



**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
REVISED WATER and SEWER RATES
TOWN OF RUSSELL**

September 5, 2013

The Town of Russell (Town) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised rates for the Water and Sewer Utility as set out in By-law No. 1573/07/13 read the first time on June 24, 2013.

The current rates and proposed rates are provided:

	Current	Proposed Increase	Increase/ Decrease
Quarterly Service Charge	\$12.00	\$23.87	99%
Water - \$/per 1,000 gallons	\$8.90	\$12.33	38.54%
Sewer -\$/per 1,000 gallons	\$1.10	\$2.89	163%
Minimum Quarterly-Water and Sewer*	\$42.00	\$69.53	66%
Bulk Water ** \$/per 100 gallons	\$1.00	\$1.33	33.00%
Hydrant Rental (Annual)	\$125.00	\$125.00	0.00%

*Based on 3,000 gallons

**\$4.00 Minimum Charge for 300 gallons or less

NB: These proposed rates include a provision to recover the 2012 deficit of \$49,764 over a period of four (4) years.

Minimum quarterly charges for meter sizes are proposed to be as follows:

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Minimum Quarterly Consumption	Customer Service Charge	Water	Sewer	Quarterly Minimum Charge (Water & Sewer)
5/8"	1	3,000	\$23.87	\$36.99	\$8.67	\$69.53
3/4"	2	6,000	\$23.87	\$73.98	\$17.34	\$115.19
1"	4	12,000	\$23.87	\$147.96	\$34.68	\$206.51
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$23.87	\$369.90	\$86.70	\$480.47
2"	25	75,000	\$23.87	\$924.75	\$216.75	\$1,165.37
3"	45	135,000	\$23.87	\$1,664.55	\$390.15	\$2,078.57

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

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 Russell'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 18, 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

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