

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
WATER and SEWER RATES
TOWN of BIRTLE

October 23, 2012

The Town of Birtle (Town) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for water and sewer rates for the Town of Birtle water and sewer utility (Utility) for 2013, 2014, and 2015 as set out in By-law No. 2012-02 read for the first time on October 9, 2012.

The Current and Proposed rates are as follows:

	Current	2013	Increase/ Decrease	2014	Increase/ Decrease	2015	Increase/ Decrease
Annual Customer Service Charge	\$99.00	\$61.60	-37.78%	\$63.60	3.25%	\$65.80	3.46%
Quarterly Customer Service Charge	\$24.75	\$15.40	-37.78%	\$15.90	3.25%	\$16.45	3.46%
Water \$/per REU (Quarterly)	\$125.00	\$141.80	13.44%	\$145.25	2.43%	\$148.75	2.41%
Sewer \$/per REU (Quarterly)	\$27.00	\$24.15	-10.56%	\$24.65	2.07%	\$25.15	2.03%
Minimum Quarterly	\$176.70	\$181.35	2.63%	\$185.80	2.45%	\$190.35	2.45%
Reconnection Charge	\$50.00	\$50.00	0.00%	\$50.00	0.00%	\$50.00	0.00%
Bulk Sales (Within the LUD) per 1,000 gallons	n/a	\$10.00	0.00%	\$10.00	0.00%	\$10.00	0.00%
Bulk Sales (Outside the LUD) per 1,000 gallons	n/a	\$13.00	0.00%	\$13.00	0.00%	\$13.00	0.00%
Hydrant Rental (Annual)	\$100.00	\$100.00	0.00%	\$100.00	0.00%	\$100.00	0.00%

A complete list of the Residential Equivalency Unit (REU) assignment is available at the Town's office.

Details of the Town's application are available for review at the Town of Birtle'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 Town.

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 Town of Birtle'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 **November 23, 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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