



News Release

NOTICE OF DECISION

December 1, 2015

In Board Order No. 129/15, the Public Utilities Board varied the applications made by the former Village of Binscarth and the Municipality of Russell-Binscarth for the Binscarth water and wastewater utility (Utility) and approved revised water and wastewater rates effective February 1, 2016. The Board also confirmed as final the interim water and wastewater rates for the Utility, located in the Municipality of Russell-Binscarth, approved on an interim *ex parte* basis in Board Order No. 69/13.

The Board approved the recovery of actual deficits of \$24,568 for 2012 and \$10,765 for 2013 to be recovered through an extension of a current rate rider, set in Board Order No. 69/13. The Board allowed the Utility to continue to collect this rate rider for an additional 18 months from August 1, 2016 to January 31, 2018, with the balance of the deficits to be recovered from the accumulated surplus.

The revised rates are shown below:

	Current 2014	Approved 2016	Increase/ Decrease	Approved 2017	Increase/ Decrease
Quarterly Service Charge	\$23.57	\$23.89	1.36%	\$24.64	3.14%
Water \$/1,000 gallons	\$13.36	\$16.50	23.50%	\$17.00	3.03%
Wastewater \$/1,000 gallons	\$4.75	\$3.38	-28.84%	\$3.38	0.00%
Minimum Quarterly-Water and Sewer*	\$77.79	\$83.53	7.38%	\$85.78	2.69%
Deficit rate rider- Quarterly**	\$23.42	\$23.42	0.00%	\$23.42	0.00%
Bulk Water \$/1,000 gallons***	\$10.00	\$17.25	72.50%	\$17.50	1.45%
Reconnection Fee	\$20.00	\$25.00	25.00%	\$25.00	0.00%
Hydrant Rental (Annual)	\$75.00	\$100.00	33.33%	\$125.00	25.00%
*Based on 3,000 gallons					
**Charge originally set in Order No. 69/13 effective until July 2016, extended to January 2018 by this Order					
***Bulk water previously charged \$1.00/100 gallons					
Water only customers pay the minimum quarterly, less the amount for sewer.					

Details of other rates may be found in Schedule "A" of Board Order No. 129/15.

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