



## News Release

September 10, 2008

In Order No. 131/08 dated September 10, 2008, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approved revised water and sewer rates for the Village of Winnipegosis (Village), as noted below:

<b>Commodity Rates (\$/1000 gallons)</b>	<b>Existing</b>	<b>Revised</b>	<b>Increase</b>
<b>Water</b>			
First 100,000 gallons	\$10.55	\$13.55	28.4%
Over 100,000 gallons	\$ 8.70	\$13.55	55.7%
<b>Sewer</b>	\$ 1.25	\$ 3.65	192.0%
<b>Service charge</b>	\$ 2.30	\$12.07	424.8%
<b>Bulk Water</b>	\$11.50	\$16.12	40.2%
<b>Sewer only (flat charge)/quarterly</b>	\$ 9.80	\$23.02	134.9%
<b>Minimum Quarterly Bill (5/8" meter)<sup>1</sup></b>	\$37.70	\$63.67	68.9%

<sup>1</sup> Includes 3000 gallons

The previous rate change occurred in 1993.

The Village is considering the transfer of ownership of the water treatment plant (WTP) from the Manitoba Water Services Board to the Village. The transfer brings uncertainty regarding the adequacy of the now-approved revised rates. Consequently, if the WTP is transferred, the Board will require the Village to provide a report on the adequacy of these rates.

To meet the contingency that the WTP is not transferred, and noting that the purchase price of water would continue to increase and the Utility faces very significant challenges, the Board also approved two 5% discretionary rate increases (to be effective January 1, 2010 and 2011), that may be implemented by the Village following a review of the financial needs of its Utility. If the discretionary increases are proceeded with, the Board is to be advised and customers notified.

A public hearing was held on August 19, 2008 in the Curling Rink in the Village of Winnipegosis.

A copy of this Order may be viewed on the Board's website [www.pub.gov.mb.ca](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca), or at the Board's Office.

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