

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
REVISED WATER AND SEWER RATES
CITY OF STEINBACH**

October 5, 2012

The City of Steinbach (City) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised rates for water and sewer services for 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 as set out in By-law No 1983 read the first time on September 4, 2012. The current rates and proposed rates are provided:

| | Current | 2013 | Increase/ Decrease | 2014 | Increase/ Decrease | 2015 | Increase/ Decrease | 2016 | Increase/ Decrease |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Quarterly Service Charge | \$15.25 | \$16.50 | 8.20% | \$16.50 | 0.00% | \$17.00 | 3.03% | \$17.00 | 0.00% |
| Water - \$/per cubic meter | \$0.92 | \$0.95 | 3.26% | \$0.98 | 3.16% | \$1.03 | 5.10% | \$1.08 | 4.85% |
| Sewer - \$/per cubic meter | \$0.61 | \$0.61 | 0.00% | \$0.61 | 0.00% | \$0.64 | 4.92% | \$0.68 | 6.25% |
| Minimum Quarterly* | \$38.20 | \$39.90 | 1.79% | \$40.35 | 1.13% | \$42.05 | 4.21% | \$43.40 | 3.21% |
| Sewer Only | \$48.00 | \$50.00 | 4.17% | \$50.00 | 0.00% | \$52.00 | 4.00% | \$54.00 | 3.85% |
| Bulk Water ** \$/per cubic meter | \$1.20 | \$1.50 | 25.00% | \$1.50 | 0.00% | \$1.50 | 0.00% | \$1.50 | 0.00% |
| Hauled Sewage - \$/per cubic meter | n/a | \$2.44 | 0.00% | \$2.44 | 0.00% | \$2.56 | 4.92% | \$2.72 | 6.25% |
| Hydrant Rental (Annual) | \$125.00 | \$130.00 | 4.00% | \$130.00 | 0.00% | \$135.00 | 3.85% | \$135.00 | 0.00% |

*For 15 cubic meters and 5/8 inch meter. Customers with larger meters should review the application to confirm minimum quarterly charges.

**Minimum charge is \$50.00 per each sale

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

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 City of Steinbach'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 **October 29, 2012**.

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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