

M A N I T O B A                    )     Order No. 105/11  
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT    )     August 17, 2011

BEFORE:     Susan Proven, P.H.Ec., Acting Chair  
              Monica Girouard, CGA, Member  
              Graham Lane, CA, Chairman

**THE TOWN OF THE PAS  
WATER AND SEWER UTILITY  
ACTUAL DEFICIT 2009**

**WHEREAS** the Public Utilities Board (PUB) 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 Town of The Pas (Town) incurred a deficit in its water and sewer utility at the end of the 2009 operating year in the amount of \$315,355;

**AND WHEREAS** the said cause of the deficit is a result of inadequate rates and the requirement to record an amortization expense for un-depreciated capital assets;

**AND WHEREAS** the PUB permits capital grants to be amortized as revenue for the same number of years as the capital asset for which the grant was received, thereby reducing the annual deficit;

**AND WHEREAS** PUB also requires that capital grants received in any year be deducted in the year they were received and amortized in accordance with the previous clause;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town received \$369,574 in capital grant funding and reports amortized capital grant revenues of \$7,413 for 2009, increasing the deficit to \$677,516;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town proposed that the said deficit be recovered from the utility reserve (\$154,739) and through the utility fund surplus in 2010 (\$389,328), 2011 (\$70,000) and 2012 (\$79,000);

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The actual net deficit of \$677,516 incurred in the water and sewer utility serving the Town of The Pas during the year 2009, for the purposes set out herein, BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY APPROVED to be recovered through the utility fund surplus over a three year period.

Fees payable upon this Order - \$150.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"GRAHAM LANE C.A."  
Chairman

"KRISTINE SHIELDS"  
Acting Secretary

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No. 105/11 issued by The Public  
Utilities Board

Acting Secretary

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