

Order No. 100/17

**RIVERDALE MUNICIPALITY
RIVERS UTILITY
SEPTIC WASTE DISPOSAL FEES**

September 19, 2017

BEFORE: Carol Hainsworth, C.B.A, Member, Acting Chair
Allan Morin, B.A., (Econ), ICD.D, Member
Sharon McKay, Member

1.0 Executive Summary

By this Order, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves the septic waste disposal fees currently being charged as applied for by the Riverdale Municipality, Rivers Utility (Utility).

The rates are to remain the same and are effective immediately. The approved rates are shown below.

Septic Waste Disposal Fee	\$2.22/100 gallons
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2.0 Application

The Board received a letter from the Riverdale Municipality on July 24, 2017 requesting an interim *ex parte* septic waste disposal fee for the Rivers Utility to amend By-Law No. 2015-08. The letter explained that as an oversight the resolution containing the septic waste disposal fee charges expired December 2011.

However, septic waste disposal fees are still being charged, and Council would like to amend By-Law 2015-08 to include a septic waste disposal fee set at \$2.22/100 gallons, same as the current rate, with no expiry date.

The Utility stated they have been charging this fee for six years with no issues or concern from businesses currently dumping in the lagoon. This issue came to light “as one business has questioned the cost. Following a meeting with the business owner, it was discovered that clarification was required of the original resolution, and with the passing of a new clearer resolution, the business owner is satisfied.”

The Utility has also included what surrounding municipalities are charging for septic waste disposal fees as a comparison for the Board to consider.

3.0 Board Findings

The Board will approve the septic waste disposal fees currently being charged and as applied for by the Riverdale Municipality, Rivers Utility, to be effective immediately.

In some cases, the Board can establish interim rates, which are rates that are subject to review following a more complete process. When setting initial rates, the Board will often approve interim rates. In this case, the Riverdale Municipality has been charging these fees for six years with no issues and have included them in their financial statements. The Board will approve these rates as stated in the application and on a final basis.

The Board accepts that this was an error of omission and appreciates the Utility correcting this error.

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.

4.0 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The septic waste disposal fees for the Riverdale Municipality, Rivers Utility, of \$2.22 per 100 gallons BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED, effective immediately.

Fees payable upon this Order – \$150.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

“Carol Hainsworth”

Acting Chair

“Jennifer Dubois, CPA, CMA”

Acting Secretary

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