

M A N I T O B A) Order No. 114/07
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) August 31, 2007

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

THE TOWN OF SNOW LAKE
WATER AND SEWER UTILITY - TIPPING FEES,
HAULED SEWAGE

Introduction

On June 28, 2007, by Order 83/07 the Public Utilities Board (Board) approved revised water and sewer rates for the Town of Snow Lake (Town) effective July 1, 2007.

At a public hearing held in the Town on June 19, 2007, from which Order 83/07 arose, the Board was advised that the Town was considering a new charge with respect to customers hauling sewage to the Town's lagoon, and advised the Town to file its proposed charge for the Board's approval.

On July 17, 2007, the Town filed a copy of By-law No. 870/07, following first reading, amending rate By-law No. 865/07 (flowing from Order 83/07) by adding Clause 12 to Schedule "A":

*"12) Tipping fees
The rate of \$1.86 per cubic meter shall be charged for the dumping of septage of haulers."*

The Town advised the Board that it had met with the two main haulers and that both haulers were made aware that a charge was contemplated. The Town advised that one of the two haulers expressed concern about the effect such a charge would have on the hauler's rates and customers.

In response to a Board enquiry, the Town advised that the tipping fee was based on the doubling of the previous sewer rate of \$0.93 per cubic meter. The doubling will allow the Town to

recover from sewer customers a reasonable portion of the Utility's annual debenture debt servicing costs, which are not reflected in the Town's sewer rate, being collected through taxes. The haulers are serving the cottage subdivisions located out of Town limits.

The Town further advised that with a new treatment system "on the horizon" and based on assumptions as to the number of expected hauls to the lagoon, the proposed tipping fee will properly compensate the Utility and bring into balance the relative annual costs for residents connected to the sewer system and those hauling effluent from beyond the Town's limits.

Board Findings

The Board will approve the proposed tipping fee on the basis of the Town's projections that revenue from the service will be adequate and take into account a reasonable proportion of the Utility operating costs and debenture debt servicing costs.

As this matter stems from the Board's public hearing, and given that advance notice of the Town's application was provided to the two haulers, the Board concludes no further notice of the change and new charge is required.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. By-law No. 870/07 BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED effective immediately.

Fees payable upon this Order - \$150.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"GRAHAM LANE, C.A."
Chairman

"G. O. BARRON"
Acting Secretary

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