

M A N I T O B A ) Order No. 87/06  
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT ) June 15, 2006

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

**THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF DUFFERIN  
REVISED WATER RATES  
BY-LAW NO. 1793**

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Overview

By this Order, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves the Rural Municipality of Dufferin's (R.M.) application for revised water rates as of April 1, 2006.

The increase in the commodity rate from \$7.35 to \$7.85 per 1,000 gallons allows the R.M. to recover a \$0.50 per 1,000 gallons increase in the cost of water purchased from the Pembina Valley Water Co-op (PVWC).

Application

The R.M. operates a water utility and on April 21, 2006 applied to the Board for approval of an increase in the commodity rate from \$7.35 to \$7.85 per 1,000 gallons to recover a \$0.50 per 1,000 gallons increase in the cost of water purchased from the PVWC.

The minimum quarterly bill for a residential customer will rise from \$31.05 to \$32.55.

Details of the R.M.'s application were published and posted in the area with an invitation for the public to write the Board with comments by June 2, 2006; no comments were received.

Board Findings

Having reviewed the R.M.'s application and noting that the proposed increase is attributable to an increase in the cost of water purchases, the Board concludes that the increase is necessary to preserve the financial integrity of the R.M.'s utility, and the Board will approve the increase for water consumed on and after April 1, 2006.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. By-law No. 1793 of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY APPROVED subject to amendment on second reading to agree with Schedule "A" attached hereto;
2. The water 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.

Fees payable upon this Order - \$150.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

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

Chairman

"G. O. BARRON"

Acting Secretary

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Utilities Board

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Acting Secretary

SCHEDULE "A"  
TO BOARD ORDER NO. 87/06  
THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF DUFFERIN  
WATER RATES  
BY-LAW NO. 1793

SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES :

**Schedule of Quarterly Rates:**

1. Commodity rates per M.G.

All water consumption	<u>Water</u> \$7.85
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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:

Water Customers

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included Gallons	Customer Service Charge	Commodity Charges Water	Total Quarterly Minimum
5/8"	1	3,000	\$9.00	\$ 23.55	\$ 32.55
3/4"	2	6,000	\$9.00	\$ 47.10	\$ 56.10
1"	4	12,000	\$9.00	\$ 94.20	\$ 103.20
1.5"	10	30,000	\$9.00	\$ 235.50	\$ 244.50
2"	25	75,000	\$9.00	\$ 588.75	\$ 597.75
3"	45	135,000	\$9.00	\$1,059.75	\$1,068.75

3. Service to Customers Outside the Rural Municipality of Dufferin

(a) The council of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin for supplying water to such Municipalities, Corporations and individuals.

(b) The rates to be charged to such outside users shall be the same 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 mains and installing, maintaining service connections will be paid by the customer.

4. 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 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.

5. Billings and Penalties

Accounts shall be billed quarterly and shall be due and payable at least fourteen days after the billing date. A penalty of 1¼% per month shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date.

6. Disconnection and Reconnection of Service for Non-Payment

Service may be disconnected and discontinued immediately and without further notice if the account has not been paid within 30 days of the due date. Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and a reconnection fee of \$35.00 have been paid.

7. Outstanding Utility Charges are a Lien on Land

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 collectible, and with like remedies.

8. Water Used During Construction

Contractors using water in connection with the construction of buildings be charged a flat fee of \$15.00 for dwellings and \$25.00 for commercial buildings for every three month period until completion.