

M A N I T O B A ) Order No. 32/05  
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT ) March 10, 2005

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  
COMMUNITY OF SWAN LAKE  
WATER AND SEWER RATES  
BY-LAW NO. 1675**

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**WHEREAS** The Rural Municipality of Lorne serving the Community of Swan Lake has applied to The Public Utilities Board for approval of By-law No. 1675 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 fashion;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board deems it expedient to do so;



SCHEDULE "A"

TO BOARD ORDER NO. 32/05

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**Schedule of Quarter Rates**

A schedule of rates per cubic meter.

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water &amp; Sewer</u>
Commodity rates per cubic metre	\$1.20	.40	\$1.60

**Minimum Quarterly Charges**

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) meters - for metered customers minimum charges based on consumption shall be based on the following meter sizes:

i) Water & Sewer Customers

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included (cubic Metres)	Customer Service Charge	Quarterly Commodity Charges		Total Quarterly Minimum
				Water	Sewer	
5/8"	1	14	\$5.00	\$16.80	\$5.60	\$27.40
1"	4	56	\$5.00	\$67.20	\$22.40	\$94.60
1½"	10	140	\$5.00	\$168.00	\$56.00	\$229.00

**Water Only Customers**

All customers connected to the water distribution system but not to the sewer system, shall pay the quarterly bill, which includes service and water charges for the appropriate meter size.

**Sewer Only Customers**

All customers connected to the sewer system but not to the water distribution system, shall pay the quarterly bill, as set out below.

Customer Service Charge	Commodity Charges Sewer	Total Quarterly Minimum
\$5.00	\$8.00	\$13.00

**Bulk Water Sales**

Bulk water sales will be charged at the net rate of \$2.00 per cubic metre and prorated accordingly with a minimum charge of one dollar.

**Service for Connecting Customers Outside the Lorne Properties Region**

The Council of the R. M. of Lorne may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water and sewer properties located outside the legal boundaries of the Community of Swan Lake. Such agreements shall provide for payment of the appropriate rates set out in this Schedule, as well as a surcharge, set by resolution of Council, which shall be the equivalent to the frontage levy, general taxes and special taxes for utility purposes in effect at the time, or which 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.

**Billings and Penalties**

Accounts shall be billed quarterly and shall be due and payable 15 days after date of billing or as stated on the billing. A penalty of 1¼% per month shall be added if not paid by the due date.

### **Disconnection and Reconnection**

Service may be disconnected and discontinued immediately and without further notice in the event of non-payment of the account within the time referred to above. Any service disconnected due to non-payment shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and a reconnection fee of \$20.00 have been paid.

### **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 on the land serviced, and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes are collectable, and with like remedies.

### **Hydrant Rentals**

The R. M. of Lorne will pay to the utility an annual rental of \$75.00 per year for each hydrant connected to the system.

### **Sewer Surcharge**

a) There may levied annually, in addition to the rates set forth above, a special surcharge on sewage having a Biochemical Oxygen Demand in excess of 300mg/L, 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.

### **Water Meters**

All new residential customers for sewer and water shall be metered at customer cost. Ownership, inspection and maintenance of meters will remain the responsibility of the utility system. Commercial meter maintenance will be responsibility of the utility system but will be billed to the commercial user.

**Water Allowance Due to Freezing**

That in any case where, at the request of the R. M. of Lorne, 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 billings for the last two previous quarters to the same customer, or to the same premises if the occupant has changed.