

October 29, 2012

The Village of Binscarth (Village) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised rates for the water and sewer services for 2012 and 2013 as set out in By-law No .631-12, read for the first time on September 12, 2012. The current rates and proposed rates are provided:

	Current	October 1, 2012	Increase/ Decrease	January 1, 2013	Increase/ Decrease
Quarterly Service Charge	\$10.00	\$12.50	25%	\$15.63	25%
Water \$/per 1,000 gallons	\$6.00	\$7.50	25%	\$9.38	25%
Sewer \$/per 1,000 gallons	\$0.85	\$1.06	25%	\$1.33	25%
Minimum Quarterly*	\$30.55	\$38.18	25%	\$47.73	25%
Bulk Water ** \$/per 100 gallons	\$0.80	\$1.00	25%	\$1.25	25%
Hydrant Rental (Annual)	\$75.00	\$75.00	0%	\$75.00	0%

*Based on 3,000 gallons

Meter Size	Installation	Disconnection	Removal	Reconnection*
5/8"	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$15.00
3/4"	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$15.00
1"	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$15.00
1 1/2"	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$15.00
2"	\$125.00	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$15.00

^{*}Does not include re-installation fee

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

Year -2012

Meter Size	Gallons Minimum	Customer Service Charge	Water Charges	Sewer Charges	Total Quarterly Minimum
5/8"	3,000	\$12.50	\$22.50	\$3.18	\$38.18
3/4"	6,000	\$12.50	\$45.00	\$6.36	\$63.86
1"	12,000	\$12.50	\$90.00	\$12.72	\$115.22
1 1/2"	30,000	\$12.50	\$225.00	\$31.80	\$269.30
2"	75,000	\$12.50	\$562.50	\$79.50	\$654.50

Year -2013

Meter Size	Gallons Minimum	Customer Service Charge	Water Charges	Sewer Charges	Total Quarterly Minimum
5/8"	3,000	\$15.65	\$28.13	\$3.98	\$47.73
3/4"	6,000	\$15.65	\$56.25	\$7.95	\$79.83
1"	12,000	\$15.65	\$112.50	\$15.90	\$144.03
1 1/2"	30,000	\$15.65	\$281.25	\$39.75	\$336.63
2"	75,000	\$15.65	\$703.13	\$99.38	\$818.13

Details of the Village's application are available for review at the Village of Binscarth's office or The Public Utilities Board's office. Questions concerning the application for revised rates, or the operation of the Utility, should be addressed to the Village of Binscarth.

The Public Utilities Board is the provincial regulatory agency that reviews and approves rates for municipal water and sewer utilities. The Board's review process involves:

- the Utility filing a rate application to the Board,
- the public notification of proposed rate changes,
- the Board's review of the application through a public hearing or paper review process, and
- the issuance of a Board Order which outlines the Board's decision on the rate application and the rates to be charged.

Any person who has concerns regarding the Village of Binscarth's application for revised rates should either write to:

The Public Utilities Board 400-330 Portage Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0C4

or, send an email to: <u>publicutilities@gov.mb.ca</u> on or before **November 19, 2012.**

The Board will then decide whether any further notice is required and whether to proceed with a public hearing or paper review process. All concerns received by the Board will be considered in the Board's decision on rates to be charged.

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 APPLICANT.

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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