



News Release

September 11, 2008

In Order No. 132/08 dated September 11, 2008, the Public Utilities Board (Board) varied the application of the Rural Municipality of Whitewater (RM) for revised water and sewer rates for the community of Minto; rates to take effect October 1, 2008.

Existing and revised rates follow:

\$/cubic meter	Existing	Approved	Increase %
Water	\$ 1.35	\$ 2.53	87%
Sewer	<u>\$ 0.60</u>	<u>\$ 0.75</u>	25%
Combined	\$ 1.95	\$ 3.28	68%
Minimum Quarterly Bill (5/8" meter) ¹	\$35.35	\$55.64	57%
Sewer Only	\$24.40	\$27.25	12%
Bulk Water	\$ 2.30	\$ 3.80	65%

¹includes 13 cubic meters.

Rates were previously revised in 1993.

The Board determined that the rates proposed by the RM were insufficient to meet the long term needs of the Utility and, accordingly, the Board increased the rates sufficiently to allow the Utility to build a Reserve for future small capital projects and membrane replacement for the water treatment plant.

Notice of the RM's application was mailed to each customer and posted in five prominent locations in the area. No ratepayers responded to the Board's invitation to comment.

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

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