

M A N I T O B A ) Order No. 26/06  
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT ) February 17, 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 MORRIS  
COMMUNITY OF SPERLING  
INITIAL WATER AND SEWER RATES  
BY-LAW NO. 1597/05**

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**WHEREAS** The Rural Municipality of Morris serving the Community of Sperling has applied to The Public Utilities Board for approval of By-law No. 1597/05 for establishment 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 No. 1597/05 of The Rural Municipality of Morris serving the Community of Sperling BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY APPROVED;
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. 26/06

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SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES

1. Commodity Rates per one thousand gallons of water

	<u>Water</u>
Rural water consumption	\$7.60/1000 gallons
Urban water consumption	\$9.60/1000 gallons
Bulk water consumption	\$9.60/1000 gallons
Sewer charge	\$1.00/1000 gallons

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 include water allowances indicated:

(a) Water Customers

<u>Meter Type</u>	<u>Water Included Gallons</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Commodity Charges Water</u>	<u>Sewer Charge</u>	<u>Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
Rural	4,000	5.00	30.40	0.00	35.40
Urban	4,000	6.00	38.40	4.00	48.40
Bulk	n/a	6.00	9.60	n/a	n/a

3. The Rural Municipality of Morris reserves the right to sign agreements with customers outside the Rural Municipality of Morris to connect to the water system. The agreement shall provide for payment derived plus a surcharge set by resolution of Council which shall be equivalent to the frontage levy, and general and special taxes for utility purposes in effect at the time, or as may be in effect from time to time, and would be levied on the property concerned if it were within the Municipality. In addition, the customer will pay all costs of connecting to the utility's mains and installing and maintaining service connections.

4. Disconnection

That services may be disconnected without further notice if the account has not been paid within 90 days of due date. Disconnection of services is to include locking the metered household shutoff valve, and may include plugging of the service line by digging up the line.

5. Reconnection

A customer who has his service disconnected for any reason shall not be reconnected until all regulations have been complied with, and all arrears, and penalties have been paid, together with all municipal expenses incurred in conducting the disconnection and reconnection, said expense to be no less than \$100.00.

6. Billing and Penalties

Accounts shall be billed quarterly, and shall be due and payable 21 days after the date of the billing and that a penalty of 1.25% of the bill shall be added per month if not paid by the due date.

7. That pursuant to Section 252(2) of the Municipal Act, the amount of all outstanding charges for water 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 collectable, and with like remedies.

8. 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 be the average of the billings of the last two quarters to the same customer, or to the same premises, if the occupant has changed.