

Town of Bon Accord AGENDA

Special Meeting of Council April 24, 2024, 7:15 p.m. in Council Chambers

Live Streamed on Bon Accord YouTube Channel

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
- 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- 3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS3.1.Banner Replacement (enclosure)
- 4. NEW BUSINESS4.1. Audit and Financial Statements (enclosure)
- 5. BYLAWS/POLICIES/AGREEMENTS
- 6. CLOSED SESSION
- 7. ADJOURNMENT

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: Special Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: April 24, 2024

Presented by: Jessica Caines, Legislative Services and Communications

Coordinator

Title: Banner Replacement

Agenda Item No. 3.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL

Over the last several years, there have been 7 street poles with a total of 14 banners (2 per pole) with the dark sky theme along 50th Street. These banners are now faded, torn, and in need of replacement.

At the April 16, 2024 RMC, Council resolved to replace the Dark Sky banners and bring back Music in the Park options that use photos of a park in Bon Accord.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Unfortunately, after consulting with the Town's graphic designers, the photos for the approved Dark Sky banner and the Music in the Park options that were presented on April 16 are not high enough in quality for final production.

Additionally, administration was advised that the photos of our park are not high enough quality to be used for the design when the banners are at full size.

High quality photos were obtained from the designers to redo both banner proofs. The stock photo options are presented below for Council's consideration. Please note, the Dark Sky option that was approved on April 16 was black with a green and purple aurora, therefore the proofs below were chosen with this in mind.

We have obtained confirmation from the graphic designers that the proofs presented today are suitable for final production.



MITP Option 1:



MITP Option 2:



MITP Option 3:



MITP Option 4:



MITP Option 5:



MITP Option 6:



Dark Sky Option 1:



Dark Sky Option 2:



Dark Sky Option 3:

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Value Statement: Professionalism

• Administration and Council manage the affairs of Bon Accord in a competent, reliable manner, to maintain a safe and prosperous community to work and live.

COSTS/SOURCES OF FUNDING

The total cost for these signs is \$1680 + tax.

At the April 16 RMC, Council approved an additional \$500 for banner replacement in the 2024 budget for a total of \$2000.

RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator)

Choose one (1) of the following:

THAT Council directs administration to proceed with Dark Sky Option [choose number] and Music in the Park Option [choose number].

OR

THAT Council directs administration to...

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: Special Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: April 24, 2024

Presented by: Falon Fayant, Corporate Services Manager

Title: Audit and Financial Statements

Agenda Item No. 4.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL

At the April 16th regular meeting of council, Edward Telford from JDP Wasserman LLP presented the final draft of the audited financial statements. The independent auditors report states:

We have audited the financial statements of Town of Bon Accord (the"Town"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of operations and accumulated surplus, 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 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.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

Per Section 276(1) of the MGA, each municipality must prepare annual financial statements for the immediately preceding year. The statements and financial information return must be submitted by May 1st.

As well at the April 16th meeting, COUNCILLOR LARSON MOVED THAT Council direct administration to bring forward an RFD regarding the allocation of unrestricted surplus at a future meeting. Res. #24-153. This RFD will be forthcoming at a future meeting.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Values Statement of **Stewardship**

 Administration and Council embody the responsible planning and management of our resources.

Values Statement of Integrity

• A Town of great moral character that promotes consistency, truthfulness, and trust.

Values Statement of Transparency

• Open and accountable to our residents and encourage open communication.

COSTS/SOURCES OF FUNDING

NA

RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator)

THAT...Council approves the 2023 audited financial statements as presented.



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April 16, 2024 Privileged and Confidential

Town of Bon Accord PO Box 779, 5025 – 50th Avenue Bon Accord, AB TOA OKO

Attention: Members of Council sent via e-mail: ffayant@bonaccord.ca

Dear Councillors:

Re: 2023 Audit Findings Report

This letter has been prepared to assist you with your review of Town of Bon Accord (the "Town")'s audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2023.

Significant Risks

As outlined in our audit planning letter issued ahead of the year-end audit, in planning our audit we were required to identify significant financial reporting risks that, by their nature, require special audit consideration. Canadian generally accepted auditing standards requires us to consider revenue recognition and management override as inherently significant risks. To reduce the residual risk in these areas, our main audit procedures included substantive testing of revenues, a detailed examination of cut-off and review of journal entries.

There were no changes to our audit plan or anticipated audit procedure response with respect to these risks and we identified no areas with significant residual risk after application of our audit procedures.

Significant Difficulties Encountered

We encountered no difficulties whatsoever during the audit that should be brought to the attention of Council.

Accounting Policies and Accounting Estimates

We did not identify any issues with management's choice of accounting policies, nor their accounting estimates, that could materially misstate the financial statements.



Significant Financial Statement Disclosures

We did not identify any financial statement disclosures that are particularly significant, sensitive or require significant judgements that we believe should be specifically drawn to your attention.

Uncorrected Misstatements

There were no significant uncorrected misstatements aggregated by our firm for the year ended December 31, 2023.

After considering both the quantitative and qualitative factors with respect to the uncorrected misstatements, we agree with management that the financial statements are not materially misstated.

Significant Deficiencies in Internal Control

A deficiency in internal control exists when a risk is not treated by a control or when a control is designed, implemented or operated in such a way that it is unable to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements in the financial statements on a timely basis. A **significant** deficiency then, is defined as a deficiency or combination of deficiencies in internal control that, in the auditors' professional judgement, is of sufficient importance to merit the attention of Council.

We did not identify any control deficiencies that, in our judgement, would be considered significant deficiencies. However, we have provided a letter to management outlining our recommendations that management can provide to Council upon request.

Written Representations

In a separate communication, we required a number of written representations from management with respect to their responsibility for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Independence

Canadian generally accepted auditing standards requires that we communicate at least annually with you regarding all relationships between the Town and ourselves that, in our professional judgement, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence. In determining which relationships to report, these standards require us to consider relevant rules and related interpretations prescribed by the *Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta* and applicable legislation, covering such matters as: holding a financial interest, either directly or indirectly, in a client; holding a position, either directly or indirectly, that gives the right or responsibility to exert significant influence over the financial or accounting policies of a client; personal or business relationships of immediate family, close relatives, partners or retired partners, either directly or indirectly, with a client; economic dependence on a client; and provision or services in addition to the audit engagement.



We have prepared the following comments to facilitate our discussion with you regarding independence matters: We are not aware of any relationships between the Town and ourselves that, in our professional judgement, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence that have occurred from January 1, 2023 to April 16, 2024.

Conclusion

This letter was prepared for the sole use of Council to carry out and discharge their responsibilities. The content should not be disclosed to any third party without our prior written consent.

We would like to thank Falon Fayant and all Town staff involved in the audit process for their cooperation and assistance. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the Town.

Sincerely,

JDP WASSERMAN LLP CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

Edward Telford, CPA, CA Partner



TOWN OF BON ACCORD Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

To the Members of Council of Town of Bon Accord

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

The 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 financial statements.

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

Jodi Brown CAO/Town Manager

Bon Accord, AB April 16, 2024



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Council of Town of Bon Accord

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Town of Bon Accord (the "Town"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of operations and accumulated surplus, 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 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 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 financial statements of the Town for the year ended December 31, 2022, were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements on April 4, 2023.

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 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.

Auditors' 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 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 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 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 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 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.

Edmonton, Alberta April 16, 2024

Chartered Professional Accountants



Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31, 2023

	2023	2022 (Restated) (Note 17)
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 3,512,332	\$ 3,381,736
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	453,716	282,567
Land held for resale	114,498	114,498
	4,080,546	3,778,801
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	671,152	359,061
Deposit liabilities	103,713	92,378
Deferred revenue (Note 4)	103,674	151,208
Long-term debt (Note 5)	1,869,709	1,386,724
Asset retirement obligations (Note 7)	1,307,690	1,257,388
	4,055,938	3,246,759
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	24,608	532,042
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Prepaid expenses	33,309	16,515
Tangible capital assets (Schedule 1)	17,431,439	16,666,039
	17,464,748	16,682,554
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Note 8)	\$ 17,489,356	\$ 17,214,596
CONTINGENCY (Note 15)		
CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS (Note 16)		
ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL:		
Mayor		
Councillor		

Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus

		2023 (Budget) (Note 12)	2023 (Actual)	2022 (Actual) (Restated) (Note 17)
REVENUES				
Net municipal property taxes (Schedule 3) User fees and sales of goods Government transfers for operating (Schedule 4) Franchise and concession contracts (Note 10) Investment income Rentals Penalties and costs on taxes Fines Licenses and permits Other revenues	\$	1,605,366 997,575 422,235 240,851 20,000 169,661 43,700 3,050 6,500	\$ 1,688,093 961,585 496,894 218,392 209,872 157,568 28,290 12,294 5,694 3,767	\$ 1,569,803 960,061 424,073 227,975 75,319 134,151 36,184 9,486 6,488 3,903
		3,508,938	3,782,449	3,447,443
EXPENSES General administration Parks and recreation Water supply and distribution Roads, streets, walks, lighting Wastewater treatment and disposal Land use planning, zoning and development Bylaw enforcement Waste management Council and legislative Family and community support services Economic development Culture Storm sewers and drainage Fire fighting and protective services Cemetery Disaster and emergency services		527,175 619,606 440,701 373,282 299,732 156,897 130,045 119,344 117,466 93,506 110,042 57,361 19,334 35,980 10,583 16,244 3,127,298	698,519 633,537 578,876 548,530 372,719 210,694 126,765 122,260 111,471 108,819 92,587 62,522 53,610 37,275 9,089 7,939	619,460 547,396 560,318 545,318 368,263 222,216 97,727 119,746 105,036 64,298 91,399 54,766 34,697 34,993 11,768 16,054
ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT) BEFORE OTHER		381,640	7,237	(46,012)
OTHER REVENUES (EXPENSES) Government transfers for capital (Schedule 4) Other contributions for capital Gain (loss) on disposal of tangible capital assets	_	- - -	343,850 12,800 (89,127) 267,523	564,058 140,650 - 704,708
ANNUAL SURPLUS		381,640	274,760	658,696
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - TO BEGIN YEAR		17,214,596	17,214,596	16,555,900
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - END OF YEAR	\$	17,596,236	\$ 17,489,356	\$ 17,214,596

Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets

		2023 (Budget) Note 12)	2023 (Actual)	2022 (Actual) Restated) (Note 17)
ANNUAL SURPLUS	<u>\$</u>	381,640	\$ 274,760	\$ 658,696
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		- - - -	725,442 (1,582,969) 3,000 89,127 (16,794)	681,997 (769,181) - - (15,136)
	_	-	(782,194)	(102,320)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS		381,640	(507,434)	556,376
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (DEBT) - BEGINNING OF YEAR		532,042	532,042	(24,334)
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$	913,682	\$ 24,608	\$ 532,042

Statement of Cash Flows

		2023	2022 (Restated) <i>(Note 17)</i>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES Annual surplus Item not affecting cash and cash equivalents:	\$	274,760	\$ 658,696
Amortization of tangible capital assets Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets Asset retirement obligations accretion (Note 7)	_	725,442 89,127 50,296	681,997 - 48,361
	_	1,139,625	1,389,054
Changes in non-cash working capital: Accounts receivable Land held for resale Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(171,149) - 312,097	58,217 28,000 49,391
Deposit liabilities Deferred revenue Prepaid expenses	_	11,335 (47,534) (16,794)	18,145 92,220 (15,137)
	_	87,955	230,836
Cash flow from operating activities	_	1,227,580	1,619,890
INVESTING ACTIVITIES Purchase of tangible capital assets Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	_	(1,582,969) 3,000	(769,181) -
Cash flow used by investing activities		(1,579,969)	(769,181)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES Repayment of long-term debt Issuance of long-term debt	_	(150,715) 633,700	(166,100)
Cash flow from (used by) financing activities	_	482,985	(166,100)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		130,596	684,609
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	_	3,381,736	2,697,127
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$	3,512,332	\$ 3,381,736

(Schedule 1)

TOWN OF BON ACCORD Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Land	lm	Land provements	Buildings		ngineered Structures	ichinery and Equipment	Vehicles	2023	2022
COST BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 175,611	\$	991,409	\$ 2,528,112	\$ 2	22,964,807	\$ 1,550,142	\$ 498,512	\$ 28,708,593	\$ 27,939,41
Purchase of tangible capital assets Disposal of tangible capital assets	 -		153,314 -	1,162,118 (134,890)		206,891 -	60,646 (35,188)	- -	1,582,969 (170,078	,
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ 175,611	\$	1,144,723	\$ 3,555,340	\$ 2	23,171,698	\$ 1,575,600	\$ 498,512	\$ 30,121,484	\$ 28,708,59
ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ -	\$	519,242	\$ 816,314	\$	9,603,586	\$ 827,538	\$ 275,874	\$ 12,042,554	\$ 11,360,55
Amortization of tangible capital assets Disposal of tangible capital assets	 - -		58,869 -	112,115 (42,763)		435,287	86,380 (35,188)	32,791 -	725,442 (77,951	
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ -	\$	578,111	\$ 885,666	\$	10,038,873	\$ 878,730	\$ 308,665	\$ 12,690,045	\$ 12,042,55
NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	\$ 175,611	\$	566,612	\$ 2,669,674	\$ '	13,132,825	\$ 696,870	\$ 189,847	\$ 17,431,439	\$ 16,666,03
NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS, 2022	\$ 175,611	\$	472,167	\$ 1,711,798	\$ ^	13,361,221	\$ 722,604	\$ 222,638		\$ 16,666,03

Included in the net book value of tangible capital assets is work-in-progress of \$Nil (2022 - \$Nil).

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

(Schedule 2)

		2023	2022
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$	14,021,927	\$ 13,817,002
Purchase of tangible capital assets Amortization of tangible capital assets Repayment of capital long-term debt Proceeds on issuance of capital long-term debt Cost of tangible capital assets disposed of Accumulated amortization of tangible capital assets disposed Asset retirement obligations accretion (Note 7)	_	1,582,969 (725,442) 150,715 (633,700) (170,078) 77,951 (50,302)	769,181 (681,997) 166,100 - - - (48,359)
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$	14,254,040	\$ 14,021,927
Equity in tangible capital assets is comprised of: Net book value of tangible capital assets (Schedule 1) Capital portion of long-term debt (Note 5) Asset retirement obligations (Note 7)	\$	17,431,439 (1,869,709) (1,307,690)	\$ 16,666,039 (1,386,724) (1,257,388)
	\$	14,254,040	\$ 14,021,927

TOWN OF BON ACCORD Schedule of Property Taxes For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

(Schedule 3)

		2023 (Budget) (Note 12)	2023 (Actual)	2022 (Actual)
TAXATION Real property taxes	<u>\$</u>	2,029,237	\$ 2,094,521	\$ 1,972,759
REQUISITIONS Alberta School Foundation Fund Homeland Housing	\$	411,255 12,616	\$ 392,775 13,653	\$ 390,340 12,616
	\$	423,871	\$ 406,428	\$ 402,956
NET MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$	1,605,366	\$ 1,688,093	\$ 1,569,803

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

(Schedule 4)

		2023 (Budget) <i>Note 12)</i>	2023 (Actual)	2022 (Actual)
TRANSFERS FOR OPERATING Local government Provincial government Federal government	\$	315,112 105,623 1,500	\$ 325,882 155,252 15,760	\$ 316,917 102,656 4,500
	\$	422,235	\$ 496,894	\$ 424,073
TRANSFERS FOR CAPITAL Provincial government	<u>\$</u>	-	\$ 343,850	\$ 564,058
TOTAL GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$	422,235	\$ 840,744	\$ 988,131

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

(Schedule 5)

1,406,337				
1,002,277 - 590,862 71,199 51,978 1,000	\$	1,283,888 1,043,152 725,442 558,825 59,370 51,099 50,287	\$	1,246,697 877,348 681,997 543,721 36,195 51,214 48,361 7,922
	590,862 71,199 51,978	590,862 71,199 51,978 1,000 3,645	- 725,442 590,862 558,825 71,199 59,370 51,978 51,099 1,000 50,287 3,645 3,149	- 725,442 590,862 558,825 71,199 59,370 51,978 51,099 1,000 50,287 3,645 3,149

TOWN OF BON ACCORD Schedule of Segmented Disclosure

For the	Year	Ended	December	31,	2023
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	g	General overnment	Protective services	nsportation services	vironmental services	ealth and welfare	anning and velopment	Red	creation and culture	2023
REVENUES										
Net municipal property taxes	\$	863,081	\$ 106,748	\$ 328,392	\$ -	\$ 48,247	\$ 246,597	\$	95,028	\$ 1,688,093
User fees and sales of goods		11,560	-	-	921,293	20,488	6,050		2,194	961,585
Government transfers for operating		2,800	42,042	43,800	18,692	47,918	-		341,642	496,894
Franchise and concession contracts		218,392	-	-	-	-	-		-	218,392
Investment income		209,872	-	-	-	-	-		-	209,872
Rentals		- 04 750	10,531	-	0.500	-	-		147,037	157,568
Penalties and costs on taxes		21,758	40.004	-	6,532	-	-		-	28,290
Fines		-	12,294	-	-	-	- - 604		-	12,294
Licenses and permits		-	-	-	-	4.000	5,694		- 740	5,694
Other revenues		25		-	-	1,000			2,742	3,767
	\$	1,327,488	\$ 171,615	\$ 372,192	\$ 946,517	\$ 117,653	\$ 258,341	\$	588,643	\$ 3,782,449
EXPENSES										
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$	404,562	\$ 595	\$ 166,391	\$ 220,982	\$ 82,801	\$ 103,248	\$	305,309	\$ 1,283,888
Contracted and general services		225,674	166,921	101,974	227,527	14,514	148,039		158,503	1,043,152
Materials, goods and utilities		20,598	4,099	101,786	359,873	19,588	5,694		47,187	558,825
Interest on long-term debt		680	-	2,041	27,609	-	1,360		27,680	59,370
Transfers to local boards and agencies		385	-		-	750	-		49,964	51,099
Provision for allowances		50,296	-	-	(9)	-	-		-	50,287
Bank charges and short-term interest		3,149	-	_	-	_	-		-	3,149
		705,344	171,615	372,192	835,982	117,653	258,341		588,643	3,049,770
NET DEVENUE (DEELOIT) DEECE		-		,	,	, -	,		,	
NET REVENUE (DEFICIT) BEFORE										
AMORTIZATION OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	\$	622,144	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110,535	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 732,679
Amortization of tangible capital assets	\$	104,647	\$ 363	\$ 229,949	\$ 237,872	\$ 255	\$ 44,940	\$	107,416	\$ 725,442
NET REVENUE (DEFICIT)	\$	517,497	\$ (363)	\$ (229,949)	\$ (127,337)	\$ (255)	\$ (44,940)	\$	(107,416)	\$ 7,237

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

	General overnment	Protective services	nsportation services	vironmental services	Н	lealth and welfare	nning and elopment	reation and culture	2022
REVENUES Net municipal property taxes User fees and sales of goods Government transfers for operating Franchise and concession contracts Rentals Investment income Penalties and costs on taxes Fines Licenses and permits Other revenues	\$ 784,639 32,954 - 227,975 25 75,319 29,244 - 400	\$ 84,759 - 41,219 - 9,945 - 9,486 - 3,003	\$ 349,397 200 9,212 - - - - - - -	903,269 9,212 - - - 6,940 - -	\$	15,512 16,785 43,014 - - - - - 500	256,238 5,950 - - - - - - - 6,488 -	79,258 903 321,416 - 124,181 - - - - -	\$ 1,569,803 960,061 424,073 227,975 134,151 75,319 36,184 9,486 6,488 3,903
	\$ 1,150,556	\$ 148,412	\$ 358,809	\$ 919,421	\$	75,811	\$ 268,676	\$ 525,758	\$ 3,447,443
EXPENSES Salaries, wages and benefits Contracted and general services Materials, goods and utilities Transfers to local boards and agencies Provision for allowances Interest on long-term debt Bank charges and short-term interest	\$ 357,850 186,058 22,480 - 48,361 867 7,922 623,538	\$ 9,798 137,140 1,474 - - - - 148,412	\$ 168,685 89,236 98,288 - 2,600 - 358,809	\$ 224,018 179,686 376,523 - 30,227 - 810,454	\$	48,533 22,392 4,252 634 - - - 75,811	\$ 125,690 136,785 4,567 - - 1,634 - 268,676	\$ 312,123 126,051 36,137 50,580 - 867 - 525,758	\$ 1,246,697 877,348 543,721 51,214 48,361 36,195 7,922
NET REVENUE (DEFICIT) BEFORE AMORTIZATION OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	\$ 527,018	\$ _	\$ -	\$ 108,967	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 635,985
Amortization of tangible capital assets	\$ 100,957	\$ 363	\$ 221,205	\$ 237,873	\$	255	\$ 44,940	\$ 76,404	\$ 681,997

(221,205) \$

(128,906) \$

(255) \$

(44,940) \$

(76,404) \$

426,061 \$

(363) \$

NET REVENUE (DEFICIT)

(46,012)

Notes to Financial Statements

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of Town of Bon Accord (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 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.

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

The 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.

(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, and have a maturity of 90 days or less at acquisition.

(d) Investments

Investments are recorded at cost. 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.

(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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(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, provides the Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets for the year (page 7).

(g) Inventories for Consumption

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:

Buildings	50 years
Engineered structures:	
Water system	45 - 75 years
Wastewater	45 - 75 years
Storm sewer	45 - 75 years
Roads	10 - 40 years
Electrical systems	25 years
Machinery and equipment	10 - 25 years
Vehicles	10 - 25 years
Land improvements	15 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 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 financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Where measurement uncertainty exists, the financial statements have been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Town has used estimates to determine accrued liabilities including asset retirement obligations, tangible capital asset useful lives and 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.

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2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	 2023	2022
Operating accounts High interest savings account Cash on hand	\$ 2,509,717 1,002,433 182	\$ 2,421,202 960,352 182
	\$ 3,512,332	\$ 3,381,736

The Town has access to a revolving line of credit with a maximum limit of \$230,000. No amounts were drawn on the line of credit as at December 31, 2023 or 2022.

3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	2023	2022
Receivable from other governments Trade and other Goods and Services Tax recoverable Utility accounts Taxes and grants in place of taxes	\$ 182,309 110,097 75,154 60,894 25,262	\$ - 174,788 13,526 64,319 29,934
	\$ 453,716	\$ 282,567

4. DEFERRED REVENUE

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

	 2023	2022
Prepaid bulk water Canada Community Building Fund Municipal Sustainability Initiative - Operating Offsite levies Municipal Sustainability Initiative - Capital Other	\$ 38,508 28,153 14,750 10,084 7,449 4,730	\$ 34,970 101,424 - 10,084 - 4,730
	\$ 103,674	\$ 151,208

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5.	LONG-TERM DEBT		
		 2023	2022
	Alberta Capital Finance Authority debenture repayable in semi-annual installments of \$50,048 including interest at 3.023% maturing June 2032.	\$ 783,580	\$ 858,292
	Alberta Capital Finance Authority debenture repayable in semi-annual installments of \$25,822 including interest at 5.270% maturing March 2043.	624,577	-
	Alberta Capital Finance Authority debenture repayable in semi-annual installments of \$37,514 including interest at 1.592% maturing June 2030.	461,552	528,432
		\$ 1,869,709	\$ 1,386,724
	Principal and interest payments are due as follows:		

	<u>P</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Interest</u>		<u>Total</u>	
2024 2025 2026 2027	\$	163,910 168,354 172,941 177,676	\$	62,857 58,413 53,826 49,091	\$ 226,767 226,767 226,767 226,767
2027 2028 Thereafter		182,565 1,004,263		44,202 417,607	 226,767 226,767 1,421,870
	\$	1,869,709	\$	685,996	\$ 2,555,705

6. 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	\$	5,673,674 (1,869,709)	\$	5,171,165 (1,386,724)	
Total debt limit remaining	<u>\$</u>	3,803,965	\$	3,784,441	
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Service on debt limit Service on debt	\$	945,612 (226,767)	\$	861,861 (175,124)	
Total service on debt limit remaining	\$	718,845	\$	686,737	

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 financial statements must be interpreted as a whole.

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7. 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 \$1,700,000 over many years.

The estimated total liability is based on the sum of discounted future cash flows for abatement activities using a discount rate of 4% (2022 - 4%) and assuming annual inflation of 3% (2022 - 3%).

The estimated liability as at December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021 respectively is \$1,307,690, \$1,257,388 and \$1,209,033; with accretion expense increasing the estimated liability of \$50,302 in 2023 and \$48,355 in 2022.

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2023 ,072,807	2022
072,807	
	\$ 867,888
878,952	878,952
283,557 254,040	1,445,829 14,021,927
, 489,356	\$ 17,214,596
2023	2022
852,920 S 26,032	\$ 852,920 26,032
878,952	\$ 878,952
310,612 199,990 101,506 81,173 22,785 19,946 15,000 11,853 10,618 10,552 4,417 3,853 2,255 782 - - - - -	\$ 486,000 265,753 176,396 91,506 62,579 - - 15,000 - 10,618 10,552 1,662 3,853 - 782 14,085 2,755 500 256,107 21,265 10,000 16,416
	2,255

Notes to Financial Statements

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10. 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 12)	2023 (Actual)	2022 (Actual)
Fortis Alberta Inc.	\$ 155,365	\$ 140,877	\$ 136,246
ATCO Gas	85,486	77,515	91,729
	\$ 240,851	\$ 218,392	\$ 227,975

11. 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)	В	enefits (2)	2023	2022
Mayor Holden	\$ 22,616	\$	-	\$ 22,616	\$ 22,464
Councillors					
May	13,821		614	14,435	13,536
Larson	13,071		569	13,640	3,748
Laing	12,921		561	13,482	11,395
Bidney	11,721		489	12,210	13,536
Chief Administrative Officer					
Brown	125,327		21,342	146,669	140,588
Designated Officers					
Assessor	26,553		-	26,553	14,451
	\$ 226,030	\$	23,575	\$ 249,605	\$ 219,718

⁽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.

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12. BUDGET FIGURES

	_	2023 (Budget)	2023 (Actual)
Annual surplus Amortization of tangible capital assets Acquisition of tangible capital assets Repayment of long-term debt Issuance of long-term debt Net transfers (to) from reserves	\$	381,640 - - (157,057) - (224,583)	\$ 274,760 725,442 (1,582,969) (150,715) 633,700 162,272
Results of operations	\$	-	\$ 62,490

The budget data presented in these consolidated financial statements is based on the operating and capital budgets approved by Town Council on October 18, 2022. The chart above reconciles the approved financial plan to the figures reported in these consolidated financial statements.

13. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Town's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities including asset retirement obligations, and long-term debt. It is management's opinion that the Town is not exposed to significant currency, other price 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.

The Town is exposed to interest rate risk with respect to its high interest savings account. Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments might be adversely affected by a change in interest rates. The Town manages exposure through its normal operating and financing activities, and holding short-term investments that are approximately equal to any significant specific liabilities as they become due.

14. 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 financial statements as disclosed in *Note 1*. For additional information see the Schedules of Segmented Disclosure (*Schedule 6 & Schedule 7*).

15. CONTINGENCY

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.

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16. CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

Waste Services

The Town has entered into an agreement for waste hauling services for the period December 2021 - November 2026. The estimated cost of these services is approximately \$110,000 annually. Future requirements will be adjusted based on the Consumer Price Index as calculated by Statistics Canada each year with the increase to take effect on January 1 of each year.

Peace Officer and Fire Services

The Town has entered into agreements with Sturgeon County for the provision of Peace Officer and fire services for the period January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2026. The estimated cost of these services is approximately \$70,000 annually increased by 2% or Consumer Price Index as whichever is greater.

17. RESTATEMENT

During the year the Town adopted *PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations*. This standard has been adopted retrospectively and prior periods have been restated. The effect of the restatement to the 2022 comparative figures has been to increase tangible capital assets by \$1,143,278, decrease annual surplus by \$114,110, and increase asset retirement obligations liability by \$1,257,388.

18. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

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

19. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These financial statements were approved by Town Council and management.