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NOTICE OF APPLICATION for REVISED RATES
Rural Municipality of Brenda
Water and Sewer Utility

April 25, 2013

The Rural Municipality of Brenda (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and sewer rates as set out in By-law No. 5-2013, read the first time on March 13, 2013. By Order No. 72/12 released June 6, 2012, the Board granted an interim rate change on an *ex parte* basis for 2012. The previous rates were set in 1997 and approval was granted by Board Order No. 36/97.

The current and the proposed commodity rates are noted below:

| | 2012 Interim | Proposed 2014 | Increase/Decrease |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Quarterly Service Charge | \$10.00 | \$21.46 | 115% |
| Water \$/per 1,000 gallons | \$9.00 | \$9.00 | 0% |
| Sewer \$/per 1,000 gallons | \$4.50 | \$9.15 | 103% |
| Minimum Quarterly-Water and Sewer* | \$50.50 | \$75.91 | 50% |
| Water Only-unmetered | n/a | 75.46** | n/a |
| Minimum Quarterly-Water Only*-metered | \$37.00 | \$48.46 | 31% |
| Sewer Only-unmetered | 23.50* | 76.36** | n/a |
| Bulk Water \$/per 1,000 gallons | n/a | \$13.29 | n/a |

*Based on 3,000 gallons

**Based on 6,000 gallons

| Meter Size | Group Capacity Ratio | Minimum Quarterly Consumption | Customer Service Charge | Water | Sewer | Quarterly Minimum Charge (Water & Sewer) | Quarterly Minimum Charge (Water Only) |
|------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 5/8" | 1 | 3,000 | \$21.46 | \$27.00 | \$27.45 | \$75.91 | \$48.46 |
| 3/4" | 2 | 6,000 | \$21.46 | \$54.00 | \$54.90 | \$130.36 | \$75.46 |
| 1" | 4 | 12,000 | \$21.46 | \$108.00 | \$109.80 | \$239.26 | \$129.46 |
| 1 1/2" | 10 | 30,000 | \$21.46 | \$270.00 | \$274.50 | \$565.96 | \$291.46 |
| 2" | 25 | 75,000 | \$21.46 | \$675.00 | \$686.25 | \$1,382.71 | \$696.46 |

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the **RM of Brenda'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 **RM of Brenda**.

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 RM of Brenda's application for revised rates should either write to:

The Public Utilities Board
400-330 Portage Avenue
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or, send an email to: publicutilities@gov.mb.ca on or before **May 17, 2013**.

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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