

NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF LORNE  
SWAN LAKE UTILITY  
Water and Sewer Rates

May 1, 2013

The Rural Municipality of Lorne (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for water and sewer rates for the Swan Lake Water Distribution and Sewer Collection System (Utility) for 2013, 2014 and 2015 as set out in By-law No. 1762/13 read the first time on February 12, 2013. Rates were last set in 2006 by Board Order No. 169/06. The Current and Proposed rates are as follows:

	Current	2013	Increase/ Decrease	2014	Increase/ Decrease	2015	Increase/ Decrease
Quarterly Service Charge	\$5.75	\$8.71	51.48%	\$9.04	3.79%	\$9.24	2.21%
Water - \$/cubic meter	\$2.00	\$3.85	92.50%	\$3.94	2.34%	\$4.04	2.54%
Sewer - \$/cubic meter	\$0.80	\$0.55	-31.25%	\$0.50	-9.09%	\$0.44	-12.00%
Minimum Quarterly* Water and Sewer	\$44.95	\$68.73	52.90%	\$69.60	1.27%	\$70.35	1.08%
Bulk Water Rate - \$ per cubic meter	\$2.00	\$3.85	92.50%	\$3.94	2.34%	\$4.04	2.54%
Hydrant Rental (Annual)	\$75.00	\$75.00	0.00%	\$75.00	0.00%	\$75.00	0.00%

\* Based on 14 cubic meters.

### Water & Sewer - 2013

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included (m <sup>3</sup> )	Water Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Commodity Charge	Quarterly Minimum Charge
5/8"	1	13.64	3,000	\$8.71	\$60.02	\$68.73
3/4"	2	27.28	6,000	\$8.71	\$120.03	\$128.74
1"	4	54.55	12,000	\$8.71	\$240.02	\$248.73
1 1/2"	10	136.38	30,000	\$8.71	\$600.07	\$608.78
2"	25	340.96	75,000	\$8.71	\$1,500.22	\$1,508.93

### Water & Sewer - 2014

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included (m <sup>3</sup> )	Water Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Commodity Charge	Quarterly Minimum Charge
5/8"	1	13.64	3,000	\$9.04	\$60.56	\$69.60
3/4"	2	27.28	6,000	\$9.04	\$121.12	\$130.16
1"	4	54.55	12,000	\$9.04	\$242.20	\$251.24
1 1/2"	10	136.38	30,000	\$9.04	\$605.53	\$614.57
2"	25	340.96	75,000	\$9.04	\$1,513.86	\$1,522.90

## Water & Sewer - 2015

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included (m <sup>3</sup> )	Water Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Commodity Charge	Quarterly Minimum Charge
5/8"	1	13.64	3,000	\$9.24	\$61.11	\$70.35
3/4"	2	27.28	6,000	\$9.24	\$122.21	\$131.45
1"	4	54.55	12,000	\$9.24	\$244.38	\$253.62
1 1/2"	10	136.38	30,000	\$9.24	\$610.98	\$620.22
2"	25	340.96	75,000	\$9.24	\$1,527.50	\$1,536.74

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM of Lorne's office or the 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. 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 Rural Municipality of Lorne'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 **May 24, 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](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca)

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