

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
**Revised Water and Sewer**  
**Rural Municipality of Springfield**

October 30, 2012

The Rural Municipality of Springfield (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and sewer rates for 2013, 2014, and 2015 as set out in By-law No. 12-15 read the first time on September 18, 2012.

The Current and Proposed rates are as follows:

|  | <b>Current</b> | <b>2013</b> | <b>Increase/<br/>Decrease</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>Increase/<br/>Decrease</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>Increase/<br/>Decrease</b> |
|--|----------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Quarterly Service Charge-Water                   | \$8.61         | \$14.47     | 68%                           | \$14.47     | 0.00%                         | \$14.47     | 0.00%                         |
| Quarterly Service Charge-Sewer                   | \$3.77         | \$8.52      | 126%                          | \$8.52      | 0.00%                         | \$8.52      | 0.00%                         |
| Water Volumetric Charge (cubic meter)            | \$1.24         | \$1.79      | 44%                           | \$1.79      | 0.00%                         | \$1.79      | 0.00%                         |
| Sewer Volumetric Charges (cubic meter)           | \$0.37         | \$0.75      | 103%                          | \$0.75      | 0.00%                         | \$0.75      | 0.00%                         |
| Minimum Quarterly*-Water Service Only            | \$39.61        | \$44.78     | 13%                           | \$44.78     | 0.00%                         | \$44.78     | 0.00%                         |
| Residential Equivalency Units-REU's              | \$32.58        | \$46.88     | 44%                           | \$46.88     | 0.00%                         | \$46.88     | 0.00%                         |
| Minimum Quarterly (REU Customers-based on 1 REU) | \$36.35        | \$55.40     | 52%                           | \$55.40     | 0.00%                         | \$55.40     | 0.00%                         |
| Bulk Water \$/per 100 gallons                    | \$1.92         | \$2.43      | 27%                           | \$2.43      | 0.00%                         | \$2.43      | 0.00%                         |
| Hydrant Rental (Annual)                          | \$50.00        | \$100.00    | 100%                          | \$100.00    | 0.00%                         | \$100.00    | 0.00%                         |
| Annual Permit Fee for Haulers                    | \$1,000.00     | \$1,500.00  | 50%                           | \$1,500.00  | 0%                            | \$1,500.00  | 0.00%                         |
| Reconnection Fee                                 | \$40.00        | \$100.00    | 150%                          | \$100.00    | 0%                            | \$100.00    | 0.00%                         |

\*Based on 15 cubic meters

**Sewer Only:**

Customers connected to Sewer Only will be charged by Residential Equivalency Units (REUs).

Single Family Dwellings or Small Businesses will be charged as 1 REU.

A complete list of REU assignments is available at the RM's office.

Water and Sewer Charges: Minimum Quarterly Charges

| Meter Size | Water Included m <sup>3</sup> | Water Service Charge | Commodity Charge | Sewer Service Charge | Commodity Charge | Quarterly Minimum |
|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 15mm       | 15                            | \$14.47              | \$1.79           | \$8.52               | \$0.75           | \$61.09           |
| 19mm       | 30                            | \$14.47              | \$1.79           | \$8.52               | \$0.75           | \$99.19           |
| 25mm       | 60                            | \$14.47              | \$1.79           | \$8.52               | \$0.75           | \$175.39          |
| 38mm       | 150                           | \$14.47              | \$1.79           | \$8.52               | \$0.75           | \$403.99          |
| 50mm       | 375                           | \$14.47              | \$1.79           | \$8.52               | \$0.75           | \$975.49          |
| 75mm       | 675                           | \$14.47              | \$1.79           | \$8.52               | \$0.75           | \$1,737.49        |
| 100mm      | 1350                          | \$14.47              | \$1.79           | \$8.52               | \$0.75           | \$3,451.99        |
| 150mm      | 2550                          | \$14.47              | \$1.79           | \$8.52               | \$0.75           | \$6,499.99        |

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the Rural Municipality of Springfield'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.

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 Springfield'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 **November 22, 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](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca)

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