

Order No. 163/16

**ORDER VARYING BOARD ORDER No. 149/16
FOR TOWN OF SWAN RIVER
WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES
2017 and 2018**

December 16, 2016

**BEFORE: Robert Gabor, Q.C., Chair
Carol Hainsworth, C.B.A., Member
Shawn McCutcheon, Member**

Summary:

The Town of Swan River (Town) requested that the Public Utilities Board (Board) reconsider the date in which the revised water and wastewater rates set in Board Order No. 149/16 are to come in effect.

After review, the Public Utilities Board varies Board Order No.149/16 to state that the revised water and wastewater rates are to come into effect December 1, 2016 and December 1, 2017.

Background:

On November 24, 2016, the Board issued Order 149/16 setting revised water and wastewater rates effective January 1, 2017 and 2018.

Request to Review and Vary:

On December 15, 2016, the Town requested to amend Board Order No. 149/16 to be effective December 1, 2016 and December 1, 2017.

This request was made so that the approved revised rates come into effect December 1, 2016 and December 1, 2017. The Town explained that this was due to the final quarter readings for 2016 having been taken November 30, 2016. The next scheduled readings for the first quarter of 2017 are at the end of February. These readings would therefore include 1(one) month of water consumption at the old rates and 2 (two) months at the new rates.

Board Findings:

After considering the information filed and Board Order 149/16, the Board concludes that the Order is to be varied to approve Board Order No. 149/16 to be effective December 1, 2016 and December 1, 2017 as requested.

The Board makes this decision to coincide with the Town's billing cycle and to not cause any hardship on the Utility and in turn on the ratepayer.

Board decisions may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of *The Public Utilities Board Act*, or reviewed in accordance with Section 36 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules). The Board's Rules may be viewed on the Board's website at www.pub.gov.mb.ca.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Schedule "A" of the Public Utilities Board Order No.149/16 BE AND IS HEREBY VARIED to state that the revised water and wastewater rates are to come into effect December 1, 2016 and December 1, 2017.

Fees payable upon this Order – \$150.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"ROBERT GABOR, Q.C."

Chair

"JENNIFER DUBOIS, CPA, CMA"

Acting Secretary

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Acting Secretary