

M A N I T O B A) Order No. 31/07
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) March 22, 2007

BEFORE: Graham Lane, C.A., Chairman
 Monica Girouard, C.G.A., Member
 Susan Proven, P.H.Ec., Member

THE TOWN OF STE. ANNE
REVISED SEWER RATES

Executive Summary

By this Order, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves the Town of Ste. Anne's (Town) application for decreased quarterly sewer rates for the Villa Youville Inn (Inn), from \$1,696.99 to \$1,613.18, and an initial quarterly charge for Place Ste. Anne (Place), \$586.05, effective on the next billing.

Application

The Town filed an application with the Board seeking approval to amend the Town's existing sewer rate schedule by:

- a) lowering the quarterly rate charged the Inn from \$1,696.99 to \$1,613.18; and
- b) establishing a quarterly charge of \$586.05 for Place Ste. Anne.

The Town provides only sewer service, and its charges are based on residential equivalent units (R.E.U.), with the rates charged to commercial accounts based on multiples of a R.E.U. A residential customer is charged one R.E.U., that now being \$20.75 per quarter.

Because of structural changes, the R.E.U. assignment to the Inn would reduce from 81.5 units to 77.5; this accounts for the proposed quarterly rate reduction. In an initial assignment, Place would be assigned 28 units. The Town indicated that it had advised Place's customers of the proposal and no complaints were received.

The proposals were set out in Town By-law No. 4-2007; existing rates were approved in 2004.

Board Findings

Finding the application reasonable and just, the Board will approve the Town's proposals.

As the changes are specific to only two customers, the Board finds that there is no material effect for the general customer base. Accordingly, even though no public process was held, and in the interests of restraining regulatory costs for the benefit of all of the Town's customers, the Board will approve the changes on an ex parte and final basis.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The quarterly rate for the Villa Youville Inc. be \$1,613.78, and for the Place Ste. Anne, \$586.05.
2. The Town of Ste. Anne provide final reading of it's amending by-law to reflect this approval and forward a copy to the Board.
3. In its next billing, the Town is to advise its customers by way of a bill insert of these amendments.

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Fees payable upon this Order - \$150.00.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

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"G. O. BARRON"
Acting Secretary

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