

June 26, 2012

The Local Government District of Pinawa has applied to the Public Utilities Board for rates for water and sewer services for 2012-2016 as set out in By-law No.747-12 read the first time on April 3rd, 2012. With the installation of water meters, the proposed rates are based on commodity charges. Water and Sewer costs are currently recovered on municipal taxes.

The proposed rates are as follows:

	Proposed Rates for 2012-2016
Quarterly Service Charge	\$5.70
Water/m³	\$2.40
Sewer/m³	\$0.55
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$45.94
Reconnection Fee	\$25.00
Hydrant Rental (Annual)	\$100.00

^{*}For an average two person dwelling using 36 cubic meters of water per quarter, the proposed quarterly bill in 2013 would be approximately \$113.00.

Details of the LGD's application are available for review at the Local Government District of Pinawa'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 Local Government District of Pinawa.

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,
- 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 Local Government District of Pinawa application for revised rates should 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 July 31, 2012.

The Board will then decide whether any further notice and/or an oral hearing is necessary. 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 MUNICIPALITY.

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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