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Chartered Accountants

**TOWN OF EDSON**  
**Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2018**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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To the Members of Town of Edson

*Opinion*

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Town of Edson (the municipality), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2018, and the consolidated statements of operations, changes in accumulated surplus and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Municipality as at December 31, 2018, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

*Basis for Opinion*

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Municipality 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 consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Municipality's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Municipality or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Town of Edson (continued)

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements. 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 Municipality'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 Municipality's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Municipality 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.

*Mergaert, Barford, Williams  
Joly & Starkewich*

Edson, Alberta  
April 23, 2019

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**TOWN OF EDSON**  
**Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**  
**December 31, 2018**

	2018	2017
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Cash and temporary investments <i>(Note 2)</i>	<b>\$ 22,974,573</b>	\$ 22,419,848
Receivables		
Property taxes <i>(Note 3)</i>	<b>722,788</b>	515,957
Trade and other receivables <i>(Note 4)</i>	<b>3,310,290</b>	3,252,413
Land held for resale	<b>1,230,967</b>	1,467,455
Inventory held for resale	<b>1,641</b>	2,284
Other financial assets <i>(Note 5)</i>	<b>50,472</b>	28,374
	<b>28,290,731</b>	27,686,331
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<b>4,900,107</b>	4,297,962
Deposit liabilities	<b>869,819</b>	768,970
Deferred revenue <i>(Note 7)</i>	<b>2,481,253</b>	1,158,476
Provision for landfill closure <i>(Note 8)</i>	<b>1,346,551</b>	1,105,551
Other long-term liabilities	<b>145,473</b>	201,417
Long term debt <i>(Note 9)</i>	<b>13,920,765</b>	14,208,103
	<b>23,663,968</b>	21,740,479
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4,626,763</b>	5,945,852
<b>NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Tangible capital assets <i>(schedule 1)</i>	<b>114,460,627</b>	108,647,202
Prepaid expenses	<b>72,535</b>	44,623
Inventory for consumption	<b>581,772</b>	574,365
	<b>115,114,934</b>	109,266,190
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS</b> <i>(Note 12)</i>	<b>\$119,741,697</b>	\$115,212,042
<b>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES</b> <i>(Notes 18, 19)</i>		

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**TOWN OF EDSON**  
**Consolidated Statement of Operations**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2018**

	Budget (Unaudited)	2018	2017
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Net municipal taxes <i>(Schedule 2)</i>	\$ 11,396,902	\$ <b>11,379,076</b>	\$ 11,130,564
Government operating transfers <i>(Schedule 3)</i>	7,518,475	<b>7,111,309</b>	7,352,981
User fees and sales of goods	5,012,187	<b>4,539,624</b>	4,273,943
Investment income	101,000	<b>371,627</b>	243,460
Penalties and costs on taxes	120,000	<b>165,353</b>	157,618
Licenses and permits	79,500	<b>76,558</b>	65,994
Fines	1,488,500	<b>1,746,034</b>	1,568,788
Franchise fees	897,956	<b>792,904</b>	890,268
Rentals	780,520	<b>733,653</b>	703,539
Development levies	-	<b>26,603</b>	73,904
Contributions - operating	100,000	<b>100,000</b>	100,000
Other	92,221	<b>88,826</b>	380,955
Gain on sale of tangible capital assets	-	<b>207,749</b>	-
West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority	-	<b>378,685</b>	434,466
	<u>27,587,261</u>	<u><b>27,718,001</b></u>	<u>27,376,480</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Legislative	316,000	<b>304,093</b>	267,608
General administration	2,426,255	<b>2,238,030</b>	2,150,947
Protective services	4,800,793	<b>4,537,003</b>	4,802,068
Roads, streets, and equipment	5,974,302	<b>5,825,992</b>	5,602,466
Utilities	4,772,303	<b>5,159,170</b>	4,600,039
Public health and welfare	810,437	<b>750,523</b>	777,559
Planning and development	589,904	<b>703,336</b>	511,039
Recreation and parks	5,685,826	<b>7,726,866</b>	4,534,079
Culture	690,098	<b>703,283</b>	685,289
	<u>26,065,918</u>	<u><b>27,948,296</b></u>	<u>23,931,094</u>
<b>EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<u>1,521,343</u>	<u><b>(230,295)</b></u>	<u>3,445,386</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Government capital transfers <i>(Schedule 3)</i>	4,631,835	<b>1,605,412</b>	5,429,542
Contributed capital assets	-	<b>3,154,538</b>	-
	<u>4,631,835</u>	<u><b>4,759,950</b></u>	<u>5,429,542</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	6,153,178	<b>4,529,655</b>	8,874,928
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>115,212,042</u>	<u><b>115,212,042</b></u>	<u>106,337,114</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$121,365,220</u>	<u><b>\$119,741,697</b></u>	<u>\$115,212,042</u>

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**TOWN OF EDSON**  
**Consolidated Statement of Changes in Accumulated Surplus**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2018**

	Unrestricted Surplus	Restricted Surplus	Equity in TCA	<b>2018</b>	2017
<b>BALANCE - BEGINNING OF PERIOD</b>	\$ 4,361,266	\$ 16,411,677	\$ 94,439,099	<b>\$115,212,042</b>	\$106,337,114
Excess of revenue over expenses	4,529,655	-	-	<b>4,529,655</b>	8,874,928
Unrestricted funds designated for future use	(8,177,738)	8,177,738	-	-	-
Restricted funds used for operations	623,923	(623,923)	-	-	-
Restricted funds used for tangible capital assets	-	(5,157,539)	5,157,539	-	-
Current year funds used for tangible capital assets	(4,501,661)	-	4,501,661	-	-
Contributed tangible capital assets	(3,154,538)	-	3,154,538	-	-
Disposal of tangible capital assets	283,996	-	(283,996)	-	-
Annual amortization expense	4,185,539	-	(4,185,539)	-	-
Long term debt repaid	(854,193)	-	854,193	-	-
Proceeds from long term debt	566,855	-	(566,855)	-	-
Write down of tangible capital assets	2,530,778	-	(2,530,778)	-	-
<b>BALANCE - END OF PERIOD</b>	<b>\$ 393,882</b>	<b>\$ 18,807,953</b>	<b>\$100,539,862</b>	<b>\$119,741,697</b>	<b>\$115,212,042</b>

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**Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets (Debt)**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2018**

	2017	2016
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 4,529,655</b>	<b>\$ 8,874,928</b>
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	230,321	506,418
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	(207,749)	-
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(12,813,738)	(14,959,379)
Write down of tangible capital assets	2,530,778	-
Tangible capital assets transferred to land for resale	51,903	-
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	209,520	85,761
Amortization of tangible capital assets	4,185,539	3,978,561
	<u>(5,813,426)</u>	<u>(10,388,639)</u>
Change in supplies inventory	(7,407)	(16,605)
Change in prepaid assets	(27,911)	17,577
	<u>(35,318)</u>	<u>972</u>
<b>INCREASE IN NET DEBT</b>	<b>(1,319,089)</b>	<b>(1,512,739)</b>
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (DEBT) - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>5,945,852</b>	<b>7,458,591</b>
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (DEBT) - END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 4,626,763</b>	<b>\$ 5,945,852</b>

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**TOWN OF EDSON**  
**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2018**

	2018	2017
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 4,529,655	\$ 8,874,928
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	4,185,539	3,978,561
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	230,321	506,418
Gain on sale of tangible capital assets	(207,749)	-
Write down of tangible capital assets	2,530,778	-
Tangible capital asset transferred to land for resale	51,903	-
	<u>11,320,447</u>	<u>13,359,907</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Property taxes receivable	(206,831)	222,323
Trade and other receivables	(57,877)	424,337
Land held for resale	236,488	-
Inventory held for resale	643	(1,551)
Inventory for consumption	(7,407)	(16,604)
Prepaid expenses	(27,912)	17,577
Other financial assets	(22,098)	(11,433)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	602,146	1,188,650
Deposit liabilities	100,849	50,727
Deferred revenue	1,322,777	440,624
Provision for landfill closure	241,000	-
Other long-term liabilities	(55,944)	(200,159)
	<u>2,125,834</u>	<u>2,114,491</u>
Cash flow from operating activities	<u>13,446,281</u>	<u>15,474,398</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of tangible capital assets	(12,813,738)	(14,959,379)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	209,520	85,761
Cash flow used by investing activities	<u>(12,604,218)</u>	<u>(14,873,618)</u>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from long term debt	566,855	-
Repayment of long term debt	(854,193)	(2,738,383)
Cash flow used by financing activities	<u>(287,338)</u>	<u>(2,738,383)</u>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH FLOW</b>	<b>554,725</b>	<b>(2,137,603)</b>
Cash - beginning of year	<u>22,419,848</u>	<u>24,557,451</u>
<b>CASH - END OF YEAR (Note 2)</b>	<b><u>\$ 22,974,573</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 22,419,848</u></b>

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**TOWN OF EDSON**  
**Consolidated Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets**      *(Schedule 1)*  
**Year Ended December 31, 2018**

	Land	Land Improvements	Buildings	Engineered Structures	Machinery and Equipment	Vehicles	2018	2017
<b>COST</b>								
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 9,975,518	\$ 16,984,956	\$ 20,878,476	\$ 114,555,267	\$ 9,844,147	\$ 3,087,026	<b>\$175,325,390</b>	\$161,773,523
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	474,399	272,494	7,054,587	4,630,306	35,894	<b>12,467,680</b>	7,394,133
Construction in progress	-	285,684	-	60,374	-	-	<b>346,058</b>	7,565,246
Disposal of tangible capital assets	-	(194,326)	(171,553)	(37,746)	(580,822)	(165,269)	<b>(1,149,716)</b>	(1,407,512)
Write down of tangible capital assets	-	-	(2,530,778)	-	-	-	<b>(2,530,778)</b>	-
Transfer of capital assets to land held for resale	(51,903)	-	-	-	-	-	<b>(51,903)</b>	-
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 9,923,615</u>	<u>\$ 17,550,713</u>	<u>\$ 18,448,639</u>	<u>\$ 121,632,482</u>	<u>\$ 13,893,631</u>	<u>\$ 2,957,651</u>	<b><u>\$184,406,731</u></b>	<u>\$175,325,390</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION</b>								
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ -	\$ 6,993,965	\$ 6,875,303	\$ 46,753,548	\$ 4,371,249	\$ 1,684,123	<b>\$ 66,678,188</b>	\$ 63,514,961
Annual amortization	-	692,634	603,815	1,875,824	777,198	236,068	<b>4,185,539</b>	3,978,561
Accumulated amortization on disposals	-	(63,289)	(74,669)	(35,066)	(579,330)	(165,269)	<b>(917,623)</b>	(815,334)
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,623,310</u>	<u>\$ 7,404,449</u>	<u>\$ 48,594,306</u>	<u>\$ 4,569,117</u>	<u>\$ 1,754,922</u>	<b><u>\$ 69,946,104</u></b>	<u>\$ 66,678,188</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 9,923,615</u>	<u>\$ 9,927,403</u>	<u>\$ 11,044,190</u>	<u>\$ 73,038,176</u>	<u>\$ 9,324,514</u>	<u>\$ 1,202,729</u>	<b><u>\$114,460,627</u></b>	<u>\$108,647,202</u>
2017 NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 9,975,518</u>	<u>\$ 9,990,991</u>	<u>\$ 14,003,173</u>	<u>\$ 67,801,719</u>	<u>\$ 5,472,898</u>	<u>\$ 1,402,903</u>		<u>\$108,647,202</u>

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**Consolidated Schedule of Property and Other Taxes**      *(Schedule 2)*  
**Year Ended December 31, 2018**

	Budget (Unaudited)	2018	2017
<b>TAXATION</b>			
Real property taxes	\$ 14,517,431	<b>\$ 14,501,746</b>	\$ 14,353,654
Linear property taxes	423,188	<b>421,047</b>	426,481
Government grants in place of property taxes	194,568	<b>194,568</b>	188,806
Special assessments and local improvement taxes	648,022	<b>648,023</b>	649,725
	<u>15,783,209</u>	<u><b>15,765,384</b></u>	<u>15,618,666</u>
<b>REQUISITIONS</b>			
ASFF School Foundation Req	3,401,139	<b>3,401,139</b>	3,391,702
Living Waters Catholic Schools Req	433,027	<b>433,027</b>	436,668
Evergreens Seniors Foundation	549,886	<b>549,887</b>	659,732
Designated Industrial Property	2,255	<b>2,255</b>	-
	<u>4,386,307</u>	<u><b>4,386,308</b></u>	<u>4,488,102</u>
<b>NET MUNICIPAL TAXES</b>	<u><b>\$ 11,396,902</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 11,379,076</b></u>	<u>\$ 11,130,564</u>

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**Consolidated Schedule of Government Transfers** **(Schedule 3)**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2018**

	Budget (Unaudited)	2018	2017
<b>TRANSFERS FOR OPERATING</b>			
Federal government transfers	\$ 19,800	\$ 31,744	\$ 17,192
Provincial government transfers	867,085	862,779	1,088,274
Local government transfers	6,631,590	6,216,786	6,247,515
	<u>7,518,475</u>	<u>7,111,309</u>	<u>7,352,981</u>
<b>TRANSFERS FOR CAPITAL</b>			
Provincial government transfers	4,631,835	1,599,115	5,429,542
Local government transfers	-	6,297	-
	<u>4,631,835</u>	<u>1,605,412</u>	<u>5,429,542</u>
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<u>\$ 12,150,310</u>	<u>\$ 8,716,721</u>	<u>\$ 12,782,523</u>

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**TOWN OF EDSON**  
**Consolidated Schedule of Expenses by Object** **(Schedule 4)**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2018**

	Budget (Unaudited)	2018	2017
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 9,215,927	\$ <b>8,661,607</b>	\$ 8,331,665
Contracted and general services	5,207,031	<b>5,328,126</b>	4,842,450
Purchases from other governments	2,674,471	<b>2,351,400</b>	2,476,716
Materials, goods, supplies, and utilities	2,227,316	<b>2,386,026</b>	2,180,782
Transfers to local boards and agencies	305,000	<b>326,845</b>	315,055
Transfers to individuals and organizations	1,649,610	<b>1,244,383</b>	908,673
Bank charges and short-term interest	17,000	<b>20,793</b>	19,314
Interest on capital long-term debt	492,679	<b>206,067</b>	225,003
Other expenditures	408,922	<b>476,411</b>	146,457
Amortization of tangible capital assets	3,867,962	<b>4,185,539</b>	3,978,561
Net loss on sale of tangible capital assets	-	<b>230,321</b>	506,418
Write down of tangible capital assets	-	<b>2,530,778</b>	-
	<b>\$ 26,065,918</b>	<b>\$ 27,948,296</b>	<b>\$ 23,931,094</b>

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**TOWN OF EDSON**  
**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**  
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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

Reporting Entity

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

Included with the municipality is twenty five percent of the West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority which is recorded using the proportionate consolidation method.

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

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

Basis of Accounting

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

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

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian 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 revenue and expenditure during the period. Where measurement uncertainty exists, the financial statements have been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**  
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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Cash and temporary investments

Cash includes cash and temporary investments. Temporary investments are investments in guaranteed investment certificates with a term of less than one year. They are valued at cost.

Investments

Investments are recorded at amortized cost. Investment premiums and discounts are amortized on the net present value basis over the term of the respective investments. When there has been a loss in value that is other than a temporary decline, the respective investment is written down to recognize the loss.

Debt Charges Recoverable

Debt charges recoverable consist of amounts that are recoverable from municipal agencies or other local governments with respect to outstanding debentures or other long-term debt pursuant to annexation orders or joint capital undertakings. These recoveries are recorded at a value that equals the offsetting portion of the un-matured long-term debt, less actuarial requirements for the retirement of any sinking fund debentures.

Requisition Over-levy and Under-levy

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

If the actual levy exceeds the requisition, the over-levy is accrued as a liability and property tax revenue is reduced. Where the actual levy is less than the requisition amount, the under-levy is accrued as a receivable and as property tax revenue.

Requisition tax rates in the subsequent year are adjusted for any over-levies or under-levies of the prior year.

Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value with the cost being determined on an average cost basis.

Land 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 levelling charges. Related development costs incurred to provide infrastructure such as water and wastewater services, roads and sidewalks are recorded as physical assets under the respective function.

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.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Prepaid Local Improvement Charges

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 municipality.

Where a taxpayer has elected to prepay the outstanding local improvement charges, such amounts are recorded as deferred revenue. Deferred revenue is amortized to revenue on a straight line basis over the remaining term of the related borrowings.

In the event that the prepaid amounts are applied against the related borrowings, the deferred revenue is amortized to revenue by an amount equal to the debt repayment.

Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Liability

Pursuant to the Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, the town is required to fund the closure of its landfill site and provide for post-closure care of the facility. Closure and post-closure activities include the final clay cover, landscaping, as well as surface and ground water monitoring, leachate control, and visual inspection. The requirement is being provided for over the estimated remaining life of the landfill site based on usage.

Government Transfers

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

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

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Non-Financial Assets

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

1. Contributions of Tangible Capital Assets

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

2. Leases

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

3. Inventories

Inventories held for consumption are recorded at the lower of cost and net realizable value with cost being determined on an average cost basis.

4. Cultural and Historical Tangible Capital Assets

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

Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Tangible capital assets are amortized on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives at the following rates:

Land Improvements	10-50 years
Buildings	25-50 years
Engineered Structures	
Water system	45-75 years
Wastewater system	45-75 years
Other engineered structures	10-75 years
Machinery and equipment	5-40 years
Vehicles	10-25 years

Amortization is charged on a monthly basis, starting in the month after the asset is purchased or construction is complete. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

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2. CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS

	2018	2017
Cash	\$ 22,374,986	\$ 21,831,494
Temporary investments	200,000	200,000
Investment (WYRWMA)	399,587	388,354
	\$ 22,974,573	\$ 22,419,848

Temporary investments are short-term deposits with original maturities of one year or less. Included in the above balances are \$2,279,127 (2017 - \$813,186) of funds which are restricted in use for future capital projects (note 7) and the public reserve trust.

The temporary investments have a fair market value of \$202,949 (2017 - \$201,772). Temporary investments have effective interest rates of 2.35% (2017 - 1.4%) and mature May 16, 2019.

Investment (WYRWMA) consist of the town's 25% share of the investment of the authority which is a demand savings account bearing interest at 2.5% (2017 - 1.8%) and requires 90 days notice prior to withdrawal. The carrying value of the investments approximates the fair market value due to the short term nature of the investments.

3. PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE

	2018	2017
Current tax receivable	\$ 554,499	\$ 436,773
Tax arrears	234,531	145,426
Subtotal	789,030	582,199
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(66,242)	(66,242)
	\$ 722,788	\$ 515,957

4. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2018	2017
Trade accounts receivable	\$ 3,080,181	\$ 2,841,346
GST receivable	222,486	379,996
Accounts receivable WYRWMA	35,737	59,185
Subtotal	3,338,404	3,280,527
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(28,114)	(28,114)
	\$ 3,310,290	\$ 3,252,413

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5. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

	2018	2017
Accrued interest	\$ 44,772	\$ 28,344
School requisition under levy	5,670	-
ACFA shares	30	30
	\$ 50,472	\$ 28,374

6. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

	2018	2017
Vacation pay accrued	\$ 455,916	\$ 463,774
Banked overtime accrued	66	-
	\$ 455,982	\$ 463,774

The vacation and overtime liability is comprised of amounts that employees are deferring to future years. Employees have either earned the benefits (and are vested) or are entitled to these benefits within the next budgetary year.

7. DEFERRED REVENUE

	2018	2017
Prepaid local improvement charges	\$ 401,009	\$ 457,005
Conditional government grants	2,042,859	632,513
Unearned revenue	37,385	68,958
	\$ 2,481,253	\$ 1,158,476

Prepaid local improvement charges are being amortized to revenue at various rates over the next fifteen years.

The use of conditional government grants is restricted to eligible capital projects, as approved under the funding agreements, which are scheduled for completion in 2019. These unexpended funds are supported by restricted cash balances.

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8. LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POST-CLOSURE LIABILITY

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.

The estimated total 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 6% and assuming annual inflation of 2%.

The accrued liability portion is based on the cumulative capacity used at year end compared to the estimated total landfill capacity. The current landfill site consists of an actively used cell for dry waste disposal and land available for potential future expansion. Due to a fire at the existing landfill site, the current dry waste cell is expected to be closed and reclaimed to government standards in the next fiscal year. As there is no further capacity for this cell, the total amount of the closure costs have been accrued in these financial statements. The town continues to accrue amounts for post closure costs that will result when the facility is permanently closed, which is unknown at this time.

The town has not designated assets for settling post-closure liabilities.

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Estimated closure costs	<b>\$ 805,000</b>	\$ 1,488,426
Estimated post-closure costs	<b>3,487,019</b>	3,464,162
	<b>\$ 4,292,019</b>	\$ 4,952,588
Estimated capacity remaining	<b>75.13 %</b>	76.31 %
Portion of post closure liability remaining to be recognized (2017- closure and post closure)	<b>\$ 2,619,781</b>	\$ 3,779,320
Estimated capacity used	<b>24.87 %</b>	23.69 %
Estimated dry waste post closure liability (2107 - closure and post closure)	<b>\$ 867,238</b>	\$ 1,173,268
Estimated closure liability at 100%	<b>\$ 805,000</b>	\$ -
Estimated post closure liability (2017 - closure and post closure)	<b>867,238</b>	1,173,268
Subtotal	<b>1,672,238</b>	1,173,268
Less: Yellowhead County contribution	<b>(326,408)</b>	(225,451)
Contingency	<b>721</b>	157,734
	<b>\$ 1,346,551</b>	\$ 1,105,551

The Yellowhead County has entered into an agreement with the Town of Edson whereby the County has committed to sharing the future landfill closure costs based on 35% of the closure costs prorated for the years the County has used the landfill.

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9. LONG-TERM DEBT

	2018	2017
Debentures	\$ 13,414,845	\$ 14,208,103
Capital leases	<b>505,920</b>	-
Subtotal	<b>13,920,765</b>	14,208,103
Less: Current portion	<b>(928,196)</b>	(793,258)
	<b>\$ 12,992,569</b>	<b>\$ 14,208,103</b>

Principal and interest payments are due as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2019	\$ 928,196	\$ 490,943	\$ 1,419,139
2020	965,506	453,634	1,419,140
2021	982,528	414,781	1,397,309
2022	1,007,571	375,520	1,383,091
2023	922,986	336,048	1,259,034
2024	9,113,978	1,971,402	11,085,380
	<b>\$ 13,920,765</b>	<b>\$ 4,042,328</b>	<b>\$ 17,963,093</b>

Debenture debt is repayable to the Alberta Capital Financing Authority and bears interest at rates ranging from 2.229% to 5.875% per annum, and mature in periods 2020 through 2036. Long-term debt is issued on the credit and security of the Town at large.

Capital leases are repayable in blended monthly instalments of \$10,700 and bear interest at 5.218% due June 1, 2023.

Interest on long-term debt amounted to \$506,644 (2017 - \$537,339). The town capitalized interest carrying costs for a capital project under construction in the amount of \$300,578 (2017 - \$312,336).

The town's total cash payments for interest in 2018 were \$511,447 (2017 - \$551,361).

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10. 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 of Edson be disclosed as follows:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total debt limit	\$ 41,577,002	\$ 40,939,785
Total debt	<u>(13,920,765)</u>	<u>(14,208,013)</u>
Amount of debt limit unused	<u>\$ 27,656,237</u>	<u>\$ 26,731,772</u>
Debt servicing limit	\$ 6,929,500	\$ 6,823,298
Debt servicing	<u>(1,419,139)</u>	<u>(1,290,740)</u>
Amount of debt servicing limit unused	<u>\$ 5,510,361</u>	<u>\$ 5,532,558</u>

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

11. EQUITY IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Tangible capital assets (Schedule 1)	\$184,406,731	\$175,325,390
Accumulated amortization (Schedule 1)	<u>(69,946,104)</u>	<u>(66,678,188)</u>
Long-term debt	<u>(13,920,765)</u>	<u>(14,208,103)</u>
	<u>\$100,539,862</u>	<u>\$ 94,439,099</u>

12. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

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

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Unrestricted surplus	\$ 516,053	\$ 4,433,604
WYRWMA surplus (deficit)	<u>(122,171)</u>	<u>(72,338)</u>
WYRWMA - restricted surplus	376,580	402,361
Restricted surplus - operating	3,689,609	2,802,685
Restricted surplus - capital	14,741,764	13,206,631
Equity in tangible capital assets	<u>100,539,862</u>	<u>94,439,099</u>
	<u>\$119,741,697</u>	<u>\$115,212,042</u>

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13. SALARY AND BENEFITS DISCLOSURE

Disclosure of salaries and benefits for municipal officials, the chief administrative officer (CAO) and designated officers as required by Alberta Regulation 313/2000 is as follows:

	Salary	Benefits	2018	2017
Mayor Greg Pasychny	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000
Mayor Kevin Zahara	36,000	-	<b>36,000</b>	6,000
Councilor K. Baier	22,800	-	<b>22,800</b>	3,800
Councilor T. Bevan	22,800	-	<b>22,800</b>	22,800
Councilor B. Boyce	-	-	-	13,300
Councilor G. Chouinard	22,800	-	<b>22,800</b>	22,800
Councilor J. Currie	22,800	-	<b>22,800</b>	3,800
Councilor J. Gomuwka	-	-	-	19,000
Councilor T. Sorensen	22,800	-	<b>22,800</b>	3,800
Councilor T. Strang	-	-	-	19,000
Councilor J. Wilkinson	22,800	-	<b>22,800</b>	22,800
CAO	176,250	33,545	<b>209,795</b>	208,412

Salary includes regular base pay, bonuses, overtime, lump sum payments, gross honoraria and any other direct cash remuneration.

Benefits figure includes 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, long and short term disability plans, professional memberships and tuition.

Benefits figures also include the employer's share of the costs of additional taxable benefits including special leave with pay, travel allowances and car allowances.

14. LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN

Employees of the town participate in the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP), which is one of the plans covered by the Alberta Public Sector Pension Plans Act. The Plan serves about 259,714 members and 420 employers as at December 2017. The LAPP 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 is required to make current service contributions to the LAPP of 11.39% of pensionable earnings up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings under the Canada Pension Plan, and 15.84% of pensionable earnings above this amount.

Total current service contributions by the Town of Edson to the LAPP were \$608,376 (2017 - \$624,571). Total current service contributions by the employees of the Town of Edson to the LAPP were \$568,418 (2017 - \$575,063).

As at December 31, 2017, the Plan disclosed an actuarial surplus of \$4.84 billion.

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15. TRUST ASSETS

The town is holding funds in trust for community organizations in the amount of \$34,915 (2017 - \$80,495). These amounts are not included in the assets or liabilities of the town.

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16. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Fair Value

The town's financial instruments consist of cash and temporary investments, receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and deposit liabilities. The carrying value of these instruments approximate their fair value due to their immediate or short term maturity.

The carrying value of the long term debt approximates the fair value as the interest rates are consistent with the current rates offered to the municipality for debt with similar terms.

Credit Risk

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

It is management's opinion that the town is not exposed to significant interest or credit risk arising from these financial statements.

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17. LEASE COMMITMENTS

The municipality has a number of long term leases for equipment. Future minimum lease payments as at year end are as follows:

2019	\$ 108,603
2020	86,307
2021	66,481
2022	66,481
2023	<u>16,364</u>
	<u>\$ 344,236</u>

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18. COMMITMENTS

The town is committed to making annual payments for assessment services ending June 30, 2022.

The town is also committed to a service agreement with a company for the provision of detecting traffic violations and issuing citations to alleged violators within town limits ending November 2021.

The town has future commitments pertaining to agreements for capital projects with the following contractors:

Give Back Contracting Ltd. - \$685,321

Visco Demolition Contractors Ltd. - \$207,760

Stantec Inc. - \$67,800

Fortis Alberta Inc. - \$555,491

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19. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

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

The Town of Edson is a partner in the West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority. The town will be liable for its share of any future unfunded landfill reclamation costs.

The landfill site owned and operated by the town experienced a fire in 2018 and a liability was fully funded for the closure costs as a result (note 10). The post closure costs (which include monitoring) are being accrued based on useage with the intent to have the liability fully funded when the site is permanently closed. The expected date of permanent closure is unknown at this time.

The lagoons owned by the town will be subject to reclamation once a plan is developed and approved by the province. The extent and cost of such reclamation is unknown at this date and is expected to occur in 2020.

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20. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Council and management have approved these financial statements.

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