Financial Statements

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MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Village of Barnwell (the Village).

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared from information provided by management. These statements include certain amounts based on management's estimates and judgments. Management has determined such amounts based on a reasonable basis in order to ensure that the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects.

The Village maintains systems of internal accounting and administrative controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information is relevant, reliable and accurate and that the Village's assets are properly accounted for and adequately safeguarded.

The elected Council of the Village is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibility for financial reporting and is ultimately responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements. Council meets periodically with management and the external auditors to review significant accounting, reporting and internal control matters. Following its review of the financial statements and discussions with the auditors, the Council approves of the financial statements. The Council approves the appointment of the external auditors and reviews the monthly financial reports.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by Shawn Cook Professional Corporation, Chartered Professional Accountants, the external auditor, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards on behalf of the Council, residents and ratepayers of the Village. Shawn Cook Professional Corporation has full and free access to the Council.

Barnwell, Alberta

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Council of the Village of Barnwell

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Village of Barnwell (the Village), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of operations, changes in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Village as at December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations, change in net financial assets and its 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 *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Village in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the 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 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Village'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 Village or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 financial statements.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Council of the Village of Barnwell (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 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 Village'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 Village'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 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 Village to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the 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.

Lethbridge, Alberta April 8, 2024

Chartered Professional Accountants

Shawn Cook Professional Corporation



Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2023

| | | 2023 | | 2022 |
|---|----|------------|----|------------|
| FINANCIAL ASSETS | | | | |
| Cash and temporary investments (Note 2) | S | 2,231,145 | \$ | 2,124,389 |
| Taxes and grants in places of taxes receivable (Note 3) | • | 41,155 | Ψ | 52,149 |
| Trade and other receivables (Note 3) | | 235,709 | | 206,332 |
| | _ | 2,508,009 | | 2,382,870 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | | 73,585 | | 80,852 |
| Deferred revenue (Note 4) | | 160,516 | | 154,802 |
| Long term debt (Note 7) | | 259,749 | | 286,283 |
| | | 493,850 | | 521,937 |
| NET FINANCIAL ASSETS | | 2,014,159 | | 1,860,933 |
| NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS | | | | |
| Inventory for consumption | | 24,727 | | 29,715 |
| Tangible capital assets (Schedule 2) | | 9,046,562 | | 9,236,544 |
| | | 9,071,289 | | 9,266,259 |
| ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Schedule 1 and Note 10) | \$ | 11,085,448 | \$ | 11,127,192 |

Commitments and contingencies (Note 16)

MSSy forty Councillor Delice Bansa Councillor

Approved on behalf of Council:

VILLAGE OF BARNWELL Consolidated Statement of Operations Year Ended December 31, 2023

| | (| Budget Unaudited) | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|----|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| REVENUE | | | | |
| User fees and sales of goods | \$ | 579,000 | \$ 641,230 | \$ 569,731 |
| Net municipal taxes (Schedule 3) | | 588,299 | 604,625 | 569,828 |
| Government transfers for operating (Schedule 4) | | 169,450 | 156,004 | 73,505 |
| Investment income | | 30,500 | 109,817 | 38,485 |
| Franchise and concession contracts | | 41,000 | 51,305 | 44,305 |
| Other | | 7,500 | 15,381 | 7,653 |
| Penalties and costs of taxes | | 11,000 | 14,635 | 14,268 |
| Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets | | , | <u>-</u> | 11,316 |
| | | 1,426,749 | 1,592,997 | 1,329,091 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Legislative | | 37,300 | 32,363 | 27,944 |
| Administration | | 188,990 | 165,682 | 148,528 |
| Bylaw enforcement | | 56,672 | 47,551 | 29,922 |
| Fire services | | 41,417 | 38,487 | 63,604 |
| Public works | | 62,210 | 63,113 | 52,978 |
| Roads, streets, walk and lights | | 208,669 | 207,345 | 177,857 |
| Wastewater treatment and disposal | | 143,690 | 146,088 | 138,901 |
| Water supply and distribution | | 557,760 | 534,768 | 503,855 |
| Waste management | | 100,490 | 133,286 | 102,665 |
| Family and community support services | | 7,824 | 7,824 | 7,424 |
| Cemeteries and crematoriums | | 23,618 | 22,076 | 19,028 |
| Land use planning and development | | 80,285 | 93,868 | 27,190 |
| Parks and recreation | | 125,804 | 124,317 | 117,603 |
| Culture - libraries, museums, halls | | 20,914 | 17,973 | 20,980 |
| | | 1,655,643 | 1,634,741 | 1,438,479 |
| (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES | | | | |
| BEFORE OTHER | | (228,894) | (41,744) | (109,388) |
| OTHER | | | | |
| Government transfers for capital (Schedule 4) | _ | 6,700 | - | 64,623 |
| (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES | | (222,194) | (41,744) | (44,765) |
| ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR | _ | 11,127,192 | 11,127,192 | 11,171,957 |
| ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR | \$ | 10,904,998 | \$ 11,085,448 | \$ 11,127,192 |

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

| | (1 | Budget Unaudited) | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|----|----------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES | \$ | (222,194) | \$ (41,744) | \$ (44,765) |
| Amortization of tangible capital assets Acquisition of tangible capital assets Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets Loss (gain) on disposal of assets | | 352,917 (97,628) | 348,188 (158,206) | 350,080 (147,620) 70,100 (11,316) |
| Decrease (increase) in inventory for consumption | | 255,289 | 189,982 4,988 194,970 | 261,244 (6,141) 255,103 |
| CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS | | 33,095 | 153,226 | 210,338 |
| NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR | | 1,860,933 | 1,860,933 | 1,650,595 |
| NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, END OF YEAR | \$ | 1,894,028 | \$ 2,014,159 | \$ 1,860,933 |

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended December 31, 2023

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|-----------------|
| OPERATING | | |
| (Deficiency) of revenues over expenses | \$ (41,744) | \$ (44,765) |
| Non-cash items included in (deficiency) of revenues over expenses Amortization | 348,188 | 350,080 |
| (Gain) loss on disposal of tangible capital assets | - | (11,316) |
| (cami) rece on any court of any serior suprime accord | | (11,510) |
| | 306,444 | 293,999 |
| Changes in non-cash working capital: | | |
| Taxes and grants in places of taxes receivable | 10,994 | (17,848) |
| Trade and other receivables | (29,377) | (31,002) |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | (7,268) | 24,226 |
| Deferred revenue | 5,715 | 108,649 |
| Inventory for consumption | 4,988 | (6,141) |
| | (14,948) | 77,884 |
| | 291,496 | 371,883 |
| CAPITAL | | |
| Acquisition of tangible capital assets | (158,206) | (147,620) |
| Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets | | 70,100 |
| | (158,206) | (77,520) |
| FINANCING | | |
| Repayment of long-term debt | (26,534) | (25,399) |
| repayment of rong term abov | • | (20,000) |
| | (26,534) | (25,399) |
| CHANGE IN CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS DURING | | |
| THE YEAR | 106,756 | 268,964 |
| CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR | 2,124,389 | 1,855,425 |
| CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS, END OF YEAR (Note 2) | \$ 2,231,145 | \$ 2,124,389 |

VILLAGE OF BARNWELL Schedule of Changes in Accumulated Surplus Year Ended December 31, 2023

(Schedule 1)

| | Unrestricted Surplus | | | Restricted Surplus | Equity in Tangible Capital Assets | | | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|----|-----------------------|---|-----------|----|------------|------------------|
| BALANCE, BEGINNING OF THE YEAR | \$ | 924,866 | \$ | 1,252,065 | \$ | 8,950,261 | \$ | 11,127,192 | \$ 11,171,957 |
| (Deficiency) of revenues over expenses | | (41,744) | | - | | - | | (41,744) | (44,765) |
| Unrestricted funds designated for future use | | (124,023) | | 124,023 | | - | | - | - |
| Restricted funds used for tangible capital assets | | - | | (122,517) | | 122,517 | | - | - |
| Current year funds used for tangible capital assets | | (35,689) | | - | | 35,689 | | - | - |
| Annual amortization expense | | 348,188 | | - | | (348,188) | | - | - |
| Long-term debt repaid | | (26,534) | | - | | 26,534 | | - | - |
| Change in accumulated surplus | _ | 120,198 | | 1,506 | | (163,448) | | (41,744) | (44,765) |
| BALANCE, END OF THE YEAR | \$ | 1,045,064 | \$ | 1,253,571 | \$ | 8,786,813 | \$ | 11,085,448 | \$ 11,127,192 |

VILLAGE OF BARNWELL Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets Year Ended December 31, 2023

(Schedule 2)

| | | | Land Improvements | | Buildings | | Engineered Structures | | Machinery & Equipment | | 2023 | | 2022 |
|--|----|---------|----------------------|---------|-----------|---------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|----|------------|----|---------------------|
| COST BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR | \$ | 280,580 | \$ | 191,143 | \$ | 999,833 | \$ | 12,373,976 | \$ 418,621 | \$ | 14,264,153 | \$ | 14,181,849 |
| Acquisition of tangible capital assets Disposal of tangible capital assets | | 122,517 | | - - | | - - | | - - | 35,689 | | 158,206 | | 147,620 (65,316) |
| BALANCE, END OF YEAR | | 403,097 | | 191,143 | | 999,833 | | 12,373,976 | 454,310 | | 14,422,359 | | 14,264,153 |
| ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR | | - | | 173,561 | | 257,626 | | 4,358,034 | 238,388 | | 5,027,609 | | 4,684,059 |
| Annual amortization Accumulated amortization on disposals | | - | | 2,922 | | 31,753 | | 293,891 | 19,622 | | 348,188 | | 350,080 (6,530) |
| BALANCE, END OF YEAR | | - | | 176,483 | | 289,379 | | 4,651,925 | 258,010 | | 5,375,797 | | 5,027,609 |
| NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS | \$ | 403,097 | \$ | 14,660 | \$ | 710,454 | \$ | 7,722,051 | \$ 196,300 | \$ | 9,046,562 | \$ | 9,236,544 |
| 2022 NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS | \$ | 280,580 | \$ | 17,582 | \$ | 742,207 | \$ | 8,015,942 | \$ 180,233 | \$ | 9,236,544 | | |

Schedule of Property and Other Taxes

Year Ended December 31, 2023

(Schedule 3)

| | Budget (Unaudited) | | | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|----|-------------------|-------------------------|
| TAXATION | | | | | |
| Residential/farmland property taxes Commercial/industrial property taxes | \$ | 808,607 51,162 | \$ | 824,750 51,244 | \$ 791,110 48,584 |
| | | 859,769 | | 875,994 | 839,694 |
| REQUISITIONS | | | | | |
| Alberta School Foundation Fund | | 258,270 | | 258,269 | 257,977 |
| Seniors foundation (Taber Lodge) | | 13,100 | | 13,100 | 11,889 |
| Designated industrial property | | 100 | | - | - |
| | | 271,470 | | 271,369 | 269,866 |
| NET MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES | \$ | 588,299 | \$ | 604,625 | \$ 569,828 |

Schedule of Government Transfers

Year Ended December 31, 2023

(Schedule 4)

| | Budget Inaudited) | | 2023 | 2022 | | |
|---|--|----------|----------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|--|
| TRANSFERS FOR OPERATING Provincial Government Federal Government Other Local Government | \$ 94,302 - 75,148 169,450 | \$ | 84,302 - 71,702 156,004 | \$ | 42,151 4,195 27,159 73,505 | |
| TRANSFERS FOR CAPITAL Provincial Government TOTAL GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS | \$ 6,700 176,150 | s | - 156,004 | \$ | 64,623 | |

Schedule of Consolidated Expenses by Object

Year Ended December 31, 2023

(Schedule 5)

| | (1 | Budget Unaudited) | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|----|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| CONSOLIDATED EXPENSES BY OBJECT | | | | |
| Contracted and general services | \$ | 451,972 | \$ 458,610 | \$ 319,130 |
| Salaries, wages and benefits | | 389,900 | 401,930 | 366,273 |
| Materials, goods and utilities | | 302,550 | 299,755 | 271,286 |
| Purchases from other governments | | 118,200 | 112,688 | 116,944 |
| Interest on long-term debt | | 38,904 | 12,369 | 13,505 |
| Bank charges and short-term interest | | 1,200 | 1,201 | 1,261 |
| Amortization of tangible capital assets | | 352,917 | 348,188 | 350,080 |
| | \$ | 1,655,643 | \$ 1,634,741 | \$ 1,438,479 |

VILLAGE OF BARNWELL Schedule of Segmented Disclosure Year Ended December 31, 2023

(Schedule 6)

| | G | General overnment | Protective Services | nsportation Services | Environmental Services | | olic Health Services | nning and velopment | ecreation and culture | Total |
|--------------------------------------|----|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| REVENUE | | | | | | | | | | |
| User fees and sales of goods | \$ | 1,009 | \$ 3,235 | \$ 11 | \$ 587,348 | \$ | - | \$ 9,888 | \$ 39,739 | \$ 641,230 |
| Net municipal taxes | | 604,625 | - | - | - | | - | - | - | 604,625 |
| Government transfers | | 84,302 | - | - | - | | - | 44,543 | 27,159 | 156,004 |
| Investment income | | 109,817 | - | - | - | | - | _ | _ | 109,817 |
| Franchise and concession contracts | | 51,305 | - | - | - | | - | - | - | 51,305 |
| Other revenues | | 2,150 | 41 | - | 790 | | 12,140 | 260 | - | 15,381 |
| Penalties and costs of taxes | | 13,239 | - | - | 1,396 | | - | - | - | 14,635 |
| | | 866,447 | 3,276 | 11 | 589,534 | | 12,140 | 54,691 | 66,898 | 1,592,997 |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Contracted and general services | | 105,846 | 474 | 50,353 | 202,267 | | 13,022 | 74,136 | 12,512 | 458,610 |
| Salaries, wages and benefits | | 68,505 | 4,045 | 25,414 | 208,396 | | 13,334 | 12,232 | 70,004 | 401,930 |
| Materials, goods, and supplies | | 16,513 | 3,187 | 51,925 | 186,676 | | 3,247 | - | 38,207 | 299,755 |
| Purchases from other governments | | - | 72,617 | - | 20,571 | | - | 7,500 | 12,000 | 112,688 |
| Interest on long-term debt | | - | - | - | 12,369 | | - | - | - | 12,369 |
| Bank charges and short-term interest | | 1,201 | - | - | - | | - | - | - | 1,201 |
| | | 192,065 | 80,323 | 127,692 | 630,279 | | 29,603 | 93,868 | 132,723 | 1,286,553 |
| NET REVENUE BEFORE AMORTIZATION | | 674,382 | (77,047) | (127,681) | (40,745) | | (17,463) | (39,177) | (65,825) | 306,444 |
| Amortization expense | | 5,980 | 5,715 | 142,766 | 183,863 | | 297 | - | 9,567 | 348,188 |
| NET REVENUE | \$ | 668,402 | \$ (82,762) | \$ (270,447) | \$ (224,608) | \$ | (17,760) | \$ (39,177) | \$ (75,392) | \$ (41,744) |

Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements of the Village of Barnwell (the "Village") 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 Village are as follows:

Reporting Entity

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, 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 Village and are, therefore, accountable to the 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.

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 or 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, regulation 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 revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and short-term deposits which are highly liquid with original maturities of less than three months at the date of acquisition.

Investments

Investments are recorded at amortized cost. Investment premiums and discounts are amortized on the net present value basis 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.

Requisition Over-levy and Under-levy

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. Where 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.

Tax Revenue

Tax revenues 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.

Contaminated Sites Liability

Contaminated sites are a result of contamination being introduced into air, soil, water or sediment of a chemical, organic or radioactive material or live organism that exceeds an environmental standard. The liability is recorded net of any expected recoveries. A liability for remediation of a contaminated site is recognized when a site is not in productive use and is management's estimate of the cost of post-remediation including operation, maintenance and monitoring.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Asset Retirement Obligation

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 Village 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 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 Village reviews the carrying amount of the liability. The Village 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 Village 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.

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.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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 excess of revenues over expenses, provides the consolidated Change in Net Financial Assets for the year.

i. 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:

| | Years |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Land improvements | 10 - 45 |
| Buildings | 25 - 50 |
| Engineered structures | 5 - 80 |
| Machinery and equipment | 5 - 40 |

Amortization is charged in the year of acquisition but not in the year of disposal. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

ii. 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.

iii. Leases

Leases are classified as capital or operating leases. Leases which transfer substantially all 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.

iv. Inventories

Inventories held for consumption are recorded at the lower of cost or net realizable value with cost determined by the average cost method.

v. Cultural and Historical Tangible Capital Assets

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

Notes to Financial Statements

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| 2 | CASH | AND | TEMPOR | RARY INVESTMENTS |
|----|-------|-----|--------|------------------|
| 4. | CASIL | A | | |

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cash Temporary investments | \$ 199,977 2,031,168 | \$ 945,097 1,179,292 |
| | \$ 2,231,145 | \$ 2,124,389 |

Temporary investments are comprised of ATB Financial T-Bill savings and Notice on Amount savings accounts.

Included in cash and temporary investments is a restricted amount of \$126,262 (2022 - \$121,690) received from various grant programs which are held exclusively for approved projects (Note 4).

3. RECEIVABLES

| | 2023 | | 2022 | |
|---|--------------|----|---------|--|
| Property taxes | | | | |
| Taxes and grants in place of taxes | \$ 28,835 | \$ | 38,758 | |
| Arrears taxes | 12,320 | | 13,391 | |
| | 41,155 | | 52,149 | |
| Trade and other receivables | | | | |
| Goods and Services Tax (GST) | 53,999 | | 95,654 | |
| Federation of Canadian Municipalities Grant | 44,543 | | _ | |
| Alberta School Foundation Fund Under-levy | 40,937 | | 27,670 | |
| Utilities | 30,350 | | 30,409 | |
| Canada Community Building Fund Grant | 29,160 | | 29,160 | |
| Franchise Fee | 23,391 | | 17,058 | |
| Library payroll reimbursement | 6,879 | | _ | |
| Trade | 6,450 | | 6,381 | |
| | 235,709 | | 206,332 | |

4. **DEFERRED REVENUE**

| | 2023 | | | 2022 | | |
|---|------|-----------------------------|----|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Municipal Sustainability Initiative - Capital Prepaid utilities Prepaid taxes Municipal Stimulus Program | \$ | 126,262 20,997 13,257 | \$ | 121,406 21,379 11,733 284 | | |
| | \$ | 160,516 | \$ | 154,802 | | |

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5. CONTAMINATED SITES LIABILITY

The Village has adopted PS3260 Liability for Contaminated Sites. The Village did not identify any financial liabilities in 2023 (2022 - nil) as a result of this standard.

6. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION

The Village has adopted PS3280 Asset Retirement Obligation in the year. The Village did not identify any financial liabilities as a result of this standard.

7. LONG TERM DEBT

 Z023
 2022

 Tax supported debenture - capital
 \$ 259,749
 \$ 286,283

The current portion of long-term debt amounts to \$27,721 (2022 - \$26,534).

Principal repayment terms are approximately:

| | _ | Interest | Total | |
|------------|---------------|--------------|-------|---------|
| 2024 | \$ 27,721 | \$ 11,183 | \$ | 38,904 |
| 2025 | 28,960 | 9,944 | | 38,904 |
| 2026 | 30,255 | 8,649 | | 38,904 |
| 2027 | 31,607 | 7,297 | | 38,904 |
| 2028 | 33,021 | 5,883 | | 38,904 |
| Thereafter | 108,185 | 8,524 | | 116,709 |
| | _ | | | |
| | \$ 259,749 | \$ 51,480 | \$ | 311,229 |

Debenture debt is repayable to Treasury Board and Finance and matures in 2031. The interest rate is 4.422% per annum. Debenture debt is issued on the credit and security of the Village at large.

The interest recognized for long-term debt amounted to \$12,369 (2022 - \$13,505). The Village's total cash payments for interest on long-term debt in 2023 were \$12,369 (2022 - \$13,505).

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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 255/00 for the Village be disclosed as follows:

| | 2023 | | 2022 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----|------------------------|
| Total debt limit Total debt | \$ 2,389,4 (259,7 | | 1,993,637 (286,283) |
| Amount of debt limit unused | 2,129,7 | 47 | 1,707,354 |
| Debt servicing limit Debt servicing | 398,2 (38,9 | | 332,273 (38,904) |
| Amount of debt servicing limit unused | 359,3 | 45 | 293,369 |

The debt limit is calculated at 1.5 times revenue of the Village (as defined in Alberta Regulation 255/00) 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 Village. Rather, the financial statements must be interpreted as a whole.

9. EQUITY IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

| | _ | 2023 | 2022 |
|---------------------------------------|----|-------------|------------------|
| Tangible capital assets (Schedule 2) | \$ | 14,422,359 | \$ 14,264,153 |
| Accumulated amortization (Schedule 2) | | (5,375,797) | (5,027,609) |
| Long-term debt (Note 7) | _ | (259,749) | (286,283) |
| | \$ | 8,786,813 | \$ 8,950,261 |

10. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

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

| | _ | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|--|---|------------------|
| Unrestricted surplus Internally restricted surplus (reserves) (Note 11) Equity in tangible capital assets (Note 9) | \$ 1,045,064 1,253,571 8,786,813 | \$ 924,866 1,252,065 8,950,261 | |
| | \$ | 11,085,448 | \$ 11,127,192 |

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11. RESERVES

Council has set up reserves for various purposes. These reserves are either required by legislation or set up at the discretion of Council to provide funding for future expenses.

| | 2023 | | | 2022 | |
|---|------|-----------|----|-----------|--|
| Operating | | | | | |
| General contingency | \$ | 446,672 | \$ | 363,649 | |
| Offsite levy reserve | | 143,618 | | 143,618 | |
| Subdivision land | | 50,561 | | 50,561 | |
| | | 640,851 | | 557,828 | |
| Capital | | | | | |
| Water capital | | 231,536 | | 231,536 | |
| General - future capital expense | | 87,768 | | 210,285 | |
| Power capital (Fortis) | | 172,326 | | 149,326 | |
| Roads and streets - future capital expense | | 86,590 | | 86,590 | |
| Recreation and parks - future capital expense | | 34,500 | | 16,500 | |
| | _ | 612,720 | · | 694,237 | |
| | \$ | 1,253,571 | \$ | 1,252,065 | |

12. BUDGET AMOUNTS

The 2023 budget for the Village was approved by Council on May 18, 2023 and has been reported in the consolidated financial statements for information purposes only. These budget amounts have not been audited, reviewed, or otherwise verified.

The approved budget contained reserve transfers, capital additions and principal payments on debt as expenditures. Since these items are not included in the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements, they have been excluded from the budget amounts presented in these financial statements.

| Budget | ted deficit per financial statements | \$ (222,194) |
|--------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Less: | Capital expenses, net | (97,628) |
| | Transfer to reserves | (124,023) |
| Add: | Amortization | 352,917 |
| | Transfers from reserves | 90,928 |
| Equals | s approved budget | \$ |

13. SEGMENTED DISCLOSURE

The Village 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.

Refer to the Schedule of Segmented Disclosure (Schedule 6).

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14. FRANCHISE AND CONCESSION CONTRACTS

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

ATCO natural gas Fortis electricity

| Budget (Unaudited) | | 2023 | 2022 | | |
|-----------------------|--------|--------------|------|--------|--|
| \$ | 18,000 | \$ 28,117 | \$ | 24,281 | |
| | 23,000 | 23,188 | | 20,024 | |
| \$ | 41,000 | \$ 51,305 | \$ | 44,305 | |

15. SALARY AND BENEFITS DISCLOSURE

Disclosure of salaries and benefits for municipal officials, the chief administrative office and designated offices as required by Alberta Regulation 313/2000 is as follows:

| | Benefits & | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|-------|------------|-------------|----|--------|
| | | Salary (1) | Allov | vances (2) | 2023 | | 2022 |
| Mayor Foster | \$ | 4,200 | \$ | 42 | \$ 4,242 | \$ | 4,200 |
| Mayor Bullock | | 2,100 | | - | 2,100 | | 4,200 |
| Councilor Anderson | | 4,200 | | 42 | 4,242 | | 4,200 |
| Councilor Hansen | | 4,200 | | - | 4,200 | | 4,200 |
| Councilor Hiebert | | 4,200 | | 42 | 4,242 | | 4,200 |
| Councilor Watts | | 1,050 | | - | 1,050 | | - |
| Chief Administrative Officer | | 75,665 | | 8,742 | 84,407 | | 77,522 |
| Designated officers (1 positions) | | 9,504 | | - | 9,504 | | 9,423 |

- (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, if any.

Benefits and allowances figures also include the employer's share of the costs of additional taxable benefits including special leave with pay, financial and retirement planning services, concessionary loans, travel allowances, car allowances and club memberships, if any.

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16. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

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

Employees of the Village are allowed to accrue sick leave up to a maximum of 30 days. As at December 31, 2023 the amount of accumulated sick leave was \$xx,xxx (2022 - \$16,659). The total amount was not recorded in the financial statements as there is no certainty the full amount will be used. The amount of accumulated sick leave is not paid out to employees of the Village when they leave their position.

17. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Village's financial instruments consist of cash and temporary investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, deferred revenue, and long-term debt. It is management's opinion that the Village is not exposed to significant interest or currency risks arising from these financial instruments.

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

Unless otherwise noted, the carrying value of the financial instruments approximates fair value.

18. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation. The changes do not affect prior year earnings.

19. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Council and Management have approved these financial statements.