

M A N I T O B A) Order No. 63/14
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) June 9, 2014

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

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STRATHCONA
BELMONT WATER AND SEWER UTILITY
ACTUAL DEFICIT 2009, 2010 and 2011**

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 Rural Municipality of Strathcona - Belmont Water and Sewer Utility incurred an operating deficit of \$31,749 at the end of the 2009 operating year, when calculated for regulatory purposes;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Strathcona - Belmont Water and Sewer Utility incurred an operating deficit of \$41,472 at the end of the 2010 operating year, when calculated for regulatory purposes;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Strathcona - Belmont Water and Sewer Utility incurred an operating deficit of \$20,046 at the end of the 2011 operating year, when calculated for regulatory purposes;

AND WHEREAS it is proposed that said deficits are a result of amortization expenses;

AND WHEREAS water and sewer rates were last set on Board Order No. 118/11;

AND WHEREAS it is proposed that the 2009, 2010 and 2011 deficits be recovered by a draw-down of \$93,267 from the Utility Surplus Fund;

AND WHEREAS the Working Capital Surplus, for calculated for regulatory purposes, remains in excess of 20% of operating costs after the absorption of the 2009, 2010 and 2011 deficits;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The actual 2009, 2010 and 2011 operating deficits, when calculated for regulatory purposes, totalling \$93,267 incurred in the Rural Municipality of Strathcona - Belmont Water and Sewer Utility Operations is HEREBY APPROVED to be recovered from the Utility Accumulated Surplus;
2. The Rural Municipality of Strathcona review the Belmont Utility water and sewer rates for adequacy and file a report with the Public Utilities Board, as well as an application for revised rates if required, by no later than June 30, 2015.

Fees payable upon this Order - \$150.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"SUSAN PROVEN, P.H.Ec."

Acting Chair

"JENNIFER DUBOIS, CMA."

Acting Secretary

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