

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Utilities Board (Board) will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at the Council Chambers, 35 Tupper Street South, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba to hear the Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie's (RM) application for revised water rates as noted below and as set out in By-law No. 3010 read the first time only. The existing rates were approved in 1999.

Existing and proposed charges are:

\$1,000 Gallons	Existing	Proposal	Increase
Water	\$6.50	\$12.00	85%
Service Charge	\$2.00	\$2.00	0
Quarterly Minimum Bill (5/8" Meter) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$21.50	\$38.00	77%
Bulk Water	\$6.50	\$12.00	85%

<sup>(1)</sup>The minimum quarterly bill provides 3000 gallons. Larger meter sizes have large water allowances and accordingly larger minimum bills.

The RM purchases water from the Cartier Regional Water Treatment System and, as of October 2007, the purchased price has been \$7.75/1,000 gallons. The cost in 1999 was \$6.00 and past increases have been absorbed by transfers from the General Reserves. These rates will allow for the discontinuation of this practice.

Particulars respecting the application are available for inspection at the RM office.

**ANY PERSON WISHING TO MAKE REPRESENTATION IN THIS MATTER SHOULD ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IN CONSIDERING THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY'S APPLICATION, THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MAY DETERMINE RATES DIFFERENT FROM THOSE APPLIED FOR BY THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.**

G. O. Barron  
 Associate Secretary  
 The Public Utilities Board

Wheelchair access is available



Five days notice required

