

M A N I T O B A) Order No. 140/04
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) November 8, 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 LORNE
LOCAL URBAN DISTRICT OF ST. LEON
INITIAL WATER RATES
BY-LAW NO. 1670**

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Lorne serving the Local Urban District of St. Leon has applied to The Public Utilities Board for approval of By-law No. 1670 for establishment of water rates of the said Municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Board notes that the initial water rates are identical to the rates being charged by the Co-Opérative de Service Public de St-Léon Ltée. whose ownership is being transferred to the Rural Municipality of Lorne;

AND WHEREAS the Board deems it expedient to do so;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. By-law No. 1670 of the Rural Municipality of Lorne serving the Local Urban District of St. Leon BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY APPROVED;

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.

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. 140/04 issued by The Public
Utilities Board

Secretary

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BOARD ORDER NO. 140/04

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SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES:

- (a) Administration Costs \$3.50
- (b) Water Commodity Rates .004 per gallon

1. Minimum Quarterly Charge:

(a) Notwithstanding the commodity rates set forth above, all customers will pay the minimum charges set out below, which will include water allowances indicated:

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Commodity Charge Water</u>	<u>Total Charge</u>
6,000	\$3.50	\$40.00	\$43.50

2. Minimum Quarterly Rates in Advance

All accounts will be billed quarterly. Minimum quarterly charges as per paragraph (a) above will be billed in advance along with charges for excess consumption of water during the preceding quarter and calculated using the commodity rates shown in paragraph (a) above.

3. Hydrant Rentals

That the Local Urban District shall pay to the utility an annual rental of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each hydrant connected to the water system and this fee will include the costs of water used for fire fighting.

4. Meters

That the Municipality shall provide at the expense of the owner of the premises, a water meter in all premises connected to the water system and the said meter shall remain the property of the Municipality.

5. Service to Customers Outside of the L.U.D.
The Council of the Rural Municipality of Lorne may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the Local Urban District.
6. Service to Customers Outside the Municipality of L.U.D. Limits
The Council of the Rural Municipality of Lorne 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. Such agreement 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, and which would be levied on the property concerned if it were within these boundaries. In addition, all costs of connections to the utility mains and installing and maintaining service connections will be paid to the customer.
7. Billing and Penalties
Accounts shall be billed quarterly, and shall be due and payable by the end of the billing month. A penalty of 1.25% per month shall be charged after the due date.
8. Disconnections
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.
9. 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 has been paid.
10. Outstanding Bills
Pursuant to Section 252(2) of The Municipal Act, the amount of all outstanding charges for water are a lien and a charge against the land serviced and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the land are collectible, and with like remedies.
11. 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 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.

12. Hook Up Fees

A charge of \$300.00 per customer will be charged for a new hook up fee.