

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

March 7, 2012

The Rural Municipality of Rockwood (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) to combine the water and sewer utility system for Stony Mountain and Bristol into one utility and to approve revised rates for the water and sewer utility for 2012, 2013 and 2014 as set out in By-law No. 04/12 read the first time on January 25, 2012. The rates for the current Stony Mountain Utility were last set in 2003 and those for the Bristol Utility, in 1995.

The proposed commodity rates for the combined utility with comparison to the current rates for the existing Stony Mountain Utility are noted below:

Rates Per Cubic Meter	Current	2012	Increase/Decrease	2013	Increase/Decrease	2014	Increase/Decrease
Quarterly Service Charge	\$12.50	\$15.00	20.0%	\$15.50	3.3%	\$15.95	2.9%
Water	\$0.49	\$0.50	2.0%	\$0.65	30.0%	\$0.75	15.4%
• First 90 cubic meters							
• Over 90 cubic meters	\$0.40	\$0.50	25%	\$0.65	30.0%	\$0.75	15.4%
Sewer	\$0.48	\$0.45	-6.2%	\$0.50	11.1%	\$0.50	0.0%
Deficit (2010) Recovery Rate Rider		\$0.17		\$0.17		\$0.17	
Minimum Quarterly*	\$27.05	\$31.80	17.6%	\$35.30	11.0%	\$37.25	5.5%
Water Only – Flat Rate Customers (annual)	n/a	\$295.00		\$375.00	27.1%	\$430.00	14.7%
Bulk Water Rates*	\$2.40	\$0.87	-63.8%	\$1.07	23.0%	\$1.17	9.3%
Reconnection Fee	\$20.00	\$50.00	150.0%	\$50.00	0.0%	\$50.00	0.0%
Hydrant Rental (Annual)	\$135.00	\$150.00	11.1%	\$150.00	0.0%	\$150.00	0.0%

*water and sewer customers -15 cubic meters per quarter

Currently, customers serviced by the Bristol Water distribution system are charged a flat rate of \$50 semi-annually, or \$100 annually. This should be compared to the proposed Water Only – Flat Rate Customers (annual) charges.

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

Meter Size (mm)		Water Included (m ³)	Service Charge	Water	Sewer	Rate Rider	Minimum Quarterly Charges
2012							
15	1	15	\$15.00	\$7.50	\$6.75	\$2.55	\$31.80
19	2	30	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$13.50	\$5.10	\$48.60
25	4	60	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$27.00	\$10.20	\$82.20
38	10	90	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$40.50	\$15.30	\$115.80
50	25	120	\$15.00	\$60.00	\$54.00	\$20.40	\$149.40
2013							
15	1	15	\$15.50	\$9.75	\$7.50	\$2.55	\$35.30
19	2	30	\$15.50	\$19.50	\$15.00	\$5.10	\$55.10
25	4	60	\$15.50	\$39.00	\$30.00	\$10.20	\$94.70
38	10	90	\$15.50	\$58.50	\$45.00	\$15.30	\$134.30
50	25	120	\$15.50	\$78.00	\$60.00	\$20.40	\$173.90
2014							
15	1	15	\$15.95	\$11.25	\$7.50	\$2.55	\$37.25
19	2	30	\$15.95	\$22.50	\$15.00	\$5.10	\$58.55
25	4	60	\$15.95	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$10.20	\$101.15
38	10	90	\$15.95	\$67.50	\$45.00	\$15.30	\$143.75
50	25	120	\$15.95	\$90.00	\$60.00	\$20.40	\$186.35

Questions concerning the application should be addressed to the municipal administration. Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM office.

Any person wishing to make representations to the Board should write **the Public Utilities Board, 400 – 330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0C4**, or send an email to publicutilities@gov.mb.ca, on or before **April 27, 2012**, following which date the Board will decide whether any further notice and/or an oral hearing is necessary.

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 MUNICIPALITY.

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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