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Consolidated Financial Statements of

# NASHWAAK RURAL COMMUNITY

And Independent Auditor's Report thereon Year ended December 31, 2024



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Council of Nashwaak Rural Community

### **Opinion**

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Nashwaak Rural Community (the Rural Community), which comprise:

- the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023
- the consolidated statement of operations and changes in accumulated suurplus for the years then ended
- the consolidated statement of changes in net assets (debt) for the years then ended
- the consolidated statements of cash flows for the years then ended
- and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(Hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Rural Community as at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, and its consolidated results of operations, its consolidated remeasurement of gains and losses, its consolidated changes in net debt and its consolidated cash flows for the years 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 auditor's report.

We are independent of the Rural Community 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.

#### Other Matter – Comparative Information

The comparative information as at and for the year ended end of December 31, 2023 was audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on September 3, 2024.

# 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 Rural Community'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 Rural Community or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Rural Community'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 the 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 Rural Community'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 Rural Community'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 Rural Community 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.
- 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** 

Fredericton, Canada

KPMG LLP

November 19, 2025

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2024, with comparative information for 2023

		2024	2023
Financial assets:			
Cash (note 2)	\$	324,195	\$ 396,757
Accounts receivable	•	442,441	116,577
Federal government and its agencies (note 3)		96,160	79,464
		862,796	592,798
Financial liabilities:			
Bank indebtedness		350,000	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		460,370	120,554
Deferred revenue (note 5)		26,835	26,835
Long-term debt (note 6)		170,000	214,000
		1,007,205	361,389
Net assets (debt)		(144,409)	231,409
Non financial assets:			
Tangible capital assets (note 4)		2,825,326	2,356,982
Accumulated surplus	\$	2,680,917	\$ 2,588,391

Signed by:	Signed by:	
David Sweeney Mayo	or Bethany Ryan	CAC

Consolidated Statement of Operations and Changes in Accumulated Surplus

Year ended December 31, 2024, with comparative information for 2023

		2024	2024		2023
		Budget	Actual		Actual
Revenue:					
Property tax warrant	\$	1,858,948 \$	1,968,572	\$	1,713,389
Revenue from own sources	·	60,000	162,214	·	145,140
Services provided to other governments		23,184	23,184		71,468
Community funding and equalization		22,596	22,596		27,170
Other government transfers		-	291,355		159,080
Water and wastewater services		125,220	129,750		110,228
		2,089,948	2,597,671		2,226,475
Expenses:					
General government services		452,321	623,170		439,787
Protective services		575,413	479,575		457,788
Transportation services		163,030	280,723		184,443
Environmental health services		325,000	496,271		374,846
Environmental development services		188,624	191,086		210,064
Recreation and cultural services		271,862	256,893		191,308
Public health services		5,000	5,000		5,000
Water and wastewater services		120,294	172,427		159,771
		2,101,544	2,505,145		2,023,007
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Annual surplus (deficit)		(11,596)	92,526		203,468
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year		2,588,391	2,588,391		2,384,923
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$	2,576,795 \$	2,680,917	\$	2,588,391

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets (debt)

Year ended December 31, 2024, with comparative information for 2023

	2025	2024
Annual surplus Acquisition of tangible capital assets	\$ 92,526 (718,190)	\$ 203,468 (339,008)
Amortization of tangible capital assets  Change in prepaid expenses	249,846 -	179,869 3,000
Change in net financial assets	(375,818)	47,329
Net assets, beginning of year	231,409	184,080
Net assests (debt), end of year	\$ (144,409)	\$ 231,409

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2024, with comparative information for 2023

	2024	2023	
Cash provided by (used in):			
Operating activities:			
Annual surplus (deficit) Item not involving cash:	\$ 92,526	\$ 203,468	
Amortization of tangible capital assets Changes in non-cash operating working capital:	249,846	179,869	
Accounts receivable	(325,864)	(6,080)	
Province of New Brunswick and its agencies	-	(18,180)	
Prepaid expenses	-	3,000	
Federal government and its agencies	(16,696)	(10,435)	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	339,816	13,609	
	339,628	365,251	
Financing activities:			
Bank indebtedness	350,000	-	
Payment of long-term debt	(44,000)	(43,000)	
	306,000	(43,000)	
Capital activities:			
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(718,190)	(179,928)	
Amalgamation of local governments	-	(159,080)	
	(718,190)	(339,008)	
Increase (decrease) in cash	(72,562)	(16,757)	
Cash, beginning of year	396,757	413,514	
Cash, end of year	\$ 324,195	\$ 396,757	

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2024

The Rural Community was officially established on January 1, 2023 by the Province of New Brunswick as a part of a comprehensive local governance restructuring.

The legacy communities included the Village of Stanley and parts of adjacent Local Service Districts.

As a Rural Community, it is exempt from income tax under section 146(1)(c) of the Canadian Income Tax Act.

#### 1. Significant accounting policies:

The consolidated financial statements of the Rural Community are the representations of management prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for local governments, as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board ("PSAB") of CPA Canada.

The focus of PSA financial statements is on the financial position of the Rural Community and the changes thereto. The Consolidated Statement of Financial Position includes all of the assets and liabilities of the Rural Community.

Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Rural Community are as follows:

#### (a) Reporting entity:

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenditures and changes in net assets and cash flows of the reporting entity. The reporting entity is comprised of all organizations and enterprises accountable for the administration of their affairs and resources to the Rural Community and which are owned or controlled by the Rural Community.

Interdepartmental and organizational transactions and balances are eliminated on consolidation, but Schedule 1 and 2 show the operations prior to consolidation.

### (b) Budget:

The budget figures contained in these consolidated financial statements were approved by Council on November 23, 2024 and the Minister of Environment and Local Government on January 11, 2024.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2024

#### 1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

#### (c) Revenue recognition:

Unrestricted revenue is recorded on an accrual basis and is recognized when collection is reasonably assured. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Other revenue is recorded when it is earned.

#### (d) Financial instruments:

The Rural Community's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accruals, deferred revenue, and long-term debt. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Rural Community is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of the instruments approximate their carrying value, unless otherwise noted.

The Rural Community is subject to credit risk through its accounts receivable. The Rural Community minimizes credit risk through ongoing credit management policies.

#### (e) Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, balances with banks and short term deposits with original maturities of three months or less.

#### (f) Tangible capital assets:

The Rural Community has adopted the provisions of PSA section 3150 Tangible Capital Assets. Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. The cost of the tangible capital asset is amortized on a straight line basis over the estimated useful life as follows:

Asset	Rate
Land improvements (parks and trails)	10 50 voore
Land improvements (parks and trails)	10-50 years
Buildings	10-60 years
Machinery and equipment	5-50 years
Vehicles	3-15 years
Computer equipment	3-5 years
Furniture and fixtures	3-5 years
Pavement and parking lots	5-15 years
Signs	10-15 years
Roads and street	20-80 years
Engineering structures	10-80 years

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2024

#### 1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

#### (g) Segmented information:

The Rural Community is a diversified entity that provides a wide range of services to its residents. For management reporting purposes, the Rural Community's operations and activities are organized and reported by function. This presentation was created for the purpose of recording specific activities to attain certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations. Community services are provided by departments as follows:

#### **General government services**

This department is responsible for the overall governance and financial administration of the Rural Community. This includes council functions, general and financial management, legal matters, civic relations, and compliance with legislation.

#### **Protective services**

This department is responsible for the provision of fire protection, emergency measures, and other protective measures.

#### **Transportation services**

This department is responsible for street lighting, traffic services, parking and other transportation related functions.

#### **Environmental health services**

This department is responsible for the provision of waste collection and disposal. Environmental development services This department is responsible for planning and zoning, community development, tourism and other Community development and promotion services.

#### Recreation and cultural services

This department is responsible for the maintenance and operation of recreational and cultural facilities, including the parks and playgrounds and other recreational and cultural facilities.

#### Water and wastewater systems

This department is responsible for the Rural Community's provision of water and sewer services including the maintenance and operation of the underground networks, reservoirs, and lagoons.

#### (h) Deferred revenue:

Funding is recorded as deferred revenue if it has been restricted for a stated purpose, such as a specific program or the purchase of tangible capital assets. Deferred revenue is recognized as revenue as the program expenses or purchases are incurred.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2024

#### 1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

#### (i) Use of estimates:

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for local governments requires management to make estimates that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### (j) Post employment benefits:

The Rural Community does not provide post-employment benefits to its staff.

#### 2. Cash:

		2024		2023
Unrestricted cash	\$	66,575	\$	64,291
General Capital Reserve	Ψ	31,543	φ	107,657
General Operating Reserve		505		498
Sewer Capital Reserve		220,499		224,238
Sewer Operating Reserve		5,073		73
	\$	324,195	\$	396,757

#### 3. Federal government and its agencies:

	2024	2023
Canada Revenue Agency (HST refund)	\$ 96,160	\$ 79,464

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2024

### 4. Tangible capital assets:

	D	ecember 31,					December 31
Cost		2023		Additions		Disposals	2024
Land	\$	162,481	Ф.	_	\$	- \$	162,481
Land improvements	Ψ	97,935	Ψ	25,000	Ψ	- ψ	122,935
Buildings		1,351,143		25,000		_	1,351,143
Equipment and vehicles		2,109,484		51,835		_	2,161,319
Roads and streets		3,333,589		641,354		_	3,974,943
Water and sewer		1,930,768		-		-	1,930,768
	\$	8,985,400	\$	718,189	\$	- \$	9,703,589
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	D	ecember 31,		Amortization			December 31
Accumulated amortization		2023		expense		Disposals	2024
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Land improvements	\$	52,495	\$	5,026	\$	- \$	57,521
Buildings		1,318,539		32,293		-	1,350,832
Equipment and vehicles Roads and streets		1,927,978		95,116		-	2,023,094
Water and sewer		2,601,791		66,493		-	2,668,284
water and sewer		727,615		50,917		-	778,532
	\$	6,628,418	\$	249,845	\$	- \$	6,878,263
Net book value	D	ecember 31, 2023					December 31 202
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Land	\$	162,481				\$	162,481
Land improvements		45,440					65,414
Buildings		32,604					311
Equipment and vehicles		181,506					138,225
Roads and streets		731,798					1,306,659
Waste and wastewater		1,203,153					1,152,236
	\$	2,356,982				\$	2,825,326

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2024

#### 5. Deferred revenue:

	2024	2023
Balance, beginning Contributions Funds used in year	\$ 26,835 - -	\$ 26,835 - -
Balance, ending	\$ 26,835	\$ 26,835

The balance at the end of the year represents donations to the fire department.

### 6. Long-term debt:

		2024	2023
Debenture - Province of New Brunswick - 2.63% to			
3.00% - due 2027 - OIC #BQ-38	\$	12,000	\$ 16,000
Debenture - Province of New Brunswick - 1.20% to			
3.10% - due 2034 - OIC #BL-42		_	34,000
Debenture - Province of New Brunswick30% to 2.95	5%		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
- due 2041 - OIC #BZ-38		158,000	164,000
		.00,000	,
	\$	170,000	\$ 214,000

Approval of the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board has been obtained for the long-term debt.

2025	\$ 10,000
2026	10,000
2027	10,000
2028	6,000
2029	6,000
Thereafter	128,000
	\$ 170,000

In addition to the long term debt, the Rural Community has borrowed \$350,000 from a line of credit for paving projects until funding is received from the province.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2024

#### 7. Short-term borrowings compliance:

#### Operating borrowing

The Local Governance Act prescribes a limit to bank indebtedness of 4% of the current year's budget for the General Operating Fund. The Rural Community is within this limit.

#### Interfund borrowing

Interfund accounts at December 31, 2024 do not represent current year transactions and are not in compliance with the policy established by the Department of Local Government.

#### Interim borrowing for capital

The Rural Community does have any interim borrowing for capital but did not have any new capital borrowings in the current or previous year.

#### 8. Water and Wastewater cumulative surplus (deficit):

The Local Governance Act requires water and sewer fund surplus/deficit amounts to be absorbed into one or more of the four operating budgets commencing with the second next ensuing year. The balance of surplus/deficit at the end of the year consists of the following:

	2024	2023
2024 surplus 2023 deficit 2020 deficit	\$ 578 (788) -	\$ - (788) (2,920)
	\$ (210)	\$ (3,708)

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2024

#### 9. Reserve funds:

All transfers of funds into and disbursed from Reserve Funds require a resolution of Council and the amount held in the Operating Reserve Funds shall not exceed 5% of the total expenditures that were budgeted for the previous fiscal year. The Rural Community is in compliance with these requirements.

	General	General	Sewer	Sewer	
	Capital Reserve	Operating Reserve	Capital Reserve	Operating Reserve	Total
Cash	\$ 31,543 \$	505 \$	220,499 \$	5,073 \$	257,620
Due from (to)					
other funds	6,165	14,629	-	299	21,093
Accumulated					
Surplus	\$ 37,708 \$	15,134 \$	220,499 \$	5,372 \$	278,713
	General	General	Sewer	Sewer	
	Capital Reserve	Operating Reserve	Capital Reserve	Operating Reserve	Total
Accumulated surplus,					
beginning Interest	\$ 88,822 \$	15,127 \$	224,238 \$	372 \$	328,559
earned	721	7	2,519	-	3,247
Transfers in	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Transfers out	(51,835)	-	(6,258)	-	(58,093)
Accumulated					
surplus	\$ 37,708 \$	15,134 \$	220,499 \$	5,372 \$	278,713

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2024

#### 9. Reserve funds (continued):

General Capital Reserve treasury account, Interest 2.54% General Operating Reserve treasury account, Interest 2.54% Sewer Capital Reserve treasury account, Interest 2.54% Sewer Operating Reserve treasury account, Interest 2.54%	\$ 31,543 505 220,499 5,073
	\$ 257,620

#### **Resolutions:**

Moved by Councillor Mulherin, seconded by Councillor Koch to transfer \$51,835 from the General Capital Reserve Fund to the General Capital Fund.

- Regular meeting of Council, February 21, 2024

Moved by Councillor Mulherin, seconded by Councillor Green to transfer \$6,258 from the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund to the Sewer Operating Fund.

- Special meeting of Council, December 30, 2024

Moved by Councillor Mulherin, seconded by Councillor Green to transfer \$5,000 from the Sewer Operating Fund to the Sewer Operating Reserve Fund.

- Special meeting of Council, December 30, 2024

I hereby certify that the above are true and exact copies of resolutions adopted by Council

Signed by:

Chief Administration Officer

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2024

### 10. Segmented disclosure:

	General government	Protective E	Environmental health	Environmental development	Transportation	Recreation and culture	Waste and wastewater	2024 Total	2023 Total
Revenue:									
Property tax warrant	410,107 \$	571,207 \$	294,188	\$ 170,741	\$ 268,675 \$	253,654 \$	- \$	1,968,572 \$	1,587,265
Sale of service, fines and other fees	150,759	33,825	-	-	-	813	129,750	315,147	326,836
Community funding	4,707	6,557	3,377	1,960	3,084	2,912	-	22,597	27,170
Other government transfers	291,355	-	-	-	-	-	-	291,355	285,204
	856,928	611,589	297,565	172,701	271,759	257,379	129,750	2,597,671	2,226,475
Expenses:									
Salaries and benefits	240,265	_	_	10,539	_	43,607	_	294,411	204,560
Goods and services	376,987	423,953	496,271	185,547	146,937	209,926	117,398	1,957,019	1,700,457
Amortization	740	55,622	-	-	133,786	3,360	50,917	244,425	110,219
Interest/Leasing	5,178	_	-	_	-	-	4,112	9,290	7,771
	623,170	479,575	496,271	196,086	280,723	256,893	172,427	2,505,145	2,023,007
Surplus (deficit) for the year \$	233,758 \$	132,014 \$	(198,706)	\$ (23,385)	\$ (8,964)\$	486 \$	(42,677) \$	92,526 \$	203,468

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2024

### 11. Reconciliation of annual surplus:

	General operating fund	General capital fund	Sewerage operating fund	Sewerage Gen capital fund	eral capital eserve fund	, ,	wer capital serve fund r	Sewer operating eserve fund	Total
Adjustments to annual surplus (deficit)									
for funding requirements									
Second previous year's surplus									
(deficit) \$	(54,522)\$	- \$	(2,920) \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	(57,442)
Transfer from capital reserve fund	(6.,622) \$	•	(=,0=0) \$	<b>~</b>	Ψ	*	*	<b>*</b>	(0.,)
to operating fund	_	_	6,258	_	-	_	(6,258)	_	_
Transfer from operating fund to			-,				(=,==)		
operating reserve fund	_	_	(5,000)	_	_	_	_	5,000	_
Transfer from general capital			(=,==,					,	
reserve fund to general capital									
fund	_	51,835	-	-	(51,835)	-	_	-	_
Transfer from general operating		•			,				
fund to general capital fund	(25,000)	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
Long-term debt principal repayment	(38,000)	38,000	(6,000)	6,000	-	-	-	-	_
Amortization expense	198,929	(198,929)	50,917	(50,917)	-	-	-	-	-
	81,407	(84,094)	43,255	(44,917)	(51,835)	-	(6,258)	5,000	(57,442)
Annual surplus (deficit)	(50,354)	182,310	(42,677)	-	721	7	2,519	-	92,526
Annual fund surplus (deficit) \$	31,053 \$	98,216 \$	578 \$	(44,917)\$	(51,114)\$	7 \$	(3,739) \$	5,000 \$	35,084

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2024

### 12. Operating budget to PSA Budget:

	bu	Operating dget general		Transfers		Total
Revenue:						
Property tax warrant	\$	1,858,948	\$	_	\$	1,858,948
Revenue from own sources	•	60,000	*	_	•	60,000
Services provided to other		00,000				33,333
governments		23,184		_		23,184
Community funding and equalization		22,596		_		22,596
Surplus of second previous year		109,855		(109,855)		, -
Water and wastewater services		125,220		(3,994)		121,226
		2,199,803		(113,849)		2,085,954
Expenditures:						
General government services		442,321		10,000		452,321
Protective services		575,413		-		575,413
Transportation services		163,030		-		163,030
Environmental health services		325,000		-		325,000
Environmental development services		188,624		-		188,624
Recreational and cultural services		271,862		-		271,862
Public health services		5,000		-		5,000
Fiscal services - Long-term debt						
repayments		38,000		(38,000)		-
Fiscal services - other		10,000		(10,000)		-
Deficit from second previous year		55,333		(55,333)		-
Water and wastewater services		125,220		(8,920)		116,300
		2,199,803		(102,253)		2,097,550
Surplus (deficit)	\$	-	\$	(11,596)	\$	(11,596)

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2024

### 13. PSA revenue and expense support:

		2024 Budget		2024 Actual		2023 Actual
Revenue:						
Services to other governments:						
Fire protection	\$	23,184	\$	23,184	\$	71,468
The protection	Φ	23,104	Φ	23,104	Φ	7 1,400
Other own source:						
Licenses and building permits		50,000		59,098		75,826
Other		10,000		99,868		65,562
Interest		-		3,247		3,753
				0,2		0,7.00
	\$	60,000	\$	162,213	\$	145,141
General Government Services:						
Legislative:						
Mayor	\$	11,500	\$	11,699	\$	10,903
Councillors	Ψ	44,000	Ψ	45,711	Ψ	47,650
Professional development		8,000		6,690		3,387
Other legislative expenses		2,400		2,142		2,846
Cutor logiciative expenses		65,900		66,242		64,786
		,		<b>,</b>		- ,
Administrative:						
Salaries and wages		108,700		158,595		121,449
Office building		33,564		74,658		35,417
Legal services		6,000		1,787		2,500
Other expenses		25,000		20,243		-
		173,264		255,283		159,366
Financial management and common						
services:						
External audit		25,000		15,000		15,000
Salaries and wages (summer						
students)		-		24,855		24,558
Training and development		9,412		9,408		4,000
Cost of assessment		77,836		77,836		69,865
		112,248		127,099		113,423

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2024

### 13. PSA revenue and expense support (continued):

		2024 Budget		2024 Actual		2023 Actual
Other general government services:						_
Public liability insurance	\$	75,000	\$	71,284	\$	63,385
Memberships	φ	5,000	φ	4,710	φ	5,539
Bank fees		1,409		3,720		2,679
Interest on long-term debt		1,500		1,458		1,059
Non-refundable HST		10,000		66,131		21,044
Other expenses		8,000		26,502		7,852
Amortization		-		740		641
		100,909		174,545		102,199
	\$	452,321	\$	623,169	\$	439,774
Protective Services:						
Police:						
Police protection	\$	64,010	\$	62,010	\$	60,204
Fire:						
Administration		16,900		-		-
Force		39,540		18,163		21,928
Station and building		117,335		154,051		167,113
Equipment		290,750		151,188		115,891
Training		20,475		11,848		8,053
Other fire services		13,596		11,425		12,426
		498,596		346,675		325,411
Other:						
Animal and pest control		11,500		10,206		13,175
RSC Contributions - Public Safety		1,307		1,308		116
Amortization				59,376		58,882
		12,807		70,890		72,173
	\$	575,413	\$	479,575	\$	457,788

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2024

### 13. PSA revenue and expense support (continued):

	2024		2024		2023
	Budget		Actual		Actual
\$	12,000	\$	4,362	\$	8,405
	15,000		6,056		7,700
	20,000		15,369		5,074
	4,000		1,777		4,850
	28,000		35,178		55,706
	40,000		30,422		-
	15,000		19,440		5,504
	134,000		112,604		87,239
\$	15.000	\$	16.342	\$	15,283
*	•	*	,	*	8,491
	,		,		,
	1,530		1,532		3,780
	-		133,786		69,650
	29,030		168,119		97,204
\$	163,030	\$	280,723	\$	184,443
·	,	·	,	·	,
\$	300.000	\$	485.753	\$	331,420
Ψ		Ψ		Ψ	40,825
	5,000				2,601
	-,-50				_,
	\$	\$ 12,000 15,000 20,000 4,000 28,000 40,000 15,000 134,000 \$ 15,000 12,500 1,530 - 29,030 \$ 163,030 \$ 300,000 20,000	\$ 12,000 \$ 15,000 20,000 4,000 28,000 40,000 15,000 \$ 12,500 \$ 12,500 \$ 12,500 \$ 12,500 \$ 163,030 \$ \$ 300,000 \$ 20,000	\$ 12,000 \$ 4,362 15,000 6,056 20,000 15,369 4,000 35,178 40,000 30,422 15,000 19,440 134,000 \$ 16,342 12,500 16,459 1,530 1,532 - 133,786 29,030 168,119 \$ 163,030 \$ 280,723	\$ 12,000 \$ 4,362 \$ 15,000 6,056 20,000 15,369 4,000 35,178 40,000 30,422 15,000 19,440 134,000 \$ 16,342 \$ 12,500 16,459

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2024

13.	<b>PSA</b>	revenue and	l expense	support	(continued):
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Contribution to RSC - Economic development 15,603 15,600 20,30 Contribution to RSC - Community development 4,591 4,592 1,70 Contribution to RSC - Tourism 21,635 21,636 21,036 Administration - 10,539 39,16 Tourism - 10,539 39,16 Beautification 16,000 7,923 8,00 \$188,624 \$191,086 \$210,06 \$210,06			2024 Budget		2024 Actual		2023 Actual
Contribution to RSC - Local planning Contribution to RSC - Economic development 15,603 15,600 20,33							
Contribution to RSC - Economic development 15,603 15,600 20,30 Contribution to RSC - Community development 4,591 4,592 1,70 Contribution to RSC - Tourism 21,635 21,636 21,03 Administration - 10,539 39,14 Tourism - 10,539 39,14 Tourism - 16,000 7,923 8,00 \$188,624 \$191,086 \$210,06 \$\$\$ Recreational and Culture Services: Community centres and halls \$84,025 \$81,070 \$44,76 Administration 18,500 43,607 Parks and playgrounds 45,000 16,311 12,10 Exhibitions 5,000 3,000 6,56 Libraries 15,000 9,260 12,55 Other recreation and culture 8,000 3,029 8,96 Contribution to RSC - Recreation 94,337 94,336 98,92 Cenotaph 2,000 1,252 4,00 Amortization - 5,027 3,36 \$271,862 \$256,892 \$191,30 \$\$\$\$ Water and Wastewater Services: Administration \$64,800 \$50,00	Environmental Development Services:						
Contribution to RSC - Community development	, ,	\$	130,795	\$	130,796	\$	118,996
development         4,591         4,592         1,70           Contribution to RSC - Tourism         21,635         21,636         21,03           Administration         -         10,539         39,16           Tourism         -         -         86           Beautification         16,000         7,923         8,00           Recreational and Culture Services:           Community centres and halls         \$ 84,025         \$ 81,070         \$ 44,78           Administration         18,500         43,607           Parks and playgrounds         45,000         16,311         12,16           Exhibitions         5,000         3,000         6,54           Libraries         15,000         9,260         12,55           Other recreation and culture         8,000         3,029         8,96           Contribution to RSC - Recreation         94,337         94,336         98,99           Cenotaph         2,000         1,252         4,04           Amortization         -         5,027         3,36           Public Health Services:           Other         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,00           Sewage collection system         51,500	·		15,603		15,600		20,300
Contribution to RSC - Tourism         21,635         21,636         21,03           Administration         -         10,539         39,16           Tourism         -         -         -         86           Beautification         16,000         7,923         8,00           Recreational and Culture Services:           Community centres and halls         \$ 84,025         \$ 81,070         \$ 44,78           Administration         18,500         43,607         44,78           Parks and playgrounds         45,000         16,311         12,16           Exhibitions         5,000         3,000         6,54           Libraries         15,000         9,260         12,53           Other recreation and culture         8,000         3,029         8,98           Contribution to RSC - Recreation         94,337         94,336         98,98           Cenotaph         2,000         1,252         4,04           Amortization         -         5,027         3,36           Public Health Services:           Other         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,00           Sewage collection system         51,500         67,398         58,40	•		4 591		4 592		1,700
Administration	•		•		•		21,036
Tourism	Administration						39,168
Beautification	Tourism		_		-		858
\$ 188,624 \$ 191,086 \$ 210,06           Recreational and Culture Services:           Community centres and halls         \$ 84,025 \$ 81,070 \$ 44,78           Administration         18,500 43,607           Parks and playgrounds         45,000 16,311 12,16           Exhibitions         5,000 3,000 6,54           Libraries         15,000 9,260 12,55           Other recreation and culture         8,000 3,029 8,95           Contribution to RSC - Recreation         94,337 94,336 98,95           Cenotaph         2,000 1,252 4,00           Amortization         - 5,027 3,36           \$ 271,862 \$ 256,892 \$ 191,30           Public Health Services:           Other         \$ 5,000 \$ 5,000 \$ 5,000           Water and Wastewater Services:           Administration         \$ 64,800 \$ 50,000 \$ 50,000           Sewage collection system         51,500 67,398 58,40	Beautification		16,000		7,923		8,006
Community centres and halls       \$ 84,025       \$ 81,070       \$ 44,78         Administration       18,500       43,607         Parks and playgrounds       45,000       16,311       12,16         Exhibitions       5,000       3,000       6,54         Libraries       15,000       9,260       12,53         Other recreation and culture       8,000       3,029       8,96         Contribution to RSC - Recreation       94,337       94,336       98,92         Cenotaph       2,000       1,252       4,04         Amortization       - 5,027       3,36         \$ 271,862       \$ 256,892       \$ 191,30         Public Health Services:         Other       \$ 5,000       \$ 5,000       \$ 5,00         Water and Wastewater Services:       Administration       \$ 64,800       \$ 50,000       \$ 50,00         Sewage collection system       51,500       67,398       58,40		\$		\$	•	\$	210,064
Community centres and halls       \$ 84,025       \$ 81,070       \$ 44,78         Administration       18,500       43,607         Parks and playgrounds       45,000       16,311       12,16         Exhibitions       5,000       3,000       6,54         Libraries       15,000       9,260       12,53         Other recreation and culture       8,000       3,029       8,96         Contribution to RSC - Recreation       94,337       94,336       98,92         Cenotaph       2,000       1,252       4,04         Amortization       - 5,027       3,36         \$ 271,862       \$ 256,892       \$ 191,30         Public Health Services:         Other       \$ 5,000       \$ 5,000       \$ 5,00         Water and Wastewater Services:       Administration       \$ 64,800       \$ 50,000       \$ 50,00         Sewage collection system       51,500       67,398       58,40							
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Parks and playgrounds	•	\$	•	\$	•	\$	44,780
Exhibitions					43,607		-
Libraries			45,000		16,311		12,162
Other recreation and culture         8,000         3,029         8,98           Contribution to RSC - Recreation         94,337         94,336         98,92           Cenotaph         2,000         1,252         4,04           Amortization         -         5,027         3,36           \$ 271,862         \$ 256,892         \$ 191,30           Public Health Services:           Other         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,00           Water and Wastewater Services:         Administration         \$ 64,800         \$ 50,000         \$ 50,00           Sewage collection system         51,500         67,398         58,40			5,000		3,000		6,545
Contribution to RSC - Recreation         94,337         94,336         98,92           Cenotaph         2,000         1,252         4,02           Amortization         -         5,027         3,36           \$ 271,862         \$ 256,892         \$ 191,30           Public Health Services:           Other         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,00           Water and Wastewater Services:         Administration         \$ 64,800         \$ 50,000         \$ 50,00           Sewage collection system         51,500         67,398         58,40			15,000		9,260		12,539
Cenotaph         2,000         1,252         4,02           Amortization         -         5,027         3,36           \$ 271,862         \$ 256,892         \$ 191,30           Public Health Services:           Other         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,000         \$ 5,00           Water and Wastewater Services:         Administration         \$ 64,800         \$ 50,000         \$ 50,00           Sewage collection system         51,500         67,398         58,40			8,000		3,029		8,953
Amortization - 5,027 3,36 \$ 271,862 \$ 256,892 \$ 191,30  Public Health Services: Other \$ 5,000 \$ 5,000 \$ 5,000  Water and Wastewater Services: Administration \$ 64,800 \$ 50,000 \$ 50,000 Sewage collection system 51,500 67,398 58,400			94,337		94,336		98,927
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Public Health Services:           Other         \$ 5,000 \$ 5,000 \$ 5,000           Water and Wastewater Services:         Administration         \$ 64,800 \$ 50,000 \$ 50,000           Sewage collection system         51,500 67,398 58,400	Amortization		-		5,027		3,360
Other         \$ 5,000 \$ 5,000 \$ 5,000           Water and Wastewater Services:         Administration         \$ 64,800 \$ 50,000 \$ 50,000           Sewage collection system         51,500 67,398 58,400		\$	271,862	\$	256,892	\$	191,308
Other         \$ 5,000 \$ 5,000 \$ 5,000           Water and Wastewater Services:         Administration         \$ 64,800 \$ 50,000 \$ 50,000           Sewage collection system         51,500 67,398 58,400							
Water and Wastewater Services:           Administration         \$ 64,800 \$ 50,000 \$ 50,000           Sewage collection system         51,500 67,398 58,400		Φ.	F 000	Φ	F 000	Φ	F 000
Administration       \$ 64,800       \$ 50,000       \$ 50,00         Sewage collection system       51,500       67,398       58,40	Other	Ъ	5,000	<b></b>	5,000	Ъ	5,000
Administration       \$ 64,800       \$ 50,000       \$ 50,00         Sewage collection system       51,500       67,398       58,40							
Sewage collection system 51,500 67,398 58,40	Water and Wastewater Services:						
	Administration	\$	64,800	\$	50,000	\$	50,000
Amortization	•		51,500		67,398		58,402
Amoruzauon - 50,917 47,33	Amortization		-		50,917		47,336
	<u> </u>		3,994		3,994		4,033
Bank charges - 118	Bank charges		-		118		
\$ 120,294 \$ 172,427 \$ 159,77		\$	120,294	\$	172,427	\$	159,771

Schedule 1 - Consolidated Comparison of Revenue and Expenditures to Budget and Previous Year

		2024 Budget		2024 Actual		2023 Actual
Company Sometimes		Daagot		7101001		7101441
General Services:						
Revenue:	Φ.	4.050.040	Φ.	4 000 570	Φ.	4 740 000
Property tax warrant  Community funding and equalization	\$	1,858,948	\$	1,968,572	\$	1,713,389
Services provided to other governments		22,596		22,596		27,170
Surplus of 2nd previous year		23,184		23,184		71,468
Miscellaneous income		109,855		109,855 99,868		132,280 65,562
Licenses and permits		10,000 50,000		•		75,826
Licenses and permits				59,098		
		2,074,583		2,283,173		2,085,695
Expenditures:						
General government services		439,412		551,120		414,351
Protective services		575,413		420,199		398,906
Transportation services		163,030		146,937		114,793
Environmental health services		325,000		496,271		374,846
Environmental development services Recreation and cultural services		188,624		191,086		210,064
		271,862		251,865		187,948
Public health services		5,000		5,000		5,000
Fiscal services		106,242		189,642		316,709
		2,074,583		2,252,120		2,022,617
Surplus (deficit) for the year	\$	-	\$	31,053	\$	63,078
Water and Wastewater Services:						
Revenue:						
Sales of services	\$	125,220	\$	129,650	\$	110,228
Other	Ψ	-	Ψ	100	Ψ	
Surplus from prior years		_		-		52,419
Transfer from reserves		3,994		6,258		-
_		129,214		136,008		162,647
Expenditures:		120,214		100,000		102,047
Sewage collection and disposal:						
Administration		64 900		50,000		50,000
Collection system		64,800		•		50,000
Fiscal services:		51,500		67,398		58,402
Interest on long term debt		2.004		3,994		4 022
				3,994		4,033
•		3,994				6 000
Principal		6,000		6,000		6,000
Principal Transfer to reserves				6,000 5,000		6,000 45,000
Principal Transfer to reserves Bank charges		6,000		6,000 5,000 118		
Principal Transfer to reserves		6,000 - - 2,920		6,000 5,000 118 2,920		45,000 - -
Principal Transfer to reserves Bank charges	\$	6,000	\$	6,000 5,000 118	\$	

Schedule 2 - Consolidated General Operating Fund - Revenue and Expenditures Support

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2023 Actua
	<u> </u>		
General Government Services:			
Legislative:			
Mayor	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,699	\$ 10,903
Councillors	44,000	45,711	47,650
Professional development	8,000	6,690	3,387
Other legislative expenses	2,400	2,142	2,846
	65,900	66,242	64,786
Administrative:			
Salaries - admin	108,700	158,595	121,449
Legal services	6,000	1,787	2,500
Office building	33,564	74,658	35,417
Other expenses	25,000	20,243	
<u> </u>	173,264	255,283	159,366
Financial management and common			
services:			
External audit	25,000	15,000	15,000
Salaries and wages (summer students)	-	24,855	24,558
Cost of assessment	77,836	77,836	69,865
Regional and collaborative services	9,412	9,408	4,000
	112,248	127,099	113,423
Other general administrative services:			
Public liability insurance	75,000	71,284	63,385
Membership	5,000	4,710	5,539
Other expenses	8,000	26,502	7,852
	88,000	102,496	76,776
	\$ 439,412	\$ 551,120	\$ 414,351

Schedule 2 - Consolidated General Operating Fund - Revenue and Expenditures Support (continued)

2024	2023
Actual	Actual
\$ 62,010	\$ 60,204
-	-
18,163	21,928
154,051	167,113
11,848	8,053
151,188	115,891
11,425	12,426
346,675	325,411
10,206	13,175
1,308	116
11,514	13,291
\$ 420,199	\$ 398,906
Ψ 120,100	Ψ 000,000
\$ 4,362	\$ 8,405
6,056	7,700
30,422	-
1,777	4,850
35,178	55,706
19,440	5,504
15,369	5,074
112,604	87,239
16,342	15,283
16,459	8,491
1,532	3,780
34,333	27,554
\$ 146 937	\$ 114,793
_	34,333 \$ 146,937

Schedule 2 - Consolidated General Operating Fund - Revenue and Expenditures Support (continued)

		2024		2024		2023
		Budget		Actual		Actual
Environmental Health Services:						
Solid waste disposal	\$	300,000	\$	485,753	\$	331,420
Recycling	φ	20,000	φ	10,518	φ	40,825
Other		5,000		10,516		2,601
Outer	\$	325,000	\$	496,271	\$	374,846
	Ψ	020,000	Ψ	100,271	Ψ	01 1,010
Environmental Development Services:						
RSC Contributions - Local planning	\$	130,795	\$	130,796	\$	118,996
Beautification	*	16,000	*	7,923	*	8,006
Tourism		_		_		858
Contribution to RSC- Community						
development		4,591		4,592		1,700
Contribution to RSC- Economic developr	nent	15,603		15,600		20,300
Contribution to RSC - Tourism		21,635		21,636		21,036
Administration		, -		10,539		39,168
	\$	188,624	\$	191,086	\$	210,064
Recreation and Culture Services:						
Community centres and halls	\$	84,025	\$	81,070	\$	44,780
Administration	Ψ	18,500	Ψ	43,607	Ψ	- 1,7 00
Cenotaph		2,000		1,252		4,042
		45,000		16,311		12,162
Parks and playgrounds						,
•		•		3.000		6.545
Parks and playgrounds		5,000		3,000 9.260		6,545 12.539
Parks and playgrounds Exhibitions		5,000 15,000		9,260		12,539
Parks and playgrounds Exhibitions Libraries		5,000				

Public Health Services: Other	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	5,000
<u></u>	Ψ	3,000	Ψ	3,000	Ψ	3,000
		2024		2024		2023
		Budget		Actual		Actual
Fiscal Services:						
Debt charges:						
Principal	\$	38,000	\$	38,000	\$	37,000
Interest on long-term debt		1,409		3,720		2,679
Bank charges		1,500		1,458		1,059
Other fiscal services		10,000		66,131		21,044
Deficit from second previous year		55,333		55,333		-
		106,242		164,642		61,782
Capital expenditures		-		25,000		179,927
Transfer to capital reserve		-		-		75,000
		-		25,000		254,927
	\$	106,242	\$	189,642	\$	316,709

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November 19, 2025

We are writing at your request to confirm our understanding that your audits were for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the consolidated financial statements (hereinafter referred to as "financial statements") of Nashwaak Rural Community ("the Rural Community") as at and for the periods ended December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023.

#### General:

We confirm that the representations we make in this letter are in accordance with the definitions as set out in Attachment I to this letter.

We also confirm that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves:

#### Responsibilities:

- We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the engagement letter dated September 15, 2025, including for:
  - the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and believe that these financial statements have been prepared and present fairly in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework.
  - providing you with all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial statements ("relevant information"), such as financial records, documentation and other matters, including:
    - the names of all related parties and information regarding all relationships and transactions with related parties;
    - the complete minutes of meetings, or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared, of shareholders, board of directors and committees of the board of directors that may affect the financial statements. All significant actions are included in such summaries.
  - o providing you with unrestricted access to such relevant information.
  - providing you with complete responses to all enquiries made by you during the engagement.
  - providing you with additional information that you may request from us for the purpose of the engagement.
  - providing you with unrestricted access to persons within the Rural Community from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

- such internal control as we determined is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. We also acknowledge and understand that we are responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- ensuring that all transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- ensuring that internal auditors providing direct assistance to you, if any, were instructed to follow your instructions and that we, and others within the Rural Community, did not intervene in the work the internal auditors performed for you.

#### Internal control over financial reporting:

 We have communicated to you all deficiencies in the design and implementation or maintenance of internal control over financial reporting of which we are aware.

### Fraud & non-compliance with laws and regulations:

- We have disclosed to you:
  - the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
  - all information in relation to fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of that involves:
    - management;
    - employees who have significant roles in internal control over financial reporting;
       or
    - others
  - where such fraud or suspected fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
  - all information in relation to allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the financial statements, communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, short sellers, or others.
  - all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations, including all aspects of contractual agreements or illegal acts, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
  - o all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

### Subsequent events:

 All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which the relevant financial reporting framework requires adjustment, or disclosure, in the financial statements have been adjusted or disclosed.

#### Related parties:

- We have disclosed to you the identity of the Rural Community's related parties.
- We have disclosed to you all the related party relationships and transactions/balances of which we are aware.

• All related party relationships and transactions/balances have been appropriately accounted for, and disclosed, in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework.

#### Estimates:

 The methods, the data and the significant assumptions used in making accounting estimates, and their related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement or disclosure that is reasonable in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework.

#### Going concern:

- We have provided you with all information relevant to the use of the going concern assumption in the financial statements.
- We confirm that we are not aware of material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt upon the Rural Community's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### Misstatements:

 We approve the corrected misstatements identified by you during the audit described in <u>Attachment II</u>.

#### Non-SEC registrants or non-reporting issuers:

- We confirm that the Rural Community is not a Canadian reporting issuer (as defined under any applicable Canadian securities act) and is not a United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Issuer (as defined by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002).
- We also confirm that the financial statements of the Rural Community will not be included in the group financial statements of a Canadian reporting issuer audited by KPMG or an SEC Issuer audited by any member of the KPMG organization.

#### Other:

 We confirm that we have provided you with a complete list of service organizations (SO) and sub-service organizations (SSO) and that the relevant complementary user entity controls (CUECs) related to each SO/SSO have been designed and implemented. For the purpose of this representation, a service organization is one as defined in CAS 402.

Yours very truly,

Signed by:

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Bethany Ryan, Chief Administration Officer

#### Attachment I - Definitions

#### Materiality

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material.

Information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

Judgments about materiality are made in light of surrounding circumstances, and are affected by perception of the needs of, or the characteristics of, the users of the financial statements and, the size or nature of a misstatement, or a combination of both while also considering the entity's own circumstances.

Information is obscured if it is communicated in a way that would have a similar effect for users of financial statements to omitting or misstating that information. The following are examples of circumstances that may result in material information being obscured:

- a) information regarding a material item, transaction or other event is disclosed in the financial statements but the language used is vague or unclear;
- b) information regarding a material item, transaction or other event is scattered throughout the financial statements;
- c) dissimilar items, transactions or other events are inappropriately aggregated;
- d) similar items, transactions or other events are inappropriately disaggregated; and
- e) the understandability of the financial statements is reduced as a result of material information being hidden by immaterial information to the extent that a primary user is unable to determine what information is material.

#### Fraud & error

Fraudulent financial reporting involves intentional misstatements including omissions of amounts or disclosures in financial statements to deceive financial statement users.

Misappropriation of assets involves the theft of an entity's assets. It is often accompanied by false or misleading records or documents in order to conceal the fact that the assets are missing or have been pledged without proper authorization.

An error is an unintentional misstatement in financial statements, including the omission of an amount or a disclosure.