



News Release

July 6, 2010

In Order No. 70/10 dated July 6, 2010 the Public Utilities Board (Board) approved, on an interim *ex parte* basis, new rates for the Town of Birtle. The interim rates represent a 26% increase, to take effect immediately with the next billing (scheduled for August 2010).

For each Residential Equivalent Unit (REU), the per quarter charge will be:

Water Commodity Rate	\$ 85.00
Sewer Commodity Rate	\$ 24.00
Service Charge	<u>\$ 15.50</u>
Total Quarterly	\$124.50

Rates were last amended in 2001, by way of Order 138/01, which provided for rate increases in 2001, 2002 and 2003.

The Town is required to file a revised rate study providing support for the revised rates, and address issues outlined in the order, with the Board by October 31, 2010.

The Board will then require the Town to issue a public notice, to allow ratepayers an opportunity to address interim and proposed rates and the revised rate structure through a public review process to be conducted by the Board in either late 2010 or the spring of 2011.

Details of the revised rates are attached to Order 70/10 as Schedule "A". The Order can be viewed in its entirety on the Board's website: www.pub.gov.mb.ca.

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