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CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HASTINGS HIGHLANDS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

MANAGEMENT REPORT

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Corporation of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands are the responsibility of management and have been approved by Council.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards. Financial statements are not precise since they include certain amounts based on estimates and judgements. When alternative accounting methods exist, management has chosen those it deems most appropriate in the circumstances, in order to ensure that the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects.

The Municipality maintains systems of internal accounting and administrative controls of high quality, consistent with reasonable cost. Such systems are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information is relevant, reliable and accurate and the Municipality's assets are appropriately accounted for and adequately safeguarded.

The Municipality's Council is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and is ultimately responsible for reviewing and approving financial statements.

Council reviews and approves the Municipality's financial statements for issuance to the members of Council, inhabitants and ratepayers of the Corporation of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands. Council meets periodically with management, as well as the external auditor, to discuss internal controls over the financial reporting process, auditing matters and financial reporting issues, to satisfy themselves that each party is properly discharging their responsibilities and to review the financial statements and the independent auditor's report.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by Baker Tilly KDN LLP in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards on behalf of the Municipality. Baker Tilly KDN LLP has full and free access to Council.

July 17, 2024



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Council, Inhabitants and Ratepayers of the Corporation of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of the Corporation of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands and its local boards (the Municipality), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, the consolidated statements of operations and accumulated surplus, change in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Municipality as at December 31, 2023, and the results of its consolidated operations and its consolidated 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 these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the 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 related 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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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.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the consolidated financial information of the
 entities or business activities within the Municipality to express an opinion on the consolidated
 financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the
 group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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.

Chartered Professional Accountants Licensed Public Accountants

Baker Ally KDN LLP

Peterborough, Ontario July 31, 2024



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION At December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash	6,514,749	6,712,866
Accounts receivable	270,877	322,447
Taxes receivable	745,231	644,058
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS	7,530,857	7,679,371
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,097,285	870,583
Deferred revenue - other (note 3)	92,232	75,572
Deferred revenue - obligatory reserve funds (note 2)	202,700	302,575
Long term debt (note 5)	499,884	686,399
Asset retirement obligation (note 18)	2,805,830	-
Landfill closure and post-closure liability (note 16)	-	1,442,200
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,697,931	3,377,329
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	2,832,926	4,302,042
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible capital assets (note 8)	25,718,318	22,387,028
Prepaid expenses	85,664	76,511
TOTAL NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS	25,803,982	22,463,539
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (note 10)	28,636,908	26,765,581



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND ACCUMULATED SURPLUSFor the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budget	Actual	Actual
	2023	2023	2022
	\$ (Unaudited)	\$	\$
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REVENUES			
Property taxation	8,292,007	8,404,551	7,989,551
User charges	590,950	596,453	733,253
Government of Canada	20,740	20,740	222,500
Province of Ontario	2,528,510	2,533,134	2,587,688
Penalties and interest on taxes	100,000	113,756	94,089
Investment income	120,000	332,852	132,920
Parkland fees earned (note 2)	30,000	20,860	47,500
Canada Community-Building Fund earned (note 2)	438,000	352,388	298,065
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	<u> </u>	6,411	41,255
TOTAL REVENUES	12,120,207	12,381,145	12,146,821
EXPENSES			
General government	1,482,122	1,507,919	1,477,500
Protection services	2,318,790	2,244,233	2,083,044
Transportation services	5,669,324	5,502,971	5,497,492
Environmental services	1,199,159	1,632,974	881,582
Health services	30,000	29,692	4,167
Recreation and cultural services	372,252	441,078	471,056
Planning and development	316,195	290,622	265,086
Library services	211,745	207,429	190,327
Landfill adjustment due to change in accounting	211,745	201,429	190,021
standards	_	(1,347,100)	_
Change in landfill closure and post-closure liability	- -	(1,547,100)	(628,800)
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TOTAL EXPENSES	11,599,587	10,509,818	10,241,454
ANNUAL SURPLUS	520,620	1,871,327	1,905,367
ANNUAL SUNFLUS	020,020	1,011,021	1,900,307
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - beginning of year		26,765,581	24,860,214
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - end of year		28,636,908	26,765,581



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETSFor the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Actual 2022
	\$ (Unaudited)	\$	\$
ANNUAL SURPLUS	520,620	1,871,327	1,905,367
Amortization of tangible capital assets	1,837,928	2,394,651	1,837,928
Purchase of tangible capital assets Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	(3,511,348)	(3,214,655) (6,411)	(2,134,289)
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	- -	51,547	(41,255) 41,255
Change in prepaid expenses	-	(9,153)	(43,997)
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	(1,152,800)	1,087,306	1,565,009
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS - beginning of year	4,302,042	4,302,042	2,737,033
ADJUSTMENT ON ADOPTION OF THE ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION STANDARD (note 16) NET FINANCIAL ASSETS - beginning of year, as	-	(2,556,422)	-
restated	4,302,042	1,745,620	2,737,033
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS - end of year	3,149,242	2,832,926	4,302,042



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWSFor the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023 \$	2022
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN)	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	*
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Annual surplus	1,871,327	1,905,367
Items not involving cash		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	2,394,651	1,837,928
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	(6,411)	(41,255)
Accretion expense	154,308	`
Change in landfill closure and post-closure liability	(1,442,200)	(628,800)
Asset retirement obligation expense	95,100	-
Change in non-cash assets and liabilities	,	
Accounts receivable	51,570	(131,582)
Taxes receivable	(101,173)	(70,911)
Prepaid expenses	(9,153)	(43,997)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	226,702	(255,284)
Deferred revenue - other	16,660	(140,818)
Deferred revenue - obligatory reserve funds	(99,875)	(81,324)
Net change in cash from operating activities	3,151,506	2,349,324
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of tangible capital assets	(3,214,655)	(2,134,289)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	51,547	41,255
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	31,347	41,233
Net change in cash from capital activities	(3,163,108)	(2,093,034)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Debt principal repayments	(186,515)	(179,959)
2000 principal ropaymonto	(100,010)	(170,000)
NET CHANGE IN CASH	(198,117)	76,331
CASH - beginning of year	6,712,866	6,636,535
CASH - end of year	6,514,749	6,712,866



NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

The Municipality of Hastings Highlands is a lower tier municipality in the Province of Ontario, Canada. It conducts its operations guided by the provisions of provincial statutes such as the Municipal Act, Municipal Affairs Act and related legislation.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the standards in the Chartered Professional Accountants Canada Public Sector Accounting (PSA) Handbook. Significant aspects of the accounting policies are as follows:

(a) Reporting Entity

These consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and accumulated surplus of the reporting entity.

The reporting entity is comprised of all organizations, committees and local boards accountable for the administration of their financial affairs and resources to the Municipality and which are owned and controlled by the Municipality. These consolidated financial statements include:

- Hastings Highlands Public Library Board
- · Hastings Highlands Cemetery Board

All interfund assets and liabilities and revenues and expenses are eliminated.

(b) Trust Funds

Trust funds and their related operations administered by the Municipality are not included in these consolidated financial statements but are reported on separately on the Trust Funds Statement of Continuity and Statement of Financial Position.

(c) 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. Initial costs for tangible capital assets that were acquired or developed prior to 2009 were obtained using historical cost information or using current fair market values discounted by a relevant inflation factor to the point of acquisition. The cost, less residual value, if any, of tangible capital assets is amortized on a straight-line basis, over the expected useful life of the asset, as follows:

Land improvements	15 - 20 years
Land improvements - landfill	1 - 110 years
Buildings	40 - 50 years
Buildings - ARO	10 - 20 years
Building improvements	20 - 30 years
Machinery	10 - 15 years
Vehicles	8 - 10 years
Furniture and office equipment	3 - 20 years
Roads and bridges	15 - 40 years

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

Tangible capital assets categorized as assets under construction are not amortized until they are put into service.



NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

(d) Non-financial Assets

Tangible capital and other non-financial assets are accounted for as assets by the Municipality because they can be used to provide services in future periods. These assets do not normally provide resources to discharge the liabilities of the Municipality unless they are sold.

(e) Recognition of Revenues and Expenses

Revenues and expenses are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues in the period in which the transactions or events occurred that give rise to the revenue; expenses are recognized in the period the goods or services are acquired and a legal liability is incurred or transfers are due.

Taxation

Property tax billings are prepared by the Municipality based on assessment rolls issued by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) and in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act, 2001. The Municipality's Council establishes the tax rates annually, incorporating amounts to be raised for local services, and amounts the Municipality is required to collect on behalf of the County and School Boards. From time to time property assessments are adjusted by MPAC through the reconsideration process or by the Assessment Review Board through the appeal process. Additional assessments, referred to as supplementary and omitted assessment can also be issued by MPAC in accordance with the Assessment Act. These adjustments and additional assessments are reported in the financial statements when amounts can be reasonably determined.

The Municipality is entitled to collect interest and penalties on overdue taxes. These revenues are recorded in the period the interest and penalties are levied.

Government Funding

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

Other revenue

User charges are recognized as revenue in the year the goods and services are provided, with the exception of building permits that are recognized when the permits are issued.

Investment income is recorded when earned.

Canada Community-Building Fund and parkland fees are recognized in the period in which the related expenditures are recorded.

(f) Reserves

Certain amounts, as approved by Council, are set aside in reserves for future operating and capital purposes. Transfers to and/or from reserves are an adjustment to the respective fund when approved.



NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

(g) Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue represents grants, user charges and fees which have been collected but for which the related services have yet to be performed. These amounts will be recognized as revenues in the fiscal year the services are performed.

(h) Asset Retirement Obligation

An asset retirement obligation is recognized when, as at the financial reporting date, all of the following criteria are met:

- There is a legal obligation to incur retirement costs in relation to a tangible capital asset;
- 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 liability for closure of operational sites and post-closure care relating to landfill sites has been recognized based on estimated future expenses. An additional liability for the removal of asbestos in several of the buildings owned by the Municipality has also been recognized based on estimated future expenses on closure of the site and post-closure care.

The liability is discounted using a present value calculation, and adjusted yearly for accretion expense and any amounts paid. The recognition of a liability resulted in an accompanying increase to the respective tangible capital assets. The increase to the tangible capital assets is being amortized in accordance with the depreciation accounting policies outlined in (c).

(i) Use of Estimates

Certain items recognized in the consolidated financial statements are subject to measurement uncertainty. The recognized amounts of such items are based on the Municipality's best information and judgment. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and the effect on the consolidated financial statements or changes in such estimates in future periods could be significant. The Municipality's significant estimates include:

 The amounts recorded for amortization of tangible capital assets are based on estimates of useful life and residual values.

In addition, the Municipality's implementation of PS3280 Asset Retirement Obligations has resulted in the requirement for management to make estimates regarding the useful lives of affected tangible capital assets in conjunction with estimates of expected asset retirement costs, as well as the timing and duration of these retirement costs.



NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

(i) Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are classified as either fair value or amortized cost. The following chart shows the measurement method for each type of financial instrument.

Financial Instrument	Measurement Method
Cash	Amortized Cost
Accounts receivable	Amortized Cost
Taxes receivable	Amortized Cost
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	Amortized Cost
Long term debt	Amortized Cost

Fair value category: The Municipality manages and reports performance for groups of financial assets on a fair-value basis. Investments traded in an active market are reflected at fair value as at the reporting date. Sales and purchases of investments are recorded on the trade date. Transaction costs related to the acquisition of investments are recorded as an expense. Unrealized gains and losses on financial assets are recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses until such time that the financial asset is derecognized due to disposal or impairment. At the time of derecognition, the related realized gains and losses are recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus and related balances reversed from the Consolidated Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses.

Amortized cost category: Amounts are measured at the initial recognition minus principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortization using the effective interest rate method of any difference between the initial amount and the maturity amount, and minus any reduction for impairment or uncollectibility. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial asset or financial liability (or a group of financial assets or financial liabilities) and of allocating the interest income or interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or, when appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount of the financial instrument asset or financial instrument liability.

The following hierarchy provides an analysis of financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value, grouped into Levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which fair value is observable:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 Observable or corroborated inputs, other than level 1, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets or market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities; and
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets and liabilities.

As there are no unrealized gains or losses on financial instruments to report, the Consolidated Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses has not been presented in these financial statements.



NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

2. DEFERRED REVENUE - OBLIGATORY RESERVE FUNDS

A requirement of the Chartered Professional Accountants Canada Public Sector Accounting Handbook, is that obligatory reserve funds be reported as deferred revenue. This requirement is in place as legislation and external agreements restrict how these funds may be used and under certain circumstances these funds may possibly be refunded. The balances in the obligatory reserve funds of the Municipality are summarized below:

	2023	2022
	2023 \$	\$
	474.075	055.040
Canada Community-Building Fund Parkland	171,375 31,325	255,642 46,933
Fairialia	31,323	40,933
	202,700	302,575
The continuity of deferred revenue - obligatory reserve funds is as follows:	ws:	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Balance - beginning of year	302,575	383,899
Add amounts received:		
Canada Community-Building Fund received from the County		
of Hastings	132,542	123,711
Canada Community-Building Fund received from AMO Parkland fees received	134,958	129,334
Interest	5,252 621	9,500 1,696
	· · · · ·	1,000
	273,373	264,241
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Less transfer to operations: Canada Community-Building Fund earned	352,388	298,065
Parkland fees earned	20,860	47,500
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	373,248	345,565
Balance - end of year	202,700	302,575
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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

3. DEFERRED REVENUE - OTHER

Included in deferred revenue - other are the following amounts:

2023	2022
*	<u> </u>
	<u>-</u>
•	21,053
80,712	19,338
-	35,181
92,232	75,572
2023	2022
\$	\$
75,572	216,390
20,000	
,	212 022
200,970	313,032
285,975	313,032
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•	95,000
•	358,850
•	330,030
14,555	
269,315	453,850
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	\$ 5,467 6,053 80,712 - 92,232 2023 \$ 75,572 20,000 265,975 285,975 35,181 15,000 204,601 14,533

4. PENSION AGREEMENTS

Certain employees of the Municipality are eligible members of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS), a multi-employer pension plan.

The Actuarial Opinion contained in the 2023 Annual Report disclosed total actuarial liabilities of \$136,185 million in respect of benefits accrued for service with actuarial assets of \$131,983 million indicating an actuarial deficit of \$4,202 million. Because OMERS is a multi-employer plan, any pension plan surpluses or deficits are a joint responsibility of Ontario municipal organizations and their employees. As a result, the Municipality does not recognize any share of the OMERS pension surplus or deficit.

The Municipality's required contributions to OMERS in 2023 were \$246,344 (2022 - \$203,519).



NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

5. LONG TERM DEBT

(a) The balance of long term debt reported on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position is made up of the following:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation due August 18, 2025, repayable in blended semi annual instalments of \$21,713 and bearing interest at 4.19% per annum.	82,487	121,235
Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation due October 10, 2025, repayable in blended semi annual instalments of \$27,959 and bearing interest at 2.65% per annum.	110,797	164,046
Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation due July 15, 2026, repayable in blended semi annual instalments of \$54,662 and bearing interest at 3.92% per annum.	306,600	401,118
	499,884	686,399

- (b) The long term debt in (a) issued in the name of the Municipality have been approved by by-law. The annual principal and interest payments required to service these liabilities are within the annual debt repayment limit prescribed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
- (c) Interest paid during the year on long term debt amounted to \$23,481 (2022 \$30,038).
- (d) The long term debt is secured by a chattel mortgage on the assets acquired.
- (e) The long term debt reported in (a) of this note is repayable as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
	\$	\$	\$
2024	193,317	16,679	209,996
2025	200,375	9,621	209,996
2026	106,192	3,132	109,324
	499,884	29,432	529,316

6. TRUST FUNDS

Trust funds administered by the Municipality amounting to \$70,505 (2022 - \$64,618) have not been included in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position nor have their operations been included in the Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus. As such balances are held in trust by the Municipality for the benefit of others, they are not presented as part of the Municipality's financial position or operations.

7. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Municipality, in the course of its operations, is often named in lawsuits the outcomes of which are indeterminable at this time. No amounts in connection with these items have been reflected in these financial statements.



NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

8. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

The net book value of the Municipality's tangible capital assets are:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
General		
Land and land improvements	3,338,647	1,232,249
Buildings and building improvements	3,972,130	3,998,373
Machinery and vehicles	2,901,686	2,388,137
Furniture and office equipment	111,122	125,463
Infrastructure		
Roads and bridges	14,767,317	14,624,660
	25,090,902	22,368,882
Assets under construction	627,416	18,146
	25,718,318	22,387,028

For additional information, see the Consolidated Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets.

During the year there were no write-downs of assets (2022 - \$NiI) and no interest capitalized (2022 - \$NiI).

Tangible capital assets allocated by segment are as follows:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
	·	·
General government	3,049,247	3,141,527
Protection services	774,534	567,718
Transportation services	18,752,413	17,565,550
Environmental services	1,982,553	119,317
Recreation and cultural services	1,159,571	992,916
	25,718,318	22,387,028

9. CREDIT FACILITY AGREEMENT

The Municipality has a revolving credit facility agreement with its main financial institution. The amount available at any time is limited to \$1,000,000 via an operating line of credit. Any balance borrowed will accrue interest at the bank's prime lending rate. Council authorized the temporary borrowing limit by By-law 2023-002. At December 31, 2023 there was no balance outstanding (2022 - \$Nil).



NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

10. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

Accumulated surplus consists of the following:

	2023 \$	2022
	Φ	\$
Surplus/(Deficit)		
Cemetery Board	5,188	5,188
Unfunded landfill closure and post-closure costs	<u> </u>	(1,442,200)
	5,188	(1,437,012)
	·	, , , , ,
Invested In Capital Assets	25 740 240	22 227 020
Tangible capital assets - net book value Asset retirement obligations	25,718,318	22,387,028
Long term debt	(2,805,830) (499,884)	(686,399)
Unfunded capital - bridges	(609,270)	(000,399)
	(,)	
	21,803,334	21,700,629
Surplus	21,808,522	20,263,617
<u>our prao</u>	21,000,022	20,200,011
Reserves		
Working funds	2,587,145	2,216,829
Equipment replacement	481,000	477,368
Insurance	30,065	30,065
General administration	607,294	597,131
Fire	676,610	826,867
Health services	10,000	10,000
Recreation capital	32,500	32,500
Election	52,469	37,469
Economic development	46,494	42,929
Paving and construction	1,275,486	1,187,870
Waste disposal	994,642	979,642
Building department stabilization fund	-	20,924
Library Board projects	34,681	37,686
Library DVD pool	-	4,684
Total Reserves	6,828,386	6,501,964
	28,636,908	26,765,581

11. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures were restated, where required, to conform with the current year presentation. The restatement did not effect the prior year annual surplus.



NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

12. BUDGET FIGURES

The budget, approved by the Municipality, for 2023 is reflected on the Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus and the Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets. The budget established for capital investment in tangible capital assets are on a project-oriented basis, the costs of which may be carried out over one or more years and, therefore, may not be comparable with current year's actual amounts. Budget figures have been reclassified for the purposes of these financial statements to comply with PSA reporting requirements. Budget figures are not subject to audit.

The following is a reconciliation of the Council approved budget amounts to the PSA amounts:

	(Unaudited) Revenue	(Unaudited) Expenses
	\$	\$
Council approved hudget:		
Council approved budget:	44 500 050	44 500 050
Operating	11,583,258	11,583,258
Capital	3,494,348	3,494,348
Total Council approved budget	15,077,606	15,077,606
Less: Tangible capital assets capitalized	_	(3,511,348)
	_	1,837,928
Add: Amortization of tangible capital assets	-	, ,
Less: Principal repayment of long term debt	-	(186,515)
Less: Transfers to/from reserves	(2,707,765)	(1,368,450)
Library budget	50,366	50,366
Internal transfers	(300,000)	(300,000)
Adjusted budget per Consolidated Statement of Operations	12,120,207	11,599,587

13. EXPENSES BY OBJECT

The expenses for the year reported on the Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus by object are as follows:

	Budget 2023	•	
	\$ (Unaudited)	\$	\$
	(31111111111111111111111111111111111111		
Salaries and benefits	4,179,586	3,973,533	3,708,108
Interest charges	23,482	23,482	30,038
Materials	3,175,515	2,945,265	3,084,239
Contracted services	2,354,504	982,894	1,540,005
Rents and financial	19,075	180,146	25,790
External transfers	9,497	9,847	15,346
Amortization	1,837,928	2,394,651	1,837,928
	11,599,587	10,509,818	10,241,454



NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

14. OPERATIONS OF SCHOOL BOARDS AND THE COUNTY OF HASTINGS

During 2023, requisitions were made by the County of Hastings and School Boards requiring the Municipality to collect property taxes and payments in lieu of property taxes on their behalf. The amounts collected and remitted are as follows:

	School Boards \$	County \$
Amounts requisitioned and remitted	1,751,550	3,307,979

These amounts have not been included in the Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus.

15. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Municipality of Hastings Highlands is a municipal government organization that provides a range of services to its residents. Municipality services are reported by function and their activities are separately disclosed in the segmented information.

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. Certain allocation methodologies are employed in the preparation of segmented financial information. Taxation, payments-in-lieu of taxes and certain unconditional government transfers are apportioned based on each segment's net requirements.

The accounting policies used in these segments are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements as disclosed in Note 1. For additional information see the Consolidated Schedule of Segment Disclosure.

General Government

General government consists of the activities of Council and general financial and administrative management of the Municipality and its programs and services.

Protection Services

Protection services include police, fire and protective inspection and control.

Transportation Services

The activities of the transportation function include construction and maintenance of the Municipality's roads and bridges, winter control and street lighting.

Environmental Services

The environmental function is responsible for providing waste disposal and recycling services to ratepayers.

Health Services

The health services function consists of external transfers to the local medical centre and cemetery operations.



NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

15. SEGMENTED INFORMATION, continued

Recreation Services

The recreation services function provides indoor and outdoor recreational facilities and programs.

Planning and Development

The planning and development services function manages commercial, industrial and residential development within the Municipality.

Library Services

The library services function provides informational needs to residents within the Municipality.

16. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Municipality has implemented the following sections which are now effective under the PSA Handbook: PS 1201 Financial Statement Presentation, PS 2601 Foreign Currency Translation, PS 3041 Portfolio Investments, PS 3450 Financial Instruments and PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations were adopted prospectively on January 1, 2023.

PS 1201 Financial Statement Presentation replaces PS 1200 Financial Statement Presentation. This standard establishes general reporting principles and standards for the disclosure of information in government financial statements. The standard introduces the Consolidated Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses separate from the Consolidated Statement of Operations. Requirements in PS 2601 Foreign Currency Translation, PS 3450 Financial Instruments, and PS 3041 Portfolio Investments, which are required to be adopted at the same time, can give rise to the presentation of gains and losses as remeasurement gains and losses.

PS 2601 Foreign Currency Translation replaces PS 2600 Foreign Currency Translation. The standard provides comprehensive requirements for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of foreign currency transactions. The adoption of this standard did not have an impact on the Municipality's consolidated financial statements.

PS 3041 Portfolio Investments replaces PS 3040 Portfolio Investments. The standard provides revised guidance on accounting for, and presentation and disclosure of, portfolio investments to conform to PS 3450 Financial Instruments. The adoption of this standard did not have an impact on the Municipality's consolidated financial statements.

PS 3450 Financial Instruments establishes accounting and reporting requirements for all types of financial instruments including derivatives. Financial instruments are included on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position and are measured either at fair value or cost or amortized cost based on the characteristics of the instrument and the Municipality's accounting policy choices (see Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies). The new standard provides comprehensive requirements for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of financial instruments. The adoption of this standard did not have an impact on the Municipality's consolidated financial statements.

PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations addresses the reporting of legal obligations associated with the retirement of certain tangible capital assets, such as asbestos removal in retired buildings by public sector entities. The new accounting standard has resulted in a withdrawal of the existing Section PS 3270 – Solid Waste Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Liability.



NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

16. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

In accordance with the provisions of this new standard, the Municipality reflected the following adjustments at January 1, 2023:

Landfill Obligation

 A decrease of \$1,442,200 to landfill closure and post-closure liability to remove the liability recognized to date under the old standard. An increase of \$2,438,500 to opening asset retirement obligation liability and an increase of \$2,343,400 to the land improvement (landfill) tangible capital asset account for operating landfill sites and an expense of \$95,100 for closed sites.

Asbestos Obligation

 An increase of \$6,917 to the buildings tangible capital asset account, representing the remediation costs at January 1, 2023 and an asset retirement obligation in the same amount.

Other Obligation

- An increase of \$66,410 to the land improvements tangible capital asset account, representing the remediation costs for gravel pits at January 1, 2023 and an asset retirement obligation in the same amount.
- An increase of \$139,695 to the buildings tangible capital asset account, representing the remediation costs for underground tanks at January 1, 2023 and an asset retirement obligation in the same amount.

17. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Transactions in financial instruments may result in the Municipality assuming or transferring to another party one or more of the financial risks described below. The required disclosures provide information that assists users of financial statements in assessing the extent of risk related to financial instruments.

The Municipality is exposed to the following risks in respect of certain of the financial instruments held:

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a transaction will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss.

In the opinion of management, the Municipality is not exposed to any significant currency, liquidity, market or interest rate risks.



NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

18. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION

The Municipality's asset retirement obligation consists of the following:

(a) Landfill obligation

The Municipality owns and operates nine landfill sites. The liability for the remaining closure costs of operational sites as well as the post-closure costs for all sites has been recognized under PS 3280 – Asset Retirement Obligations. The costs have been estimated based upon the presently known obligations that will exist at the estimated year of closure of the sites and for 25 years after the closure date using a discount rate of 4.5% and an inflation rate of 3%. For the two closed sites, there are between 18 and 19 years of remaining monitoring costs; however, the 25 year estimate could be extended based on the results of the monitoring. For the seven operational sites, the sites are projected to close between 2024 and 2130.

(b) Asbestos obligation

The Municipality owns and operates two buildings that are known to have asbestos, which represents a health hazard upon demolition of the building and there is a legal obligation to remove it. Following the adoption of PS 3280 – Asset Retirement Obligations, the Municipality recognized an obligation relating to the removal and post-removal care of the asbestos in these buildings as estimated at January 1, 2023. The buildings had an estimated useful life of 40 years when they were purchased, of which 20 years remain. Post-closure care is estimated to extend for up to a year past the closure of the building, while demolition and construction continues. Estimated costs have been discounted to the present value using a discount rate of 3.90% per annum.

(c) Other

The Municipality owns and operates underground tanks and gravel pits. The liability for the closure of these sites and the costs to return the property to its original state has been recognized under PS 3280 – Asset Retirement Obligations. The costs were based on presently known obligations that will exist at the estimated year of retirement of these tangible capital assets. These costs have been discounted to the present value using a discount rate of 3.90% per annum.

Changes to the asset retirement obligation in the year are as follows:

Asset Retirement Obligation	Landfill closure and post-closure \$	Asbestos removal \$	Other \$	Total \$
Opening balance - January 1, 2023 Accretion expense	2,438,500 146,000	6,917 270	206,105 8,038	2,651,522 154,308
Closing balance	2,584,500	7,187	214,143	2,805,830



CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	General				Infrastructure		
	Land and Land Improvements \$	Buildings and Building Improvements \$	Machinery and Vehicles \$	Furniture and Office Equipment \$	Roads and Bridges \$	Assets Under Construction \$	Totals \$
COST							
Balance, beginning of year	1,278,658	6,455,630	8,975,953	328,685	45,618,070	18,146	62,675,142
Add: additions during the year	192,031	-	902,435	16,763	1,494,156	609,270	3,214,655
Less: disposals during the year	-	-	1,315,203	7,563	-	-	1,322,766
Asset retirement obligation	2,409,810	146,612	-				2,556,422
Balance, end of year	3,880,499	6,602,242	8,563,185	337,885	47,112,226	627,416	67,123,453
ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION							
Balance, beginning of year	46,409	2,457,257	6,587,816	203,222	30,993,410	-	40,288,114
Add: additions during the year	495,443	172,855	343,750	31,104	1,351,499	-	2,394,651
Less: disposals during the year	_	_	1,270,067	7,563			1,277,630
Balance, end of year	541,852	2,630,112	5,661,499	226,763	32,344,909	<u>-</u>	41,405,135
NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	3,338,647	3,972,130	2,901,686	111,122	14,767,317	627,416	25,718,318



CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF SEGMENT DISCLOSURE For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	General Government \$	Protection Services \$	Transportation E Services \$	invironmental Services \$	Health Services \$	Recreation and Cultural Services \$	Planning and Development \$	Library Services \$	Consolidated
Revenues									
Property taxation	4,407,928	(76,201)	2,598,830	696,910	26,500	321,639	266,945	162,000	8,404,551
User charges	91,384	230,289	59,201	134,668	2,178	11,213	48,215	19,305	596,453
Government transfers - operating	70.921	1,841,553	<u>-</u>	254,985	-	164,533	-	17,281	2,349,273
Government transfers - capital	-	-	204,601		_	-	_	-	204,601
Penalties and interest on taxes	113,756	_		_	_	_	_	_	113,756
Investment income	332,852	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	332,852
Parkland fees earned	-	_	_	_	_	20,860	_	_	20,860
Canada Community-Building Fund									,
earned	_	_	352,388	_	_	_	_	_	352,388
Gain/(loss) on disposal of tangible			002,000						002,000
capital assets	6,411	-	-	-	-	-		-	6,411
Total revenues	5,023,252	1,995,641	3,215,020	1,086,563	28,678	518,245	315,160	198,586	12,381,145
Expenses									
Salaries and benefits	997,896	643,955	1,717,817	246,945	_	27,514	172,695	166,711	3,973,533
Interest charges	14,807	· -	8,675	-	_	-	· <u>-</u>	-	23,482
Materials	167,734	346,641	1,911,246	71,067	29,692	329,838	68,623	20,424	2,945,265
Contracted services	181,438	1,116,629	240,538	(658,303)	, -	50,988	49,304	2,300	982,894
Rents and financial	26,815	1,013	5,129	146,000	-	1,114	, -	[′] 75	180,146
External transfers	· -	9,847	, -	-	_	-	_	_	9,847
Amortization	119,229	126,148	1,619,566	480,165	-	31,624	-	17,919	2,394,651
Total expenses	1,507,919	2,244,233	5,502,971	285,874	29,692	441,078	290,622	207,429	10,509,818
Net surplus/(deficit)	3,515,333	(248,592)	(2,287,951)	800,689	(1,014)	77,167	24,538	(8,843)	1,871,327



CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF SEGMENT DISCLOSURE For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	General Government \$	Protection Services \$	Transportation E Services \$	invironmental Services \$	Health Services \$	Recreation and Cultural Services \$	Planning and Development \$	Library Services \$	Consolidated
Revenues									
Property taxation	3,438,766	(327,828)	3,631,107	591.050	4,250	306,751	193,455	152,000	7,989,551
User charges	90,817	365,349	48,283	143,024	3,689	30,605	51,486	-	733,253
Government transfers - operating	196,000	1,851,696	-	201,862	-	17,281	42,000	_	2,308,839
Government transfers - capital	, -	-	358,849	, -	_	142,500	, -	_	501,349
Penalties and interest on taxes	94,089	-	, -	_	_	· -	_	_	94,089
Investment income	132,920	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	132,920
Parkland fees earned	, -	-	-	-	-	47,500	-	-	47,500
Canada Community-Building Fund									
earned	-	-	298,065	-	-	-	-	-	298,065
Gain/(loss) on disposal of tangible									
capital assets	41,255	-	-	_	-			-	41,255
Total revenues	3,993,847	1,889,217	4,336,304	935,936	7,939	544,637	286,941	152,000	12,146,821
Expenses									
Salaries and benefits	953,038	576,368	1,613,179	225,296	_	21,997	164,129	154,101	3,708,108
Interest charges	18,406	-	11,632	-	-	-	- , -	-	30,038
Materials	217,700	315,641	2,119,106	77,102	4,167	258,975	75,023	16,525	3,084,239
Contracted services	142,001	1,087,779	178,080	(60,535)	-	163,498	25,934	3,248	1,540,005
Rents and financial	25,715	-	-	-	-	-	-	75	25,790
External transfers	-	9,346	-	-	-	6,000	-	-	15,346
Amortization	120,640	93,910	1,575,495	10,919	-	20,586	-	16,378	1,837,928
Total expenses	1,477,500	2,083,044	5,497,492	252,782	4,167	471,056	265,086	190,327	10,241,454
Net surplus/(deficit)	2,516,347	(193,827)	(1,161,188)	683,154	3,772	73,581	21,855	(38,327)	1,905,367





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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Council, Inhabitants and Ratepayers of the Corporation of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Trust Funds of the Corporation of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands (the Trust Funds), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, the statement of continuity 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 Trust Funds as at December 31, 2023, and the continuity of the Trust Funds for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Trust Funds in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Trust Funds' financial reporting process.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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 Trust Funds' 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 Trust Funds' ability to continue as a going
 concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our
 auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are
 inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to
 the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust Funds 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.

Chartered Professional Accountants Licensed Public Accountants

Baker Ally KON LLP

Peterborough, Ontario July 31, 2024



TRUST FUNDS STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION At December 31, 2023

	Papineau	Zion	Emmanuel	Grace	Purdy		
	Cemetery	Cemetery	Cemetery	Cemetery	Cemetery		
	Care and	2023	2022				
	Maintenance	Maintenance	Maintenance	Maintenance	Maintenance	Total	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
FINANCIAL ASSETS							
Cash	14,778	4,159	25,765	25,023	200	69,925	61,668
Accounts receivable	580	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		-	580	2,950
	15,358	4,159	25,765	25,023	200	70,505	64,618
FUND BALANCES							
Capital	14,753	4,159	25,765	25,023	200	69,900	64,013
Income	605	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		-	605	605
	15,358	4,159	25,765	25,023	200	70,505	64,618





TRUST FUNDS STATEMENT OF CONTINUITY For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Papineau Cemetery Care and Maintenance \$	Zion Cemetery Care and Maintenance \$	Emmanuel Cemetery Care and Maintenance \$	Grace Cemetery Care and Maintenance \$	Purdy Cemetery Care and Maintenance \$	2023 Total \$	2022 Total \$
BALANCES - beginning of year	14,106	2,999	22,490	25,023	-	64,618	59,308
RECEIPTS							
Perpetual care	1,252	1,160	3,275	-	200	5,887	5,310
Interest earned	382	107	665	646	5	1,805	702
	1,634	1,267	3,940	646	205	7,692	6,012
EXPENSES							
Transfer to Municipality	382	107	665	646	5	1,805	702
BALANCES - end of year	15,358	4,159	25,765	25,023	200	70,505	64,618

TRUST FUNDS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the standards in the Chartered Professional Accountants Canada Public Sector Accounting (PSA) Handbook.

(a) Basis of Accounting

Revenue and expenses are reported on the accrual basis of accounting which recognizes revenues as they become available and measurable; expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation to pay.

(b) Financial Instruments

The Trust Funds financial instruments consist of cash and due from Municipality. It is management's opinion that the fair value of the financial instruments are not materially different from their carrying value unless otherwise noted. The Trust Funds do not have any significant concentration of credit, currency or interest rate risk.

(c) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts 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 expenses during the period and are based on the Municipality's best information and judgment. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

2. CARE AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS

Care and Maintenance Funds are administered by the Municipality and are required to be invested in accordance with the Funeral Burial and Cremation Services Act for the long-term upkeep of the Cemetery. The Act requires that a specified portion of each in-ground grave (cemetery lot) be invested into the Care and Maintenance Fund. The Act also requires that a specified amount be set aside into the Care and Maintenance funds for the installation of markers and monuments of a prescribed size installed at a Municipal Cemetery. These funds are invested, and the earnings derived from them are permitted (under the Act) to be used to fund the regular operations and maintenance of the cemetery.



HASTINGS HIGHLANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2023





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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Hastings Highlands Public Library Board, the Members of Council, Inhabitants and Ratepayers of the Corporation of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Hastings Highlands Public Library Board of the Corporation of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands (the Board), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, the statements of operations and accumulated surplus, change 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, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Board as at December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many Public Library Boards, the Board derives revenue from fees, fundraising and donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Board. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to fees, fundraising and donations revenue, annual surplus/(deficit), and cash flows from operations for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and assets and accumulated surplus as at December 31, 2023 and 2022. Our opinion on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this scope limitation.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Board in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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 Board'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 Board's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Board 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.

Chartered Professional Accountants Licensed Public Accountants

Baker Ally KON LLP

Peterborough, Ontario July 31, 2024



HASTINGS HIGHLANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION At December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash	148,193	125,270
LIABILITIES		
Due to Municipality of Hastings Highlands	110,907	80,255
Accounts payable	2,605	2,645
TOTAL LIABILITIES	113,512	82,900
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	34,681	42,370
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible capital assets (note 2)	53,196	54,350
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (note 3)	87,877	96,720



HASTINGS HIGHLANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND ACCUMULATED SURPLUS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budget	Actual	Actual
	2023	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$
	(Unaudited)		
REVENUES			
Municipal contribution	162,000	162,000	152,000
Province of Ontario	18,780	17,281	17,281
Fees, fundraising and donations	15,350	19,305	22,538
TOTAL REVENUES	196,130	198,586	191,819
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EXPENSES			
Salaries and benefits	172,491	166,710	154,101
Supplies and postage	2,600	2,759	2,597
Materials	9,450	8,646	7,481
Programs	2,000	2,768	1,869
Advertising	400	525	290
Office administration	2,375	3,757	2,541
Professional development	1,100	1,216	705
Contracted services	3,300	2,300	3,248
Memberships	150	75	128
IT maintenance	1,500	754	989
Amortization	16,379	17,919	16,379
TOTAL EXPENSES	211,745	207,429	190,328
ANNUAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(15,615)	(8,843)	1,491
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ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - beginning of year		96,720	95,229
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - end of year		87,877	96,720



HASTINGS HIGHLANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Actual 2022
	\$ (Unaudited)	\$ \$	
ANNUAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(15,615)	(8,843)	1,491
Amortization of tangible capital assets Acquisition of tangible capital assets	16,379 (17,000)	17,919 (16,765)	16,379 (27,704)
DECREASE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	(16,236)	(7,689)	(9,834)
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS - beginning of year	42,370	42,370	52,204
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS - end of year	26,134	34,681	42,370



HASTINGS HIGHLANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN)		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Annual surplus/(deficit)	(8,843)	1,491
Items not involving cash		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	17,919	16,379
Change in non-cash assets and liabilities		
Due to Municipality of Hastings Highlands	30,652	33,412
Accounts payable	(40)	(200)
Net change in cash from operating activities	39,688	51,082
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(16,765)	(27,704)
NET CHANGE IN CACH	00.000	00.070
NET CHANGE IN CASH	22,923	23,378
CASH - beginning of year	125,270	101,892
CASH - end of year	148,193	125,270



HASTINGS HIGHLANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the standards in the Chartered Professional Accountants Canada Public Sector Accounting (PSA) Handbook. Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Board are as follows:

(a) Recognition of Revenue and Expenses

Revenue and expenses are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenue in the period in which the transactions of events occurred that give rise to the revenue; expenses are recognized in the period the goods or services are acquired and a legal liability is incurred or transfers are due.

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

Fees, fundraising and donations revenue is recognized when the amounts are received.

(b) Use of Estimates

Certain items recognized in the financial statements are subject to measurement uncertainty. The recognized amounts of such items are based on the Board's best information and judgment. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and the effect on the financial statements of changes in such estimates in future periods could be significant. The Board's significant estimates include:

 The amounts recorded for amortization of tangible capital assets are based on estimates of useful life and residual values.

(c) Financial Instruments

The Board's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts payable and due to Municipality. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the carrying value of the financial instruments approximates their fair values and that the Board does not have any significant concentration of credit, currency or interest rate risk.

As there are no unrealized gains or losses on financial instruments to report, the Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses has not been presented in these financial statements.

(d) 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. Initial costs for tangible capital assets that were acquired or developed prior to 2009 were obtained using historical cost information or using current fair market values discounted by a relevant inflation factor to the point of acquisition. The cost, less residual value, if any, of tangible capital assets is amortized on a straight-line basis, over the expected useful life of the asset, as follows:

Books 7 years Furniture and equipment 5 years

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

Tangible capital assets are not amortized until they are put into service.



HASTINGS HIGHLANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

(e) Non-Financial Assets

Tangible capital assets and other non-financial assets are accounted for as assets by the Board because they can be used to provide services in future periods. These assets do not normally provide resources to discharge the liabilities of the Board unless they are sold.

(f) Reserves

Certain amounts, as approved by the Board, are set aside in reserves for future operating and capital purposes. Transfers to and/or from reserves are an adjustment to the respective fund when approved.

(g) Inter-Entity Transactions

The Hastings Highlands Public Library Board is a Board of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands and is consolidated with the Municipality's financial statements.

Allocated costs and recovery of costs are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

Unallocated costs are measured at the carrying amount, which is the amount recorded in the records of the Municipality.

2. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

The net book value of the Board's tangible capital assets are:

	Books \$	Furniture and Equipment \$	2023 Totals \$	2022 Totals \$
COST				
Balance, beginning of year	89,195	71,826	161,021	142,058
Add: additions during the year	15,581	1,184	16,765	27,704
Less: disposals during the year	7,563		7,563	8,741
Balance, end of year	97,213	73,010	170,223	161,021
ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION				
Balance, beginning of year	46,184	60,487	106,671	99,033
Add: additions during the year	13,888	4,031	17,919	16,379
Less: disposals during the year	7,563		7,563	8,741
Balance, end of year	52,509	64,518	117,027	106,671
NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	44,704	8,492	53,196	54,350



HASTINGS HIGHLANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

3. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

Accumulated surplus consists of the following:

	2023 \$	2022
Invested In Capital Assets	Ψ	Ψ
Tangible capital assets - net book value	53,196	54,350
Surplus	53,196	54,350
Reserves		
Projects DVD pool	34,681 -	37,686 4,684
Total Reserves	34,681	42,370
	87,877	96,720

4. INTER-ENTITY TRANSACTIONS

During the year, the Board entered into transactions with the Municipality of Hastings Highlands.

As part of the budgeting process, the Municipality approves a contribution to the Board which is identified on the Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus.

In addition, the following services are provided to the Board by the Municipality at no cost:

- Accounting and administrative services
- Rental of buildings
- · Buildings and grounds maintenance
- Other occupancy costs

All balances with the Municipality of Hastings Highlands have been identified on the Statement of Financial Position. Due from (to) balances are unsecured, without interest and have no terms of repayment.

5. BUDGET FIGURES

The operating budget, approved by the Board, for 2023 is reflected on the Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus and the Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets. The budgets established for capital investment in tangible capital assets are on a project-oriented basis, the costs of which may be carried out over one or more years and, therefore, may not be comparable with current year's actual expenditure amounts. Budget figures have been reclassified for the purposes of these financial statements to comply with PSA reporting requirements. Budget figures are not subject to audit.



HASTINGS HIGHLANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

6. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICY

The Board has implemented the following sections which are now effective under the PSA Handbook: PS 1201 Financial Statement Presentation, PS 2601 Foreign Currency Translation, PS 3041 Portfolio Investments, PS 3450 Financial Instruments and PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations were adopted prospectively on January 1, 2023.

PS 1201 Financial Statement Presentation replaces PS 1200 Financial Statement Presentation. This standard establishes general reporting principles and standards for the disclosure of information in government financial statements. The standard introduces the Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses separate from the Statement of Operations. Requirements in PS 2601 Foreign Currency Translation, PS 3450 Financial Instruments, and PS 3041 Portfolio Investments, which are required to be adopted at the same time, can give rise to the presentation of gains and losses as remeasurement gains and losses.

PS 2601 Foreign Currency Translation replaces PS 2600 Foreign Currency Translation. The standard provides comprehensive requirements for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of foreign currency transactions. The adoption of this standard did not have an impact on the Board's financial statements.

PS 3041 Portfolio Investments replaces PS 3040 Portfolio Investments. The standard provides revised guidance on accounting for, and presentation and disclosure of, portfolio investments to conform to PS 3450 Financial Instruments. The adoption of this standard did not have an impact on the Board's financial statements.

PS 3450 Financial Instruments establishes accounting and reporting requirements for all types of financial instruments including derivatives. Financial instruments are included on the statement of financial position and are measured either at fair value or cost or amortized cost based on the characteristics of the instrument and the Board's accounting policy choices (see Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies). The new standard provides comprehensive requirements for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of financial instruments. The adoption of this standard did not have an impact on the Board's financial statements.

PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations addresses the reporting of legal obligations associated with the retirement of certain tangible capital assets, such as asbestos removal in retired buildings by public sector entities. The adoption of this standard did not have an impact on the Board's financial statements.

