

The Rural Municipality of Morris

BY-LAW NO. 1597/05

BEING a By-law of the Rural Municipality of Morris to establish water rates within the Sperling area of the Rural Municipality of Morris.

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris has in operation a water utility system within the Sperling area of the Rural Municipality of Morris;

AND WHEREAS Council feels it is necessary that the commodity rates be increased for this utility;

AND WHEREAS Section 232(1)(1) of The Municipal Act states as follows: "A council may pass by-laws for municipal purposes respecting the following matters: (1) public utilities;"

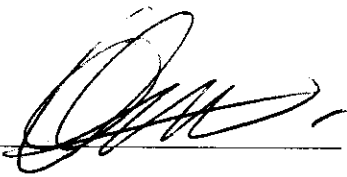
AND WHEREAS Section 232(2)(d) of The Municipal Act states as follows: "without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a council may in a by-law passed under this division (d) establish fees or other charges for services, activities or things provided or done by the municipality or for the use of property under the ownership, direction, management or control of the municipality,"

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris, in regular meeting duly assembled, enacts as follows:

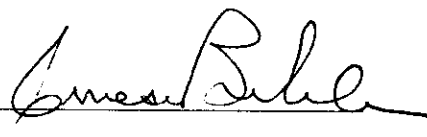
- 1) That all accounts for minimum quarterly charges for metered services as set forth in the Schedule of Quarterly Rates shall be billed quarterly in advance together with any excess charges for metered water services for the preceding quarter.
Consumers shall pay for water service supplied to them by the Rural Municipality of Morris at the rates and terms set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law.
- 2) That this by-law shall come into force and effect on January 1, 2006.

DONE AND PASSED by the Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris in the Province of Manitoba this 8th day of March, AD, 2006.

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Read a first time on the 9th day of November, 2005.
Read a second time on the 8th day of March, 2006.
Read a third time on the 8th day of March, 2006.

SCHEDULE "A"

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS
WATER RATES FOR THE SPERLING AREA

BY-LAW NO. 1597/05

SCHEDULE OF QUARTERLY RATES

1. Commodity Rates per one thousand gallons of water

	<u>Water</u>
Rural water consumption	\$7.60 / 1000 gallons
Urban water consumption	\$9.60 / 1000 gallons
Bulk water consumption	\$9.60 / 1000 gallons
Sewer charge	\$1.00/1000 gallons

2. Minimum Charges Quarterly

Notwithstanding the commodity rates set forth in paragraph 1 hereof, all customers will pay the applicable minimum charges set out below, which will include water allowances indicated:

(a) Water Customers

<u>Meter Type</u>	<u>Water Included Gallons</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Commodity Charges Water</u>	<u>Sewer Charge</u>	<u>Total Quarterly Minimum</u>
Rural	4,000	5.00	30.40	0.00	35.40
Urban	4,000	6.00	38.40	4.00	48.40
Bulk	n/a	6.00	9.60	n/a	n/a

3. The Rural Municipality of Morris reserves the right to sign agreements with customers outside of the Rural Municipality of Morris to connect to the water system. The agreement shall provide for payment derived plus a surcharge set by resolution of Council which shall be equivalent to the frontage levy, and general and special taxes for utility purposes in effect at the time, or as may be in effect from time to time, and would be levied on the property concerned if it were within the Municipality. In addition, the customer will pay all costs of connecting to the utility's mains and installing and maintaining service connections.

4. Disconnection

That services may be disconnected without further notice if the account has not been paid within 90 days of due date. Disconnection of services is to include locking the metered household shutoff valve, and may include plugging of the service line by digging up the line.

5. Reconnection

A customer who has his service disconnected for any reason shall not be reconnected until all regulations have been complied with, and all arrears, and penalties have been paid, together with all municipal expenses incurred in conducting the disconnection and reconnection, said expense to be no less than \$100.00.

6. Billing and Penalties

Accounts shall be billed quarterly, and shall be due and payable 21 days after the date of the billing and that a penalty of 1.25% of the bill shall be added per month if not paid by the due date.

7. That pursuant to Section 252(2) of the Municipal Act, the amount of all outstanding charges for water service are a lien charge upon the land serviced and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the land are collectable, and with like remedies.

8. Water Allowance Due to Line Freezing

That in any case where, at the request of the Council, a customer allows water to run continuously for any period of time to prevent the water lines in the water system from freezing, the charge to that customer for the current quarter be the average of the billings of the last two quarters to the same customer, or to the same premises, if the occupant has changed.