90.00	\$345.15
2" (50mm)	25	75,000	\$16.65	\$596.25	\$225.00	\$837.90

(b) Water Only Customers

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

3. Bulk Sales Rate

All water sold in bulk by The Village of Ethelbert shall be charged for at the rate of \$7.95 per 1,000 imperial gallons.

4. Service To Customers Outside Village Limits

The Council of the Village of Ethelbert may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water and sewer services to properties located outside the Village boundaries. Such agreements shall provide for payment of the appropriate rates set out in the Schedule, as well as the surcharge set by resolution of Council, which shall be equivalent to the frontage levy, general taxes and special taxes for the utility purposes in effect at the time, or may be in effect from time to time, and which would be levied on the property concerned if it were within those boundaries. In addition, all costs of connecting to the utility's mains and installing and maintaining service connections will be paid by the customer.

5. Billing and Penalties

A late payment charge of 1¼% 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.

6. 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.

7. Reconnection

Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and reconnection fee of \$25.00 have been paid. Any customer wishing to have billings discontinued due to vacancy of premises shall be required to have service disconnected and to pay \$25.00 reconnection fee when service resumes.

8. Outstanding Bills

Pursuant to section 252(2) of the Municipal Act, the amount of all outstanding charges for water and sewer service may be collected by the municipality in the same manner as a tax may be collected or enforced under this Act.

9. Hydrant Rentals

The Village of Ethelbert shall pay to the utility an annual rental of \$75.00 for each hydrant connected to the system. This includes water for fire purposes.

10. Water Allowance Due to Line Freezing

That in any case where, at the request of the Council, the 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.