

**Order No. 33/17**

**AWARD OF COSTS: CONSUMERS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA (MANITOBA) INC.  
INTERVENTION IN MANITOBA PUBLIC INSURANCE CORPORATION'S  
GENERAL RATE APPLICATION FOR THE 2017/18 INSURANCE YEAR**

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**March 24, 2017**

**BEFORE:** Robert Gabor, Q.C., Chair  
Karen Botting, B.A., B.Ed, M.Ed., Member  
The Hon. Anita Neville, P.C., B.A. (Hons.), Member  
Allan Morin, B.A., ICD.D., Member

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## 1.0 Introduction

By this Order, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves the Consumers Association of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. (CAC) application for a cost award of \$234,551.00.

The award relates to CAC's intervention in the General Rate Application of Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) with respect to Compulsory Driver and Vehicle Insurance Premiums for the 2017/18 rate year.

## 2.0 Application

Pursuant to Section 56 of *The Public Utilities Board Act*, the Board has jurisdiction to award costs of, and incidental to, any proceeding. The Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) provide that the Board may award costs to be paid to an Intervener which has:

1. made a significant contribution that is relevant to the proceeding and contributed to a better understanding, by all parties, of the issues before the Board;
2. participated in the hearing process in a responsible manner and cooperated with other Interveners with common objectives in the outcome of the proceedings in order to avoid a duplication of intervention;
3. insufficient financial resources to present the case adequately without an award of costs; and
4. a substantial interest in the outcome of the proceedings, and represents the interests of a substantial number of the ratepayers.

Pursuant to the Board's Rules, CAC applied for an award of costs in the amount of \$234,551.00 as outlined below:

Fees (legal)	\$68,400.75
J. Alleyne	\$40,800.00
P. Dyck	\$47,323.20
V. Viola	\$38,995.55
A. Sherry	\$25,750.00
W. Simpson	\$10,106.25
<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>3,176.00</u>
Total	<u>\$234,551.00</u>

MPI, by way of letter dated March 23, 2017, stated that it consents to the request for costs filed on behalf of CAC.

Procedural order No. 85/16 approved CAC's intervention budget of \$188,312 to \$235,727 including tax, inclusive of fees and disbursements.

### 3.0 Board Findings

The Board is satisfied with CAC's contribution to the proceeding and finds that CAC qualifies for an award of costs.

CAC meets the criteria for a cost award, having provided a contribution to the Board's understanding, as it:

- (i). required a cost award to be able to intervene;
- (ii). acted cooperatively with the other parties throughout the hearing process; and
- (iii). provided a concise argument at the conclusion of the hearing.

**4.0 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Consumers Association of Canada (Manitoba) **BE AND IS HEREBY** awarded costs of \$234,551.00.
2. Costs shall be payable by the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation within 30 days of the date of this Order.
3. In the future, the CAC will notify the Public Utilities Board in writing if its intervener cost estimate is anticipated to exceed approved estimate by more than 10% and provide an explanation and request for approval for the additional amount and will file all requests for costs within 90-days of publication of the order.

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).

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"Robert Gabor, Q.C."

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"Darren Christle MPA, BA, CCLP, P.Log, MCIT"

Secretary

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