

M A N I T O B A) Order No. 126/04
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) October 12, 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 GILBERT PLAINS
INITIAL WATER RATES
BY-LAW NO. 2004-09**

WHEREAS The Rural Municipality of Gilbert Plains has applied to The Public Utilities Board for approval of By-law No. 2004-09 for establishment of water 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 fashion;

AND WHEREAS the Board deems it expedient to do so;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. By-law No. 2004-09 of The Rural Municipality of Gilbert Plains BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY APPROVED subject to amendment on second reading to amend the late payment charge in Clause 4 and section correction in Clause 7;

2. The initial 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

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

"G. O. BARRON"
Secretary

Certified a true copy of
Order No. 126/04 issued by
The Public Utilities Board

Secretary

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BOARD ORDER NO. 126/04

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Schedule of Quarterly Rates:

1. Commodity rates per M.G.

All water consumption:

- 1. First 15,000 gallons per quarter: \$7.20 (water)
- 2. Over 15,000 gallons per quarter: \$6.20 (water)

2. Minimum Charges Quarterly

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

a. Water Customers

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included Gallons	Customer Service Charge	Commodity Charges Water	Total Quarterly Minimum
5/8"	1	3,000	12.50	21.60	34.10
3/4"	2	6,000	12.50	43.20	55.70
1"	4	12,000	12.50	86.40	98.90

3. Service to Customers outside Municipality

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Gilbert Plains may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the Rural Municipality of Gilbert Plains. Such agreements shall provide for payment of the appropriate rates set out in the schedule, as well as a surcharge, set by resolution of Council, which shall be equivalent to the frontage levy, general taxes and special taxes for 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 these boundaries. In addition, all costs of connecting to the

utility's mains and installing and maintaining service connections will be paid by the customer.

4. 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.

5. 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 the due date. A \$50.00 disconnection fee will be charged.

6. Reconnection

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.

7. Outstanding Bills

Pursuant to Section 252 (2) of The Municipal Act, the amount of all outstanding charges for water services 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.

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.