

Order No. 16/21

**ORDER RESPECTING
THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI
REVIEW AND VARY BOARD ORDER NO. 5/21
AMALGAMATION EFFECTIVE DATE**

JANUARY 25, 2021

**BEFORE: Marilyn Kapitany, B.Sc. (Hon), M. Sc., Panel Chair
Shawn McCutcheon, Member**

1.0 Executive Summary

By this Order, the Public Utilities Board (Board) varies the effective date of the amalgamation of the Rural Municipality of Gimli's (RM) water utilities to January 1, 2021. The date was previously set in Board Order No. 5/21 as April 1, 2021.

Reasons for the Board's decision are in Board Findings.

2.0 Background

This Board Order is best read in conjunction with Board Order No. 5/21.

In Board Order No. 5/21, issued January 12, 2021, the Board approved the amalgamation of Gimli Urban Centre, Gimli Business Park, Aspen Park and Pelican Beach Water Utilities, effective April 1, 2021.

Amalgamating utilities with an effective date other than January 1 creates challenges in the administration of a utility, and this was an oversight on the part of the Board. Once this was noted by the Board, the RM was contacted and asked if it would prefer the effective date be revised to January 1, 2021. The RM agreed that an effective date of January 1, 2021 would be preferable.

3.0 Board Findings

The Public Utilities Board Act grants the authority to vary any order at any time, and the Board has determined it is appropriate to exercise that authority in this instance. The Board will revise the effective date of the amalgamation of the Gimli water utilities. The effective dates of the revised water rates, the debenture surcharge recovery and any other decisions found in Board Order No. 5/21 remain the same.

4.0 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The effective date of the Rural Municipality of Gimli's application to amalgamate the Gimli Urban Centre, Gimli Business Park, Aspen Park and Pelican Beach Water Systems into the Gimli Amalgamated Water Utility BE AND IS HEREBY VARIED to January 1, 2021.

Fees payable upon this Order – waived at the discretion of the Board

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. The Board's Rules may be viewed on the Board's website at www.pubmanitoba.ca.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

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Panel Chair

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