News Release



December 16, 2008

In Order No. 168/08 dated December 16, 2008, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approved revised water rates for the Grey Regional Water and Sewer Utility effective January 1, 2009 as noted below:

Commodity Rate (\$/1,000 gallons)	Existing	Proposed	%
All Water Consumption	\$8.30	\$9.50	14.5
Haywood Sewer Service	\$0.80	\$0.80	0
Elm Creek Sewer Service	\$1.15	\$1.15	0
Quarterly Customer Service Charge	\$5.00	\$5.00	0
Minimum Quarterly Bill (5/8" meter)			
Haywood	\$33.35	\$36.95	10.8
Elm Creek	\$32.30	\$35.90	11.1
All Others	\$29.90	\$33.50	12.0

This Order is issued on an interim ex parte basis due to an urgent need for revised rates to meet an increase in the wholesale price of water (an increase beyond the control of the Rural Municipality of Grey (R.M.).

In this Order, the Board also approves the R.M.'s proposal to meet its 2007 utility operating deficit out of accumulated utility surplus.

The R.M. is required to provide Notice to its ratepayers of the rate changes, and invite its customers to write the Board with any comments or concerns.

A copy of this Order may be viewed on the Board's website <u>www.pub.gov.mb.ca</u>, or at the Board's Office.

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