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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION REVISED WATER and SEWER RATES RM of GIMLI

August 18, 2014

The RM of Gimli (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised rates for the Utility (Utility) for 2015, 2016 and 2017 as set out in By-law No. 14-0011, read the first time on July 24, 2014. Rates were last set in 2011 by By-law No. 11-0014.

Clause 13.0 from By-law No. 11-0014 ("DEPOSITS ON NEW UTILITY ACCOUNTS") has been removed from the Water and Sewer Rates By-law.

There are two new clauses in By-law No.14-0011:

13.0 RESIDENTIAL SEASONAL CUSTOMERS

14.0 RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS CONNECTED TO THE NORTH FORCEMAIN

All other clauses from By-law No. 11-0014 remain the same. Please see the RM office for any additional details. A summary of the current rates and those applied for follows.

Sewer system

|  | Current  | 2015     | Increase/<br>Decrease | 2016     | Increase/<br>Decrease | 2017     | Increase/<br>Decrease |
|--|----------|----------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Quarterly Service Charge                       | \$27.07  | \$21.35  | -21.13%               | \$21.99  | 3.00%                 | \$22.65  | 3.00%                 |
| Sewer \$/cubic metre                           | \$2.31   | \$2.29   | -0.87%                | \$2.24   | -2.18%                | \$2.22   | -0.89%                |
| Minimum Quarterly*                             | \$58.28  | \$52.27  | -10.32%               | \$52.23  | -0.07%                | \$52.62  | 0.75%                 |
| Quarterly Residential Equivalency Unit (REU)** | \$125.32 | \$112.78 | -10.01%               | \$110.32 | -2.18%                | \$109.34 | -0.89%                |
| Septic Haulers \$/cubic metre - within the RM  | \$3.60   | \$4.49   | 24.72%                | \$4.52   | 0.67%                 | \$4.60   | 1.77%                 |
| Septic Haulers \$/cubic metre - outside the RM | \$5.60   | \$5.98   | 6.79%                 | \$4.94   | -17.39%               | \$5.95   | 20.45%                |

<sup>\*</sup>Based on 13.5 cubic metres

Urban area water system

| -                         | Current | 2015    | Increase/<br>Decrease | 2016    | Increase/<br>Decrease | 2017    | Increase/<br>Decrease |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Quarterly Service Charge  | \$23.19 | \$23.47 | 1.21%                 | \$24.33 | 3.66%                 | \$25.07 | 3.04%                 |
| Water \$/cubic metre      | \$1.17  | \$1.22  | 4.27%                 | \$1.26  | 3.28%                 | \$1.29  | 2.38%                 |
| Minimum Quarterly*        | \$38.99 | \$39.94 | 2.45%                 | \$41.34 | 3.51%                 | \$42.49 | 2.77%                 |
| Bulk Water \$/cubic metre | \$1.54  | \$2.02  | 31.17%                | \$2.09  | 3.47%                 | \$2.15  | 2.87%                 |

<sup>\*\*</sup>Based on 197 cubic metres per year (revised from 222 cubic metres)

Pelican Beach area water system

|   | Current  | 2015     | Increase/<br>Decrease | 2016     | Increase/<br>Decrease | 2017     | Increase/<br>Decrease |
|---|----------|----------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Quarterly Service Charge  | \$22.78  | \$21.06  | -7.55%                | \$21.67  | 2.90%                 | \$22.34  | 3.09%                 |
| Water \$/cubic metre  | \$1.61   | \$1.65   | 2.48%                 | \$1.63   | -1.21%                | \$1.60   | -1.84%                |
| Minimum Quarterly - metered*  | \$44.52  | \$43.34  | -2.65%                | \$43.68  | 0.78%                 | \$43.94  | 0.61%                 |
| Bulk Water \$/cubic metre   | \$4.25   | \$2.62   | -38.35%               | \$2.63   | 0.38%                 | \$2.64   | 0.38%                 |
| Pelican Beach Area Water System Flat Rate:  |          |          |                       |          |                       |          |                       |
| Quarterly Residental Equivalency Unit (REU)**   | \$87.35  | \$89.41  | 2.36%                 | \$88.18  | -1.38%                | \$86.56  | -1.84%                |
| Minimum Quarterly - unmetered single family or small business (1 REU)                         | \$110.13 | \$110.47 | 0.31%                 | \$109.85 | -0.56%                | \$108.90 | -0.86%                |
| Minimum Quarterly - unmetered 2 residences or businesses (2 REUs)                             | \$197.47 | \$199.88 | 1.22%                 | \$198.03 | -0.93%                | \$195.46 | -1.30%                |
| Minimum Quarterly - unmetered 3 residences or businesses (3 REUs) *Based on 13.5 cubic metres | \$284.82 | \$289.29 | 1.57%                 | \$286.21 | -1.06%                | \$282.02 | -1.46%                |

<sup>\*\*</sup>Based on 217 cubic metres per year

Gimli Industrial Park area water system

|   | Current    | 2015       | Increase/<br>Decrease | 2016       | Increase/<br>Decrease | 2017       | Increase/<br>Decrease |
|---|------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Quarterly Service Charge  | \$25.48    | \$15.16    | -40.50%               | \$15.60    | 2.90%                 | \$16.09    | 3.14%                 |
| Water \$/cubic metre  | \$1.80     | \$1.75     | -2.78%                | \$1.80     | 2.86%                 | \$1.85     | 2.78%                 |
| Minimum Quarterly - metered*  | \$49.78    | \$38.79    | -22.09%               | \$39.90    | 2.87%                 | \$41.07    | 2.92%                 |
| Bulk Water \$/cubic metre   | \$1.91     | \$1.96     | 2.62%                 | \$2.02     | 3.06%                 | \$2.07     | 2.48%                 |
| Gimli Industrial Park Area Water System Flat Rate:  |            | -          |                       |            | -                     |            |                       |
| Quarterly Residental Equivalency Unit (REU)**   | \$97.65    | \$94.94    | -2.78%                | \$97.65    | 2.85%                 | \$100.37   | 2,79%                 |
| Minimum Quarterly - unmetered single family or small business (1 REU)                     | \$97.65    | \$110.10   | 12.75%                | \$113.25   | 2.86%                 | \$116.46   | 2.83%                 |
| Minimum Quarterly - unmetered building with more than one residence or business (2 REUs)  | \$220.79   | \$205.04   | -7.13%                | \$210.90   | 2.86%                 | \$216.83   | 2.81%                 |
| Minimum Quarterly - unmetered building with more than one residence or business (3 REUs)  | \$318.44   | \$299.98   | -5.80%                | \$308.55   | 2.86%                 | \$317.20   | 2.80%                 |
| Minimum Quarterly - unmetered building with more than one residence or business (5 REUs)  | \$513.74   | \$489.86   | -4.65%                | \$503.85   | 2:86%                 | \$517.94   | 2.80%                 |
| Minimum Quarterly - unmetered building with more than one residence or business (15 REUs) | \$1,490.27 | \$1,439.26 | -3.42%                | \$1,480.35 | 2.85%                 | \$1,521.64 | 2.79%                 |

<sup>\*</sup>Based on 13.5 cubic metres

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Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM of Gimli's office or the Public Utilities Board's office. Questions concerning the application for revised rates, or the operation of the Utility, should be addressed to the RM of Gimli.

The Public Utilities Board is the provincial regulatory agency that reviews and approves rates for municipal water and sewer utilities. The Board's review process involves:

- the Utility filing a rate application to the Board,
- the public notification of proposed rate changes,
- the Board's review of the application through a public hearing or paper review process, and
- the issuance of a Board Order which outlines the Board's decision on the rate application and the rates to be charged.

Any person who has concerns regarding the RM of Gimli's application for revised rates should either write to:

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or, send an email to: publicutilities@gov.mb.ca on or before November 7, 2014.

The Board will then decide whether any further notice is required and whether to proceed with a public hearing or paper review process. All concerns received by the Board will be considered in the Board's decision on rates to be charged.

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 APPLICANT.

Note: All proceedings will be conducted in accordance 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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