

M A N I T O B A) Order No. 71/09
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) May 1, 2009

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

**TOWN OF SNOW LAKE
WATER AND SEWER UTILITY
ACTUAL DEFICIT 2008 and 2009 BUDGETED DEFICIT**

WHEREAS the Public Utilities Board issued Order No. 151/08 on November 7, 2008 requiring all water and/or sewer utilities to report an actual year-end deficit to the Board if the utility:

1. had not received prior approval for the deficit from the Board and such deficit either exceeds \$10,000 or represents 5% of the utility's operating budget; or
2. had received prior approval for the deficit from the Board and the actual deficit:
 - a. exceeds the previously approved amount by either \$10,000 or 5% of the utility's operating budget; or
 - b. is caused as a result that differs from that upon which said approval was granted;

AND WHEREAS the water and sewer utility of the Town of Snow Lake incurred a deficit at the end of the 2008 operating year of \$78,181.71;

AND WHEREAS the said cause of the deficit is a result of such items as a 2008 budgeted deficit for \$38,000 and a planned \$34,000 transfer for the Gas Tax Reserve was denied;

AND WHEREAS it is proposed that the said 2008 actual revenue deficit be recovered from utility rates;

AND WHEREAS Section 164(4) of *The Municipal Act*, SM 1996, c. 58, as amended, provides:

"164(4) The council must ensure that the amount of estimated revenue and transfers provided for in the utility budget is not less than the amount of estimated expenditures in respect of the utility unless, before adopting the operating budget, the council obtains The Public Utilities Board's written approval, which may include any condition the Board considers necessary or advisable. "

AND WHEREAS the Town of Snow Lake plans to incur a deficit during the year 2009 for an amount estimated at \$22,366.50;

AND WHEREAS the said cause of the budgeted deficit is due to a 25% increase in rates will only be implemented for last three quarters of 2009, increased salaries and an additional 0.5 position in the utility;

AND WHEREAS it is proposed that the said 2009 budgeted deficit be recovered through rates;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The actual deficit of \$78,181.71 of the water and sewer utility of the Town of Snow Lake during the year 2008, for the purposes set out herein, BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY APPROVED to be recovered from utility rates.
2. The budgeted deficit of the utility of the Town of Snow Lake during the year 2009 estimated at \$22,366.50, for the purposes set out herein, BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY APPROVED;
3. The Town of Snow Lake provide a review of rate adequacy and

file the actual 2009 deficit by April 1, 2010.

4. If, at the end of the year, the actual amount of the deficit exceeds \$10,000 or 5% of the utilities operating budget, or if the cause of the deficit differs from that approved herein, the Town of Snow Lake shall advise the Board by no later than April 1, 2010 and seek the Board's approval for recovery thereof.

Fees payable upon this Order - \$150.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"GRAHAM F. J. LANE, C.A."
Chairman

"KRISTINE SCHWANKE"
Acting Secretary

Certified a true copy of
Order No. 71/09 issued by The
Public Utilities Board

Acting Secretary

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