



News Release

June 10, 2009

In Order No. 97/09 dated June 10, 2009 the Public Utilities Board (Board) approved revised water and sewer rates for all bills issued after July 1, 2009, as proposed by the Rural Municipality of Headingley (RM).

The Board also approved, but on a conditional basis, “Phase 2” rates. Phase 2 rates are to be implemented following the Board’s confirmation of its approval, which is to follow approval by the Municipal Board of the new borrowing to fund a new wastewater treatment project and the issuance of the planned new debenture estimated to be three months after construction is completed.

Existing, approved and conditionally-approved rates are:

	Existing (1999)	Approved Phase 1	Approved Phase 2
Customer Service Charge	\$ 8.75	\$10.25	\$10.25
Commodity Rates (\$/cubic meter)			
Water	\$ 1.42	\$ 2.34	\$ 2.06
Sewer (sewer & water customers)	\$ 0.76	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.74 ⁽³⁾
Sewer (sewer only customers)	-	-	\$ 0.90 ⁽³⁾
Additional Capital Rate (\$/cubic meter)⁽¹⁾			
Sewer & Water Customers	-	-	\$ 1.30 ⁽³⁾
Sewer Only Customers	-	-	\$ 1.58 ⁽³⁾
Bulk water (\$/cubic meter)	\$ 1.84	\$ 2.56	\$ 2.28
Minimum Quarterly Bill (5/8” meter)⁽²⁾	\$39.27	\$53.93	\$67.65

Note: ⁽¹⁾The Capital Rate is intended to repay over 20 years the estimated \$6.0 million in borrowing plus interest required for a new wastewater treatment plant.

⁽²⁾Includes a quarterly allowance of 14 cubic meters and quarterly service charge; larger sized meters have larger quarterly allowances reflected in their minimum quarterly bills.

⁽³⁾The RM estimates 85% of the metered water for water and sewer customers enters the sewer system, with the remainder consumed for lawn watering, product input, etc., and therefore the sewer charge for sewer and water customers is to be lower than for the sewer only customer (Headingley Correctional Institute).

Board Order No. 97/09 with additional details of the application is available for review on the Board’s website: www.pub.gov.mb.ca

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