

TOWN OF VIKING
Consolidated Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2023



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Council of Town of Viking

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Town of Viking (the Town), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position, operations and accumulated surplus and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Town as at December 31, 2023, and the consolidated results of its operations and consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards (PSAS).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Town in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with PSAS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Town's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Town or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Town's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Council of Town of Viking *(continued)*

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Town's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Town to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Edmonton, Alberta
April 15, 2024


Chartered Professional Accountants

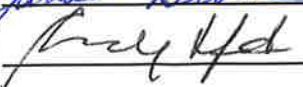
TOWN OF VIKING
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents <i>(Note 3)</i>	\$ 1,558,300	\$ 1,659,495
Receivables		
Taxes and grants in lieu of taxes receivables <i>(Note 4)</i>	248,798	192,405
Due from governments	371,559	557,456
Trade and other receivables	768,046	728,332
Inventories held for resale		
Land	226,826	226,826
Other - concession	7,692	8,215
	<u>3,181,221</u>	<u>3,372,729</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities <i>(Note 5)</i>	305,044	252,247
Deposit liabilities	1,296	1,446
Deferred revenue <i>(Note 6)</i>	651,003	513,121
Long term debt <i>(Note 7)</i>	1,543,530	1,739,256
	<u>2,500,873</u>	<u>2,506,070</u>
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	<u>680,348</u>	<u>866,659</u>
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible capital assets <i>(Schedule 2)</i>	18,885,274	19,086,591
Prepaid expenses	-	10,172
	<u>18,885,274</u>	<u>19,096,763</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS <i>(Note 10)</i>	<u>\$ 19,565,622</u>	<u>\$ 19,963,422</u>

Commitments and contingencies - see Notes 14 and 16.

On behalf of the Members of Council

 _____ Mayor

 _____ Deputy Mayor

TOWN OF VIKING
Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus
Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budget 2023 <i>(Unaudited)</i>	2023	2022
REVENUE			
Net taxes available for municipal purposes <i>(Schedule 3)</i>	\$ 1,695,714	\$ 1,458,361	\$ 1,421,823
User fees and sales of goods	1,404,896	1,342,496	1,263,265
Government transfers for operating <i>(Schedule 4)</i>	446,331	554,201	537,829
Transfers from local boards and agencies	406,273	425,318	824,419
Rentals	148,450	190,965	178,863
Franchise revenues	180,000	190,158	187,909
Other revenue	5,000	107,674	6,464
Investment income	8,500	96,976	40,991
Penalties and costs on taxes	22,000	27,437	25,566
Licenses, permits and fines	14,900	20,257	23,142
	<u>4,332,064</u>	<u>4,413,843</u>	<u>4,510,271</u>
EXPENSES			
Legislative	79,750	81,521	53,954
Administration	743,544	745,959	670,393
Fire protection and safety services	144,500	172,724	121,455
Bylaw enforcement	66,500	63,277	61,831
Roads, streets, walks, lighting	533,959	1,080,467	957,384
Airport	9,500	7,793	12,843
Storm sewers and drainage	-	-	6,087
Water supply and distribution	776,050	924,415	747,814
Wastewater treatment and disposal	158,050	247,249	276,100
Waste management	60,000	52,875	54,861
Family and community support services	188,685	210,778	183,300
Land use planning, zoning and development	14,000	-	10,120
Subdivision land and development	-	311	311
Parks and recreation	944,418	1,159,957	1,069,361
Culture	37,469	39,508	40,231
Other utilities	93,293	96,258	86,486
	<u>3,849,718</u>	<u>4,883,092</u>	<u>4,352,531</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES - BEFORE OTHER	482,346	(469,249)	157,740
OTHER			
Government transfers for capital <i>(Schedule 4)</i>	594,000	71,449	301,018
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	1,076,346	(397,800)	458,758
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	19,963,422	19,963,422	19,504,664
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 21,039,768</u>	<u>\$ 19,565,622</u>	<u>\$ 19,963,422</u>

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets
Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budget 2023 <i>(Unaudited)</i>	2023	2022
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 1,076,346	\$ (397,800)	\$ 458,757
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(750,500)	(733,739)	(527,999)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	30,000	-
Amortization of tangible capital assets	-	904,456	930,641
Loss on sale of tangible capital assets	-	600	-
Reduction of prepaid expense	-	10,172	9,190
	(750,500)	211,489	411,832
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	325,846	(186,311)	870,589
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (DEBT) - BEGINNING OF YEAR	866,659	866,659	(3,930)
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 1,192,505	\$ 680,348	\$ 866,659

TOWN OF VIKING
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
Operating activities		
Cash receipts from taxes	\$ 1,749,320	\$ 1,749,614
Cash receipts from government	949,429	795,107
Cash receipts from others	2,237,154	2,127,628
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(3,914,694)	(3,398,885)
Cash paid for requisitions	(319,915)	(321,041)
Investment income received	96,976	40,991
	<u>798,270</u>	<u>993,414</u>
Financing activity		
Repayment of long term debt	<u>(195,726)</u>	<u>(188,844)</u>
Capital activity		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(733,739)	(527,999)
Sale of tangible capital assets	30,000	-
	<u>(703,739)</u>	<u>(527,999)</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(101,195)	276,571
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	<u>1,659,495</u>	<u>1,382,924</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year (Note 3)	<u>\$ 1,558,300</u>	<u>\$ 1,659,495</u>

TOWN OF VIKING
 Consolidated Schedule of Changes in Accumulated Surplus
 Year Ended December 31, 2023

(Schedule 1)

	Unrestricted Surplus	Restricted Operating Reserves	Restricted Capital Reserves	Equity in Tangible Capital Asset	2023	2022
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 2,324,483	\$ 73,118	\$ 218,486	\$ 17,347,335	\$ 19,963,422	\$ 19,504,665
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	(397,800)	-	-	-	(397,800)	458,757
Restricted funds designated for future use	(87,176)	87,176	-	-		
Current year funds used for tangible capital assets	(703,139)	-	-	703,139	-	-
Annual amortization expense	904,456	-	-	(904,456)	-	-
Long term debt repaid	(195,726)	-	-	195,726	-	-
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ 1,845,098	\$ 160,294	\$ 218,486	\$ 17,341,744	\$ 19,565,622	\$ 19,963,422

TOWN OF VIKING
 Consolidated Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets
 Year Ended December 31, 2023

(Schedule 2)

	Land	Land Improvements	Buildings	Engineered Structures	Machinery and Equipment	Vehicle	2023	2022
COST								
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 735,498	\$ 887,706	\$ 12,959,121	\$ 24,542,364	\$ 1,628,616	\$ 245,411	\$ 40,998,716	\$ 40,470,717
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	22,836	-	660,010	50,893	-	733,739	527,999
Disposal of tangible capital assets	-	-	-	-	(45,900)	-	(45,900)	-
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	735,498	910,542	12,959,121	25,202,374	1,633,609	245,411	41,686,555	40,998,716
ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION								
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	706,275	4,061,702	16,053,845	925,124	165,179	21,912,125	20,981,483
Annual amortization	-	32,386	256,197	518,810	84,198	12,865	904,456	930,642
Accumulated amortization on disposals	-	-	-	-	(15,300)	-	(15,300)	-
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	-	738,661	4,317,899	16,572,655	994,022	178,044	22,801,281	21,912,125
NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	\$ 735,498	\$ 171,881	\$ 8,641,222	\$ 8,629,719	\$ 639,587	\$ 67,367	\$ 18,885,274	\$ 19,086,591
2022 NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	\$ 735,498	\$ 181,431	\$ 8,897,419	\$ 8,488,519	\$ 703,492	\$ 80,232	\$ -	\$ 19,086,591

TOWN OF VIKING
Consolidated Schedule of Property and Other Taxes
Year Ended December 31, 2023

(Schedule 3)

	Budget 2023 <i>(Unaudited)</i>	2023	2022
TAXATION			
Real property taxes	\$ 1,990,660	\$ 1,667,102	\$ 1,636,229
Linear property	-	64,584	59,814
Special assessments and local improvement taxes	30,144	31,680	31,920
Government grants in place of property taxes	-	14,910	14,901
	<u>2,020,804</u>	<u>1,778,276</u>	<u>1,742,864</u>
REQUISITIONS			
Alberta School Foundation Fund	266,464	261,289	266,464
Beaver Seniors Foundation	58,626	58,626	54,577
	<u>325,090</u>	<u>319,915</u>	<u>321,041</u>
NET MUNICIPAL TAXES	<u>\$ 1,695,714</u>	<u>\$ 1,458,361</u>	<u>\$ 1,421,823</u>

TOWN OF VIKING
Consolidated Schedule of Government Transfers
Year Ended December 31, 2023

(Schedule 4)

	Budget 2023 <i>(Unaudited)</i>	2023	2022
TRANSFERS FOR OPERATING			
Federal government	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -
Provincial government	145,296	145,296	227,925
Other local government	301,035	383,905	309,904
	<u>446,331</u>	<u>554,201</u>	<u>537,829</u>
TRANSFERS FOR CAPITAL			
Provincial government	594,000	71,449	301,018
	<u>594,000</u>	<u>71,449</u>	<u>301,018</u>
TOTAL GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$ 1,040,331	\$ 625,650	\$ 838,847

TOWN OF VIKING
Consolidated Schedule of Consolidated Expenses by Object
Year Ended December 31, 2023

(Schedule 5)

	2023	2022
Materials, goods and utilities	\$ 1,432,010	\$ 1,277,594
Contracted and general services	1,076,763	668,193
Salaries, wages and benefits	937,171	1,002,697
Amortization of tangible capital assets	904,456	930,642
Transfers to local boards and agencies	460,342	405,203
Interest on long term debt	68,327	65,298
Bank charges and short term interest	4,023	2,904
	<u>\$ 4,883,092</u>	<u>\$ 4,352,531</u>

TOWN OF VIKING
Consolidated Schedule of Segmented Disclosure
Year Ended December 31, 2023

(Schedule 6)

	General Government	Protective Services	Transportation Services	Environmental Services	Public Health and Welfare	Planning and Development	Recreation and Culture	2023 Total
REVENUE								
Net municipal taxes	\$ 1,426,681	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,680	\$ 1,458,361
User fees and sales of goods	162,293	-	-	916,366	22,245	-	241,593	1,342,497
Transfers from local boards and agencies	425,318	-	-	-	-	-	-	425,318
Government transfers	216,745	-	-	-	188,551	29,474	190,880	625,650
Rentals	9,346	-	-	15,920	-	-	165,699	190,965
Franchise revenues	190,157	-	-	-	-	-	-	190,157
Penalties and costs on taxes	27,437	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,437
Other revenue	1,882	-	1,965	87,176	-	-	16,651	107,674
Investment income	96,976	-	-	-	-	-	-	96,976
Licenses, permits and fines	4,305	15,952	-	-	-	-	-	20,257
	<u>2,561,140</u>	<u>15,952</u>	<u>1,965</u>	<u>1,019,462</u>	<u>210,796</u>	<u>29,474</u>	<u>646,503</u>	<u>4,485,292</u>
EXPENSES								
Salaries, wages and benefits	354,458	-	72,445	203,524	(11,606)	-	318,350	937,171
Contracted and general services	287,839	63,308	350,021	151,990	15,251	-	208,354	1,076,763
Materials, goods and utilities	169,509	-	319,908	688,672	1,500	-	252,421	1,432,010
Transfers to local boards and agencies	-	172,693	-	-	205,632	-	82,017	460,342
Bank charges and short term interest	4,023	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,023
Interest on long term debt	-	-	-	47,814	-	-	20,513	68,327
	<u>815,829</u>	<u>236,001</u>	<u>742,374</u>	<u>1,092,000</u>	<u>210,777</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>881,655</u>	<u>3,978,636</u>
NET REVENUE BEFORE AMORTIZATION	1,745,311	(220,049)	(740,409)	(72,538)	19	29,474	(235,152)	506,656
Amortization of tangible capital assets	11,651	-	345,886	228,798	-	311	317,810	904,456
NET REVENUE	<u>\$ 1,733,660</u>	<u>\$ (220,049)</u>	<u>\$ (1,086,295)</u>	<u>\$ (301,336)</u>	<u>\$ 19</u>	<u>\$ 29,163</u>	<u>\$ (552,962)</u>	<u>\$ (397,800)</u>

TOWN OF VIKING
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

The consolidated financial statements of the Town of Viking are the representations of management prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the municipality are as follows:

Reporting entity

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures, changes in fund balances and change in financial position of the reporting entity. This entity is comprised of the municipal operations plus all of the organizations that are owned or controlled by the municipality and are, therefore, accountable to Council for the administration of their financial affairs and resources.

The schedule of taxes levied also includes requisitions for education, health, social and other external organizations that are not part of the municipal reporting entity.

The statements exclude trust assets that are administered for the benefit of external parties. Interdepartmental and organization transactions and balances are eliminated.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting records revenue as it is earned and measurable. Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable based upon receipt of goods and services and/or the legal obligation to pay.

Funds from external parties and earnings thereon restricted by agreement or legislation are accounted for as deferred revenue until used for the purpose specified.

Government transfers, contributions and other amounts are received from third parties pursuant to legislation, regulations or agreement and may only be used for certain programs, in the completion of specific work, or for the purchase of tangible capital assets. In addition, certain user charges and fees are collected for which the related services have yet to be performed. Revenue is recognized in the period when the related expenses are incurred, services performed or the tangible capital assets are acquired.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Where measurement uncertainty exists, the financial statements have been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Valuation of Financial Assets and Liabilities

The Town's financial assets and liabilities are measured as follows:

<u>Financial statement component</u>	<u>Measurement</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	Cost
Taxes trade and other receivable	Amortized cost
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	Cost
Deposit liabilities	Cost
Long term debt	Amortized cost

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash includes cash and cash equivalents. Currently the municipality carries all of its cash in the current account which is valued at cost. The carrying amount of the current account approximates fair value.

Inventories for resale

Land held for resale is recorded at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost includes costs for land acquisition and improvements required to prepare the land for servicing such as clearing, stripping and leveling charges. Related development costs incurred to provide infrastructure such as water and wastewater services, roads, sidewalks and street lighting are recorded as physical assets under the respective function.

Concession inventory

Concession inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value with the cost being determined on a first-in, first-out basis.

Asset retirement

A liability for an asset retirement obligation is recognized at the best estimate of the amount required to retire a tangible capital asset at the financial statement date when there is a legal obligation for the Town to incur retirement costs, the past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred, it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up, and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made. The best estimate of the liability includes all costs directly attributable to asset retirement activities, based on information at year end.

Revenue recognition

Tax revenue are recognized when the tax has been authorized by bylaw and the taxable event has occurred. Requisitions operate as a flow through and are excluded from municipal revenue.

User fees are recognized over the period of use, sales of goods are recognized when goods are delivered. Licenses and permits with a single performance obligation at a point in time are recognized as revenue on issuance, those which result in a continued performance obligation over time are recognized over the period of the license or permit as the performance obligation is satisfied.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Government transfers

Government transfers are the transfer of assets from senior levels of government that are not the result of an exchange transaction, are not expected to be repaid in the future, or the result of a direct financial return.

Government transfers are recognized in the financial statements as revenue in the period in which events giving rise to the transfer occur, providing the transfers are authorized, any eligibility criteria have been met, and reasonable estimates of the amounts can be determined.

Non-financial assets

Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for use in the provision of services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year and are not intended for sale in the normal course of operations. The change in non-financial assets (debt) during the year, together with the excess of revenue over expenses, provides the consolidated change in net financial assets (debt) for the year.

Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are stated at cost which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset, less accumulated amortization. The cost, less residual value, of the tangible capital assets is amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life as follows:

Land improvements	10 - 25 years
Buildings	25 - 50 years
Engineering structures	10 - 75 years
Machinery and equipment	5 - 25 years
Vehicles	10 - 25 years

Contributions of tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets received as contributions are recorded at fair value at the date of receipt and also are recorded as revenue.

Leases

Leases are classified as capital or operating leases. Leases which transfer substantially all of the benefits and risks incidental to ownership of property are accounted for as capital leases. All other leases are accounted for as operating leases and the related lease payments are charged to expenses as incurred.

2. Financial instruments

The Town's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivables, prepaid expenses, revolving loan, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, deposit liabilities and long term debt. It is management's opinion that the Town is not exposed to significant interest or currency risks arising from these financial instruments.

The Town is subject to credit risk with respect to taxes and grants in place of taxes receivable, and trade and other receivables. Credit risk arises from the possibility that taxpayers and entities to which the Town provides services may experience financial difficulty and be unable to fulfil their obligations. The large number and diversity of taxpayers and customers minimizes the credit risk.

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3. Cash and cash equivalents

	2023	2022
Cash on hand and in bank	\$ 1,558,300	\$ 1,659,495
Externally restricted	(455,113)	(16,455)
Internally restricted	(291,604)	(291,604)
Unrestricted	\$ 811,583	\$ 1,351,436

Amounts externally restricted:

Prepaid facility memberships	\$ 6,474	\$ 6,474
Prepaid business licenses	1,800	1,800
Municipal Sustainability Initiative Capital and Gas Tax Fund - to fund eligible capital projects, as approved under the funding agreements	8,181	8,181
Canada Community-Building Fund - to fund capital-related projects	351,482	-
Solar rebate	87,176	-
	\$ 455,113	\$ 16,455

Amounts internally restricted:

Designated by Council for capital projects and equipment replacement	\$ 218,486	\$ 218,486
Designated by Council for operating reserves	73,118	73,118
	\$ 291,604	\$ 291,604

The Town has a revolving line of credit with a limit of \$200,000 to be used for day-to-day expenses. Interest is calculated from the date funds are advanced on the daily outstanding principal at prime plus 1% per annum and payable on the last day of each month. There was no advancement from the temporary loan during the year.

4. Taxes and grants in lieu of taxes receivable

	2023	2022
Current taxes and grants in lieu	\$ 98,985	\$ 81,290
Tax arrears	149,813	111,115
	\$ 248,798	\$ 192,405

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5. Employee benefit obligations

The vacation and overtime liability is comprised of the vacation and overtime that employees are deferring to future years. Employees have either earned the benefits (and are vested) or are entitled to these benefits within the next budgetary year. The amounts of \$32,346 (2022 - \$32,346) are included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

The Town also has accumulating non-vesting sick leave benefits.

6. Deferred revenue

Prepaid business licenses	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800
Prepaid facility memberships	6,474	6,474
Municipal Sustainability Initiative - capital	291,247	149,714
The Canada Community-Building Fund	351,482	355,133
	<u>\$ 651,003</u>	<u>\$ 513,121</u>

Funding received from the various grant programs noted above are restricted to the eligible capital projects as approved under the funding agreements. Operating grant or revenue received in advance for services which have not yet been performed are shown as deferred. Unexpended funds related to funding advances are supported by restricted cash and cash equivalents (see Note 3). In the current year, Capital Municipal Sustainability Initiative and the Canada Community-Building Fund totaled \$283,066 (2022 - \$517,568) have been allocated to the Town, but yet to be received at year end. Therefore, this amount has not been included as part of restricted cash and cash equivalents under Note 3.

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7. Long term debt

	2023	2022
Debenture debt	\$ 1,213,833	\$ 1,348,336
Non-revolving loan	329,697	390,920
	\$ 1,543,530	\$ 1,739,256

The current portion of the long term debts amounts to \$205,431 (2022 - \$209,503). Principal and interest repayments are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 205,431	\$ 60,600	\$ 266,031
2025	214,437	50,446	264,883
2026	223,185	39,699	262,884
2027	236,565	28,319	264,884
2028	200,481	17,069	217,550
Thereafter	463,431	39,329	502,760

Debenture debt is repayable to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority and bears interest ranging from 2.5519% to 4.551% per annum and matures in periods 2028 to 2034.

Debenture debt is issued on the credit and security of the Town at large.

The non-revolving loan is used on the overage of costs on Highway 619. It bears interest at 7.5% per annum, and with a monthly payment of \$7,287.24.

Interest on long term debt including accrued interest payable amounted to \$68,327 (2022 - \$65,298).

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8. Debt Limits

Section 276(2) of the Municipal Government Act requires that debt and debt limits as defined by Alberta Regulation 255/2000 for the municipality be disclosed as follows:

	2023	2022
Total debt limit	\$ 6,620,765	\$ 6,765,407
Total long term debt	(1,543,530)	(1,739,256)
Amount of debt limit unused	\$ 5,077,235	\$ 5,026,151
Debt servicing limit	\$ 11,103,461	\$ 1,127,568
Debt services	(266,031)	(262,574)
Amount of debt servicing limit unused	\$ 10,837,430	\$ 864,994

Section 276(2) of the Municipal Government Act requires that debt and debt limits as defined by Alberta Regulation 255/00 for the Town are to be disclosed.

The debt limit is calculated at 1.5 times revenue of the municipality (as defined in Alberta Regulation 25520/00) and the debt service limit is calculated at 0.25 times such revenue. Incurring debt beyond these limitations requires approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. These thresholds are guidelines used by Alberta Municipal Affairs to identify municipalities that could be at financial risk if further debt is acquired. The calculation taken alone does not represent the financial stability of the municipality. Rather, the financial statements must be interpreted as a whole.

9. Equity in tangible capital assets

	2023	2022
Tangible capital assets (<i>Schedule 2</i>)	\$ 41,686,554	\$ 40,998,715
Accumulated amortization (<i>Schedule 2</i>)	(22,801,280)	(21,912,124)
Long term debt - capital (<i>Note 7</i>)	(1,543,530)	(1,739,256)
	\$ 17,341,744	\$ 17,347,335

10. Accumulated surplus

Accumulated surplus consists of restricted and unrestricted amounts and equity in tangible capital assets as follows:

	2023	2022
Unrestricted surplus	\$ 1,845,098	\$ 2,324,483
Restricted surplus		
Operating reserves	160,294	73,118
Capital reserves	218,486	218,486
Equity in tangible capital assets	17,341,744	17,347,335
	\$ 19,565,622	\$ 19,963,422

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11. Segmented disclosure

The Town provides a range of services to its ratepayers. For each reported segment, revenues and expenses represent both amounts that are directly attributable to the segment and amounts that are allocated on a reasonable basis. The accounting policies used in these segments are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the financial statements as disclosed in Note 1. Schedule of Segmented Disclosure is included as Schedule 6 of the financial statements.

General government includes council and other legislative, and general administration. Protective services includes bylaw enforcement, police and fire. Transportation included roads, streets, walks and lighting. Planning and development includes land use planning, zoning and subdivision land and development. Environmental use and protection includes water supply and distribution, wastewater treatment and disposal, and waste management. Public health and welfare includes family and community support. Recreation and culture includes parks and recreation, libraries, museums and halls.

12. Salaries and benefits disclosure

Disclosure of salaries and benefits for elected municipal officials, the chief administrative officer and designated officers as required by provincial regulation is as follows:

	Salary (1)	Benefits and allowances (2)	2023	2022
Mayor				
J. Buttner	\$ 14,365	\$ 740	\$ 15,105	\$ 7,260
Former Mayor				
L. Yakiwchuk	4,456	232	4,688	15,316
Councillors				
J. Merta	4,036	185	4,221	-
C. Lefsrud	13,433	672	14,105	8,972
D. Ewashko	13,193	666	13,859	3,874
C. Nearing	11,044	558	11,602	3,753
Former Councillors				
G. Hafso	-	-	-	6,067
D. O' Toole-Balaban	-	-	-	1,780
Chief administrative officer				
D. Lefsrud	84,423	5,256	89,679	22,867
Former Chief administrative officers				
S. Garbe	-	-	-	103,872
D. McLeod	-	-	-	129,260
	\$ 144,950	\$ 8,309	\$ 153,259	\$ 303,021

1. Salary includes regular base pay, bonuses, overtime, lump sum payments, gross honoraria, and other direct cash remuneration.
2. Employer's share of all employee benefits and contributions or payments made on behalf of employees including pension, health care, dental coverage, vision coverage, group life insurance, accidental disability and dismemberment insurance, long and short-term disability plans, professional memberships and tuition.
3. The Town's assessor is a designated officer as established by the Town's bylaw. The position is contracted out to a third-party and the assessor is not considered as an employee of the Town. Total fees paid to the assessor amounted to \$17,453 (2022 - \$14,346).

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13. Local Authorities Pension Plan

Employees of the Town participate in the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP), which is one of the plans covered by the Alberta Public Sector Pension Plans Act. The LAPP is financed by employer and employee contributions and by investment earnings of the LAPP Fund. Contributions for current services are recorded as expenditures in the year in which they become due.

The Town is required to make current service contributions to the LAPP of 8.45% (2022 - 8.45%) of pensionable earnings up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings under the Canada Pension Plan and 12.23% (2022 - 12.80%) on pensionable earnings above this amount. Employees of the Town are required to make current service contributions of 7.45% (2022 - 7.45%) of pensionable salary up to the year's maximum pensionable salary and 11.23% (2022 - 11.80%) on pensionable salary above this amount.

Total current service contributions by the Town to the LAPP were \$44,192 (2022 - \$52,764). Total current service contributions by the employees of the Town to the Local Authorities Pension Plan were \$39,056 (2022 - \$46,918).

At December 31, 2022, the LAPP disclosed an actuarial surplus of \$12.67 million.

14. Commitments

The Town has various cost sharing agreements with surrounding municipalities. The purpose of these agreements is to maintain or enhance regional services, assets and programs, thereby, improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of the region.

The Town has entered into various equipment and vehicle leases. The minimum payments as required are as follows:

2024	\$ <u>10,311</u>
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15. Asset retirement obligation

Management has reviewed the Town's obligation related to asset retirement and did not identify any assets that are legally required to perform closure or abatement activities.

16. Contingent liability

The Town is a member of the Alberta Municipal Insurance Exchange (MUNIX). Under the terms of membership, the municipality could become liable for its proportionate share of any claim losses in excess of the funds held by the exchange. Any liability incurred would be accounted for as a current transaction in the year the losses are determined.

The Town as well as several Town employees are currently named as defendant's in a civil action. The Town has been advised that the matter, dependant on the final resolution, is an insurance claim limiting the Town's liability to an applicable deductible.

17. Approval of financial statements

Council and management have approved these financial statements.
