

M A N I T O B A) Order No. 69/15
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) July 17, 2015

BEFORE: Susan Proven, P.H.Ec., Acting Chair
The Hon. Anita Neville, P.C., B.A. (Hons.), Member

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF COLDWELL
L.I.D. Nos. 1 and 2 LUNDAR
SEWER UTILITY
ACTUAL DEFICIT 2010, 2011 and 2012**

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 **RM of Coldwell-Lundar** Sewer Utility (Utility) last had sewer rates set by Board Order No. 96/99;

AND WHEREAS the **RM of Coldwell-Lundar** Sewer Utility (Utility) indicated on the deficit application that a rate study would be submitted on or around June 2015;

AND WHEREAS the **RM of Coldwell-Lundar** Sewer Utility (Utility) is collecting sewer reserve funds through a tax levy without the authorization of the Public Utilities Board;

AND WHEREAS the **RM of Coldwell-Lundar** Sewer Utility (Utility) incurred an operating deficit of **\$2,146** at the end of the **2012** operating year;

AND WHEREAS the **RM of Coldwell-Lundar** Sewer Utility (Utility) incurred an operating deficit of **\$7,244** at the end of the **2011** operating year;

AND WHEREAS the **RM of Coldwell-Lundar** Sewer Utility (Utility) incurred an operating deficit of **\$2,121** at the end of the **2010** operating year;

AND WHEREAS it is proposed that the reason for said deficits is a result of amortization expenses;

AND WHEREAS it is proposed that the **2010, 2011 and 2012** deficits be recovered by a draw-down of **\$11,511** from the Utility Surplus Fund;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The **Rural Municipality of Coldwell- Lundar** Sewer Utility file an application for revised rates on or before December 31, 2015;
2. The **Rural Municipality of Coldwell- Lundar** Sewer Utility discontinue the practice of collecting sewer utility reserve funds through taxes and include a provision for reserves in their application for revised rates;
3. The **Rural Municipality of Coldwell- Lundar** Sewer Utility provide copies of the 2013 and 2014 audited financial statements as soon as they are available, including deficit applications as required;

4. The actual **2010, 2011 and 2012** operating deficits, totalling **\$11,511** incurred in the **Rural Municipality of Coldwell- Lundar** Sewer Utility Operations, ARE HEREBY APPROVED to be recovered from the Utility Surplus;

Fees payable upon this Order - \$150.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"SUSAN PROVEN, P.H.Ec."

Acting Chair

"JENNIFER DUBOIS, CPA, CMA."

Acting Secretary

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