



News Release

March 19, 2009

In Order No. 22/09 dated March 19, 2009, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves an application for revised water and sewer rates for the Town of Snow Lake (Town) and recovery of a 2007 revenue deficit of \$58,543.20 from rates, to occur over the next three years.

Commodity Rates/ (\$/cubic meter)	Existing			Revised			% Increase
	Water	Sewer	Total	Water	Sewer	Total	
First 100 cubic meters	\$1.33	\$0.98	\$ 2.31	\$1.66	\$1.23	\$ 2.89	25%
Next 350 cubic meters	\$1.22	\$0.98	\$ 2.20	\$1.53	\$1.23	\$ 2.76	25%
Over 450 cubic meters	\$1.11	\$0.98	\$ 2.09	\$1.39	\$1.23	\$ 2.62	25%
Quarterly Service Charge			\$ 15.49			\$ 19.36	25%
Minimum Quarterly Bill⁽¹⁾			\$ 47.00			\$ 58.78	25%
Unmetered Customers ⁽²⁾			\$323.49			\$404.96	25%
Tipping Fees (\$/cubic meter)			\$ 1.86			\$ 2.34	25%

⁽¹⁾ Includes 13.64 cubic meters, quarterly.

⁽²⁾ Quarterly fee based on an estimated 135 cubic meters of usage.

On November 19, 2008, the Town submitted an application for a 25% across the board increase in rates, and attached By-law No. 883/08 read the first time on November 18, 2008. The Town provided Notice to its customers of the proposed increases by mail on January 13, 2009, and posted the Notice in five locations in the Town. In response, four letters indicating concern were received.

The Board considered respondent concerns about the tipping fee. The Board noted that the tipping fee had been approved in Order 114/07 and that the Town, in support of the increase provided reasonable estimates of the costs of providing the service as well as for the recovery of a reasonable portion of the debenture debt costs of the utility currently being recovered from ratepayers in the Town. The Board reviewed this Application and deemed the revised fee as fair and reasonable.

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