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Order No. 118/17

**THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOISSEVAIN-MORTON UTILITY
APPROVAL TO WITHDRAW RATE APPLICATION**

October 27, 2017

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

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1.0 Executive Summary

By this Order, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves a request to withdraw the current rate application made by the Municipality of Boissevain-Morton (Municipality).

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

2.0 Application

On January 24, 2014, the Municipality applied to the Board for revised water and wastewater rates for the Town of Boissevain water and wastewater utility (Utility). A rate study prepared by the Municipality accompanied the application. A Public Notice of Application was issued on September 22, 2015, with no responses received.

Multiple requests for information were sent to the Municipality from the Board, beginning in October 2014. Final responses from the Municipality were received by the Board on February 18, 2016. In August of 2017, the Municipality submitted that the current administration has reservations regarding the preparation of the rate application previously submitted to the Board. The Municipality was experiencing challenges in responding to the Board's information requests to the application, and has since had a staff changeover.

Therefore, the Municipality has requested the Board's approval to withdraw its current application. The Municipality has informed the Board of Council's approval to apply for interim rates and the hiring of a consultant to complete a new rate study.

On September 7, 2017, the Municipality sent an email to the Board accompanied by Resolution No. 2017-217 stating its intent to formally withdraw the current rate application, apply for interim rates and the hiring of a consultant to complete new rate application by February 2018.

3.0 Board Findings

The Board approves the Municipality's request to withdraw the rate application as it finds the rationale reasonable. The Board also finds the submission date of February 2018 acceptable for a new rate application.

Board decisions may be appealed in accordance with 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 Municipality of Boissevain-Morton's request for withdrawal of the application for revised water and wastewater rates for the Town of Boissevain Utility, is HEREBY APPROVED.
2. The Municipality of Boissevain-Morton file a report and application for revised water and wastewater rates, by no later than February 28, 2018.

Fees payable upon this Order - \$150.00

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

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Panel Chair

"Rachel McMillin, B.Sc."
Acting Secretary

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