NOTICE OF APPLICATION REVISED WATER and SEWER RATES RURAL MUNICIPALITY of PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE LUD of OAKVILLE

November 18, 2014

The Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised rates for the Local Urban District of Oakville Water and Sewer Utility (LUD) for 2015 as set out in By-law No. 3097 read the first time on October 14, 2014. Rates were last set in 2008 in Board Order No. 145/07.

The current rates and proposed rates are provided:

	Current By-law 3002	Proposed 2015	Increase/Decrease	
Quarterly Service Charge	\$4.90	\$5.92	20.82%	
Water \$/per 1,000 gallons	\$11.30	\$18.28	61.77%	
Sewer \$/per 1,000 gallons	\$5.10 \$5.35		4.90%	
Minimum Quarterly *- Water and Sewer	\$54.10	\$76.81	41.98%	
Bulk Water ** \$/per 1,000 gallons	\$12.00	\$20.25	68.75%	
Minimum Quarterly *- Water Only	\$38.80	\$60.76	56.60%	
Flat Rate per Quarter***- Sewer Only	\$29.64	\$32.67	10.22%	
Reconnection Fee	\$25.00	\$50.00	100.00%	

^{*}Based on 3,000 gallons

^{**}Bulk water 500 gallons or more. Minimum charge will be \$10.00.

^{***}Based on 5,000 gallons

Minimum Quarterly Charges

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	\$5.92	\$54.84	\$16.05	\$76.81	\$60.76
3/4"	2	6,000	\$5.92	\$109.68	\$32.10	\$147.70	\$115.60
1"	4	12,000	\$5.92	\$219.36	\$64.20	\$289.48	\$225.28
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$5.92	\$548.40	\$160.50	\$714.82	\$554.32
2"	25	75,000	\$5.92	\$1,371.00	\$401.25	\$1,778.17	\$1,376.92

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

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 Portage la Prairie'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 on or before December 15, 2014.

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 accordance 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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