TOWN OF WEMBLEY Consolidated Financial Statements December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Mayor and Members of Council of the Town of Wembley

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of the Town of Wembley (the Town), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the consolidated statements of financial activities and accumulated surplus, changes in net financial assets and cash flow for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

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, change in net financial assets and cash flow 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 *Independent Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Town in accordance with the 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 those 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 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 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 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.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Mayor and Members of Council of the Town of Wembley (continued)

Independent 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.

Fletcher Mushy's LLP

Grande Prairie, Alberta April 22, 2024

Chartered Professional Accountants



MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management of the Town of Wembley is responsible for the preparation, accuracy, objectivity and integrity of the accompanying consolidated financial statements and all other information contained within this Financial Report. Management believes that the consolidated financial statements present fairly the Town's financial position as at December 31, 2023 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in compliance with legislation, and in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards (PSAS).

The consolidated financial statements include certain amounts based on estimates and judgments. Such amounts have been determined on a reasonable basis in order to ensure that the consolidated financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects.

In fulfilling its responsibilities and recognizing the limits inherent in all systems, management has designed and maintains a system of internal controls to produce reliable information and to meet reporting requirements on a timely basis. The system is designed to provide management with reasonable assurance that transactions are properly authorized and assets are properly accounted for and safeguarded.

These systems are monitored and evaluated by management and reliable financial information is available for preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

The Town Council carries out its responsibilities for review of the consolidated financial statements principally through its Audit Committee. This Committee meets regularly with management and external auditors to discuss the results of audit examinations and financial reporting matters.

The external auditors have full access to the Audit Committee with and without the presence of management. The Town Council has approved the consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by Fletcher Mudryk LLP, independent external auditors appointed by the Town. The accompanying Independent Auditors' Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the Town's consolidated financial statements.

Grande Prairie, Alberta April 22, 2024

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2023

	2023	2022 (Restated - Note 23)
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2) Taxes and grants in lieu of taxes receivable (Note 3) Trade and other receivables (Note 4) Due from County of Grande Prairie No. 1 Investments (Note 5)	\$ 1,990,328 215,969 551,250 268,528 782,230	\$ 4,158,199 216,531 1,006,718 199,773 735,590
	3,808,305	6,316,811
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 7) Deferred revenue (Note 8) Deferred sales and user charges Asset retirement obligations (Note 9) Long-term debt (Note 10)	418,691 179,331 19,804 291,587 547,034	2,546,238 633,140 19,605 18,737 650,743
	1,456,447	3,868,463
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	2,351,858	2,448,348
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible capital assets (Note 12)	35,238,542	34,904,024
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Schedule 1, Note 14)	\$ 37,590,400	\$ 37,352,372

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (Note 19)

ON BEHALF OF TOWN COUNCIL

______ Councillor
_____ Councillor

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities and Accumulated Surplus

	Budget 2023 (Unaudited)	2023	(Re	2022 estated - Note 23)
REVENUE				
Net municipal property taxes (Schedule 2)	\$ 2,032,504	\$ 2,042,206	\$	1,958,311
User fees and sales of goods	436,305	546,838		477,611
Franchise and concession contracts	294,819	267,185		263,083
Government transfers for operating (Schedule 3)	205,302	202,393		167,432
Penalties and costs of taxes	80,000	41,315		81,789
Fines, rentals, licences and permits	20,839	40,604		35,573
Interest and investment income	 60,050	193,205		86,127
	 3,129,819	3,333,746		3,069,926
EXPENDITURES				
Council and other legislative services	122,000	121,818		107,419
Administrative services	858,085	791,612		679,191
Protective services	520,710	521,996		570,919
Transportation services	1,588,752	1,484,870		1,204,374
Water and wastewater services	382,275	386,642		377,502
Garbage collection and disposal services	235,678	233,664		225,298
Family and community support services	131,780	105,068		114,297
Planning and development services	67,650	59,798		30,767
Recreation and cultural services	 327,101	278,131		230,116
	 4,234,031	3,983,599		3,539,883
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER				
EXPENDITURES BEFORE THE FOLLOWING	 (1,104,212)	(649,853)		(469,957)
OTHER ITEMS				
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	22,236		18,469
Impairment loss - land held for resale	-	-		(3,604)
Government transfers for capital (Schedule 3)	598,999	789,541		803,923
Contributed tangible capital assets	-	29,464		-
Share of subsidiary income - Aquatera Utilities Inc.	 -	46,640		41,074
	 598,999	887,881		859,862
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	(505,213)	238,028		389,905
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	 37,352,372	37,352,372		36,962,467

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets

	Budget 2023 (Unaudited)			2023	(Re	2022 stated - Note 23)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$	(505,213)	\$	238,028	\$	389,905
Acquisition of tangible capital assets Contributed tangible capital assets Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets Amortization of tangible capital assets Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets		(747,609) - - - 789,541		(1,275,773) (29,464) 194,386 798,569 (22,236)		(1,115,080) - 173,502 753,701 (18,469)
	_	41,932		(334,518)		(206,346)
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		2,448,348		2,448,348		2,264,789
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$	1,985,067	\$	2,351,858	\$	2,448,348

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow

		2023	(Re	2022 stated - Note 23)
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$	238,028	\$	389,905
Items not affecting cash:	Ψ	200,020	Ψ	307,703
Amortization of tangible capital assets		798,569		753,701
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets		(22,236)		(18,469)
Contributed tangible capital assets		(29,464)		-
Increase (decrease) in asset retirement obligations (Note 9)		272,850		(2,383)
		1,257,747		1,122,754
Changes in non-cash working capital:				
Taxes and grants in lieu of taxes receivable		562		99,744
Trade and other receivables		455,468		685,679
Due from County of Grande Prairie No. 1		(68,755)		(74,659)
Land held for resale		-		20,000
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(2,127,547)		113,981
Deferred revenue		(453,809)		(529,816)
Deferred sales and user charges		199		(11,944)
		(2,193,882)		302,985
Cash from (used by) operating activities		(936,135)		1,425,739
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES				
Acquisition of tangible capital assets		(1,275,773)		(1,115,080)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets		194,386		173,502
Investment in Aquatera Utilities Inc.		(46,640)		(41,074)
Cash used by capital activities		(1,128,027)		(982,652)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Repayment of County of Grande Prairie No. 1 loan		(61,999)		(80,000)
Repayment of long-term debt		(41,710)		(41,448)
Cash used by financing activities		(103,709)		(121,448)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH		(2,167,871)		321,639
CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR	_	4,158,199		3,836,560
CASH - END OF YEAR	\$	1,990,328	\$	4,158,199

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Consolidated Changes in Accumulated Surplus

(Schedule 1)

	Unrestricted Surplus (Deficit)	Restricted Surplus (Deficit)	Equity in Aquatera Utilities Inc.	Equity in Tangible Capital Assets	2023	2022 (Restated - Note 23)
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR - as previously stated Prior period adjustment (Note 23)	\$ - -	\$ 2,209,227 155,332	\$ 734,532	\$ 34,253,281	\$ 37,197,040 155,332	\$ 37,352,372
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF						
YEAR - as restated		2,364,559	734,532	34,253,281	37,352,372	-
Excess of revenue over expenditures	238,028	-	-	-	238,028	389,905
Jurestricted funds designated for future use Restricted funds used for	(102,450)	102,450	-	-	-	-
operations Restricted funds used for tangible	26,125	(26,125)	-	-	-	-
capital assets (TCA) Current year funds used for	-	(31,577)	-	31,577	-	-
tangible capital assets	(36,911)	-	-	36,911	-	-
income	(46,640)	_	46,640	_	_	-
Sovernment transfers for TCA	(789,541)	-	-	789,541	_	-
Contributed TCA	(29,464)	-	-	29,464	_	-
Gain (loss) on disposal of TCA	(22,236)	-	-	22,236	-	-
amortization of TCA	798,569	-	-	(798,569)	-	-
Annual accretion expense Long-term debt used to purchase	6,235	-	-	(6,235)	-	-
capital assets	(41,715)	-	-	41,715	<u> </u>	-
Change in accumulated surplus		44,748	46,640	146,640	238,028	389,905

Consolidated Property and Other Taxes

(Schedule 2)

		Budget 2023 (Unaudited)	2023	2023			
Taxation Real property taxes	\$	2,436,260	\$	2,439,628	\$	2,425,695	
Linear property taxes		82,162		82,276	<u> </u>	75,287	
	_	2,518,422		2,521,904		2,500,982	
Deduct: requisitions							
Alberta School Foundation Fund Senior Foundation		476,084 9,834		469,864 9,834		533,715 8,956	
Senior Foundation		7,034		2,034		0,930	
		485,918		479,698		542,671	
Net municipal property taxes	\$	2,032,504	\$	2,042,206	\$	1,958,311	

Consolidated Government Transfers

(Schedule 3)

	(2023	2022	
Government transfers for operating Provincial government Other local governments	\$	141,369 63,933	\$ 109,518 92,875	\$ 84,437 82,995
		205,302	202,393	167,432
Government transfers for capital Provincial government		598,999	 789,541	 803,923
	\$	804,301	\$ 991,934	\$ 971,355

Consolidated Expenditures by Object

(Schedule 4)

	Budget 2023 (Unaudited)	2023	2022
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 1,548,011	\$ 1,401,720	\$ 1,350,390
Contracted and general services	1,205,312	1,208,704	953,015
Materials, goods, supplies and utilities	594,500	471,973	397,720
Transfers to individuals and organizations	52,625	50,485	48,147
Purchases from other governments	21,019	19,637	19,762
Interest on long-term debt	18,118	15,556	15,819
Bank charges and short-term interest	4,905	4,453	3,712
Amortization of tangible capital assets	 789,541	798,569	753,701
	\$ 4,234,031	\$ 3,971,097	\$ 3,542,266

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Consolidated Schedule of Segment Disclosure

(Schedule 5)

		General Government	Protective Services		Fransportation Services		Planning and Development		Community Development	F	Recreation and Culture		Total
REVENUE													
Net municipal property taxes	\$	2,042,206	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,042,206
User fees and sales of goods		236,867	257,808		-		-		12,730		39,433		546,838
Franchise and concession contracts		267,185	-		-		-		-		-		267,185
Government transfers for operating		57,997	-		-		-		107,090		37,306		202,393
Penalties and cost of taxes		41,315	-		-		-		-		-		41,315
Fines, rentals, licences and permits		9,482	16,361		-		-		14,761		-		40,604
Interest and other investment income		193,205	-		-		-		-		-		193,205
		2,848,257	274,169		-		-		134,581		76,739		3,333,746
EXPENDITURES													
Salaries, wages and benefits		491,026	153,621		646,145		-		21,343		89,585		1,401,720
Contracted and general services		514,081	221,043		326,883		24,803		80,520		41,374		1,208,704
Materials, goods, supplies and utilities Transfers to individuals and		93,142	46,852		245,158		34,995		1,205		63,123		484,475
organizations		-	14,625		-		-		2,000		33,860		50,485
Purchases from other governments		19,637	-		-		-		-		-		19,637
Interest on long-term debt		-	15,556		-		-		-		-		15,556
Bank charges and short-term interest		4,453	-		-		-		-		-		4,453
Amortization of tangible capital assets		411,397	70,299		266,684		-		-		50,189		798,569
	_	1,533,736	521,996		1,484,870		59,798		105,068		278,131		3,983,599
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$	1,314,521	\$ (247,827)	Φ.	(1,484,870)	Φ	(59,798)	Ф	29,513	\$	(201,392)	Φ	(649,853

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2023

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation

The consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNFPO).

The consolidated financial statements of the Town of Wembley are the representations of management prepared in accordance with local government accounting standards established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Town are as follows:

Reporting entity

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures, changes in net financial assets and changes 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 Town and are, therefore, accountable to the Town for the administration of their financial affairs and resources. Included in the Town's consolidated financial statements is the Town's 15% share of the financial activities of the West Grande Prairie County Solid Waste Management Authority.

The Town's investment in Aquatera Utilities Inc. is accounted for on a modified equity basis, consistent with the Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards for government business enterprises. Under the modified equity basis, the business enterprise is not consolidated, its accounting policies are not adjusted to conform with those of the Town and inter-organizational transactions and balances are not eliminated.

The schedule of taxes levied includes operating requisitions for education and senior foundations that are not part of the Town's reporting entity.

Interdepartmental and organizational transactions and balances have been eliminated.

Basis of accounting

The consolidated 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

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. Revenue is recognized in the period when the related expenses are incurred, services performed or the tangible capital assets are acquired.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on deposit held by the Town of Wembley and cash and temporary investments held by the West Grande Prairie County Solid Waste Management Authority.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Land held for resale

Land held for resale is recorded at the lower of cost and net realizable value. The balance includes properties acquired through tax recovery which are recorded equal to the tax owing at the time of municipal acquisition.

Investments

Investments are recorded at amortized cost. When there has been a loss in value which is other than a temporary decline, the respective investment is written down to recognize the loss.

Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital 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.

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 of the tangible capital assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life as follows:

Land improvements	15 - 25 years
Buildings	25 - 50 years
Engineered structures	10 - 75 years
Equipment	3 - 20 years
Motor vehicles	10 - 20 years

In the year of acquisition, amortization is applied at half of normal rates. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

The Town regularly reviews its tangible capital assets for sold or scrapped assets, at which time the cost and the related accumulated amortization are removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss on disposal is reflected in income. No amortization is recorded in the year of disposition.

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

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.

Long-term debt

Long-term debt is initially recognized net of any premiums, discounts, fees and transactions costs, with interest expense recognized using the effective interest method. Long-term debt is subsequently measured at amortized cost.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Asset retirement obligations

Asset retirement obligations (ARO) consists of the legal obligations associated with the retirement of tangible capital assets controlled by the Town of Wembley. The Town recognizes the fair value in the period in which it incurs a legal obligation associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset when, the event giving rise to the obligation has occurred, it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up, and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made. The estimated fair value of an ARO is capitalized as part of the related tangible capital asset and depreciated on the same basis as the underlying asset.

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.

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 asset retirement obligation.

Pursuant to the Alberta Environment Protection and Enhancement Act, the Town is required to fund its proportionate share of the closure of its landfill site and provide for post-closure care of the facility. It has recognized an asset retirement obligation for the same. Closure and post-closure activities include the final clay cover and landscaping, as well as surface and ground water monitoring, leachate control and visual inspection.

Equity in tangible capital assets

Equity in tangible capital assets represents the Town's net investment in tangible capital assets, after deducting the portion financed by third parties through debenture, bond and mortgage debts, long-term capital borrowing, capital lease or other capital liabilities.

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.

Employee future benefits

Selected employees of the Town are members of the Local Authority Pension Plan (LAPP), a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. The President of the Alberta Treasury Board and the Minister of Finance are the legal trustees and administrators of the Plan, which is governed by a Board of Trustees. Since the plan is a multi-employer plan, it is accounted for as a defined contribution plan and, accordingly, the Town does not recognize its share of any plan surplus or deficit.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Reserves for future expenditures

Reserves are established at the discretion of Council to set aside funds for future expenditures and capital projects.

Budget

The budget amounts are presented for information purposes and have not been audited. The Town's 15% share of the West Grande Prairie County Solid Waste Management Authority's budget has been consolidated.

Measurement uncertainty

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, 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. Significant estimates used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements includes the provision for amortization of tangible capital assets and asset retirement obligations. Where measurement uncertainty exists, the consolidated financial statements have been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Future accounting standard pronouncements

The following Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards have been updated, but are not yet effective for the Town. The Town is currently evaluating the effect of adopting each standard.

PS 3160 Public Private Partnerships (effective April 1, 2023)

This accounting standard provides guidance on how to account for public private partnerships between public and private sector entities, where the public sector entity procures infrastructure using a private sector partner.

PS 1202 Financial Statement Presentation (effective April 1, 2026)

This accounting standard sets out general and specific requirements for the presentation of information in general purpose financial statements.

Management is currently assessing the impact of these standards on the audited consolidated financial statements.

2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	 2023	2022
Cash on hand and in banks (overdraft) Savings accounts West Grande Prairie County Solid Waste Management Authority	\$ (152,229) 1,727,038	\$ 522,761 3,230,503
temporary investments	 415,519	404,935
	\$ 1,990,328	\$ 4,158,199

Savings accounts bear interest at 5.30% (2022 - 4.55%) per annum.

Included in cash are restricted amounts aggregating \$179,331 (2022 - \$633,140) to be used for specific capital and other projects as disclosed in Note 8 and \$291,587 (2022 - \$18,737) to be used for the West Grande Prairie County Solid Waste Management Authority landfill closure and post-closure liabilities as disclosed in Note 9.

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3.	TAXES AND GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES RECEIVABLE	2023	2022
	Current taxes and grants in lieu Tax arrears	\$ 136,451 79,518	\$ 145,333 71,198
		\$ 215,969	\$ 216,531
4.	TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
		 2023	2022
	Grants receivable Trade and other receivables GST receivable Receivable from other governments	\$ 190,969 242,040 93,621 24,620	\$ 727,614 164,751 91,067 23,286
		\$ 551,250	\$ 1,006,718
5.	INVESTMENTS	2023	2022
	Aquatera Utilities Inc 0.40% ownership 555 Class B common shares (2022 - 555 shares) 125 Class C common shares (2022 - 125 shares) 555 Class E preferred shares (2022 - 555 shares) 226 Class I preferred shares (2022 - 125 shares) Cumulative share of net earnings Cumulative share of dividends received/receivable	\$ 6 2 554,473 226,691 330,877 (330,877)	\$ 6 2 554,473 165,888 166,697 (152,534)
	Alberta Capital Finance Authority shares United Farmers of Alberta patronage reserves Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties patronage reserves	781,172 10 876	734,532 10 876
		\$ 782,230	\$ 735,590

6. BANK INDEBTEDNESS

The ATB Financial credit facility encompasses a revolving demand loan to a maximum of \$550,000. The loan bears interest at the bank prime rate plus 1.00% and is secured by a general security agreement. At December 31, 2023, all of the revolving demand loan was unused.

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	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES			
			2023	2022
	Trade payables Capital project payables	\$	344,600 74,091	\$ 318,264 2,227,974
		\$	418,691	\$ 2,546,238
8.	DEFERRED REVENUE		2023	2022
	Municipal Sustainability Initiative grant Canada Community Building Fund Federation of Canadian Municipalities grant Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. grant	\$	84,186 45,145 - 50,000	\$ 471,094 137,916 24,130
			179,331	\$ 633,140

9. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

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 has been recorded based on the Town's 15% share of ownership of West Grande Prairie County Solid Waste Management Authority.

The estimated liability is based on the sum of the discounted future cash flows for closure and post-closure activities for 25 years after closure using a discount rate of 5.28% and assuming annual inflation of 3.5%.

The accrued liability portion is based on the cumulative capacity used at year end compared to the estimated total landfill capacity. The total capacity of the site is estimated at 1,143,000 cubic meters. The estimated remaining capacity of the landfill site is 907,296 (2022 - 907,296) cubic meters. The existing landfill site is expected to reach capacity in approximately 121 years (2022 - 95 years).

The Town has implemented a restricted cash fund which is not less than the asset retirement obligation liability and is adjusted annually to ensure the fund is sufficient to settle closure and post-closure liabilities as disclosed in Note 2.

	 2023
Asset Retirement Obligations, beginning of year	\$ 18,737
Asset Retirement Obligations, beginning of year Initial recognition of asset retirement obligation	18,737 285,351
Accretion expense	 6,235
Asset Retirement Obligations, end of year	\$ 291,587

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10.	LONG-TERM DEBT	2023		2022		
	County of Grande Prairie No. 1	\$	-	\$ 61,999		
	Alberta Capital Finance Authority bears interest at 2.55%, is secured by a general security agreement and is repayable in blended					
	semi-annual payments of \$57,267.		547,034	588,744		
			547,034	650,743		
	Amounts payable within one year		(43,604)	(121,448)		
		\$	503,430	\$ 529,295		
	Principal repayment terms are approximately:					
	2024	\$	43,604			
	2025	Ψ	44,724			
	2026		45,827			
	2027		47,051			
	2028		48,259			
	Thereafter		317,569			
		\$	547,034			

11. DEBT LIMIT

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

	_	2023	2022
Total debt limit Loan payable to County of Grande Prairie No. 1 Loan payable to Alberta Capital Finance Authority	\$	5,000,619 - (547,034)	\$ 4,604,889 (61,999) (588,744)
Amount of debt limit unused	\$	4,453,585	\$ 3,954,146
Debt servicing limit Debt servicing - loan payable to County of Grande Prairie No. 1 Debt servicing - loan payable to Alberta Capital Finance	\$	833,437	\$ 767,482 (61,999)
Authority Team payable to Theoria Capital Thanke		(43,604)	(42,512)
Amount of debt servicing limit unused	\$	789,833	\$ 662,971
			(continues)

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11. DEBT LIMIT (continued)

The debt limit is calculated as 1.5 times revenue of the Town 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 Town. Rather, the consolidated financial statements must be interpreted as a whole.

12. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost		Cost Accumulated amortization		2023 Net book value	2022 Net book value
Land	\$	2,404,317	\$	-	\$ 2,404,317	\$ 2,404,317
Land improvements		1,467,845		563,679	904,166	695,118
Buildings		896,404		487,572	408,832	414,059
Engineered structures		34,548,354		4,844,917	29,703,437	29,648,000
Equipment		2,333,412		1,225,352	1,108,060	983,111
Motor vehicles		1,431,682		724,854	706,828	759,419
Construction in progress		2,902			2,902	
	\$	43,084,916	\$	7,846,374	\$ 35,238,542	\$ 34,904,024

13. EQUITY IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

		2023	2022
Tangible capital assets (Note 12) Accumulated amortization (Note 12)	\$	43,084,916 (7,846,374)	\$ 41,957,424 (7,053,400)
Long-term debt used to acquire tangible capital assets (Note 10) Asset retirement obligation (Note 9)	_	(547,034) (291,587)	(650,743)
	\$	34,399,921	\$ 34,253,281

14. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

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

	2023		2022
Unrestricted surplus (deficit)	\$	-	\$ -
Restricted surplus			
Operating reserves (Note 15)		1,298,466	1,329,443
Capital reserves (Note 15)		1,110,841	1,035,116
Equity in Aquatera Utilities Inc. (Note 5)		781,172	734,532
Equity in tangible capital assets (Note 13)		34,399,921	34,253,281
	\$	37,590,400	\$ 37,352,372

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15. RESERVES

Council has set aside funds as an internal allocation of accumulated surplus as follows:

	Balance Beginning (Restated see note 23)		Additions I		R	eductions	Closing Balances
Operating reserves:							
General administration	\$	1,042,132	\$	-	\$	(26,125) \$	1,016,007
Fire department		66,280		-		(31,577)	34,703
Water and wastewater		75,000		-		_	75,000
West Grande Prairie County Solid							
Waste Management Authority		146,031		26,725		-	172,756
		1,329,443		26,725		(57,702)	1,298,466
Capital reserves:							
Roads		100,000		_		_	100,000
Subdivisions		426,814		-		-	426,814
Recreation and cultural services		7,924		-		-	7,924
Parks		48,939		-		-	48,939
West Grande Prairie County Solid							
Waste Management Authority		451,439		75,725		-	527,164
		1,035,116		75,725		-	1,110,841
	\$	2,364,559	\$	102,450	\$	(57,702) \$	2,409,307
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16. SALARY AND BENEFITS DISCLOSURE

Disclosure of salaries and benefits for elected Municipal officials, the Chief Administrative Officer and designated officers as required by Alberta Regulation 313/00 is as follows:

			Bei	nefits and		
	S	alary (1)	Allo	wances (2)	2023	2022
Mayor:						
K. Peterson	\$	25,250	\$	611	\$ 25,861	\$ 25,131
Councillors:						
T. Johnson		8,900		_	8,900	5,752
S. McCallum		-		-	<u>-</u>	8,550
S. Baker		9,350		595	9,945	9,050
T. Skinner		11,500		182	11,682	11,269
A. Underwood		12,500		495	12,995	11,887
R. Ketchum		14,850		60	14,910	13,234
R. Berlasty		10,900		70	10,970	-
Chief Administrative Officer						
Noreen Zhang		127,768		19,029	146,797	140,111
Designated officers (3)		209,378		14,128	223,506	265,064
	\$	430,396	\$	35,170	\$ 465,566	\$ 490,048

- (1) Salary includes regular base pay, bonuses, overtime, lump sum payments, gross honorarium and any other direct cash remuneration.
- (2) Benefits and allowances include the employer's shares 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, registered retirement savings plan contributions, professional memberships fees and tuition fee reimbursements.
- (3) Designated officers include the Property Tax Assessor, Parks & Recreation Director and Bylaw Officers.

Benefits and allowances figures 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, car allowances, and club memberships.

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17. GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIPS

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Town and its proportionate share of its government partnerships. The Town entered into a government partnership to provide landfill disposal services to the Town and surrounding area.

The Town has a 15% interest in the West Grande Prairie County Solid Waste Management Authority, which is accounted for using the proportionate consolidation method in accordance with Section 3060 of the Public Sector Accounting Handbook.

The following provides condensed supplementary information for the Town's proportionate share of the West Grande Prairie County Solid Waste Management Authority:

	 2023	2022
Financial assets Tangible capital assets	\$ 413,433 532,503	\$ 627,994 275,003
	\$ 945,936	\$ 902,997
Financial liabilities Asset retirement obligation Accumulated surplus	\$ 3,649 291,587 650,700	\$ 6,687 18,737 877,573
	\$ 945,936	\$ 902,997
Revenue Expenditures	\$ 160,651 (92,288)	\$ 155,627 (83,982)
Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ 68,363	\$ 71,645

18. LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN

Employees of the Town of Wembley participate in the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP), which is covered by the Alberta Public Sector Pension Plans Act. The Plan serves more than 275,000 people and over 420 employers. It is financed by employer and employee contributions and investment earnings of the LAPP fund.

Contributions for current service are recorded as expenditures in the year in which they become due.

The Town of Wembley is required to make current service contributions to the Plan of 8.45% of pensionable earnings up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings under the Canadian Pension Plan and 12.23% on the excess.

Employees of the Town of Wembley are required to make current service contributions of 7.45% of pensionable payroll up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings under the Canada Pension Plan and 11.23% on the excess.

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18. LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN (continued)

Total current service contributions by the Town of Wembley to the Local Authorities Pension Plan in 2023 were \$71,944 (2022 - \$71,780). Total current service contributions by the employees of the Town of Wembley to the Local Authorities Pension Plan in 2022 were \$64,011 (2022 - \$63,992).

At December 31, 2022, the Plan disclosed an actuarial surplus of \$12.67 billion (2021 - \$11.92 billion actuarial surplus).

Effective January 1, 2024, member contribution rates will be 8.45% of pensionable earnings up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings and 11.65% thereafter for employers and 7.45% of pensionable earnings up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings and 10.65% thereafter for employees.

19. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

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

The Town of Wembley has agreed to guarantee a loan on behalf of the Wembley and District Agricultural Society in the amount of \$430,000 to assist in the Society's renovations to the Rec-Plex situated in Wembley. The terms of repayment are not to exceed 20 years with equal payments made at least annually at an interest rate not to exceed 10% per annum. Any loan principal and interest that may be required to be paid by the Town of Wembley is to be funded from reserves, surplus or general taxation.

20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Credit Risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that a customer will fail to perform its obligations. The Town is exposed to credit risk from customers. In order to reduce its credit risk, the Town conducts regular reviews of its existing customers' credit performance. An allowance for doubtful accounts is established based on factors surrounding the credit risk of specific accounts, historical trends and other information.

The two most significant sources of revenue for the Town are property taxes and government transfers. The Town has a significant number of taxpayers which minimizes concentration of credit risk. No one taxpayer makes up a significant portion of such revenue. The majority of government transfers are received from the provincial and federal government agencies. Due to the nature of these payers, the Town is not exposed to significant credit risk on such transactions.

Fair Value

The Town's carrying values of cash and temporary investments, taxes and grants in lieu of taxes receivable, trade and other receivables, amounts due from the County of Grande Prairie No. 1, investments and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their fair values due to the immediate or short-term maturity and the nature of these instruments.

Interest Rate

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. In seeking to minimize the risks from interest rate fluctuations, the Town manages exposure through its normal operating and financing activities. The Town is exposed to interest rate risk primarily through its floating interest rate bank indebtedness, bank operating loan and credit facilities as disclosed in Note 6.

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21. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING RESULTS TO FINANCIAL RESULTS

Previous to 2011, the Town's financial statements were prepared based on a previous accounting standard which tracked all municipal activities including capital projects and reserves for future use. The reconciliation below to encompass these items is provided for information purposes only to provide users with supplementary comparative information. It should not be used as a replacement for the consolidated statement of financial activities and accumulated surplus and users should note that this information may not be appropriate for their purposes.

-	2023	2022
Excess of revenue over expenditures, per consolidated financial statements	238,028 \$	389,905
Add back:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	798,569	753,701
Annual accretion expense	6,235	-
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	155,033
Deduct:		
Increase in equity in Aquatera Utilities Inc.	(46,640)	(41,074)
Net transfers to operating reserves	(76,325)	(27,462)
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	(22,236)	-
Repayment of long-term debt used to purchase capital assets	(41,715)	(121,448)
Current year funds used for tangible capital assets	(36,911)	(304,732)
Government transfers for capital	(789,541)	(803,923)
Contributed tangible capital assets	(29,464)	-
Results of operations - previous method §	- \$	-

22. SEGMENTED DISCLOSURE

The Town of Wembley is a diversified municipal government that provides a wide range of services to its citizens. The schedule of Segmented Disclosure (Schedule 5) has been prepared in accordance with PS 2700 Segmented Disclosures and is intended to help users of the consolidated financial statements identify the resources allocated to support major activities of the Town and allow users to make more informed judgments regarding the government reporting entity.

Segmented information has been identified based on functional activities provided by the Town. For each reported segment, revenues and expenses represent amounts that are directly attributable to the segments and amounts that are allocated on a reasonable basis. The functional areas that have been separately disclosed in the segmented information, along with services they provide are as follows:

General Government

General Government is comprised of Council, Town Manager, Corporate Communications, Information Technology, Financial Services, Assessment and Taxation, Procurement, Human Resources, Legislative Services, Insurance and Risk Management, Organizational Efficiency and other corporate functions that provide for the overall operation of the Town.

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22. SEGMENTED DISCLOSURE (continued)

Protective Services

Protective Services is comprised if Fire, Police, Emergency Management, Bylaw Enforcement, Business Licenses, Animal Control and Building Inspections.

Transportation Services

Transportation Services is comprised of Engineering Services, Roads, Signs, Grass and Fuel.

Planning and Development

Planning and Development is comprised of Economic Development, Municipal Planning and Land Development.

Community Development

Community Development is comprised of Family and Community Support Services, Cemetery and other community supports.

Recreation and Culture

Recreation and Culture is comprised of Parks Operations, Arenas, Training and Schools, Hall and other activities related to providing recreational and cultural opportunities in the Town.

23. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

During the year, misstatements were noted with the funding previously recorded for one of the Town's tangible capital asset projects. Previously, the Town's waterline project included funding sources that varied from those intended. The Town has retroactively adjusted to intended funding sources. As a result, on January 1, 2022, capital project payables are reduced and the restricted surplus - operating reserve are increased by \$155,332.