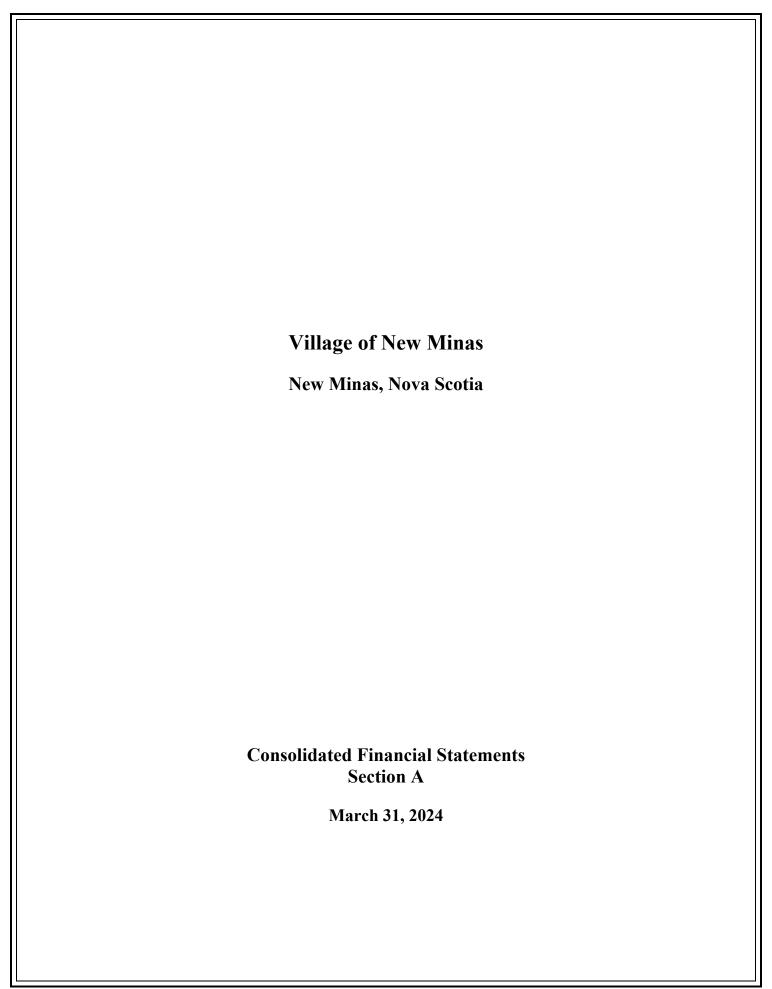


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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Chairman and Commissioners of the Village of New Minas

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of **Village of New Minas**, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2024, and the statement of operations, statement of net financial assets and statement of cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the **Village of New Minas**, as at March 31, 2024, and the results of operations and changes in net financial assets 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 Entity 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 these 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 Entity'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 Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

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 Entity'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 Entity'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 Entity 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.

Moree Bruston Lake

Berwick, Nova Scotia June 10, 2024

Chartered Professional Accountants Registered Municipal Auditor

Village of New Minas Consolidated Financial Statements Year Ended March 31, 2024

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

The management of the **Village of New Minas** (the "Village") is responsible for the integrity, objectivity and accuracy of the financial information presented in the accompanying financial statements. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada ("CPA"). A summary of the significant accounting policies is described in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements.

The Village's management maintains a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and recorded and reliable financial information is available on a timely basis for preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

These systems are monitored and evaluated by management. The Audit Committee meets with management and the external auditors to review the consolidated financial statements and discuss any significant financial reporting or internal control matters prior to the approval of the consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by Morse Brewster Lake Chartered Professional Accountants, independent external auditors appointed by the Village. The accompanying Independent Auditors' Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the Village's consolidated financial statements.

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 Clerk Treasurer/Chief Administrative Officer
 Chairperson

Consolidated Statement of Operations

		2024		2024		2023
		Budget		Actual		Actual
Revenue						
Taxes	\$	2,888,967	\$	2,958,638	\$	2,763,500
Grants in lieu of taxes		69,965		70,168		65,974
Sales of services		728,915		759,720		768,110
Other revenue from own sources		668,904		1,184,612		679,897
Conditional transfers from other governments	,	345,124		343,305		309,839
Grants and government transfers		755,525		260,229		136,648
Gain (loss) on sale of equipment	_	_	_	(31,974)		14,464
	_	5,457,400	_	5,544,698	_	4,738,432
Expenditures						
General government services		1,239,913		1,127,509		1,026,353
Protection		282,976		282,975		262,745
Transportation		307,314		251,404		250,736
Environmental health		619,875		609,493		588,239
Recreational and cultural services		680,402		632,821		529,550
Water transmission and purification		438,455		418,055		356,758
Amortization		328,500		816,488		787,019
Other fiscal services	_	379,543	_	444,472		318,265
	_	4,276,978	_	4,583,217		4,119,665
Annual Surplus	\$ <u></u>	1,180,422	\$_	961,481	\$_	618,767

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Financial Assets	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>			
Current Cash	\$ 4,358,010	\$ 4,681,834			
Investments (GIC at 5.40%, 4.00% -2023)	5,000,000	3,600,000			
Receivables	790,364 10,148,374	753,189 9,035,023			
Liabilities Current					
Payables and accruals	380,465	363,344			
Deferred revenue	2,050	8,363			
	382,515	371,707			
Net Financial Assets	9,765,859	8,663,316			
Non-Financial Assets Prepaid expenses and inventory	107,000	99,628			
Property and Equipment (note 2)	13,733,553	13,881,987			
	\$ <u>23,606,412</u>	\$ <u>22,644,931</u>			
Surplus	4. 22 606 412	Φ 22 (11 021			
Accumulated Surplus (note 3)	\$ <u>23,606,412</u>	\$ <u>22,644,931</u>			
Commitments (note 8)					
On behalf of the Village of New Minas					
, Chairman, Commissioner					

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2023 Actual
Annual Surplus	1,180,422 \$	961,481	\$ 618,767
Add (Deduct): Acquisition of tangible capital assets Amortization of tangible capital assets Disposal of assets Proceeds on sale of assets Use (acquisition) of prepaid assets	(808,714) 328,500 - -	(726,517) 816,488 31,974 26,500 (7,383)	(389,219) 787,019 (14,464) 34,095 (21,147)
Increase in net assets	700,208	1,102,543	1,015,051
Net Financial Assets, beginning of year		8,663,316	7,648,265
Net Financial Assets, end of year	\$	9,765,859	\$ 8,663,316

Consolidated Statement of Cashflow

		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
Cash flow from operating activities:				
Annual surplus	\$	961,481	\$	618,767
Loss (Gain) on disposal of assets		31,974		(14,464)
Depreciation and amortization		816,488		787,019
Change in				
Accounts receivable		(37,175)		585,779
Prepaid expenses		(7,383)		(21,147)
Payables and accruals		17,121		10,512
Deferred revenue		(6,313)		
		1,776,193		1,966,466
Cash flow from investing activities:				
Proceeds on sale of assets		26,500		34,095
Purchase of investments	(1,400,000)		(500,000)
Purchase of tangible capital assets	_	(726,517)	_	(389,219)
	_(<u>2,100,017</u>)		(855,124)
Cash (Decrease) Increase		(323,824)		1,111,342
Cash and Equivalencies, beginning of year	_	4,681,834	_	3,570,492
Cash and Equivalencies, end of year	\$_	4,358,010	\$_	4,681,834

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

March 31, 2024

1. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements of the Village of New Minas are prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for the public sector.

Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures and changes in fund balances and in financial position of the reporting entity. The activities under the control of Commission and included in the reporting entity are the general operating fund, general capital fund, water operating fund, water capital fund, capital reserve fund, equipment reserve fund and operating reserve fund. Interdepartmental transactions and balances have been eliminated on the consolidated

The consolidated accounts include the New Minas Water Commission in which the Village has a 100% interest.

Financial Instruments

The Village's financial instruments consist of cash, short term deposits, accounts receivables, accounts payables and accrued liabilities. Unless otherwise noted, it is managements's opinion that the Village is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values, unless otherwise noted.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates. The most significant accounting estimates in these financial statements include allowance for doubtful accounts and determining values for asset retirement obligations and estimated useful life of tangible capital assets.

Government transfers

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

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

March 31, 2024

1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and balances with banks, bank overdrafts, short term borrowing with original maturities of three months or less. Bank borrowings are considered to be financing activities.

Revenue recognition

Taxation and related revenue: Property tax billings are prepared based on the assessment rolls issued by Property Valuation Services Corporation. Tax rates are established annually by the Commission, incorporating amounts to be raised for local services. Water rates are established by water rate study and approved by the URB. Taxation revenues, water revenues and sewer revenues are recorded at the time billings are due.

Non-Financial Assets

Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for use in the provision of services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year and are not intended for sale in the normal course of operations.

Deferred Contribution

Assistance towards the acquisition of fixed assets by the Water and Sewer Commission received prior to January 1, 1985, and subsequent to April 1, 2007, is amortized to income on the same basis as the related fixed asset. Approval has been obtained from the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board to exempt the Commission from adjusting for any other assistance received prior to January 1, 1985.

Asset Retirement Obligation

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

- a) There is a legal obligation to incur retirement costs in relation to a tangible capital asset;
- b) The past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred;
- c) It is expected that future economic benefits will be given up; and
- d) A reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

Any liability is discounted using a present value calculation, and adjusted yearly for accretion expense. The recognition of a liability would result in an accompanying increase to the respective tangible capital assets. Any increase to the tangible capital assets would being amortized in accordance with the depreciation accounting policies.

The Village has assessed their assets and does not currently have any material asset retirement obligations and as such no increase in asset value or liability has been recognized at this time.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

March 31, 2024

1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue relates to funding received for projects that have not been completed.

Investments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition. Derivative instruments and equity instruments that are quoted in an active market are reported at fair value. All other financial instruments are subsequently recorded at cost or amortized cost unless management has elected to carry the instruments at fair value.

Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost which includes all amounts that are directly attributed to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. The cost, less residual value, of the tangible capital asset are amortized on a straight line basis over their estimated useful life as follows:

General		Water	
Land improvements	20 to 50 years	Wells	25 to 40 years
Buildings	40 years	Pumping stations	s 50 years
Machinery and equipment	5 to 10 years	Water mains	75 years
Sidewalks	20 years	Hydrants	75 years
Sewer system	50 years		
Skateboard Park	20 years		
Leasehold improvements	20 years		

The Water Commission's depreciation is calculated based on rates prescribed by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board. The depreciation charge in the Water and Sewer Operating Fund less amortization of deferred assistance is transferred to a special bank account in the Water and Sewer Capital Fund which is used to help fund replacement of existing plant and equipment.

2. Tangible Capital Assets

	<u>2024</u>			<u>2023</u>
Cost				
Land and buildings	\$	2,417,078	\$	2,238,008
Recreation Facility		3,400,379		3,354,551
Machinery and equipment		1,947,674		1,858,170
Sewer system		2,518,538		2,453,691
Splash park		161,678		161,678
Street improvements and paving		2,956,204		2,900,003
Signs		75,513		62,094
Street lights		407,185		407,185
Water system		13,183,195		13,042,258
Other		677,147	_	677,147
		27,744,591	_	27,154,785
Deduct: Accumulated depreciation		14,011,038	_	13,272,798
-	\$	13,733,553	\$	13,881,987

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

March 31, 2024

3. Accumulated Surplus		
-	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Reserve Funds (note 4)	\$ 3,712,291	\$ 2,800,648
Deferred assistance (see page C-10)	3,386,756	3,439,998

 Deferred assistance (see page C-10)
 3,380,730
 3,439,996

 Investment in Capital Assets (note 6)
 14,022,079
 13,596,192

 Surplus (note 5)
 2,485,286
 2,808,093

 \$ 23,606,412
 \$ 22,644,931

4. Reserve Funds

					2024 <u>General</u> <u>Total</u>		2023 <u>Water</u> <u>Total</u>
Equipment							
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 633,242	\$	46,743	\$	679,985	\$	550,627
Proceeds on sale	15,500		11,000		26,500		1,821
Interest	36,702		-		36,702		-
Transfer to equipment							
reserve	220,988		-		220,988		127,537
Transfer to capital fund	(168,803)		(57,743)	_	(226,546)	_	
Balance, end of year	\$ <u>737,629</u>	\$_			737,629		679,985

Operating Fund

Balance, beginning of year	\$	500,000	\$ 500,000
Transfer from operating		483,836	-
Interest earned		51,035	
Balance, end of year	\$_	1,034,871	\$ 500,000

Capital Fund

Balance, beginning of year	1,620,663	1,500,034
Interest	100,321	3,756
Grants	-	9,500
Transfer from operating fund	415,469	261,055
Transfer to capital	(196,662)	(153,682)
Balance, end of year	1,939,791	1,620,663
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\$ 2,800,648

\$ 3,712,291

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

March 31, 2024

5. Surplus

3. Sur pius	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Balance, beginning of year Surplus (Deficit) - General operating Surplus (Deficit) - Water Operating Balance, end of year	\$ 2,808,092 (186,915) (135,892) \$ 2,485,285	
6. Investment in Capital Assets		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Balance, beginning of year Add (deduct):	\$13,596,192	\$13,657,960
Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF)	170,285	40,114
Capital grants	49,830	16,034
Interest	235,669	80,302
Amortization of deferred assistance	93,356	92,155
Transfer from reserve	423,209	153,682
Amortization	(487,988)	(458,519)
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	<u>(58,474</u>)	<u>14,464</u>
Balance, end of year	\$ <u>14,022,079</u>	\$ <u>13,596,192</u>

7. Pension

The Village contributes 5.5% of the gross salary for union full time employees to the Pension Plan (a defined contribution pension plan), and 0.5% to a group RRSP Plan. The Village contributes 6-9% of the gross salary for non-union full time employees to a group RRSP Plan. Such contributions are refundable if the employee terminates employment prior to vesting. During the year, the village has contributed \$73,531 (2023 -\$79,511).

8.Commitments

The Village has the following lease commitments per year for office equipment leases:

2025	\$ 3,477	2026	2,608
2027	2,608		

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

March 31, 2024

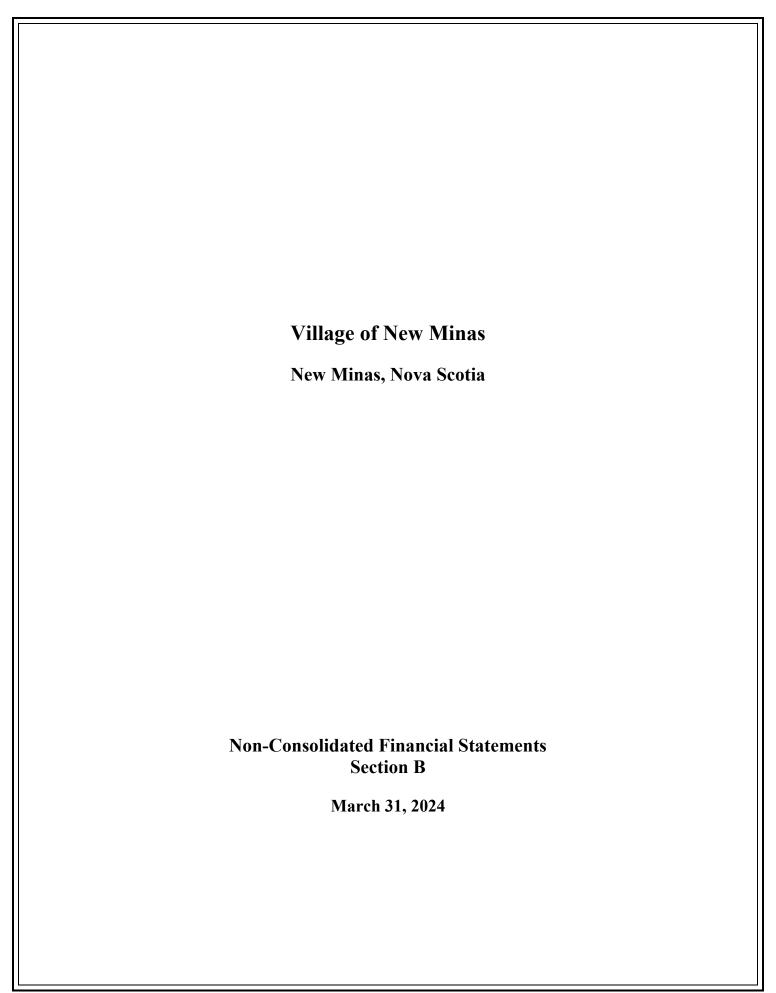
9. Other Matters

The total remuneration paid to each commissioner and the senior management official are as follows:

Commissioners	Co	mpensation	1	Expenses	To	tal
Chauk, Dave (Chair)	\$	16,272	\$	-	\$	16,272
Redmond, James		15,695		-		15,695
Windle-Smith, Debra		13,286		-		13,286
Hill, Quentin		13,286		-		13,286
Munroe, Mary		14,491		940		15,431
Staff						
Bouter, Tim (Clerk)		110,999	_	1,838	_	112,837
	\$ <u></u>	184,029	\$	2,778	\$_	186,807

10. Comparative figures

The comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to the financial statement presentation adopted in the current year.



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Auditors' Report on Supplemental Financial Information

To the Chairman and Commissioners of Village of New Minas

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information included in the Schedules is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic consolidated financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

Berwick, Nova Scotia June 10, 2024 Morce Bruston Lake

Chartered Professional Accountants Registered Municipal Auditor

Village of New Minas General Section Statement of Operations

		2024	2024	2023
]	Page	Budget	Actual	Actual
Revenue				
General tax rates	B-6	\$ 2,888,967	\$ 2,958,638	\$ 2,763,500
Grants in lieu of taxes	B-6	69,965	70,168	65,974
Conditional transfers from Federal and				
Provincial governments and agencies	B-6	27,500	25,000	12,482
Conditional transfers from other				
governments and agencies	B-6	317,624	318,305	297,357
Other revenue from own sources	B-7	646,404	731,119	564,664
		3,950,460	4,103,230	3,703,977
Expenditures				
General government services	B-7	1,239,913	1,127,509	1,026,353
Protective services	B-7	548,626	548,625	523,016
Transportation services	B-8	307,314	251,404	250,736
Environmental health services	B-8	619,875	609,493	588,239
Recreational and cultural services	B-8	680,402	632,821	529,550
Fiscal services	B-8	554,330	1,120,293	387,692
		3,950,460	4,290,145	3,305,586
Operating Surplus (Deficit)		\$	\$ <u>(186,915</u>)	\$ <u>398,391</u>

Village of New Minas General Section Operating Fund Statement of Financial Position

A4a		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
Assets				
Cash	\$	1,496,357	\$	1,666,736
Accounts receivable (note 2)	*	417,266	_	442,660
Inventory		1,375		1,375
Due from Water Utility operating fund		161,078		171,693
Prepaid expenses	_	90,028	_	84,562
	\$_	2,166,104	\$_	2,367,026
Liabilities				
Current				
Payables and accruals	\$	260,410	\$	332,823
Due to Capital reserve		18,000		20,072
Due to Water Utility Capital fund Due to General Capital Fund		52,819 71,639		28,238 29,429
Deferred revenue		2,050		8,363
		404,918		418,925
Surplus				
Operating Surplus (note 4)	_	1,761,186	_	1,948,101
	\$_	2,166,104	\$_	2,367,026
Commitments (note 5)				
On behalf of the Village of New Minas				
Chairman James Res	lmono	, Comn	nissi	ioner

Village of New Minas General Section Capital Fund Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 34,453	\$ -
Investments (GIC at 5.40%)	400,000	-
Accounts receivable	15,045	5,460
HST receivable	23,919	12,473
Due from general operating fund	71,640	29,429
Due from capital reserve fund		153,682
	545,057	201,044
Tangible Capital Assets (note 3)	6,650,481	6,582,768
	\$ <u>7,195,538</u>	\$ <u>6,783,812</u>
Liabilities		
Current		
Bank indebtedness	\$ -	\$ 106,983
Accounts Payable	7,231	1,200
Due to water capital	84,398	60,229
Due to capital reserve	399,656	
	491,285	168,412
Equity		
Investment in Capital Assets (page B-5)	6,704,253	6,615,400
	\$ <u>7,195,538</u>	\$ <u>6,783,812</u>

On behalf of the Village of New Minas

, Chairman James Redmond, Commissioner

Village of New Minas General Section Statement of Investment in Capital Assets

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 6,615,400	\$ 6,811,432
Add (Deduct):		
Capital grants	49,830	33,483
Interest	21,140	38,193
Amortization	(487,988)	(458,519)
Transfer from reserves	365,465	153,682
Canada Community Building Fund	170,285	22,665
Gain (loss) on sale of equipment	<u>(29,879</u>)	14,464
Balance, end of year	\$ <u>6,704,253</u>	\$ <u>6,615,400</u>

Village of New Minas General Section Schedules to Statement of Operations

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2023 Actual
Taxes	<u> </u>	1100001	1100001
Assessable property			
Residential	\$ 1,269,195	\$ 1,268,019	\$ 1,134,860
Commercial			
Based on taxable assessment	904,256	903,373	865,250
Resource			
Based on taxable assessment	8,130	8,116	8,153
Special assessments	- 0-006		
Environmental Health Services	707,386	779,130	755,237
	\$ <u>2,888,967</u>	\$ <u>2,958,638</u>	\$ <u>2,763,500</u>
Grants in Lieu of Taxes			
Federal government agencies	\$ 41,700	\$ 41,916	\$ 37,308
Provincial government agencies	16,265	15,699	15,790
HST recovery	12,000	12,553	12,876
	\$ <u>69,965</u>	\$ <u>70,168</u>	\$ <u>65,974</u>
Conditional Transfers from Federal			
and Provincial Governments and Agencies			
Federal government agencies			
Summer Career Placement	\$ <u>27,500</u>	\$ <u>25,000</u>	\$ <u>12,482</u>
Conditional Transfers from other			
Governments and Agencies			
Municipality of the County of Kings			
Fire protection	\$ 282,976	\$ 282,975	\$ 262,745
Crosswalk service	9,648	9,840	9,072
Recreation	20,000	20,000	20,000
Community Parks development grant	\$\frac{5,000}{317,624}	\$\frac{5,490}{318,305}	\$\frac{5,540}{297,357}
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Village of New Minas General Section Schedules to Statement of Operations

Other Revenue from own Sources Facility rentals Interest Sewer shared services Miscellaneous Recreation	2024 <u>Budget</u> \$ 65,500 76,200 129,929 33,225 <u>341,550</u> \$ 646,404	2024 Actual \$ 56,356 99,988 129,929 24,977 419,869 \$ 731,119	2023 Actual \$ 72,780 62,793 135,009 23,361 270,721 \$ 564,664
General Government Services Legislative Commissioners Stipend Committee Honorariums Grants, Festivals and donations Other	\$ 62,964	\$ 63,257	\$ 57,425
	2,000	1,750	-
	59,688	58,623	49,790
	13,010	7,690	15,216
	137,662	131,320	122,431
General administrative Administrative Financial management Crosswalk guard services Common services Other general administrative services	520,168	467,698	400,245
	334,920	288,211	287,099
	18,558	17,913	16,084
	225,975	222,367	200,494
	2,630	-	-
	1,102,251	996,189	903,922
	\$1,239,913	\$1,127,509	\$1,026,353
Protective Services Fire protection Fire alarm systems Water supply and hydrants Training Fire station Fire fighting equipment Other	\$ 7,000	\$ 9,272	\$ 5,667
	265,650	265,650	260,271
	8,000	21,640	6,693
	108,858	100,093	96,101
	94,475	91,951	100,160
	64,643	60,019	54,124
	\$ 548,626	\$ 548,625	\$ 523,016

Village of New Minas General Section Schedules to Statement of Operations

	2024	2024	2023
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Transportation Services	* ****		
Public Works	\$ 186,465	\$ 148,124	\$ 154,438
Snow Clearing	78,013	58,876	69,636
Sidewalks	14,600	14,570	4,300
Street lighting	28,236	29,834	22,362
	\$ <u>307,314</u>	\$ <u>251,404</u>	\$ <u>250,736</u>
Environmental Health Services			
Sewage collection services	\$ 249,975	\$ 239,864	\$ 240,029
Central treatment plant operations	369,900	369,629	348,210
	\$ <u>619,875</u>	\$ <u>609,493</u>	\$ <u>588,239</u>
Recreational and Cultural Services			
Administration	\$ 424,314	\$ 424,215	\$ 310,196
Parks and playgrounds	256,088	208,606	219,354
	\$ <u>680,402</u>	\$ <u>632,821</u>	\$ <u>529,550</u>
Fiscal Services			
Transfer to capital fund	\$ 149,382	\$ 149,382	\$ 93,862
Transfer to equipment reserve for sewer	87,511	169,638	84,872
Transfer to operating reserve	-	483,836	-
Transfer to equipment reserve fund	51,350	51,350	32,265
Transfer to Capital reserve fund	266,087	266,087	<u>176,693</u>
	\$ <u>554,330</u>	\$ <u>1,120,293</u>	\$ <u>387,692</u>

Village of New Minas Special Reserve Fund - Equipment Reserve Section Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2024

		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash	Assets	\$ <u>737,629</u>	\$ <u>633,242</u>
Reserve	Reserve	\$ <u>737,629</u>	\$ <u>633,242</u>

Statement of Equipment Reserve

March 31, 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Balance, beginning of year Add (Deduct):	\$ 633,242	\$ 503,884
Interest	36,702	1,821
Proceeds on sale of equipment	15,500	-
Transfer from operating	220,988	127,537
Transfer to capital fund	(168,803)	
Balance, end of year	\$ <u>737,629</u>	\$ <u>633,242</u>
On behalf of the Village of New Minas		

, Chairman James Redmond, Commissioner

Village of New Minas Capital Reserve Fund Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2024

			<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
	Assets				
Cash		\$	380,750	\$	654,273
Investment (GIC at 5.40%, 4.00% -2023)			1,100,000		1,100,000
Accrued interest			41,385		-
Due from general capital fund			399,656		-
Due from general operating fund		_	18,000	_	20,072
		\$_	1,939,791	\$ <u></u>	1,774,345
	Liabilities				
Due to general capital fund		\$	-	\$	153,682
	Reserve				
Reserve		_	1,939,791		1,620,663
		\$_	1,939,791	\$_	1,774,345

Statement of Capital Reserve Fund

March 31, 2024

		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
Balance, beginning of year Add (Deduct):	\$	1,620,663	\$	1,500,034
Grants		-		9,500
Interest		100,321		3,756
Transfer from operating fund		415,469		261,055
Purchase of capital assets	_	(196,662)	_	(153,682)
Balance, end of year	\$ <u></u>	1,939,791	\$_	1,620,663

On behalf of the Village of New Minas

, Chairman James Redmond, Commissioner

Village of New Minas Operating Reserve Fund Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2024

			<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
Cash Accrued interest Investment (GIC at 5.40% - 4.00 - 2023)	Assets		215 34,656 1,000,000 1,034,871	\$ \$	500,000 500,000
Operating Reserve	Reserve	\$ <u> </u>	,034,871	\$	500,000

Statement of Operating Reserve Fund

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Balance, beginning of year Add (Deduct):	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Interest Transfer from operating	51,035 483,836	
Balance, end of year	\$ <u>1,034,871</u>	\$ <u>500,000</u>

On behalf of the Village of New Minas

______, Chairman ______, Commissioner

March 31, 2024

1. Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments, as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Revenue and Expenditures

Major revenue and expenditures items are recorded on an accrual basis.

Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost which includes all amounts that are directly attributed to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. The cost, less residual value, of the tangible capital asset are amortization on a straight line basis over their estimated useful life as follows:

Land improvements	20 to 50 years
Buildings	40 years
Machinery and equipment	5 to 10 years
Sidewalks	20 years
Sewer system	50 years
Skateboard Park	20 years
Splash Park	20 years
Leasehold improvements	20 years

Allocation of Municipal Costs to Water Commission Fund

Costs incurred, which benefit both the municipal unit and the Water Commission, are allocated on the basis of relative benefits. Interest is recorded on balances due between the municipal unit and the Water Commission at an annual rate of 8% on the outstanding balance at the end of each month.

2. Accounts receivable

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Sewer accounts receivable	\$ 163,269	\$ 205,306
Taxes Receivable	117,390	158,625
Government of Canada	6,931	9,775
Department of Transportation	22,500	17,500
Other	107,176	51,454
	\$ <u>417,266</u>	\$ <u>442,660</u>

March 31, 2024

3. Tangible Capital Assets

	Cost Opening	Additions	<u>Disposals</u>	Write <u>Downs</u>	Cost Closing	Amortization	Accum Amort	Net Book <u>Value</u>
Land Land	\$ 680,38	32 \$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 680,382	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 680,382
improvements	1,755,8	7 179,070	-	-	1,934,887	76,114	1,029,794	905,093
Buildings	337,83	- 32	-	-	337,832	8,393	131,492	206,340
Recreation facility	3,352,42	21 45,829	-	-	3,398,250	85,009	1,005,455	2,392,795
Signs	62,09	13,420	-	-	75,514	3,575	32,967	42,547
Machinery								
& equipment	1,427,79	9 226,215	(70,287)	-	1,583,727	98,456	970,183	613,544
Sidewalks	2,308,90	56,201	_	-	2,365,170	118,258	1,641,745	723,425
Sewer System	2,453,69	64,847		-	2,518,538	50,371	1,834,008	684,530
Street Lights	407,18	5 -	-	-	407,185	27,146	270,413	136,772
Parking lot	314,54		-	-	314,540	12,582	139,153	175,387
Splash park	161,67	8 -			161,678	8,084	72,012	89,666
	\$ 13,262,40	08 \$ <u>585,582</u>	2 \$ (70,287)	\$	\$ <u>13,777,703</u>	\$ <u>487,988</u>	\$ <u>7,127,222</u>	\$ <u>6,650,481</u>

4. Surplus

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Balance, beginning of year Add (Deduct):	\$1,948,101	\$1,549,710
Operating surplus (deficit)	(186,915)	398,391
Balance, end of year	\$ <u>1,761,186</u>	\$ <u>1,948,101</u>

5. Pension and Commitments

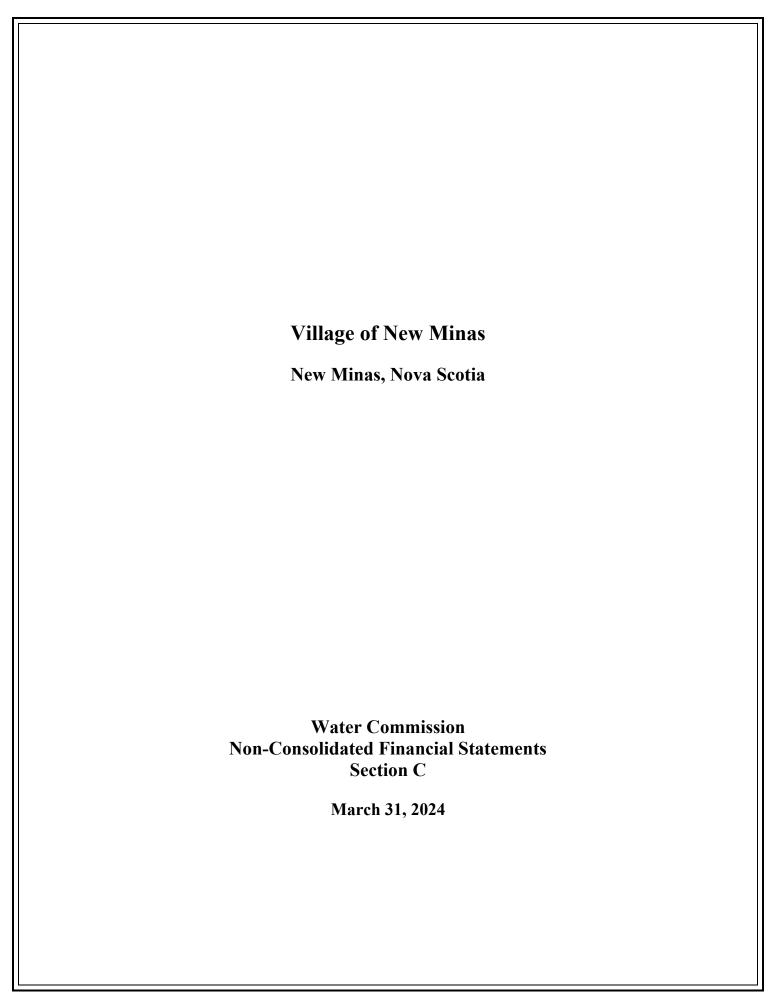
The Village contributes 5.5% of the gross salary for union full time employees to the Pension Plan (a defined contribution pension plan), and 0.5% to a group RRSP Plan. The Village contributes 6% of the gross salary for non-union full time employees to a group RRSP Plan. Such contributions are refundable if the employee terminates employment prior to vesting. During the year, the Village has contributed \$51,470 (2023 - \$51,470).

The Village has the following lease commitments per year for office equipment leases:

2024	Φ	3 . 477	2025	2,608	2026	2,608
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Village of New Minas General Section Statement of Capital Financing

		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
Source				
Capital funding				
Capital grants		49,830		56,148
Transfer from reserve		349,965		153,682
CCBF Funding		170,285		-
Proceeds on sale of equipment	_	15,500		34,095
	\$	585,580	\$	243,925
Application				
Purchase of capital assets				
Sidewalk	\$	56,201	\$	64,169
Automotive equipment		194,093		133,008
Buildings		45,829		2,129
Furniture and office equipment		13,918		5,530
Land and land improvements		179,070		30,427
Sewer		64,847		7,712
Signs		13,419		-
Tools and equipment		5,943		950
Facility equipment		12,260	_	
	\$	585,580	\$	243,925



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Auditors' Report on Supplemental Financial Statements

To the Chairperson and Commissioners of Village of New Minas Water Commission

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information included in the Schedules is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic consolidated financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

Berwick, Nova Scotia June 10, 2024 Morre Browster Lake

Chartered Professional Accountants Registered Municipal Auditor

Village of New Minas Water Commission Statement of Operations

	Page	2024 <u>Budget</u>	2024 Actual	2023 Actual
Revenue Operating Metered sales Public fire protection Other		\$ 648,000 265,650 80,915 994,565	\$ 677,114 265,650 82,606 1,025,370	\$ 686,098 260,025 82,012 1,028,135
Expenditures Operating Source of supply Power and pumping Transmission and distribution Administration Depreciation	C-6 C-6 C-6	271,410 129,840 37,205 379,543 328,500 1,146,498	252,672 136,809 28,574 444,472 328,500 1,191,027	191,628 125,677 39,453 318,265 328,500 1,003,523
Operating profit (loss)		(151,933)	(165,657)	24,612
Non-operating revenue Interest Non-operating expenditures Operating Surplus (Deficit) For The	Year	22,500 \$ <u>(129,433)</u>	<u>29,765</u> (135,892)	
Surplus, beginning of year			<u>859,992</u>	816,180
Surplus, end of year			\$ <u>724,100</u>	\$ <u>859,992</u>

Village of New Minas Water Commission Operating Fund Statement of Financial Position

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>			
Assets					
Current Cash Accounts receivable (note 3) Due from water capital fund Prepaid expenses	\$ 724,981 157,943 47,700 	\$ 790,473 209,084 47,700 13,691			
	\$ <u>946,221</u>	\$ <u>3,705,879</u>			
Liabilities					
Current Payables and accruals Due to general operating fund	\$ 61,043 161,078 222,121	\$ 29,263 171,693 200,956			
Surplus					
Operating Surplus	<u>724,100</u>	859,992			
	\$ <u>946,221</u>	\$ <u>1,060,948</u>			
Commitment (note 8)					
On behalf of the Commission					
, Chairman , Chairman , Commissioner					

Village of New Minas Water Commission Capital Fund Statement of Financial Position

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>			
Assets					
Current Cash - Depreciation fund (note 2) Investment - Depreciation fund (GIC at 5.40%, 4.00% -2023) Cash - Water capital fund Accounts receivable	\$ 812,203 2,500,000 171,422 100,150 3,583,775	\$ 893,559 2,000,000 103,791 83,512 3,080,862			
Due from General Capital Utility Plant in Service (note 4) Due from General Operating Fund	84,398 13,966,887 52,819	60,229 13,892,376 28,238			
	\$ <u>17,687,879</u>	\$ <u>17,061,705</u>			
Liabilities					
Current Accounts payable Due to water operating fund	\$ 51,771 47,700 99,471	\$ 57 47,700 47,757			
Deferred Assistance (note 5) Accumulated Allowance for Depreciation (note 6)	3,386,756 6,883,826 10,270,582	3,439,998 6,593,158 10,033,156			
	10,370,053	10,080,913			
Equity					
Investment in Capital Assets (page C-5)	7,317,826	6,980,792			
	\$ <u>17,687,879</u>	\$ <u>17,061,705</u>			
On behalf of the Commission Chairman Chairman	, Commi	ssioner			

Village of New Minas Water Commission Statement of Investment in Capital Assets

		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$	6,980,792	\$	6,846,528
Add:				
Amortization deferred assistance		93,356		92,155
Gain (loss) on disposal of equipment		(28,595)		-
Interest		214,529		42,109
Capital additions paid from Equipment reserve	_	57,744	_	
Balance, end of year	\$_	7,317,826	\$_	6,980,792

Village of New Minas Water Commission Schedules to Statements of Operations

	2024 Budget	2024 <u>Actual</u>	2023 Actual
Source of supply Maintenance Supplies and expenses	\$ 50,610 220,800 \$ 271,410	\$ 54,916 197,756 \$ 252,672	\$ 17,899 173,729 \$ 191,628
Power and Pumping Power	\$ <u>129,840</u>	\$ <u>136,809</u>	\$ <u>125,677</u>
Transmission and distribution Maintenance			
Mains	\$ 7,725	\$ 5,466	\$ 14,603
Other	15,400	8,623	15,411
Transportation expenses	14,080	14,485	9,439
	\$ <u>37,205</u>	\$ <u>28,574</u>	\$ <u>39,453</u>
Administration			
Collection and service charges	\$ 3,600	\$ 5,038	\$ 5,348
Salaries and benefits	241,663	257,772	242,882
General and office expenses	26,828	26,673	23,061
Professional fees	53,000	83,524	-
Regulatory expenses Miscellaneous	1,600	1,690	1,640
Rent	15,152 5,500	14,419 5,500	14,456 5,500
Insurance	32,200	49,856	25,378
mourance	\$ 379,543	\$ <u>444,472</u>	\$ 318,265

Village of New Minas Water Commission Special Reserve Fund - Equipment Reserve Section

Ass	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash Due from General Capital	\$ - - \$ <u>-</u>	\$ 46,743 \$ 46,743
Reserve, beginning of year Deduct: Proceeds on sale of equipment Capital purchases	\$ 46,743 11,000 (57,743)	\$ 46,743 - -
Reserve, end of year	\$	\$ <u>46,743</u>

On behalf of the Commission			
dul	_, Chairman	James Redmond	, Commissioner

1. Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared to conform in all material respects to the accounting principles prescribed for water utilities by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

Non consolidation

Non-consolidated financial statements of the Village of New Minas Water and Sewer Commission are prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for local governments and the Water Utility Accounting and Reporting handbook of the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, as required under Section 4000. Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Village of New Minas are as follows;

Basis of Accounting

Major revenue and expenditures items are recorded on an accrual basis. Interest earned on the depreciation fund is recorded as non-operating revenue in the Water Commission Operating Fund. Principal and interest payments relating to long term debt are recorded as an expense when paid.

Utility Plant

Utility plant and projects in progress are recorded at the utility's gross cost. Funds received through capital assistance programs, cost sharing arrangements or loan forgiveness prior to January 1, 1985, and subsequent to April 1, 2007 are treated as additions to deferred assistance.

The Commission charges depreciation based on rates prescribed by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board. The depreciation charge in the Water Operating Fund less amortization of deferred assistance is transferred to a special bank account in the Water and Sewer Capital Fund which is used to help fund replacement of the existing plant.

Depreciation is not recorded on fixed assets donated to the Water and Sewer Commission after January 1, 1985. Approval has been obtained from the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board to continue recording depreciation on fixed assets donated prior to January 1, 1985.

Amortization

Assistance towards the acquisition of fixed assets, received prior to January 1, 1985, and subsequent to April 1, 2007, is amortized to income on the same basis as the related fixed asset. Approval has been obtained from the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board to exempt the Commission from adjusting for any other assistance received prior to January 1, 1985.

March 31, 2024

1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Allocation of Municipal Costs to Water Utility Funds

Costs incurred which benefit both the municipal unit and the Water Commission are allocated on the basis of relative benefits.

Interest is recorded on the balances due between Water Commission funds and other funds during the year at an annual rate of 8% on the outstanding balance at the end of the month.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and balances with banks and bank overdrafts. Bank borrowings are considered to be financing activities.

Use of estimates

In preparing the Village's financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from these estimates. The most significant accounting estimates in these financial statements include allowance for doubtful accounts and estimated useful life of tangible capital assets

2. Depreciation Fund

2. Depreciation Fund	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Balance, beginning of year Add (Deduct):	\$ 2,890,129	\$ 2,600,035
Depreciation Interest Transfer to water capital for asset purchases	328,500 93,574	328,500 - (38,406)
Balance, end of year	\$ <u>3,312,203</u>	\$ <u>2,890,129</u>
3. Receivables	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Water Rates (net of allowance of \$5,200) HST Receivable	\$ 140,454 <u>17,489</u>	\$ 196,305 12,779
	\$ <u>157,943</u>	\$ <u>209,084</u>

4. Utility Plant in Service		
·	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Land and buildings Machinery and equipment Water system Other	\$ 155,204 497,091 13,050,045 <u>264,547</u>	\$ 155,204 563,517 12,909,108 264,547
	\$ <u>13,966,887</u>	\$ <u>13,892,376</u>
5. Deferred Assistance	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assistance towards acquisition of fixed assets	\$ 4,174,665	\$ 4,134,551
Accumulated amortization	787,909	694,553
Balance, end of year	\$ <u>3,386,756</u>	\$ <u>3,439,998</u>
6. Accumulated Allowance for Depreciation	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Balance, beginning of year Add (Deduct):	\$ 6,593,158	\$ 6,284,658
Depreciation	328,500	328,500
Disposal of assets	(37,832)	(20,000)
Balance, end of year	\$ <u>6,883,826</u>	\$ <u>6,593,158</u>

March 31, 2024

7. Rate of Return on Rate Base

For the year ended March 31, 2024, the Water Utility has a rate of return on rate base of (4.48)% (2023 0.64%).

8. Pension

The Village contributes 5.5% of the gross salary for union full time employees to the Pension Plan (a defined contribution pension plan), and 0.5% to a group RRSP Plan. The Village contributes 6% of the gross salary for non-union full time employees to a group RRSP Plan. Such contributions are refundable if the employee terminates employment prior to vesting. During the year, the Water Commission has contributed \$5,703, (2023 \$4,774).

Statement of Capital Projects Funding

	Total Capital <u>Cost</u>		Capital Fund		CCBF Grants		Other Grants	
Water system								
Storage Tank/Facility	\$	4,396	\$	4,396	\$	-	\$	-
Equipment		29,324		29,234		-		-
Meters		15,009		7,056		7,953		-
Wells		67,527		35,366		32,161		-
Water lines		24,681	_	24,681			_	
	\$	140,937	\$	100,733	\$_	40,114	\$_	_