

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

March 7, 2012

The Rural Municipality of Rockwood (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised rates for the Balmoral water and sewer utility system for 2012, 2013 and 2014 as set out in By-law No. 05/12 read the first time on January 25, 2012. The current rates were approved in 2007.

The current and the proposed commodity rates are noted below:

Rates Per Cubic Meter	Current	2012	Increase/Decrease	2013	Increase/Decrease	2014	Increase/Decrease
Quarterly Service Charge	\$13.00	\$15.00	15.4%	\$15.50	3.3%	\$15.95	2.9%
Water	\$2.14	\$1.10	-48.8%	\$1.05	-4.5%	\$1.05	0.0%
Sewer	\$0.43	\$1.85	330.2%	\$1.90	2.7%	\$1.90	0.0%
Deficit (2010) Recovery Rate Rider		\$0.70		\$0.70		\$0.70	
Minimum Quarterly*	\$64.60	\$69.75	8.0%	\$70.25	0.7%	\$70.70	0.6%
Bulk Water Rates**	\$3.43	\$3.20	-6.7%	\$3.10	-3.1%	\$3.15	1.6%
Reconnection Fee	\$50.00	\$50.00	0.0%	\$50.00	0.0%	\$50.00	0.0%
Hydrant Rental (Annual)	\$150.00	\$150.00	0.0%	\$150.00	0.0%	\$150.00	0.0%

*water & sewer customers -15 cubic meters per quarter reduced from current 20 cubic meters

**plus \$50 per fill

Minimum quarterly charges for meter sizes are proposed to be as follows:

Meter Size (Inches)		Water Included (m ³)	Service Charge	Water	Sewer	Rate Rider	Minimum Quarterly Charges
2012							
5/8	1.0	15	\$15.00	\$16.50	\$27.75	\$10.50	\$69.75
1	4.0	60	\$15.00	\$66.00	\$111.00	\$42.00	\$234.00
2013							
5/8	1.0	15	\$15.50	\$15.75	\$28.50	\$10.50	\$70.25
1	4.0	60	\$15.50	\$63.00	\$114.00	\$42.00	\$234.50
2014							
5/8	1.0	15	\$15.95	\$15.75	\$28.50	\$10.50	\$70.70
1	4.0	60	\$15.95	\$63.00	\$114.00	\$42.00	\$234.95

Questions concerning the application should be addressed to the municipal administration. Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM office.

Any person wishing to make representations to the Board should write **the Public Utilities Board, 400 – 330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0C4**, or send an email to publicutilities@gov.mb.ca, on or before **April 27, 2012**, following which date the Board will decide whether any further notice and/or an oral hearing is necessary.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IN CONSIDERING THIS APPLICATION, THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MAY OR MAY NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO DETERMINE RATES DIFFERENT FROM THOSE APPLIED FOR BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

Note: All proceedings will be conducted in accord with the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* which the Board may vary in order to constrain regulatory costs. The Rules are available at www.pub.gov.mb.ca.

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Public Utilities Board