

M A N I T O B A                    )     Order No. 41/11  
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT    )     March 30, 2011

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

WATER AND SEWER RATES  
TOWN OF MINNEDOSA  
EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2011

**WHEREAS**, by Order 31/11 the Public Utilities Board (PUB or Board) denied the Town of Minnedosa's (Town) proposal for water and sewer rates for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013, and directed the Town to re-file a revised rate schedule (to take effect April 1, 2011) based on Board-accepted projected Utility revenue and expenses;

**AND WHEREAS** on March 21, 2011, the Town filed with the Board proposed rates in compliance with the directions of Order 31/11, seeking the approval of the Board;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town advises that the amortization expense for the sewer assets has increased from \$10,143 to \$14,099 in each of the three years;

**AND WHEREAS** the amortization expense for the water assets increased from \$218,828 to \$218,895 in 2011 and from \$220,828 to \$222,895 for 2012 and 2013 respectively;

**AND WHEREAS** the accepts the revised revenue requirements as provide by the Town to include the revisions to the amortization expenses;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board has reviewed said proposed rates and finds the proposal to be in accordance with the directives of Order 31/11;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board encourages Minnedosa ratepayers to consider this Order in conjunction with Order 31/11;

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. Rates, charges and terms for the Town of Minnedosa's water and sewer utility, as set out in Schedule A to this Order, BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED effective as of April 1, 2011.
2. The Town of Minnedosa amend By-law No. 2507 to be consistent with the attached Schedule A.
3. The Town of Minnedosa file a copy of By-law No. 2507 with the Public Utilities Board, once it has received third and final reading and no later than April 30, 2011.

Fees payable upon this order - \$150.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"GRAHAM LANE, CA"  
Chairman

"KRISTINE SHIELDS"  
Acting Secretary

Certified a true copy of Order No.  
41/11 issued by The Public  
Utilities Board

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Acting Secretary

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](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca)):

**SCHEDULE "A"**

**TO BOARD ORDER NO. 41/11**

**THE TOWN OF MINNEDOSA**

**WATER AND SEWER RATES (EFFECTIVE April 1, 2011)**

**BY-LAW NO. 2507**

**SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES:**

1. Commodity Rates per Cubic Meter (m<sup>3</sup>)  
Effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

		<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water &amp; Sewer</u>
Domestic	First 500 cubic metres	\$1.43	\$0.74	\$2.17
Wholesale	Over 500 cubic metres	\$0.56	\$0.74	\$1.30

Commodity Rates per Cubic Meter (m<sup>3</sup>)  
Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

		<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water &amp; Sewer</u>
Domestic	First 500 cubic metres	\$2.02	\$0.78	\$2.80
Wholesale	Over 500 cubic metres	\$0.62	\$0.78	\$1.40

Commodity Rates per Cubic Meter (m<sup>3</sup>)  
Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

		<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water &amp; Sewer</u>
Domestic	First 500 cubic metres	\$2.04	\$0.84	\$2.88
Wholesale	Over 500 cubic metres	\$0.63	\$0.84	\$1.47

2. Minimum Charges, Quarterly

Notwithstanding the Commodity rates set forth in paragraph 1 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charge set out below, which will include water allowances indicated:

(a) Water and Sewer Customers  
Effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption - m <sup>3</sup>	Service Charge	Commodity Rates		Minimum Quarterly Charges
				Water	Sewer	
16mm - 5/8"	1	13.64	\$17.75	\$19.51	\$10.09	\$47.35
19mm - 3/4"	2	27.28	\$17.75	\$39.01	\$20.19	\$76.95
25mm - 1"	4	54.56	\$17.75	\$78.01	\$40.37	\$136.15
38mm - 1 1/2"	10	136.40	\$17.75	\$195.05	\$100.94	\$313.74
50mm - 2"	25	341.00	\$17.75	\$487.63	\$252.34	\$757.72
75mm - 3"	45	613.80	\$17.75	\$778.73	\$454.21	\$1,250.69
100mm - 4"	90	1227.60	\$17.75	\$1,122.46	\$908.42	\$2,048.63
150mm - 6"	170	2318.80	\$17.75	\$1,733.53	\$1,715.91	\$3,467.19
200mm - 8"	300	4092.00	\$17.75	\$2,726.52	\$3,028.08	\$5,772.35

Water and Sewer Customers  
Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption - m <sup>3</sup>	Service Charge	Commodity Rates		Minimum Quarterly Charges
				Water	Sewer	
16mm - 5/8"	1	13.64	\$17.75	\$27.55	\$10.64	\$55.94
19mm - 3/4"	2	27.28	\$17.75	\$55.11	\$21.28	\$94.13
25mm - 1"	4	54.56	\$17.75	\$110.21	\$42.56	\$170.52
38mm - 1 1/2"	10	136.40	\$17.75	\$275.53	\$106.39	\$399.67
50mm - 2"	25	341.00	\$17.75	\$688.82	\$265.98	\$972.55
75mm - 3"	45	613.80	\$17.75	\$1,080.56	\$478.76	\$1,577.07
100mm - 4"	90	1,227.60	\$17.75	\$1,461.11	\$957.53	\$2,436.39
150mm - 6"	170	2,318.80	\$17.75	\$2,137.06	\$1,808.66	\$3,964.07
200mm - 8"	300	4,092.00	\$17.75	\$3,237.04	\$3,191.76	\$6,446.55

Water and Sewer Customers  
Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption - m <sup>3</sup>	Service Charge	Commodity Rates		Minimum Quarterly Charges
				Water	Sewer	
16mm - 5/8"	1	13.64	\$17.75	\$27.83	\$11.46	\$57.03
19mm - 3/4"	2	27.28	\$17.75	\$55.65	\$22.92	\$96.32
25mm - 1"	4	54.56	\$17.75	\$111.30	\$45.83	\$174.88
38mm - 1 1/2"	10	136.40	\$17.75	\$278.26	\$114.58	\$410.58
50mm - 2"	25	341.00	\$17.75	\$695.64	\$286.44	\$999.83
75mm - 3"	45	613.80	\$17.75	\$1,091.69	\$515.59	\$1,625.04
100mm - 4"	90	1227.60	\$17.75	\$1,478.39	\$1,031.18	\$2,527.32
150mm - 6"	170	2318.80	\$17.75	\$2,165.84	\$1,947.79	\$4,131.39
200mm - 8"	300	4092.00	\$17.75	\$3,282.96	\$4,437.28	\$6,737.99

(b) Water Only Customers

Customers with water only services shall be charged the minimum quarterly rate applicable to the customer's meter size less the sewer charge.

(c) Sewer Rate Reductions

If it can be clearly shown that a customer uses a substantial amount of water which is not returned to the sewer system (at least 10% of the water sold to such customers), the utility may deduct such water in calculating the sewer charge to such customers.

(d) Husky Sewer Charges

Notwithstanding the Sewer Commodity Rates and Charges set forth above, the Husky plant shall be charged for sewer service at the following rate:

Sewer Rate – at the sewer rate set forth above to be applied to 25% of the actual water consumption of the Husky plant

(e) Husky Surcharge on Wholesale Rate

That all water sold to Husky at the wholesale rate will have an additional charge of \$0.33 per cubic meter to reflect the debt payment agreed to by Husky for Water Treatment Plant #2.

3. Unmetered Customers

Based on an average of 86.4 cubic metres per quarter consumption, non-metered sewer and water customers shall pay \$205.24 per quarter in 2011; \$259.67 per quarter in 2012; \$266.58 per quarter in 2013.

4. Bulk Sales Rate

All water sold in bulk by the Town of Minnedosa shall be charged for at the rate of \$2.30 per cubic metre.

5. Service To Other Municipalities

The Town of Minnedosa may enter into agreements with municipalities, corporations and individuals outside the Town of Minnedosa to connect to the water and/or sewer system. The agreement shall provide for payment of the appropriate domestic rates set out on this Schedule, plus 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.

6. Billing And Penalties

Accounts shall be billed quarterly, except in the case of large volume consumers with usage over 4,000 cubic metres per month which may be billed monthly, and shall be due and payable 30 days after date of billing. For these customers, one third of the approved quarterly service charge shall be included in the monthly bill to cover administration costs.

A penalty of 1.25% per month of the amount of the bill shall be added if not paid by the due date. For every month after that, a further penalty of 1.25% of the amount of the bill shall be added if the debt is unpaid.

7. Disconnection

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.

8. Reconnection

Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties and reconnection fee of \$50.00 have been paid. Any customer wishing to have billings discontinued due to vacancy of premises shall be required to have service disconnected and to pay \$50.00 reconnection fee when service resumes.

9. Outstanding Bills

Pursuant to section 252(2) of *The Municipal Act*, the amount of all outstanding charges for water and sewer service may be collected by the municipality in the same manner as a tax may be collected or enforced under this Act.

10. Hydrant Rentals

The Town of Minnedosa shall pay to the utility an annual rental of \$150.00 for each hydrant connected to the system. This includes water for fire purposes.

11. Water Allowance Due to Line Freezing

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

## 12. Water Meters

- (a) The Town shall supply an appropriate size water meter and remote read touch pad. Each customer shall be required to pay in advance a \$50.00 refundable meter deposit. This deposit will be refunded without interest upon termination of service, less any outstanding charges for water and sewer service. Meter deposits may be transferred from one premises to another in the municipality.
- (b) The meter and touch pad shall be installed by a registered plumber and the costs shall be the responsibility of the property owner. The remote touch pad shall be located at a point easily accessible at all times and approved by the Town.
- (c) The meter shall be installed 75 cm above the floor or as approved by the Town.
- (d) The meter shall be located as close as practical to the point of entry of the water line. Ample room must be provided for access to the meter and main valve at all times.
- (e) The meter shall be in a horizontal position with the main shut off valve immediately before the meter. Another valve shall be installed downstream of the meter before any distribution piping or ports.
- (f) No distribution piping or ports shall be allowed before the meter.
- (g) The meter shall be protected from any type of damage including freezing.
- (h) Costs for any damage and labour for repairs to the water meter and associated equipment shall be the responsibility of the property owner.