

Order No. 110/23

**ORDER RESPECTING
THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ELTON
ELTON WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY
REQUEST TO REVIEW AND VARY
BOARD ORDER NO. 53/22 EFFECTIVE DATE**

SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

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

1.0 Executive Summary

By this Order, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves the RM of Elton (RM) request to vary the effective date previously set in Board Order No. 53/22 for the Elton Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility).

Rationale for the Board's decisions may be found under Board Findings below.

2.0 Background

This Board Order is best read in conjunction with Board Order Nos. 53/22 and 88/22.

In Board Order No. 53/22, issued May 13, 2022, the Board granted approval for revised water and wastewater rates, effective July 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

3.0 Application

On September 20, 2023, the RM submitted a request that the Board review its decision made in Board Order No. 53/22 and revise the effective date of the January 1, 2023 rate increase to July 1, 2023. The RM provided a letter explaining the request was due to an administrative error which led to the approved rate increase not being implemented. Council Resolution No. 2023-182 supporting the request was also sent to the Board.

4.0 Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the RM's request and finds the request to revise the effective date of the 2023 rate increase from January 1 to July 1 to be reasonable. The consumption for the period of January 1 to June 30 has already been billed to customers, and adjusting for the error would be administratively burdensome and not in the best interest of ratepayers.

The remaining revised rates will come into effect January 1, 2024 and 2025, as approved in Board Order No. 53/22.

5.0 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The request by the Rural Municipality of Elton Water and Wastewater Utility, to revise the effective date from January 1, 2023 to July 1, 2023 as approved in Board Order No. 53/22 BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED.

Fees payable upon this Order – \$150.00

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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