

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
Water and Sewer Rates
Rural Municipality of LORNE
ST. LEON Water Distribution System
and Sewer Collection System

February 7, 2013

The Rural Municipality of Lorne (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for water and sewer rates for the St. Leon Water Distribution System (Utility) for 2013, 2014 and 2015 as set out in By-law No. 1753/12 read the first time on November 14, 2012. Rates were last set in 2004 by Board Order No. 140/04.

The Current and Proposed rates are as follows:

	Current	2013	Increase/ Decrease	2014	Increase/ Decrease	2015	Increase/ Decrease
Quarterly Service Charge	\$3.50	\$6.16	76.00%	\$6.34	2.92%	\$6.50	2.52%
Water - \$/1,000 gallons	\$4.00	\$15.77	294.25%	\$16.00	1.46%	\$16.23	1.44%
Sewer - \$/1,000 gallons	n/a**	\$9.50	n/a**	\$9.55	0.53%	\$9.55	0.00%
Minimum Quarterly Water and Sewer*	\$23.50	\$81.97	248.81%	\$82.99	1.24%	\$83.84	1.02%
Minimum Quarterly Water Only *	\$15.50	\$53.47	244.97%	\$54.34	1.63%	\$55.19	1.56%
Minimum Quarterly Sewer Only**	\$6.25	\$68.86	1001.76%	\$69.34	0.70%	\$69.50	0.23%
Hydrant Rental (Annual per Hydrant)	\$50.00	\$50.00	0.00%	\$51.50	3.00%	\$53.50	3.88%

*Based on 3,000 gallons, minimum quarterly charge on BO No. 140/04 was based on 6,000 gallons (\$43.50) and has been recalculated for the purpose of comparison.

**Based on quarterly commodity charge plus service charge, calculated at 30m³/quarter

2013 –Water and Sewer

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Commodity Charge	Quarterly Minimum Charge
5/8"	1	3,000	\$6.16	\$75.81	\$81.97
3/4"	2	6,000	\$6.16	\$151.62	\$157.78
1"	4	12,000	\$6.16	\$303.24	\$309.40
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$6.16	\$758.10	\$764.26
2"	25	75,000	\$6.16	\$1,895.25	\$1,901.40

2014–Water and Sewer

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Commodity Charge	Quarterly Minimum Charge
5/8"	1	3,000	\$6.34	\$76.65	\$82.99
3/4"	2	6,000	\$6.34	\$153.30	\$159.64
1"	4	12,000	\$6.34	\$306.60	\$312.94
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$6.34	\$766.50	\$772.84
2"	25	75,000	\$6.34	\$1,916.25	\$1,922.59

2015–Water and Sewer

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included (Gallons)	Customer Service Charge	Commodity Charge	Quarterly Minimum Charge
5/8"	1	3,000	\$6.50	\$77.34	\$83.84
3/4"	2	6,000	\$6.50	\$154.68	\$161.18
1"	4	12,000	\$6.50	\$309.36	\$315.86
1 1/2"	10	30,000	\$6.50	\$773.40	\$779.90
2"	25	75,000	\$6.50	\$1,933.50	\$1,940.00

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM of Lorne's office or the Board's office. Questions concerning the application for revised rates, or the operation of the Utility, should be addressed to the RM.

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 Rural Municipality of Lorne'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 **March 4, 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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