

## NOTICE OF INTERIM RATES The Rural Municipality of Elton

May 28, 2012

The Rural Municipality of Elton (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and sewer rates as set out in By-law No. 1423 read the first time on April 12, 2011. By Order No. 28/11 issued February 18, 2011, the Board approved interim water rates which were set on an ex parte basis for 2011 pending submission of a detailed rate study and complete review of the application. Sewer rates were last revised in 2008.

By Order No. 66/12 released May 25, 2012, the Board has now granted a further interim rate change, on an ex parte basis, for 2012 and 2013.

The current and revised commodity rates are noted below:

Rates	Current	2012	Increase/ Decrease	2013	Increase/ Decrease
Quarterly service charge	\$8.85*	\$15.70	77%	\$16.15	3%
Water per 1,000 gallons	\$8.25	\$11.85	44%	\$12.30	4%
Sewer per 1,000 gallons	note <sup>(1)</sup>	\$1.60		\$1.85	16%
Minimum Quarterly <sup>(2)</sup>	\$56.60	\$56.05	-1%	\$58.60	5%
Sewer only flat rate- quarterly <sup>(3)</sup>	\$23.00	\$30.10	31%	\$32.80	9%

\*Water only

<sup>(1)</sup> \$16 per residential equivalent unit plus \$7 service charge per quarter

<sup>(2)</sup> water & sewer customers 3,000 gallons per quarter

<sup>(3)</sup> Based on 9,000 gallons per quarter

Minimum quarterly charges for various meter sizes are as follows:

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Gallons (1000) included	Quarterly Service Charge	Commodity Charges		Minimum Quarterly
				Water	Sewer	
<b>2012</b>						
5/8"	1	3,000	\$15.70	\$35.55	\$4.80	\$56.05
3/4"	2	6,000	\$15.70	\$71.10	\$9.60	\$96.40
1"	4	12,000	\$15.70	\$142.20	\$19.20	\$177.10
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$15.70	\$355.50	\$48.00	\$419.20
2"	25	75,000	\$15.70	\$888.75	\$120.00	\$1,024.45
<b>2013</b>						
5/8"	1	3,000	\$16.15	\$36.90	\$5.55	\$58.60
3/4"	2	6,000	\$16.15	\$73.80	\$11.10	\$101.05
1"	4	12,000	\$16.15	\$147.60	\$22.20	\$185.95
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$16.15	\$369.00	\$55.50	\$440.65
2"	25	75,000	\$16.15	\$922.50	\$138.75	\$1,077.40

Current water only rates are \$8.25 per 1,000 gallons, and the quarterly service charge is \$8.85. Sewer charges are levied on a flat rate basis with the average household being assessed \$16 per quarter plus a \$7 service charge.

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

The Public Utilities Board is the provincial regulatory agency that reviews and approves rates for municipal water and sewer utilities.

Any person who has concerns regarding the Rural Municipality of Elton'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: [publicutilities@gov.mb.ca](mailto:publicutilities@gov.mb.ca) on or before **June 30, 2012**.

The Board will then decide whether any further notice and/ or an oral hearing is required. 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](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca)

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