

M A N I T O B A) Order No. 94/07
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) July 17, 2007

BEFORE: Graham Lane, C.A., Chairman
 Monica Girouard, C.G.A., Member
 Susan Proven, P.H.Ec., Member

TOWN OF LAC DU BONNET
APPLICATION FOR REVISED WATER AND SEWER RATES
ACCEPTANCE OF INTERVENER AND
TIMETABLE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Background

On May 25, 2007, the Town of Lac du Bonnet (Town) filed an application with The Public Utilities Board (Board) for approval of revised water and sewer rates. The Town supported its application by By-law No. 68/07, read the first time on May 24, 2007. The Board has called a public hearing, to be held in Lac du Bonnet on August 14, 2007.

Notice of the Public hearing was published in the local newspaper on June 22 and 29, 2007, and posted in several prominent locations within the Town. The Notice provided details on the Town's application and requested that interested parties advise the Board no later than July 13, 2007 of their intention to participate as an intervener. Interveners participate throughout Board hearings, testing evidence, asking and responding to questions and presenting final argument to the Board.

Application for Intervener Status

On June 22, 2007, Mr. Ted Mathers, a Town ratepayer and utility customer, applied to the Board for intervener status and filed the required Intervener Request Form. My Mathers advised that by his intervention he intended to address the issues of fair and equitable rates, utility revenue requirement, conservation, and the concept of full cost recovery and life cycle costs.

Mr. Mathers reported that he would appear throughout the hearing, participate in the production and testing of evidence, and would present final argument. Mr. Mathers advised he would not seek a cost award from the Board, cost awards are provided for by the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure when certain criteria are met and the Board decides that it is in the public interest to

provide an award. The Town advised the Board of no concerns as to the Board accepting Mr. Mathers as an intervener.

Board Findings

Mr. Mathers has appeared before the Board at previous Board proceedings, including a 2005 hearing held in Lac du Bonnet. His reasons for seeking intervener status and plans for participation are similar to Mr. Mather's last involvement' accordingly, the Board will grant Mr. Mathers intervener status while noting he has no intention of applying for a cost award.

Timetable for the Hearing

The following timetable will govern this proceeding.

1. Notice	June 22 and 29, 2007
2. Notice of intention to appear to be provided	July 13, 2007
3. Confirmation of Intervener Status and Timetable.	July 17, 2007
4. Information Requests to be filed	July 20, 2007
5. Information Requests to be answered.	July 27, 2007
6. Intervener evidence, if any	August 3, 2007
7. Rebuttal evidence, if any	August 10, 2007
8. Hearing to commence	August 14, 2007

The Board requests that the Town and Mr. Mathers co-operate in abiding by the timetable, to restrain regulatory costs.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Intervener Status be granted to Mr. Ted Mathers.
2. The Timetable for the hearing be as follows:

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Chairman

"GERRY BARRON"
Acting Secretary

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