

M A N I T O B A) Order No. 125/04
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) October 7, 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 ARGYLE
LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (BALDUR)
WATER AND SEWER RATES
BY-LAW NO. 3-2004**

WHEREAS The Rural Municipality of Argyle serving Local Improvement District No. 1 (Baldur) has applied to The Public Utilities Board for approval of By-law No. 3-2004 to revise the schedule of water and sewer rates of the said Municipality, 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 fasion;

AND WHEREAS the Board deems it expedient to do so;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. By-law No. 3-2004 of The Rural Municipality of Argyle serving Local Improvement District No. 1 (Baldur) BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY APPROVED subject to amendment on second reading to agree with 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 - \$50.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

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

"G. O. BARRON"
Secretary

Certified a true copy of
Order No. 125/04 issued by
The Public Utilities Board

Secretary

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BOARD ORDER NO. 125/04

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARGYLE

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (BALDUR)

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Schedule of Quarterly Rates:

1. Commodity rates per M.G.

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water & Sewer</u>
All water consumption	\$8.46	\$0.90	\$9.36

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

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Group Capacity Ratio</u>	<u>Water Included Gallons</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Commodity Charges</u>		<u>Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
				<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	
5/8"	1	3,000	\$6.91	\$ 25.38	\$ 2.70	\$ 34.99
3/4"	2	6,000	\$6.91	\$ 50.76	\$ 5.40	\$ 63.07
1"	4	12,000	\$6.91	\$ 101.52	\$ 10.80	\$ 119.23
1½"	10	30,000	\$6.91	\$ 240.50	\$ 27.00	\$ 274.41
2"	25	75,000	\$6.91	\$ 561.35	\$ 67.50	\$ 635.76
4"	50	150,000	\$6.91	\$1,043.10	\$135.00	\$1,185.01

3. Sewer Only

All customers connected to the sewer system, but not the water distribution system, shall pay a flat rate for the sewer service of \$6.00 plus the service charge of \$6.91.

4. Bulk Sales

All water sold in bulk by the Rural Municipality of Argyle produced by the Baldur Water Treatment Plant shall be charged at the rate of \$10.18 per 1,000 gallons, with a minimum charge of \$3.25.

5. Service to Customers outside the L.U.D. Limits
The Council of the Rural Municipality of Argyle may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water and sewer services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the Local Urban District of Baldur. Such agreements shall provide for payment of the appropriate rates set out in paragraph 2(a), as well as a surcharge, set out 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 the L.U.D. boundaries. In addition, all costs of connecting to the utility's mains and installing and maintaining service connections will be paid by the customer.
6. Billings 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.
7. 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 \$50.00 have been paid. Service may be disconnected, removed or reconnected upon receipt of a written request and payment of \$10.00, \$20.00 or \$25.00 respectively.
8. 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 serviced, and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the land are collectible, and with like remedies.
9. Hydrant Rentals
The Local Urban District of Baldur will pay to the Utility an annual rental of \$75.00 for each hydrant connected to the system which includes the cost of water for fire fighting.
10. 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.