

M A N I T O B A) Order No. 5/00
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) January 19, 2000

BEFORE: G. D. Forrest, Chairman
E. Edmondson, Member

**THE TOWN OF HARTNEY
WATER AND SEWER RATES
BY-LAW NO. 884/99**

WHEREAS the Town of Hartney has applied to The Public Utilities Board for approval of By-law No. 884/99 to revise the schedule of water and sewer rates of the said Town;

AND WHEREAS after public notice of the application two customers, namely Lloyd and Joyce Bowman and Don and Hilda Walton, opposed the application in writing on January 4 and January 6, 2000 respectively and which opposition was considered by the Board;

AND WHEREAS no other persons signified their intent or desire to make representation in the matter and further notice and hearing of the application being deemed unnecessary;

AND WHEREAS the Board notes that the utility rate study which accompanied the application provided for a sum of money to be placed in a utility reserve account, and the Board therefore desires to ensure that these moneys be expended in an appropriate fashion;

AND WHEREAS the Board deems it expedient to do so;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. By-law No. 884/99 of the Town of Hartney BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY APPROVED;
2. The water and sewer rates set forth in Schedule "A" hereto shall apply to all customers of the utility effective on the next billing in the normal course after the date of this Order.
3. This Order is subject to moneys being expended from the utility reserve fund only to support existing infrastructure, unless the Board has authorized the expenditure pursuant to Section 168 of The Municipal and Various Acts Amendment Act, c. 58.

Fees payable upon this Order - \$10.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"G. D. FORREST"
Chairman

"G. O. BARRON"
Secretary

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No. 5/00 issued by The Public
Utilities Board

Secretary

SCHEDULE "A"
TO BOARD ORDER NO. 5/00
THE TOWN OF HARTNEY
WATER AND SEWER RATES
BY-LAW NO. 884/99

SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES:

1. Commodity Rates per M.G.

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water & Sewer</u>
All water consumption	6.85	3.10	9.95

2. Minimum Charges, Quarterly

Notwithstanding the Commodity Rates set forth in Paragraph 1 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges set out below, which will include water allowances indicated:

(a) Water and Sewer Customers

METER SIZE	GROUP CAPACITY RATIO	WATER INCLUDED GALLONS	CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGE	COMMODITY CHARGES		TOTAL QUARTERLY MINIMUM
				WATER	SEWER	
5/8"	1	3000	\$11.00	\$ 20.55	\$ 9.30	\$ 40.85
3/4"	2	6000	11.00	41.10	18.60	70.70
1"	4	12000	11.00	82.20	37.20	130.40
1 1/2"	10	30000	11.00	205.50	93.00	309.50
2"	25	75000	11.00	513.75	232.50	757.25

(b) Water Only Customers

Minimum charge will be the same for each meter size as shown, above, but the Sewer Commodity Charge will be excluded.

(c) Sewer Only for Residential Customers

The Town of Hartney do charge the owners or occupants of land serviced with sewer but no water the sum of \$20.30 per quarter.

3. Bulk Water Rate

All water sold in bulk by the Town of Hartney shall be charged for the water at the rate of seven dollars (\$7.00) per 1000 gallons on a pro-rated basis for all quantities greater than 500 gallons. For any quantity of 500 gallons or less the minimum charge will be four dollars (\$4.00).

4. Service to Customers Outside Town Limits

The Council of the Town of Hartney may sign agreements with customers for the provision of water and sewer services to properties located outside the legal boundaries of the Town of Hartney. Such agreements shall provide for payment of the appropriate rates set out in the schedule, as well as a surcharge, set by resolution of Council, which shall be equivalent to the frontage levy, general taxes and special taxes for utility purposes in effect at the time, or may be in effect from time to time, and which would be levied on the property concerned if it were within these boundaries. In addition, all costs of connecting to the utility's mains and installing and maintaining service connections will be paid by the customer.

5. Billing and Penalties

Meters are to be read March 1st, June 1st, September 1st and December 1st and shall be due and payable on the 20th day of the month of the reading. A penalty of 10% of the bill shall be added if not paid by the due date.

6. Disconnection

Service may be disconnected and discontinued immediately and without further notice in the event of non-payment of the account within 30 days after the due date.

7. Reconnection

Any service disconnected due to non-payment of account shall not be reconnected until all arrears, penalties, a reconnection fee of \$40.00 and the minimum advance payment for the next period have been paid.

8. Outstanding Bills

Pursuant to Section 236(1)(b) of the Municipal Act, the amount of all outstanding charges for water and sewer service are a lien and the charge upon the land serviced, and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the land are collectible, and with like remedies.

9. Hydrant Rentals

The Town of Hartney will pay to the Utility an annual rental of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each hydrant connected to the system which includes the cost of water for firefighting.

10. Water Allowance Due to Line Freezing

That in any case where, at the request of the Council, a customer allows water to run continuously for any period of time to prevent the water lines in the water system from freezing, the charge to that customer for the current quarter shall be the average of the billings for the last two previous quarters to the same customer, or to the same premises if the occupant has changed.

11. Sewage Surcharges

- (a) There may be levied, annually, in addition to rates set forth above, a special surcharge on sewage having a Biochemical Oxygen demand in excess of 300 parts per million, to be set by resolution of Council.
- (b) A special surcharge for substances requiring special treatment shall be charged based on the actual costs of treatment required for the particular sewage or industrial wastes.

12. Non-working Meters

When a meter ceases to function and a correct reading cannot be recorded, the charge to that customer for the current quarter shall be the average of the billings for the last two quarters to the same customer or to the same premises if the occupant has changed.