

News Release

September 13, 2011

In Order No. 119/11 dated September 13, 2011 the Public Utilities Board (Board) varied an application of the Town of Plum Coulee (Town) and provided approval of water and sewer rates as follows:

\$/cubic meter	Previous	2011*	2012	2013
Water				
First 450 m ³	\$ 2.04	\$ 3.05	\$ 3.15	\$ 3.20
Over	\$ 1.66	\$ 3.05	\$ 3.15	\$ 3.20
Sewer	\$ 0.54	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.95
Quarterly Service charge	\$ 3.00	\$ 13.50	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.25
Minimum Quarterly**	\$49.44	\$ 82.10	\$ 84.60	\$ 86.40
Bulk water	\$ 2.67	\$ 3.05	\$ 3.15	\$ 3.20
Hydrant rental (annual)	\$50.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00

*Effective October 1, 2011, consistent with the Town's rate by-law

**Includes 14 cubic meters (previously 18 cubic meters).

This represents an immediate increase of approximately 50% in water rates and 245% in sewer rates. The minimum quarterly charge increases by some 66%, but it must be noted that this now includes 14 cubic meters, reduced from the 18 cubic meters previously included in the charge. Annual increases thereafter primarily reflect the effects of projected inflation.

This decision followed a well attended public hearing held in the Town's Hall on August 2, 2011. This Order which provide additional details of terms and condition for services and other charges can be viewed on the Board's website: <u>www.pub.gov.mb.ca</u>.

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