Consolidated Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

To the Members of Council of Town of Edson

The integrity, relevance and comparability of the data in the accompanying consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of management.

The consolidated financial statements are prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. They necessarily include some amounts that are based on the best estimates and judgements of management.

To assist in its responsibility, management maintains accounting, budget and other controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are appropriately authorized, that assets are properly accounted for and safeguarded, and that financial records are reliable for preparation of consolidated financial statements.

JDP Wasserman LLP have been appointed by the Members of Council of Town of Edson to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements.

Christine Beveridge

Chief Administrative Officer

Edson, AB June 28, 2024



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Council of Town of Edson

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Town of Edson (the "Town"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the consolidated statements of operations and accumulated surplus, changes in net financial assets 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 financial position of the Town as at December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations, changes in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

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 *Auditors' 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 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.

Other Matter

The consolidated financial statements of the Town for the year ended December 31, 2022, were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those consolidated financial statements on April 18, 2023.

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 Canadian public sector accounting standards, 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 (Members of Council) are responsible for overseeing the Town's financial reporting process.

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Auditors' 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 auditors' 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.

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 auditors' 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 auditors' 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 June 28, 2024





Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 38,537,001	\$ 37,211,557
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	12,973,285	4,177,480
Loan receivable (Note 4)	200,000	200,000
Investments		4,125,944
Land held for resale	1,163,108	1,163,108
Inventory held for resale	1,891	1,625
	_ 52,875,285	46,879,714
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 5)	5,988,878	3,179,095
Deposit liabilities	773,212	711,523
Deferred revenue (Note 6)	8,820,130	8,868,467
Long-term debt (Note 7)	9,796,882	10,496,713
Asset retirement obligations (Note 9)	10,618,658	1,951,810
	35,997,760	25,207,608
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	16,877,525	21,672,106
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Prepaid expenses	85,237	73,551
Inventory for consumption	949,101	911,407
Tangible capital assets (Schedule 1)	125,737,269	115,485,649
	126,771,607	116,470,607
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Note 10)	\$143,649,132	\$138,142,713

CONTINGENT LIABILITY (Note 17)

ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL:

Mayor

Councillor

Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023 (Budget) <i>(Note 14)</i>	2023 (Actual)	2022 (Actual)
REVENUES			
Net municipal property taxes (Schedule 3)	\$ 13,552,649	\$ 13,523,106	\$ 12,605,513
Government transfers for operating (Schedule 4)	6,271,922	9,338,904	6,912,587
User fees and sales of goods	6,935,836	6,847,546	6,603,721
Franchise and concession contracts (Note 12)	1,104,670	984,346	1,008,126
Investment income	178,000	906,444	638,838
Fines	1,296,500	704,617	978,969
Rentals	721,550	656,955	678,120
Penalties and costs on taxes	155,000	235,766	148,759
Other revenues	21,000	227,896	70,544
Licenses and permits	154,400	101,998	71,278
	30,391,527	33,527,578	29,716,455
EXPENSES			
Protective services	5,204,815	7,856,670	5,372,543
Utilitles	4,584,395	7,340,082	5,804,655
Roads, streets and equipment	4,716,100	6,148,303	6,160,139
Recreation and parks	4,989,900	5,218,646	4,352,296
General administration	3,567,803	3,444,261	2,736,207
Culture	683,457	763,759	758,945
Public health and welfare	640,450	711,488	746,477
Planning and development	838,445	607,069	620,715
Legislative	489,715	428,487	328,929
	25,715,080	32,518,765	26,880,906
ANNUAL SURPLUS BEFORE OTHER	4,676,447	1,008,813	2,835,549
OTHER REVENUES (TYPENUES)			
OTHER REVENUES (EXPENSES) Government transfers for capital (Schedule 4)	23,969,927	2,960,094	3,648,864
Other contributions for capital	20,000,021	1,510,572	3,040,004
Gain (loss) on disposal of tangible capital assets	_	26,940	(3,043)
Developer offsite levies			202,134
	23,969,927	4,497,606	3,847,955
ANNUAL SURPLUS	28,646,374	5,506,419	6,683,504
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - TO BEGIN YEAR	138,142,713	138,142,713	131,459,209
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - END OF YEAR	\$166,789,087	\$143,649,132	\$138,142,713

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023 (Budget) (Note 14)	2023 (Actual)	2022 (Actual)
ANNUAL SURPLUS	\$ 28,646,374	\$ 5,506,419	\$ 6,683,504
Amortization of tangible capital assets Purchase of tangible capital assets Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets Loss (gain) on disposal of tangible capital assets Use (acquisition) of prepaid expenses Use (acquisition) of inventory for consumption	(31,390,645) - - - - -	5,049,165 (15,450,002) 176,157 (26,940) (11,686) (37,694)	4,145,965 (6,478,903) 71,100 3,043 (9,565) (168,170)
	(31,390,645)	(10,301,000)	(2,436,530)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	(2,744,271)	(4,794,581)	4,246,974
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	21,672,106	21,672,106	17,425,132
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 18,927,835	\$ 16,877,525	\$ 21,672,106

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
OPERATING ACTIVITIES Annual surplus Items not affecting cash and cash equivalents:	\$ 5,506,419	\$ 6,683,504
Amortization of tangible capital assets Loss (gain) on disposal of tangible capital assets	5,049,165 (26,940)	4,145,965 3,043
	10,528,644	10,832,512
Changes in non-cash working capital: Accounts receivable	(8,795,805)	(351,497)
Loan receivable Inventory held for resale Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Deposit liabilities	(266) 2,809,783 61,689	100,000° (489) 424,624 (10,541)
Deferred revenue Asset retirement obligations Prepaid expenses Inventory for consumption	(48,337) 8,666,848 (11,686) (37,694)	942,689 7,855 (9,565) (168,171)
	2,644,532	934,905
Cash flow from operating activities	13,173,176	11,767,417
INVESTING ACTIVITIES Purchase of tangible capital assets Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets Net change in investments	(15,450,002) 176,157 4,125,944	(6,478,903) 71,100 41,600
Cash flow used by investing activities	(11,147,901)	(6,366,203)
FINANCING ACTIVITY Repayment of long-term debt	(699,831)	(1,089,170)
Cash flow used by financing activity	(699,831)	(1,089,170)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,325,444	4,312,044
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	37,211,557	32,899,513
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$ 38,537,001	\$ 37,211,557

Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

(Schedule 1)

	Land	Land	Buildings	Engineered Structures	Machinery and Equipment	Vehicles	2023	2022
COST BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 9,935,403	9,935,403 \$ 21,256,107	\$ 19,964,259	\$130,384,317	0	\$ 3,232,591	\$199,884,787	\$194,063,218
Purchase of tangible capital assets Disposal of tangible capital assets	18,421	5,486,050 (23,967)	2,565,938	5,277,057	1,804,899 (145,685)	297,637 (59,149)	15,450,002 (228,801)	6,478,903 (657,334)
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	9,953,824	26,718,190	22,530,197	135,661,374	16,771,324	3,471,079	215,105,988	199,884,787
ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	•	10,403,510	8,299,083	55,850,106	7,633,044	2,213,395	84,399,138	80,836,363
Amortization of tangible capital assets Disposal of tangible capital assets	1 1	746,536 (23,967)	547,892	2,631,962	981,571	141,204 (55,617)	5,049,165 (79,584)	4,145,965 (583,190)
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	1	11,126,079	8,846,975	58,482,068	8,614,615	2,298,982	89,368,719	84,399,138
NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	\$ 9,953,824	\$ 9,953,824 \$ 15,592,111	\$ 13,683,222	\$ 77,179,306	\$ 8,156,709	\$ 1,172,097	\$125,737,269	\$115,485,649
NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS, 2022	\$ 9,935,403	9,935,403 \$ 10,852,597	\$ 11,665,176	\$ 74,534,211	\$ 7,479,066 \$	\$ 1,019,196		\$115,485,649

Included in the net book value of tangible capital assets is work-in-progress of \$2,522,500 (2022 - \$3,712,546).

Schedule of Equity in Tangible Capital Assets For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

(Schedule 2)

	2023	2022
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$104,988,936	\$101,640,972
Purchase of tangible capital assets	15,450,002	6,478,903
Amortization of tangible capital assets	(5,049,165)	(4,145,965)
Repayment of long-term debt	699,831	1,089,170
Cost of tangible capital assets disposed of	(228,801)	(657,334)
Accumulated amortization of tangible capital assets disposed	79,584	583,190
Asset retirement obligations	(10,618,658)	
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$105,321,729	\$104,988,936
Equity in tangible capital assets is comprised of:		
Net book value of tangible capital assets (Schedule 1)	\$125,737,269	\$115,485,649
Long-term debt (Note 7)	(9,796,882)	(10,496,713)
Asset retirement obligations	(10,618,658)	
	\$105,321,729	\$104,988,936

Schedule of Property Taxes For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

(Schedule 3)

	2023 (Budget) <i>(Note 14)</i>	2023 (Actual)	2022 (Actual)
TAXATION			
Real property taxes	\$ 16,743,018	\$ 16,730,352	\$ 15,768,817
Local improvement taxes	566,610	570,602	614,199
Designated industrial property taxes	471,052	471,053	448,753
Government grants in lieu of property taxes	234,513	233,797	220,610
	18,015,193	18,005,804	17,052,379
REQUISITIONS			
Alberta School Foundation Fund	3,717,234	3,737,438	3,773,794
The Evergreens Foundation	738,685	738,685	666,564
Designated Industrial Property	6,625	6,575	6,508
	4,462,544	4,482,698	4,446,866
NET MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 13,552,649	\$ 13,523,106	\$ 12,605,513

Schedule of Government Transfers For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

(Schedule 4)

	2023 (Budget) (Note 14)	2023 (Actual)	2022 (Actual)
TRANSFERS FOR OPERATING Local government Provincial government Federal government	\$ 5,425,972 776,975 68,975	\$ 6,234,757 3,092,347 11,800	\$ 6,056,217 810,107 46,263
	6,271,922	9,338,904	6,912,587
TRANSFERS FOR CAPITAL Provincial government Local government Federal government	23,930,402 39,525 	2,277,009 683,085 -	3,160,934 438,252 49,678
	23,969,927	2,960,094	3,648,864
TOTAL GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$ 30,241,849	\$ 12,298,998	\$ 10,561,451

TOWN OF EDSON Schedule of Expenses by Object For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

(Schedule 5)

	2023 (Budget) <i>(Note 14</i>)	2023 (Actual)	2022 (Actual)
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 10,630,233	\$ 10,044,294	\$ 9,328,443
Contracted and general services	7,638,260	9,462,907	5,769,053
Amortization of tangible capital assets Materials, goods and utilities	2 240 202	5,049,165	4,145,965
Purchases from other governments	3,219,293 2,651,540	2,960,550 2,856,898	3,033,446
Transfers to individuals and organizations	525,620	2,650,698 963,199	3,098,448 469,164
Interest on long-term debt	329,884	362,071	399,666
Transfers to local boards and agencies	344,000	344,000	340,450
Asset retirement obligations accretion	67,500	318,552	
Transfers to other governments	195,000	105,577	190,065
Provision for allowances	103,750	38,638	94,203
Bank charges and short-term interest	10,000	12,914	12,003
	\$ 25,715,080	\$ 32,518,765	\$ 26,880,906

TOWN OF EDSON Schedule of Segmented Disclosure For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

(Schedule 6)

	General administration and legislative	Protective services	Roads, streets and equipment	Utilities	Public health and welfare	Planning and development	Recreation, parks and culture	2023
Net municipal property taxes Net municipal property taxes Government transfers for operating User fees and sales of goods Franchise and concession contracts Investment income Fines Rentals Penalties and costs on taxes Other revenues Licenses and permits	\$ 1,516,287 5,096,028 13,933 984,346 894,697 - 32,301 235,766 90,469	\$ 4,045,217 2,618,531 292,270 - 704,617 - 96,343 3,111	\$ 3,629,497 124,966 143,073 - - 75,941	6,099,361	\$ 357,925 49,841 232,016 1,755	_	\$ 3,844,386 1,021,927 239,218 - - 316,697 19,028	\$ 13,523,106 9,338,904 6,847,546 984,346 906,444 704,617 656,955 235,766 227,896 101,998
	8,863,827	7,760,089	3,995,524	6,218,897	641,537	606,448	5,441,256	33,527,578
EXPENSES Salaries, wages and benefits Contracted and general services Contracted and general services Materials, goods and utilities Purchases from other governments Transfer to individuals & organizations Interest on long-term debt Transfers to local boards and agencies Asset retirement obligations accretion Transfers to other governments Provision for allowances Bank charges and short-term interest NET REVENUE (DEFICIT) BEFORE	2,299,761 1,168,649 168,218 - - 13,979 36,141 12,914 3,699,662	1,358,767 3,259,035 146,932 2,856,898 32,880 - 105,577	1,850,132 1,143,445 940,423 - 61,426 - - 98 - 3,995,524	1,241,090 2,192,332 813,005 - 494,959 300,645 - 139 - 139	313,714 160,798 57,066 - 88,300 - - - - - - 619,878	316,174 276,720 10,554 3,000 - - - - - - - 606,448	2,664,656 1,261,928 824,352 344,060 - 344,000 - 2,260 - 5,441,256	10,044,294 9,462,907 2,960,550 2,856,898 963,199 362,071 344,000 318,552 105,577 38,638 12,914
ASSETS	5,164,165	1	1	872,154	21,659			6,057,978
Amortization of tangible capital assets	173,086	96,582	2,152,779	1,993,340	91,610	620	541,148	5,049,165
NET REVENUE (DEFICIT)	\$ 4,991,079	\$ (96,582)	\$ (2,152,779)	\$ (1,121,186)	\$ (69,951)	\$ (620)	\$ (541,148)	\$ 1,008,813

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements. JDP Wasserman LLP /// Chartered Professional Accountants

TOWN OF EDSON
Schedule of Segmented Disclosure
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

(Schedule 7)

	General administration and legislative	Protective services	Roads, streets and equipment	Utilities	Public health and welfare	Planning and development	Recreation, parks and culture	2022
Net municipal property taxes Net municipal property taxes Government transfers for operating User fees and sales of goods Franchise and concession contracts Fines Rentals Investment income Penalties and costs on taxes Licenses and permits Other revenues	\$ 1,352,985 4,855,135 76,927 1,008,126 - 35,505 633,304 148,759 - 1,817	\$ 3,826,407 393,857 30,488 978,969 - - 56,524 55,286,270	\$ 3,811,976 \$ 178,419 130,415	188,965 6,049,454 - - - 6,238,425	\$ 5,358 358,002 41,948 - 246,600 - 798 - 798	\$ 567,774 15,000 17,831 - - 5,534 13,956 - 13,956	\$ 3,041,013 923,209 256,658 - 318,147 - 27,949 4,566,976	\$ 12,605,513 6,912,587 6,603,721 1,008,126 978,969 678,120 638,838 148,759 71,278 70,544
Salaries, wages and benefits Salaries, wages and benefits Contracted and general services Purchases from other governments Materials, goods and utilities Transfer to individuals & organizations Interest on long-term debt Transfers to local boards and agencies Transfers to other governments Provision for allowances Bank charges and short-term interest	1,995,183 771,506 171,521 - - 91,860 12,003	1,105,641 736,431 3,098,448 127,716 32,208 - 185,562	1,868,259 1,184,080 1,106,742 80,344	1,221,699 1,963,217 - 823,088 - 319,322 - 70	325,031 157,793 - 68,423 96,956 - - 4,503	361,225 238,623 10,247 10,000	2,451,405 717,403 725,709 330,000 340,450 2,009	9,328,443 5,769,053 3,098,448 3,033,446 469,164 399,666 340,450 190,065 94,203
NET REVENUE (DEFICIT) BEFORE AMORTIZATION OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	3,04 <u>2,073</u> 5,070,485	5,286,270	4,239,425	4,327,396	652,706	620,095	4,566,976	22,734,941 6,981,514
Amortization of tangible capital assets NET REVENUE (DEFICIT)	23,062	86,274	1,920,714	1,477,259	93,770	\$ (620)	544,266 \$ (544,266)	4,145,965

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements. JDP Wasserman LLP /// Chartered Professional Accountants

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements of Town of Edson (the "Town") are the representations of management, prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Town are as follows:

(a) Reporting Entity

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and cash flows of the reporting entity. The entity is comprised of all the organizations that are owned or controlled by the Town and are, therefore, accountable to Town Council for the administration of their financial affairs and resources. Interdepartmental and organizational transactions and balances are eliminated.

The Town is a member of the West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority (the "Authority"). The Town accounts for the Authority as a government partnership using the proportionate consolidation method. Under this method, the Town's proportionate share of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses are included in the consolidated financial statements.

The schedule of property taxes also includes requisitions that are not part of the reporting entity.

The consolidated financial statements exclude trust assets that are administered for the benefit of external parties.

(b) Basis of Accounting

The Town follows the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are accounted for in the period in which the transactions or events occurred that gave rise to the revenues. Expenses are recognized in the period the goods and services are acquired and a liability is incurred or transfers are due.

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 are recognized in the financial statements as revenues in the period that the events giving rise to the transfer occurred, providing the transfers are authorized, the Town has met any eligibility criteria, and reasonable estimates of the amounts can be made.

Investment income is reported as revenue in the year earned. When required by the funding government or by legislation, investment income earned on deferred revenue is added to the investment and forms part of the deferred revenue balance.

(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes items that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value, are held for the purposes of operations rather than for investing, and have a maturity of less than one year as of year-end.

(d) Investments

Investments are recorded at amortized cost. Investment premiums and discounts are amortized over the term of the respective investments. When there has been a loss in value that is other than a temporary decline, the respective investment is written-down to recognize the loss. Gains on principal protected notes are recognized as income when sold.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(e) Land Held 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.

(f) 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 during the year, together with the annual surplus (deficit), provides the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets for the year (page 7).

(g) Inventories

Inventories of materials and supplies for consumption are recorded at the lower of cost or net realizable value with cost determined using the average cost method.

(h) Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. 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 - 50 years
Buildings	25 - 50 years
Engineered structures	10 - 75 years
Machinery and equipment	5 - 40 years
Vehicles	10 - 25 years

Tangible capital assets received as contributions are recorded at fair value at the date of receipt and also are recorded as revenue. Tangible capital assets received or purchased as part of a restructuring transaction are recorded at carrying value at the date of receipt and also are recorded as revenue.

Tangible capital assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is substantially complete and available for productive use. Those tangible capital assets not meeting this criteria are categorized as work-in-progress as of year-end.

Works of art for display are not recorded as tangible capital assets but are disclosed.

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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(i) Asset Retirement Obligations

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 available at year-end. The best estimate of an asset retirement obligation incorporates a present value technique, when the cash flows required to settle or otherwise extinguish an asset retirement obligation are expected to occur over extended future periods.

When a liability for an asset retirement obligation is initially recognized, a corresponding asset retirement cost is capitalized to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset. The asset retirement cost is amortized over the useful life of the related asset. Asset retirement obligations which are incurred incrementally with the use of the asset are recognized in the period incurred with a corresponding asset retirement cost expensed in the period.

At each financial reporting date, the Town reviews the carrying amount of the liability. The Town recognizes period-to-period changes to the liability due to the passage of time as accretion expense. Changes to the liability arising from revisions to either the timing, the amount of the original estimate of undiscounted cash flows or the discount rate are recognized as an increase or decrease to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset. The Town continues to recognize the liability until it is settled or otherwise extinguished. Disbursements made to settle the liability are deducted from the reported liability when they are made.

(i) Contaminated Sites

Contaminated sites are defined as a result of contamination being introduced in air, soil, water or sediment of a chemical, organic, or radioactive material or live organism that exceeds an environmental standard. A liability for remediation on contaminated sites is recognized, net of any recoveries, when an environmental standard exists, contamination exceeds the environmental standard, the Town is directly responsible for or accepts responsibility for the liability, future economic benefits will be given up, and a reasonable estimate of the liability can be made.

(k) Tax Revenue

Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year they are levied.

Construction and borrowing costs associated with local improvement projects are recovered through annual special assessments during the period of the related borrowings. These levies are collectable from property owners for work performed by the Town and are recognized as revenue in the year in which the local improvement project is completed.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(I) Requisition Over-levies and Under-levies

Requisition over-levies and under-levies arise from the difference between the actual property tax levy made to cover each requisition and the actual amount requisitioned.

If the actual levy exceeds the requisition, the over-levy is accrued as a liability and property tax revenue is reduced. If the actual levy is less than the requisition amount, the under-levy is accrued as a receivable and as property tax revenue. Requisition tax rates in the subsequent year are adjusted for any over-levies or under-levies of the prior year.

(m) Use of Estimates

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

The Town has used estimates to determine accrued liabilities including asset retirement obligations and contaminated sites, tangible capital asset useful lives, the fair value of contributed tangible capital assets, as well as provisions made for allowances for amounts receivable or any provision for impairment.

(n) New Accounting Standards not yet Adopted

Effective for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2023, *PS3400 Revenue* provides guidance on how to account for and report revenue, and specifically, it addresses revenue arising from exchange transactions and unilateral transactions.

2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023	2022
Bank accounts Temporary investments	\$ 28,332,722 	\$ 31,054,808 6,156,749
	\$ 38,537,001	\$ 37,211,557

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3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	2023	2022
Trade and other Utility accounts Current taxes and grants in place of taxes Receivable from other governments Tax arrears Goods and Services Tax recoverable Accrued interest	\$ 9,498,617 1,039,568 866,616 704,109 446,005 321,441 163,171	\$ 2,455,087 482,267 561,698 - 256,820 251,887 235,963
	13,039,527	4,243,722
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	(66,242)	(66,242)
	\$ 12,973,285	\$ 4,177,480

4. LOAN RECEIVABLE

In 2020, the Town loaned Community Futures West Yellowhead \$300,000 as a COVID-19 small business loan with fluid repayment terms. The loan has since been reclassified in 2023 as a COVID-19 small business loan to fund a general Eligible Small Business loan with fluid repayment terms to March 31, 2026.

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	_	2023	 2022
Trade and other Construction holdbacks Employee earned vacation, sick and overtime liability Accrued interest on long-term debt	\$	5,121,467 591,254 233,330 42,827	\$ 2,518,835 378,459 238,974 42,827
	<u>\$</u>	5,988,878	\$ 3,179,095

6. DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue represents unspent externally restricted funds that are related to expenses that will be incurred in a future period.

		2023	2022
Municipal Sustainability Initiative - Capital Alberta Community Resilience Program Canada Community Bullding Fund Prepaid local improvement charges Other	\$	6,124,189 1,939,057 532,792 130,602 93,490	\$ 6,004,273 1,878,842 588,244 179,151 217,957
	<u>\$</u>	8,820,130	\$ 8,868,467
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7.	LONG-TERM DEBT			
			2023	 2022
	Alberta Treasury and Risk Management debentures	\$	9,114,067	\$ 9,983,666
	Capital leases		682,815	513,047
		<u>\$</u>	9,796,882	\$ 10,496,713

Debenture debt is repayable to the Alberta Treasury and Risk Management and bears interest at rates ranging from 3.058% to 4.890% per annum, and mature in periods through 2036. Long-term debt is issued on the credit and security of the Town at large.

Capital leases are repayable in blended monthly installments of \$19,512, bear interest at rates ranging from 4.769% to 5.190% and mature in periods through 2028.

Principal and interest payments are due as follows:

	Ī	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>		
2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 Thereafter	\$	908,634 936,370 815,697 807,776 819,437 5,508,968	\$ 323,336 295,600 268,069 243,758 219,695 662,323	\$	1,231,970 1,231,970 1,083,766 1,051,534 1,039,132 6,171,291	
	<u>\$</u>	9,796,882	\$ 2,012,781	\$	11,809,663	

8. DEBT LIMITS

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

	2023	2022
Total debt limit Total debt	\$ 50,291,367 (9,796,882)	\$ 44,982,774 (10,496,713)
Total debt limit remaining	\$ 40,494,485	\$ 34,486,061
Service on debt limit Service on debt	\$ 8,381,895 	\$ 7,497,129 (1,364,062)
Total service on debt limit remaining	\$ 7,149,925	\$ 6,133,067

The debt limit is calculated at 1.5 times revenues of the Town (as defined by Regulation 255/00) and the debt service limit is calculated at 0.25 times such revenues. Incurring debt beyond these limits requires approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. These thresholds are guidelines used by Alberta Municipal Affairs to identify municipalities which could be at financial risk if further debt is acquired. The calculation taken alone does not represent the stability of the Town. Rather, the consolidated financial statements must be interpreted as a whole.

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9. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

The Town owns various buildings and engineered structures which contain asbestos or are presumed to contain asbestos and, therefore, the Town is legally required to perform abatement activities upon renovation, demolition, or otherwise disturbing the related assets.

Abatement activities include handling and disposing of the asbestos in a prescribed manner when it is disturbed.

Undiscounted future cash flows expected are approximately \$8,800,000 over many years.

The estimated total liability is based on the sum of discounted future cash flows for abatement activities using a discount rate and assuming annual inflation of 2.1%.

The estimated liability as at December 31, 2023, is \$5,422,393, with accretion expense increasing the estimated liability of \$194,643 in 2023.

Alberta environmental law requires closure and post-closure care of landfill sites, which includes final covering and landscaping, pumping of ground water and leachates from the site, and ongoing environmental monitoring, site inspections and maintenance.

A liability for the total obligation, which was incurred when the site started accepting waste, irrespective of volume of waste accepted has been accrued.

The Town estimates that no obligation is incurred incrementally due to the volume of waste accepted, therefore, no further obligation is being accrued based on volume of waste accepted.

Undiscounted future cash flows expected are approximately \$6,700,000 over many years.

The estimated total liability is based on the sum of discounted future cash flows for abatement activities using a discount rate and assuming annual inflation of 2.1 - 5.1%.

The estimated liability as at December 31, 2023, is \$5,196,285, with accretion expense increasing the estimated liability of \$123,908 in 2023.

The Town has designated cash and cash equivalent assets for settling landfill closure and post-closure liabilities.

10. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

	2023	2022
Unrestricted surplus Restricted surplus	\$ 5,106,761	\$ 1,291,915
Operating reserves (Note 11) Capital reserves (Note 11)	4,456,223 28,764,419	4,554,207 27,307,655
Equity in tangible capital assets (Schedule 2)	105,321,729	104,988,936
	\$143,649,132	\$138,142,713

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11. RESTRICTE	ED SURPLUS			
		_	2023	 2022
Recreation General and West Yel Protective Tax stabi	treets and equipment on and parks administration lowhead Regional Waste Management Authority e services lization fund and development alth and welfare	\$	1,790,194 678,933 662,710 524,208 285,095 220,414 209,669 60,000 25,000	\$ 1,641,162 764,930 801,810 578,302 196,789 220,414 260,800
		<u>\$</u>	4,456,223	\$ 4,554,207
Recreation Utilities Roads, si Planning West Yell Protective	administration on and parks treets and equipment and development lowhead Regional Waste Management Authority e services alth and welfare	\$	12,861,584 11,607,105 3,359,780 2,269,815 1,003,382 913,911 171,941 7,946 (3,431,045)	\$ 10,969,716 12,059,675 2,289,700 3,292,015 814,632 1,008,220 129,941 28,933 (3,285,177)
		<u>\$</u>	28,764,419	\$ 27,307,655

12. FRANCHISE AND CONCESSION CONTRACTS

Disclosure of franchise fees under each utility franchise agreement entered into by the Town as required by Alberta Regulation 313/2000 is as follows:

	 2023 (Budget) (Note 14)	2023 (Actual)	2022 (Actual)
ATCO natural gas Fortis Alberta Inc. Yellowhead gas Co-op	\$ 675,300 419,370 10,000	\$ 556,947 415,716 11,683	\$ 593,450 397,507 17,169
	\$ 1,104,670	\$ 984,346	\$ 1,008,126

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13. SALARIES AND BENEFITS DISCLOSURE

Disclosure of salaries and benefits for Town officials, the Town Chief Administrative Officer and designated officers are required by Alberta Regulation 313/200 is as follows:

	Salary (1)	E	Benefits (2)	2023	 2022
Mayor Zahara	\$ 51,600	\$	=	\$ 51,600	\$ 49,000
Councillors					
Baier	30,630		-	30,630	28,375
Bevan	29,700		-	29,700	28,200
Chouinard	29,700		-	29,700	28,200
Moore	29,700		-	29,700	28,200
Pasychny	29,700		-	29,700	28,200
Taylor	29,700		-	29,700	28,200
Chief Administrative Officer					
Beveridge	216,475		37,774	254,249	214,698
Designated Officers (Assessor)	 91,371		<u> </u>	91,371	_
	\$ 538,576	\$	37,774	\$ 576,350	\$ 433,073

- (1) Salary includes regular base pay, bonuses, overtime lump sum payments, gross honoraria and any 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. Benefits also include the employer's share of the costs of additional taxable benefits including special leave with pay, financial planning services, retirement planning services, concessionary loans, travel allowances, car allowances and club memberships.

14. BUDGET FIGURES

	2023 (Budget)	2023 (Actual)
Annual surplus Amortization of tangible capital assets Acquisition of tangible capital assets Repayment of long-term debt Proceeds on issuance of long-term debt	\$ 28,646,374 - (31,390,645) (869,600) -	\$ 5,506,419 5,049,165 (15,450,002) (699,831)
Net transfers (to) from reserves:	3,613,871	(1,358,780)
Results of operations	\$ -	\$ (6,953,029)

The budget data presented in these consolidated financial statements is based on the operating and capital budgets approved by Town Council on December 6, 2022. The chart above reconciles the approved financial plan to the figures reported in these consolidated financial statements.

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15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Town's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and long-term debt. It is management's opinion that the Town is not exposed to significant market or liquidity risk arising from these financial instruments. Unless otherwise noted, the fair values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values.

The Town is exposed to credit risk with respect to its accounts receivable. Credit risk arises from the possibility that customers, tax and rate-payers may experience financial difficulty and be unable to fulfill their obligations. The large number and diversity of customers, tax and rate-payers minimizes the Town's credit risk.

16. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Town provides a range of services to its citizens. 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 consolidated financial statements as disclosed in *Note 1*. For additional information see the Schedules of Segmented Disclosure (*Schedule 6 & Schedule 7*).

17. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

The Town is a member of the Alberta Municipal Insurance Exchange (MUNIX). Under the terms of membership, the Town 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.

18. 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*.

Contributions for current and past service are recorded as expenses 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 and past service contributions by the Town to the LAPP in 2023 totalled \$554,795 (2022 - \$542,485). Total current and past service contributions by the employees of the Town to the LAPP in 2023 totalled \$491,582 (2022 - \$499,471).

As at December 31, 2022, the LAPP disclosed an actuarial surplus of \$12.7 billion (2021 - \$11.9 billion). This amount was not specifically allocated to the participating government organizations.

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19. GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP

The Town of Hinton, Yellowhead County, Town of Edson, Municipal District of Greenview No. 16 and Municipality of Jasper (the "members") jointly own and operate the West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority to construct, maintain, control and manage a regional solid waste disposal system.

The members have agreed to proportionately share costs associated with expenditures arising from the operation of the Authority. The proportions are based on each member's volume of municipal solid waste hauled and deposited to the system for disposal, relative to the total tonnage of solid waste hauled and deposited by all members.

The following is 100% of the financial position and results of operations of the Authority partnership, of which 20% has been proportionately consolidated in the financial statements of the Town.

	2023	2022
Financial assets Non-financial assets Asset retirement obligations Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 7,340,790 7,156,647 (4,230,950) (150,191)	\$ 6,786,865 3,395,692 (4,026,600) (64,386)
Accumulated surplus	\$ 10,116,296	\$ 6,091,571
Total revenues Total expenses	\$ 5,815,994 (1,791,269)	\$ 3,490,791 (1,535,815)
Annual surplus	\$ 4,024,725	\$ 1,954,976

20. TRUST ASSETS

The Town is holding funds in trust for community organizations in the amount of \$67,080 (2022 - \$58.560). These amounts are not included in the assets or liabilities of the Town.

21. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

22. APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These consolidated financial statements were approved by Town Council and management.