



## News Release

March 7, 2008

In Order No. 17/08, dated March 7, 2008, the Public Utilities Board (Board) varied the application of the Rural Municipality of Harrison (Municipality) for revised water and sewer rates and approved larger increases than requested effective April 1, 2008.

The Board also gave conditional approval for two further 2.5% increases, to be at the discretion of the Municipality and to take effect, if implemented, to be effective January 1 in each of the years 2009 and 2010. The last rate increase occurred in 1996.

Existing and revised rates, as of April 1, 2008, are noted below:

<b>Rates</b>	<b>Existing</b>	<b>Revised</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 5.65	\$ 6.30	12%
Water (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$ 8.70	\$17.60	102%
Sewer (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$ 2.05	\$ 3.15	54%
Minimum Quarterly Bill (5/8" meter)	\$37.90	\$68.55	81%
Quarterly Sewer-only flat charge	\$26.15	\$34.65	33%
Bulk Water (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$11.25	\$26.50	136%

While the increases are significant, the approved rates will, at least for the near term, provide much needed increased revenues to meet the needs of the Utility without depending on transfers from the General Fund.

A copy of this Order may be viewed on the Board's website [www.pub.gov.mb.ca](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca), or obtained from the Board's Office.

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