

Order No. 64/16

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH
WHITEMOUTH WASTEWATER UTILITY
2014 OPERATING DEFICIT**

May 10, 2016

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

The Public Utilities Board (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;

Application

On April 14, 2016 the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth (RM) provided Council Resolution No. 123/16 requesting the 2014 deficit of \$12,508 for the Whitemouth Wastewater Utility be recovered through the Utility's Reserve funds.

On April 15, 2016 the RM also submitted the 2014 deficit application, stating that the 2014 deficit for the Wastewater Utility was a result of an unusually high expense for the sewage lift station repairs.

Board findings

By law, Manitoba utilities are not allowed to incur deficits. In the event that a deficit does occur, a Utility is required to obtain Board approval for a recovery methodology. The Board approves the 2014 deficit in the amount of \$12,508, to be recovered through the Utility's Reserve Fund.

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 THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The 2014 operating deficits, when calculated for regulatory purposes, of \$12,508 incurred in the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth – Whitemouth Wastewater Utility is HEREBY APPROVED to be recovered from the Utility's Reserve Fund.
2. The Rural Municipality of Whitemouth – Whitemouth Wastewater Utility provide a copy of the 2015 audited financial statements to the Public Utilities Board as soon as they are available, with deficit application if required.

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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