

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

December 16, 2011

The Public Utilities Board (Board) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, at 62- Second Avenue in Gimli, Manitoba. The Board will consider two applications by the The Rural Municipality of Gimli (RM): one for a revision to water and sewer rates as set out in By-law No. 11-0014 read the first time on July 14, 2011, and one for a debt servicing surcharge on utility bills.

Current rates were set by Board order 42/11 dated March 31, 2011.

Sewer Rates

	Existing	Proposed	Increase (decrease)
Commodity charge*	\$1.28	\$2.14	67.2%
Quarterly Service Charge	\$11.86	\$21.59	82.0%
Bulk Haulers inside RM*	\$1.28	\$4.12	221.9%
Haulers outside RM*	\$4.70	\$4.12	(12.3)%

Water rates

Urban Area	Existing	Proposed	Increase (decrease)
Commodity charge*	\$1.09	\$1.10	0.9%
Quarterly Service Charge	\$9.37	\$20.99	124.0%
Bulk water*	\$1.26	\$1.44	14.3%

Pelican Beach	Existing	Proposed	Increase (decrease)
Commodity charge*	\$0.71	\$1.66	133.8%
Quarterly Service Charge	\$10.02	\$19.26	92.2%
Bulk water*	\$3.04	\$4.24	39.5%

Industrial Park	Existing	Proposed	Increase (decrease)
Commodity charge*	\$1.41	\$1.71	21.3%
Quarterly Service Charge	\$11.37	\$12.72	11.9%
Bulk water*	\$1.54	\$1.80	16.9%
Flat rates per REU**	\$77.85	\$105.49	35.5%

*Per cubic meter

**Residential Equivalent Unit

In addition, the RM is introducing a water and sewer renewal program beginning in the year 2011 for the Gimli Urban Centre, and in 2013 for both the Gimli Business Park and Aspen Park. The RM is proposing a utility surcharge based on residential equivalent units (REU) to cover the debenture payments as follows:

	Debenture principal	Annual debenture payment	Quarterly surcharge per REU	Start date
Gimli Urban Center	\$2,505,217	\$101,662	\$21.95	2012
Aspen Park	\$98,250	\$22,333	\$28.83*	2013
Business Park	\$285,800	\$7,968	\$12.69	2013

*Average of one, two and three bedroom units

The applications are available for review at the RM office, and contain further details concerning the proposal. Customers are encouraged to attend the RM offices to further inform themselves of the potential impacts the proposal may have on them.

All customers affected by these applications are encouraged to attend the hearing and make known their concerns. Comments may be provided in writing directly to the Board offices by mail at 400-330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3C 0C4 or by email at publicutilities@gov.mb.ca.

Interested parties affected by this application may apply to the Board for Intervener status using the form on the Board's website at www.pub.gov.mb.ca/pdf/pandp/rules_pandp_fill_mar07.pdf. Applications for intervener status must be copied to the applicant as well as the Board.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IN CONSIDERING THIS APPLICATION, THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MAY OR MAY NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO DETERMINE RATES DIFFERENT FROM THOSE APPLIED FOR BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

Note: All proceedings will be conducted in accord with the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* which the Board may vary in order to constrain regulatory costs. The Rules are available at www.pub.gov.mb.ca.

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Public Utilities Board