

Order No. 50/17

**AN ORDER RESPECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOUISE
CRYSTAL CITY WASTEWATER UTILITY
APPROVAL TO WITHDRAW RATE APPLICATION**

May 18, 2017

**BEFORE: The Hon. Anita Neville, P.C., B.A. (Hons.), Acting Chair
Sharon McKay, B.G.S., Member**

1.0 Executive Summary

By this Order, the Manitoba Public Utilities Board (Board or PUB) approves a request to withdraw the current rate application made by the Municipality of Louise (Municipality).

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

2.0 Application

On May 31, 2016, the Municipality had applied the Board for revised wastewater rates for the Crystal City Wastewater Utility (Utility). The Board has issued the Public Notice as July 14, 2016. There is no response received to Notice of Application.

The Board has reviewed the rate study prepared by the Municipality's consultant and sent out the Information Request as April 10, 2017. On May 2, 2017, the Municipality sent a letter to request a withdraw of rate application and stated, "the utility is in good shape and to pursue a rate increase is not important at this time." This letter was accompanied by Council Resolution No. 2017.05.19.

3.0 Board Findings

The Board finds that the 2015 Financial Plan was used in the rate study for projection purpose. The Utility would have a higher operating surplus if using audited 2015 financial statements. The Board also finds that the Utility's working capital position indicates a strong financial position. Therefore, there is no urgent need to increase rates. The Board approves the Municipality's request because the rationale for withdrawing the application is reasonable.

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 Municipality of Louise's request for withdraw the application for revised wastewater rates, is HEREBY APPROVED.

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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