

**NOTICE OF INTERIM RATES**  
 Rural Municipality of Brenda Water and Sewer Utility

June 26, 2012

The Rural Municipality of Brenda (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and sewer rates as set out in By-law No. 12-2011, read the first time on October 12, 2011. The previous rates were set in 1997 and approval was granted by Board Order No. 36/97.

By Order No. 72/12 released June 6, 2012, the Board has now granted an interim rate change on an ex parte basis for 2012. At the time of this Notice the RM was completing a detailed rate study. Upon review of this detailed rate study, the Board will consider setting revised rates for 2013.

The current and the proposed commodity rates are noted below:

<b>Commodity Rate \$/1,000 gallons</b>	<b>Previous 1997</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Increase/ Decrease</b>
Water	\$3.64	\$9.00	147%
Sewer	\$0.45	\$4.50	900%
Quarterly service charge	\$2.00*	\$10.00*	400%
Minimum quarterly charge			
Water & Sewer*	\$29.00*	\$50.50**	248%
Sewer only*	n/a	\$23.50**	
Reconnection charge	\$15.00	\$25.00	67%

\*Semi-annual rates

\*\*Quarterly charges (Includes 3,000 gallons)

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM of Brenda'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 Brenda.

The Public Utilities Board is the provincial regulatory agency that reviews and approves rates for municipal water and sewer utilities.

Any person who has concerns regarding the RM of Brenda'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 **July 31, 2012**.

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