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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
 REVISED WATER and SEWER RATES
 Rural Municipality of Franklin**

June 6, 2013

The Rural Municipality of Franklin (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised rates for the water and sewer Utility (Utility) for 2013 and 2014 as set out in By-law No. 01-13 read the first time on February 12, 2013. Rates were last set in 2006 in Board Order No. 121/06. In the application, the RM also requests Board approval to include 9 members of the River Road Water Co-op (with the remaining members to be included in the RM of Emerson), thus dissolving the River Road Co-op Water Utility.

The current rates and proposed rates are provided:

	Current	Proposed for July 1, 2013	Increase/Decrease	2014	Increase/Decrease
Quarterly Service Charge	\$9.30	\$14.88	60%	\$18.20	22.31%
Water \$/per 1,000 gallons	\$14.87	\$16.36	10.02%	\$19.05	16.44%
Sewer \$/per 1,000 gallons	\$4.40	\$6.03	37.05%	\$7.47	23.88%
Minimum Quarterly-Water and Sewer*	\$67.11	\$82.05	22%	\$97.76	19.16%
Minimum Quarterly-Water Only*	\$53.91	\$63.96	18.62%	\$75.35	17.83%
Bulk Water \$/per 1,000 gallons	\$16.80	\$21.32	26.90%	\$25.12	17.82%
Reconnection Fee	n/a	\$30.00	n/a	\$30.00	0.00%
Hydrant Rental (Annual)	\$50.00	\$150.00	n/a	\$150.00	0.00%

*Based on 3,000 gallons

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

Year -2013

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	\$14.88	\$49.08	\$18.09	\$82.05	\$63.96
3/4"	2	6,000	\$14.88	\$98.16	\$36.18	\$149.22	\$113.04
1"	4	12,000	\$14.88	\$196.32	\$72.36	\$283.56	\$211.20
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$14.88	\$490.80	\$180.90	\$686.58	\$505.68
2"	25	75,000	\$14.88	\$1,227.00	\$452.25	\$1,694.13	\$1,241.88

Year -2014

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	\$18.20	\$57.15	\$22.41	\$97.76	\$75.35
3/4"	2	6,000	\$18.20	\$114.30	\$44.82	\$177.32	\$132.50
1"	4	12,000	\$18.20	\$228.60	\$89.64	\$336.44	\$246.80
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$18.20	\$571.50	\$224.10	\$813.80	\$589.70
2"	25	75,000	\$18.20	\$1,428.75	\$560.25	\$2,007.20	\$1,446.95

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 of Franklin.

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 Franklin'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 **July 2, 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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