

**Order No. 21/17**

**AN ORDER RESPECTING THE TOWN OF STONEWALL  
PROPOSED SERVICE FEE FOR ADDING  
OUTSTANDING BILLS TO PROPERTY TAXES**

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**February 13, 2017**

**BEFORE: The Hon. Anita Neville, P.C., B.A. (Hons.), Acting Chair  
Shawn McCutcheon, Member**

## 1.0 Executive Summary

By this Order, the Manitoba Public Utilities Board (Board or PUB) approves the application made by the Town of Stonewall (Town) for approval to add a service fee for outstanding bills charged to property taxes to its water and wastewater By-law.

The Board approves that Section 7. Outstanding Bills, of Schedule “A” of By-law No. 4-10, be repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following wording as requested.

### 7. Outstanding Bills

Pursuant to section 252(2) of the Municipal Act, the amount of all outstanding charges for water and sewer service, including fines and penalties, are a lien and charge upon the property serviced, and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary property taxes upon the property are collectible and enforced. Upon doing so, the Town will charge a \$75.00 service fee to the account.

Rationale for the PUB’s decisions may be found under “Board Findings”.

## 2.0 Application

The Town of Stonewall applied on February 7, 2017 for approval of the proposed fee for Outstanding Bills as outlined in the Town’s By-law No. 02-17, having had 1<sup>st</sup> reading on February 1, 2017. By-law No. 02-17 is an amending By-law to the Town’s current water and wastewater By-law No. 04-10.

In its application, the Town explained that the proposed fee is intended to recoup some of the administrative and staffing costs associated with the process of adding outstanding bill amounts to the tax roll.

### 3.0 Board Findings

The Board will approve the proposed service fee for “Outstanding Bills” added to property taxes as outlined in By-law No. 02-17.

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.pub.gov.mb.ca](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca).

**4.0 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The proposed service fee of (\$75.00) seventy five dollars, charged to those water and sewer customers who have outstanding charges added to their property tax bill, BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED.
2. The Town of Stonewall submit a copy of By-law No. 02-17 to the Public Utilities Board once it has received third and final reading.

Fees payable upon this Order - \$150.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"THE HON. ANITA NEVILLE, P.C., B.A (Hons.)"  
Acting Chair

"JENNIFER DUBOIS, CPA, CMA"  
Acting Secretary

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