

M A N I T O B A ) Order No. 148/13  
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT ) December 9, 2013

BEFORE: Susan Proven, P.H.Ec, Acting Chair  
Marilyn Kapitany, B.Sc.(Hons.), M.Sc., Member

ORDER VARYING BOARD ORDER No. 69/13  
FOR  
VILLAGE OF BINSCARTH  
INTERIM WATER AND SEWER RATES - 2013

**Summary:**

The Village of Binscarth (Village) requested that the Public Utilities Board (Board) reconsider the effective date of the Interim Rates established by Board Order 69/13.

After review, the Public Utilities Board (Board) varies Board Order No.69/13 to amend the effective date of the interim rates from January 1, 2014 to February 1, 2014.

**Background:**

On June 18, 2013 the Board issued Order 69/13 setting interim rates effective for January 1, 2014.

**Request to Review and Vary:**

The Village submitted a request on December 2, 2013 to amend Board Order No. 69/13 to be effective February 1, 2014.

In its covering letter to the Board, the Village sought that the Board consider the unintentional hardship created by the Order and review and vary the effective date of the interim rates as set in Board Order 69/13. The Village operates a water yearly billing cycle from February to January.

**Board Findings:**

After considering the information filed and Board Order 69/13, the Board concludes that the Order is to be varied and the interim rates approved by Board Order 69/13 be effective as of February 1, 2014 rather than January 1, 2014.

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 (Rules). The Board's Rules may be viewed on the Board's website at [www.pub.gov.mb.ca](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca).

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

Schedule "A" of the Public Utilities Board Order No.69/13 BE AND IS HEREBY VARIED as follows:

1. The Village of Binscarth By-law 63-12, as set out in Schedule "A" to this Order, BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED with the interim water rates to be effective on February 1, 2014.

Fees payable upon this Order - \$150.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"SUSAN PROVEN, P.H.Ec."  
Acting Chair

"JENNIFER DUBOIS, CMA"  
Acting Secretary

Certified a true copy of  
Order No. 148/13 issued by  
The Public Utilities Board

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Acting Secretary

SCHEDULE "A"  
THE VILLAGE OF BINSCARTH  
WATER & SEWER RATES  
BY-LAW #631-12

SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES:

1. **a) 2013 Commodity Rates per M.G. (effective August 1, 2013)**

<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>WATER/SEWER</u>
\$13.12	\$4.72	\$17.84

2. **b) 2014 Commodity Rates per M.G. (effective February 1, 2014)**

<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>WATER/SEWER</u>
\$13.36	\$4.75	\$18.11

**c) 36 month Rate Rider of \$23.42 to recover deficits from 2009, 2010 and 2011; in addition to the Minimum Quarterly charge (effective August 1, 2013)**

3. **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 the water allowances indicated:

a) **Water & Sewer Customers – August 1, 2013**

METER SIZE	GALLONS MINIMUM	CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGE	WATER	SEWER	TOTAL QUARTERLY MINIMUM	DEFICIT RATE RIDER
5/8 "	3,000	\$23.08	\$39.37	\$14.16	\$76.61	\$23.42
¾"	6,000	\$23.08	\$78.74	\$28.31	\$130.13	\$23.42
1"	12,000	\$23.08	\$157.47	\$56.63	\$237.18	\$23.42
1 ½"	30,000	\$23.08	\$393.68	\$141.57	\$558.33	\$23.42
2"	75,000	\$23.08	\$984.20	\$353.92	\$1,361.20	\$23.42

b) **Water & Sewer Customers – February 1, 2014**

METER SIZE	GALLONS MINIMUM	CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGE	WATER	SEWER	TOTAL QUARTERLY MINIMUM	DEFICIT RATE RIDER
5/8 "	3,000	\$23.57	\$40.07	\$14.26	\$77.89	\$23.42
¾"	6,000	\$23.57	\$80.13	\$28.52	\$132.22	\$23.42
1"	12,000	\$23.57	\$160.27	\$57.04	\$240.88	\$23.42
1 ½"	30,000	\$23.57	\$400.67	\$142.60	\$566.84	\$23.42
2"	75,000	\$23.57	\$1,001.68	\$356.51	\$1,381.76	\$23.42

c) **Water Only Customers**

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

d) **Sewer only Customers**

There are no sewer only customers in the Village of Binscarth.

4. **Bulk Sales Rate**

All water sold in bulk by the Village of Binscarth shall be charged for at the rate of \$1.00 per 100 gallons.

5. **Service to Customers outside Village Limits**

The Council of the Village of Binscarth may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water & sewer services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the Village of Binscarth. Such agreements shall provide for quarterly payments of water at \$14.00 per 1000 gallons plus \$12.50 service charge.

In addition, all costs of connecting to the utility's mains and installing and maintaining service connections will be paid by the customer.

6. **Billings and Penalties**

Accounts shall be billed quarterly, and shall be due and payable 20 days after date of billing. A penalty of 10% of the amount of the bill shall be added if not paid by the due date.

7. **Non-Payment of Accounts**

Service may be disconnected and discontinued immediately and without further notice in the event of non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all areas, penalties and a reconnection fee of \$20.00 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 shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the land are collectible, and with like remedies.

9. **Hydrant Rentals**

The Village of Binscarth will pay to the utility an annual rental fee of \$75.00 for each hydrant connected to the system which includes the cost of water for fire fighting.