



News Release

June 20, 2008

In Order No. 84/08 dated June 20, 2008, the Public Utilities Board approves an application by the Rural Municipality of North Norfolk for revised water and sewer rates for the community of Austin effective for the next quarterly billing.

Existing and approved rates are:

\$/cubic meter	Existing	Approved	Increase
Water(1 st step)	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.00	25%
(2 nd step)	\$ 1.15	\$ 2.00	74%
Sewer	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.95	36%
Service Charge	\$ 7.90	\$15.00	90%
Minimum Quarterly Bill (5/8" meter – 14 m ³)	\$38.70	\$56.30	45%
Sewer only	-	\$48.60	
Bulk water	-	\$ 2.03	
Hydrant Rental (annual)	\$90.00	\$165.00	83%

The previous rate change was implemented in 1996.

The increases primarily result from the Rural Municipality's now purchasing its water from the Yellowhead Regional Water Co-operative (YRWC). The cost of the water supply has increased 285%, from \$1.95 per thousand gallons to \$7.50. YRWC has advised that, in future, price changes will be in step with increases in the Consumer Price Index.

A copy of these Orders may be viewed on the Board's website www.pub.gov.mb.ca, or at the Board's Office.

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