

M A N I T O B A                    )     Order No. 69/11  
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THE MUNICIPAL ACT                 )     May 5, 2011

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

**TOWN OF HARTNEY**  
**ACTUAL DEFICIT 2009 and 2010**

**WHEREAS** the Public Utilities Board (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 Town of Hartney (Town) incurred net operating deficits at the end of the 2009 and 2010 in its water and sewer utility of \$24,900 and \$38,591, respectively;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town reports the said cause of the deficit is a result of an excessive number of water breaks and new regulatory

requirements and costs, such as engineering assessments and recording an amortization expense;

**AND WHEREAS** increased water and sewer utility rates were approved on an interim *ex parte* basis by Order 124/10;

**AND WHEREAS** it is proposed that the said deficits be recovered by a 'Rate Rider' for all water consumption over an estimated five year period, as follows:

2009 - \$0.65 per 1,000 gallons, and  
2010 - \$1.01 per 1,000 gallons;

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The actual net deficits of the water and sewer utility of the Town of Hartney incurred in 2009 and 2010 in the amounts of \$24,900 and \$38,591 respectively for the purposes set out herein, BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY APPROVED.
2. The Town of Hartney establish a Rate Rider of \$1.66 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed (effective on the next quarterly billing consistent with the Town's rates bylaw) to remain in effect until the 2009 and 2010 utility deficits are fully recovered.
3. The Town of Hartney provide a report to the Public Utilities Board by April 1, 2015 noting;
  - a. the amount recovered for each year 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 toward each deficit,
  - b. the amount outstanding for each deficit as at December 31, 2014,
  - c. an estimate as to the remaining amount of time to recover the outstanding amounts.

Fees payable upon this Order - \$150.00

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

"KRISTINE SHIELDS"  
Acting Secretary

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Public Utilities Board

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Acting Secretary

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