



# News Release

June 23, 2008

In Order No. 87/08 dated June 23, 2008 The Public Utilities Board approved the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach's (RM) application for revised annual water rates for Local Improvement District No. 1 (Victoria Beach), effective with the July 2008 billing.

Existing (approved in 2000) and revised rates are:

<b>Annual Rates (Seasonal Service)</b>	<b>Existing</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Increase</b>
1. Single Family Residence/Cottage, Grocery Store; Doctor's office: Service Charge Commodity Charge (1 REU) Total	-- -- \$70.00	\$ 13.75 <u>\$ 101.25</u> \$ 115.00	  64%
2. Restaurant, Bakery: Service Charge Commodity Charge (2 REU) Total	-- -- \$140.00	\$ 13.75 <u>\$ 202.50</u> \$ 216.25	  54.5%
3. Golf Course: Service Charge Commodity Charge <sup>(2)</sup> Total	-- -- \$2500.00	\$ 13.75 <u>\$4086.25</u> \$4100.00	  64.0%
4. Non-connected water user and /or vacant lots <sup>(1)</sup> Service Charge Commodity Charge <sup>(2)</sup> Total	-- -- \$15.00	\$ 13.75 <u>\$ 11.25</u> \$ 25.00	  66%
<sup>(1)</sup> Lots along main water line or in the vicinity of municipal pumps or stand-pipes			
<sup>(2)</sup> Not based on a REU			

As well, this Order:

1. varies the RM's application by establishing the same service charge for all customers;
2. approves conditional and further annual increases of up to and including 5% as of July 2009, 2010 and 2011, such increases to be implemented at the discretion of the RM and subject to review by the Board. These conditional increases will provide the RM the opportunity to increase water rates to keep abreast of inflation and build reserve funds.

The Board is pleased to note Water Stewardship and North Eastman Health Association Inc.'s indication that the new Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is producing a safe quality of water, which has resulted in the rescinding of the Boil Water Advisory.

While the rate increases are very significant, they are necessary to meet the expected costs of the newly upgraded water supply, with the improvement likely to have a positive effect on property values, health and safety.

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