

**Order No. 57/21**

**MANITOBA PUBLIC INSURANCE CORPORATION (MPI OR THE CORPORATION):  
COMPULSORY 2020/2021 DRIVER AND VEHICLE INSURANCE PREMIUMS  
AND OTHER MATTERS**

**VARIATION OF ORDER 176/19**

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**May 17, 2021**

**BEFORE:** Irene A. Hamilton, Q.C., Panel Chair  
Robert Gabor, Q.C., Chair  
Carol Hainsworth, Member

## 1.0 Background

On December 3, 2019, the Public Utilities Board (Board) issued Order No. 176/19 with respect to the General Rate Application of Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI or the Corporation) for rates and premiums for compulsory vehicle insurance and driver insurance premiums effective March 1, 2020.

In the Order, the Board issued the following directives regarding road safety:

*13.15 A Technical Conference shall be held on road safety and loss prevention in early 2021, which shall be initiated by the Board but on such dates as are mutually agreed as between the Board and MPI, with the results of the conference to be reported on in the 2022 GRA. The Technical Conference shall be wide-ranging, covering the Corporation's road safety priorities and programming, budget, and continued progress of its efforts to address road safety through engagement with stakeholders.*

*13.16 In the 2022 GRA, the Corporation shall report on its engagement with First Nations and Manitoba consumers generally on the issue of road safety, as well as any progress made in the development of a First Nations road safety strategy.*

*13.17 The Corporation shall conduct an analysis of whether larger vehicles, such as pickup trucks, are causing a disproportionate amount of damage to smaller vehicles and vulnerable road users, and report back on its findings in the 2022 GRA.*

*13.18 The Corporation shall collect data from its driver training and testing program, in order to identify the gaps in road safety knowledge among Manitoba drivers, and report on its progress in that regard in the 2022 GRA.*

The Road Safety Technical Conference required by directive 13.15 (RSTC) was initially scheduled to take place on May 20 and 21, 2021. On April 27, 2021, the Board advised MPI and interveners of record that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the RSTC would be deferred to the spring of 2022.

As a result, by Interim Procedural Order 56/21, the Board has deferred consideration of the issue of road safety (apart from expenses) from the 2022 General Rate Application (GRA) to a later date.

Prior to issuing Order 56/21, the Board circulated a Preliminary Issues List and sought comments from MPI and interveners of record on the issues to be reviewed in the 2022 GRA. The Preliminary Issues List indicated that consideration of road safety would be deferred. In response, by letter dated May 4, 2021 to the Board, counsel for MPI inquired of the Board whether directives 13.16, 13.17, and 13.18 would be deferred from the 2022 GRA.

## 2.0 Board Findings

Pursuant to the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure, and in particular, Rules 36(1) and 40(2) thereof, the Board may on its own initiative review, rescind, change, alter or vary any decision or Order it has made. The Board's jurisdiction in that regard flows from section 44(3) of *The Public Utilities Board Act* (the *Act*).

The Board issues this variation of Order 176/19 on its own initiative, as a result of its prior decision to defer the RSTC to the spring of 2022, and its decision in Order 56/21 to defer consideration of road safety to a later date. The Board finds that it is not necessary for MPI to respond to directives 13.16, 13.17, and 13.18 in the 2022 GRA because the information filed in response to these directives will not be considered by the Board in the 2022 GRA.

Instead, the Board directs MPI to file a status report in the 2022 GRA on its progress towards compliance with directives 13.16, 13.17, and 13.18.

Lastly, by this Order, the Board also confirms its prior decision to defer the RSTC to the spring of 2022.

### 3.0 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Directives 13.15, 13.16, 13.17, and 13.18 of Order 176/19 be varied to read as follows:

**13.15** A Technical Conference shall be held on road safety and loss prevention in the spring of 2022, which shall be initiated by the Board but on such dates as are mutually agreed as between the Board and MPI, with the results of the conference to be reported on in the 2023 GRA. The Technical Conference shall be wide-ranging, covering the Corporation's road safety priorities and programming, budget, and continued progress of its efforts to address road safety through engagement with stakeholders.

**13.16** In the 2023 GRA, the Corporation shall report on its engagement with First Nations and Manitoba consumers generally on the issue of road safety, as well as any progress made in the development of a First Nations road safety strategy.

**13.17** The Corporation shall conduct an analysis of whether larger vehicles, such as pickup trucks, are causing a disproportionate amount of damage to smaller vehicles and vulnerable road users, and report back on its findings in the 2023 GRA.

**13.18** The Corporation shall collect data from its driver training and testing program, in order to identify the gaps in road safety knowledge among Manitoba drivers, and report on its progress in that regard in the 2023 GRA.

2. MPI shall file a status report with the Board in the 2022 GRA on its progress towards compliance with directives 13.16, 13.17, and 13.18.

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](http://www.pubmanitoba.ca).

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"Irene Hamilton, Q.C."

Panel Chair

"Darren Christle, PhD, CCLP, P.Log., MCIT"

Secretary

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