

M A N I T O B A) Order No. 139/10
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) December 23, 2010

BEFORE: Graham Lane, CA, Chairman
 Monica Girouard, CGA, Member
 Susan Proven, P.H.Ec., Member

INTERIM WATER AND SEWER RATES
THE CITY OF THOMPSON
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011

WHEREAS, by Order 127/10 the Public Utilities Board (PUB or Board) denied the City of Thompson's (City) proposal for water and sewer rates for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013, and directed the City to re-file a revised rate schedule (to take effect January 1, 2011) based on Board-accepted projected Utility revenue and expense for 2011;

AND WHEREAS on December 21, 2010, the City filed with the Board proposed rates in compliance with the directions of Order 127/10, seeking the approval of the Board;

AND WHEREAS the Board has reviewed said proposed rates by way of an *ex parte* process (prior public notice and a public hearing not conducted due to the circumstances set out in Order 127/10), and finds the proposal to be in accordance with the directives of Order 127/10;

AND WHEREAS the Board encourages Thompson ratepayers to consider this Order in conjunction with Order 127/10;

AND WHEREAS Board decisions may be appealed (in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of *The Public Utilities Board Act*), or reviewed (in accordance with section 36 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure, available on the Board's website www.pub.gov.mb.ca);

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Rates, charges and terms for the City of Thompson's water and sewer utility, as set out in Schedule A to this Order, BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED effective on an interim basis as of January 1, 2011.
2. The City of Thompson amend By-law No 1843-2010 to be consistent with the attached Schedule A.
3. The City of Thompson file a copy of By-law No. 1843-2010 with the Public Utilities Board, once it has received third and final reading and no later than January 31, 2011.

Fees payable upon this order - \$500.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"GRAHAM LANE, CA"

Chairman

"KRISTINE SHIELDS"

Acting Secretary

Certified a true copy of Order No.
139/10 issued by The Public
Utilities Board

Acting Secretary

SCHEDULE "A"
TO BOARD ORDER NO. 139/10
CITY OF THOMPSON
WATER AND SEWER RATES
BY-LAW NO. 1843-2010

1. Rates

SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES - 2011

Service

a. Commodity Rates per cubic metre of water consumed:

<u>Water</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>	<u>Water & Wastewater</u>
\$0.62	\$0.47	\$1.09

b. Quarterly Service Charge per meter \$50.82

c. Minimum Quarterly Charges

Notwithstanding commodity rates as set forth in paragraph a. hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum quarterly charges set out below (which will include the water allowances as indicated):

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included (cubic metres)	Customer Service Charge (\$)	Commodity Charge Water (\$)	Commodity Charge Wastewater (\$)	Total Quarterly Bill (\$)
15mm	1	15	50.82	9.30	7.05	67.17
20mm	2	30	50.82	18.60	14.10	83.52
25mm	4	60	50.82	37.20	28.20	116.22
37mm	10	150	50.82	93.00	70.50	214.32
50mm	25	375	50.82	232.50	176.25	459.57

75mm	45	775	50.82	418.50	317.25	786.57
100mm	90	1,350	50.82	837.00	634.50	1,522.32
150mm	170	2,550	50.82	1,581.00	1,198.50	2,830.32
200mm	320	4,800	50.82	2,976.00	2,256.00	5,282.82
250mm	610	9,150	50.82	5,673.00	4,300.50	10,024.32

2. Bulk Water Sales

Water sold in bulk shall be charged for at the rate of \$6.00 per cubic metre.

3. Unmetered Fire Lines

Unmetered Fire Lines shall be charged at a flat rate of \$75.00 per quarter.

4. Application Fee

An application fee of \$50.00 will be charged for new water utility customers.

5. Water Meter Installation

Water meters will be provided free of charge for new construction within the City of Thompson, with an installation fee of \$500.00 for a standard installation of a meter not greater than one inch (25mm), or an inspection fee at the rates for Service Calls if the installation is not performed by the City.

6. Service Calls and Additional Services

A fee for service of \$250.00 for the first hour and \$125.00 thereafter shall apply for testing of water meters at the request of the Customer, repair of damage to water meters attributable to the Customer, inspection of installations, or any other minor service requested by the Customer.

7. Service to Outside Customers

The Council of the City of Thompson may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water and wastewater services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the City of Thompson. 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 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.

8. Billings and Penalties

A late payment charge of 1¼% compounded monthly shall be charged on the dollar amount owing after the billing due date. The due date will be at least fourteen days after the mailing of the bills.

9. Disconnection and Shut-Off

A scheduled shut-off charge of \$320.00 shall apply.

An unscheduled shut-off charge of \$480.00 shall apply.

The Public Utilities Board has approved the Conditions Precedent to be followed by the municipality with respect to the disconnection of service for non-payment including such matters as notice and the right to appeal such action to the Public Utilities Board. A copy of the Conditions Precedent is available for inspection at the Municipality's office.

10. Reconnection

A reconnection fee of \$320.00 shall apply.

Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and a reconnection fee have been paid.

11. Outstanding Bills

Pursuant to Section 252(2) of *The Municipal Act*, the amount of all outstanding charges for water and wastewater 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.

12. Hydrant Rentals

The City of Thompson will pay to the utility an annual rental of \$125.00 for each hydrant connected to the system. In addition, the City of Thompson will pay for water used for fire-fighting at the current rates applied to a volume identified by the Water Utility.

13. Allowance For Prevention of Freezing

Where advanced approval has been granted by the Utility, a customer allows water to run continuously for any period of time to prevent water service lines from freezing, the charge to that customer for the current quarter shall be the average of the billings for the two previous quarters to the same customer, or to the same premises if the occupant has changed.

14. Thawing of Frozen Lines

A fee for service of \$250.00 for the first hour and \$125.00 thereafter shall apply for thawing of Private Water Service lines by the Water Utility.

15. Sewage Surcharges

There may be levied annually, in addition to rates set forth above:

- (a) a special surcharge on sewage having a Biochemical Oxygen Demand in excess of 300 parts per million, to be set by resolution of Council.
- (b) a special surcharge for substances requiring special treatment based on the actual costs of treatment required for the particular sewage or industrial wastes.

16. Hauled Sewage Dumping Fee (Septage)

All hauled sewage fee shall be charged for at the rate of \$4.00 per cubic meter.