

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

February 16, 2012

The Rural Municipality of Blanshard (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised rates for its Water and Sewer Utility as set out in By-law No. 2012-2, read the first time on February 14, 2012. Rates were last amended in 1997.

The current and proposed rates are noted below:

Commodity Rate \$/1,000 gallons	Current	Proposed 2012	Increase
Water	\$15.30	\$25.86	69%
Sewer	\$1.10	\$5.70	418%
Quarterly Service Charge	\$7.00	\$11.23	60%
Minimum Quarterly*	\$56.20	\$105.91	88%
Bulk Water	\$15.85	\$23.73	50%
Hydrant Rental Charge	\$70.00	\$75.00	7%

*Based on 3,000 gallons

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the municipal office, and include minimum quarterly bills for various meter sizes, information on billing, disconnection and reconnection charges and other terms and conditions of service.

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 **March 9, 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