

M A N I T O B A) Order No. 23/06
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) February 9, 2006

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

**THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARCHIE #101
TOWN OF MCAULEY
WATER AND SEWER RATES
BY-LAW # 1520**

WHEREAS The Rural Municipality of Archie #101 serving the Town of McAuley has applied to The Public Utilities Board for approval of By-law # 1520 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 deems it expedient to do so;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. By-law # 1520 of The Rural Municipality of Archie #101 serving the Town of McAuley 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 all water consumed and on all minimum bills effective on the next billing in the normal course after the date of this Order.

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BOARD ORDER NO. 23/06

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARCHIE # 101

THE TOWN OF MCAULEY

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SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES FOR METERED CUSTOMERS

1. Basic Commodity Charge (for minimum calculations):

i) For calculation of Minimum Quarterly Bills (\$ per cubic metre):

<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water & Sewer</u>
\$2.74	\$1.37	\$4.11

ii) For consumption over 3,080 gallons or 14 cubic metres (cm) (\$ per cubic metre):

<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water & Sewer</u>
\$1.40	\$0.40	\$1.80

2. Minimum charges, Quarterly

Notwithstanding the Commodity rates set forth in paragraph (1) therefore, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges set out below, which will include water allowances indicated.

(a) Water and Sewer Customers

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included	Customer Service Charge	<u>Commodity Charges</u>		
				Water	Sewer	Total
5/8"	1	3,080 gals or 14 cm	\$15.00	\$38.40	\$19.20	\$72.60

(b) Water Only Customers

Minimum charge will be the same for each meter, but the Sewer Commodity Charge will be excluded.

(c) Sewer Only Customers

There are no sewer only customer in McAuley.

3. Bulk Sales Rate

All water sold in bulk by the RM of Archie shall be charged for at the rate of $(\$2.74/220) = \0.0125 per gallon effective January 1st, 2006 on a pro-rated basis for all quantities greater than 400 gallons. For any quantity of 400 gallons or less during the billing quarter, the minimum charge will be \$5.00.

BILLING:

Accounts shall be billed quarterly: March, June, September, and December; and shall be due and payable 30 days thereafter.

PENALTY:

1¼% of the amount of the bill shall be added monthly if not paid by the due date.

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES:

- a) A customer will be charged an administrative fee of \$10.00 to cover the cost of adding outstanding accounts to the tax roll.

4. Service to Customers outside Municipality, Town, or LUD Limits

The Council of the RM of Archie may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water and sewer services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the municipality. 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 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 main and

installing and maintaining service connections will be paid by the customer.

5. Billings, Penalties & Administration Fees

BILLING:

Accounts shall be billed quarterly: March, June, September, and December; and shall be due and payable 10 days thereafter.

PENALTY:

1¼% of the amount of the bill shall be added monthly if not paid by the due date.

ADMINISTRATION FEES:

- a) If a meter is not read by the 10th of the following month of the quarter, a municipal employee or designate will read the meter at a cost of \$25.00.
- b) A customer will be charged an administrative fee of \$10.00 to cover the cost of adding outstanding accounts to the tax roll.

6. Non Working Meters

When a meter ceases to function and a correct reading cannot be recorded, the charge to that customer for the current quarter shall be the average of the billings for the last two quarters to the same customer or to the same premises if the occupant has changed.

7. Disconnection & Reconnection for non-payment

Services 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. 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.

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 are collectible, and with like remedies.

9. Water Allowance due to Line Freezing

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

10. Schedule of Quarterly Rates for unmetered properties that have Public Utility Infrastructure (water & sewer)

That customer service charge be levied quarterly on all properties that do not have meters; but yet have the public utility infrastructure available for immediate service.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Quarterly Customer Service Charge</u>
Effective January 1 st , 2006	\$15.00

11. Water Meter Hook-up Fee

A \$50.00 service charge will be levied when a water meter is connected and service provided.