Consolidated financial statements

Municipality of the County of Victoria

March 31, 2021

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Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

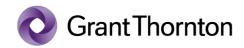
The consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and the integrity and objectivity of these statements are management's responsibility. Management is also responsible for all of the notes to the consolidated financial statements and supplementary schedules, and for ensuring that this information is consistent, where appropriate, with the information contained in the consolidated financial statements. A summary of the significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements. The preparation of consolidated financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgment, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods.

Management is also responsible for implementing and maintaining a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that reliable financial information is produced. The internal controls are designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and recorded in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements, and reliable financial information is available on a timely basis for preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

Council is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control, and exercises these responsibilities through the Audit Committee. Council reviews internal financial statements on a regular basis and external audited consolidated financial statements annually. The Audit Committee also discusses any significant financial reporting or internal control matters prior to their approval of the consolidated financial statements.

The external auditors, Grant Thornton LLP, conduct an independent examination, in accordance with Canadian auditing standards, and express their opinion on the consolidated financial statements. The external auditors have full and free access to financial management of the Municipality of the County of Victoria and meet when required. The accompanying Independent Auditor's Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the consolidated financial statements.

On behalf of the Municipality of the County of Victori	a
Leanne MacEachen, CPA, CA	Alix Redden, MBA, CPA, CMA
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Chief Administration Officer	Chief Financial Officer
December 15, 2021	



Independent auditor's report

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To the Warden and Council of the Municipality of the County of Victoria

Qualified opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of the Municipality of the County of Victoria ("the Municipality"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2021, and the consolidated statements of operations, changes in net debt and cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the effects pf the matter described in the *Basis for qualified opinion paragraph*, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Municipality as at March 31, 2021, and its results of operations, its changes in its net debt, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for qualified opinion

Canadian public sector accounting standards requires a comparison of the results for the accounting period with those originally planned. Planned results should be presented for the same scope of activities and on a basis consistent with that used for actual results. Alderwood Corporation and Highland Manor Municipal Housing Corporation, housing operations controlled by the Municipality, do not have a formal budgeting process in place, including board approval for a formal budget. Therefore, the budgeted amounts for revenues and expenses relating to housing operations are not presented in these consolidated financial statements. Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements for the Municipality for year ended March 31, 2021 is modified as a result of this departure from Canadian public sector accounting standards.

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

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the consolidated financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Municipality's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to a going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Municipality or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements

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

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements,
 whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and
 obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk
 of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from
 error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the
 override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
 procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an
 opinion on the effectiveness of the Municipality's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Municipality's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Municipality to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Municipality and the organizations it controls to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Sydney, Canada December 15, 2021

Chartered Professional Accountants

Grant Thornton LLP

Municipality of the County of Victoria Consolidated statement of financial position

March 31	2021	2020
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$15,516,531	\$ 9,822,576
Taxes receivable (Note 2)	865,951	1,104,310
User charges receivable	235,464	278,214
Receivables from governments (Note 3)	426,298	224,216
Other receivables (Note 4)	383,807	370,215
Replacement reserve investment	8,131	8,094
Restricted cash (Note 1)	<u>2,446,546</u>	2,215,163
	19,882,728	14,022,788
Financial liabilities		
Bank loan	100,000	100,000
Payables and accruals	2,493,261	2,843,506
Deferred revenue (Note 14)	2,368,062	1,784,630
Capital renewal fund (Note 1)	2,446,546	2,215,163
Other liabilities	212,267	201,959
Sick leave benefit liability (Note 12)	634,396	953,146
Long term debt (Note 6)	23,603,224	20,956,609
	31,857,756	29,055,013
Net debt	<u>(11,975,028</u>)	(15,032,225)
Non-financial assets		
Tangible capital assets (Note 5 and Pages 26 - 27)	27,543,277	28,164,492
Prepaids and other non-financial assets	91,480	173,930
	27,634,757	28,338,422
Accumulated surplus	\$15,659,729	\$13,306,197
Contingencies (Note 9)		
Approved by:		
Warden		CAO
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See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Municipality of the County of Victoria Consolidated statement of operations

Year ended March 31		2021	2020
_	<u>Budget</u> (Note 16)	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenue Taxes	\$ 9,399,845	\$ 9,397,169	\$ 9,051,451
Less: regional centre for	Ψ 0,000,040	Ψ 3,037,103	Ψ 5,051,451
education registration	(2,391,724)	(2,391,724)	(2,326,347)
Municipal taxation	7,008,121	7,005,445	6,725,104
Grants-in-lieu of taxes	1,966,793	1,959,497	1,847,677
Government grants and capital contributions	371,434	460,578	569,552
User charges and water rates	661,000	607,821	755,012
Other revenue	778,910	834,139	960,626
Collections for other governments	238,217	235,939	238,217
Sale of services	110,303	108,712	112,279
Interest revenue	49,125	43,020	13,801
Department of Health and Wellness – housing			0.050.054
operations	-	10,718,575	9,359,051
Sale of services – housing operations	-	1,524,410	1,522,559
Sundry - housing operations	-	81,040	120,141
Miscellaneous revenue		273,206	
	11,183,903	23,852,382	22,224,019
Expenses			
General government services	3,225,211	2,641,465	2,675,141
Protective services	2,919,481	2,888,151	2,789,489
Transportation services	441,552	595,858	604,378
Environmental health services	2,294,768	2,291,410	2,757,564
Economic development services	127,000	114,387	116,691
Public health and welfare services	40,877	36,083	38,623
Recreation and cultural services	505,990	329,637	419,356
Housing operations	-	11,670,928	10,590,375
Water treatment and distribution	665,400	613,778	659,823
Transfers to other governments	476,234	<u>317,153</u>	390,337
	10,696,513	21,498,850	21,041,777
Annual surplus	\$ 487,390	2,353,532	1,182,242
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year		13,306,197	12,123,955
Accumulated surplus, end of year		<u>\$15,659,729</u>	\$13,306,197

Municipality of the County of Victoria Consolidated statement of changes in net debt

Year ended March 31 2021 2020

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Actual</u>
Annual surplus	\$ 148,390	\$ 2,353,532	\$	1,182,242
Amortization of tangible capital assets Purchase of tangible capital assets Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	 - - -	1,168,663 (622,819) 47,088 28,283		1,216,453 (331,838) - -
Change in prepaid expenses and other non-financial assets	 148,390	2,974,747 <u>82,450</u>		2,066,857 (70,265)
Decrease in net debt	\$ 148,390	3,057,197		1,996,592
Net debt Beginning of year End of year		(15,032,225) \$ (11,975,028)		(17,028,817) (15,032,225)
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Municipality of the County of Victoria Consolidated statement of cash flows

Year ended March 31	2021	2020
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		
Operating activities		
Annual surplus	\$ 2,353,532	\$ 1,182,242
Amortization of tangible capital assets	1,168,663	1,216,453
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	28,283	· · ·
	3,550,478	2,398,695
Increase (decrease) in:		
Prepaids and other non-financial assets	82,450	(70,265)
Taxes receivable	238,358	145,732
User charges receivable	42,750	(8,755)
Receivables from governments	(202,082)	(98,163)
Other receivables	(13,592)	(39,784)
Payables and accruals	(127,483)	367,159
Capital renewal fund	231,383	233,698
Deferred revenue	360,670	738,700
Due to Village of Baddeck	-	(126,233)
Other liabilities	10,308	(15,040)
Sick leave benefit liability	(318,750)	58,446
	3,854,490	3,584,190
Capital activities		
Purchase of tangible capital assets	(622,819)	(331,838)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	47,088	
	(575,731)	(331,838)
Financing activities		
Repayment of long term debt	(959,384)	(913,482)
Proceeds from new long term debt	3,606,000	(0.0,.02)
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Installed an early of the		
Investing activities	(27)	(153)
Replacement reserve investment	(37)	(153)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	5,925,338	2,338,717
Cash and cash equivalents		
Beginning of year	12,037,739	9,699,022
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End of year	<u>\$ 17,963,077</u>	\$12,037,739
Cash and cash equivalents consists of:	A 45 540 504	A 0 000 ===
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 15,516,531	\$ 9,822,576
Restricted cash	<u>2,446,546</u>	<u>2,215,163</u>
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	<u>\$ 17,963,077</u>	\$12,037,739

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Principles and basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements of the Municipality of the County of Victoria are prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards for local governments, as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada.

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

Reporting entity

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and changes in fund balances and in financial position 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 Municipality which are owned or controlled by the Municipality. In addition to general government tax-supported operations and the water utility operations, they include the following:

Alderwood Corporation
Highland Manor Municipal Housing Corporation

Also consistent with public sector accounting standards for government partnerships, the following organizations are also included and are accounted for using the proportionate consolidation method:

Eastern District Planning Commission – 16.7% (2020 – 16.7%)

Interdepartmental and organizational transactions and balances are eliminated.

Basis of accounting

The basis of accounting followed in the financial statement presentation includes revenues in the period in which the transactions or events occurred that gave rise to the revenues and expenses in the period the goods and services are acquired and a liability is incurred or transfers are due.

Fund accounting

Funds within the consolidated financial statements consist of the operating, capital and reserve funds for both the general operations, the water utility, 16.7% of the Eastern District Planning Commission, Alderwood Corporation and Highland Manor Municipal Housing Corporation. Transfers between funds are recorded as adjustments to the appropriate fund balance.

Reserves for future expenditures

Certain amounts, as approved by Municipal Council, are set aside in reserves and reserve funds for future operating and capital expenditures. Transfers to and from reserves and reserve funds are reflected as an adjustment to the respective fund.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Use of estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates for the Municipality include amortization of tangible capital assets, the valuation allowances on receivables, the sick leave benefit liability and the deferred benefit pension liability.

Revenue recognition

All non-government contributions or grant revenues that are externally restricted such that they must be used for a specified purpose are recognized as revenue in the period in which the resources are used for the purpose or purposes specified. Any externally restricted inflow received before the criterion has been met is reported as a liability until the resources are used for the purpose or purposes specified.

Unrestricted revenue is recognized when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and ultimate collection is reasonably assured.

Government transfers

Government transfers received are recognized in the consolidated financial statements as revenue when the transfers are authorized and all eligibility criteria have been met except when there is a stipulation that gives rise to an obligation that meets the definition of a liability. In that case, the transfer is recorded as a liability and recognized as revenue as the stipulations are met.

Government transfers to individuals and other entities are recognized as an expense when the transfers are authorized and all eligibility criteria have been met.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include undesignated cash of \$3,748,235 (2020 - \$5,086,405) and internally designated cash of \$11,768,296 (2020 - \$4,736,171). These totals include cash on hand and balances with banks.

Restricted cash and capital renewal fund

The restricted cash represents cash received from the Nova Scotia Department of Health that is required to be invested by Alderwood Corporation and used, with the Department's approval, to support future replacement of facility components in accordance with the Department's policies for asset replacement and their theoretical useful life. These funds are deferred and will be recognized when the related expense is incurred. During the year, the Corporation received \$231,383 (2020 - \$233,698) in contributions which were deferred.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Non-financial assets

Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for use in the provision of services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year and are not intended for sale in the normal course of operations. The change in non-financial assets during the year, together with the annual surplus, provides the consolidated change in net debt for the year.

Budget figures

The budget figures contained in these consolidated financial statements were approved by Council on May 19, 2020 in its original fiscal plan. They also include budgets prepared and approved by controlled entities in accordance with Public Sector requirements. Note 16 outlines the original fiscal plan and the adjustments made to come to the budget figures shown in these consolidated financial statements.

Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization and impairment which includes costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. The cost, less residual value, of the tangible capital asset is amortized using the following rates and basis:

Buildings and structures 1%, straight line, 2.5% - 4%, declining balance

Equipment

Pumping and purification 1%, straight line

Machinery

Machinery

Water delivery lines

Meters and hydrants

Vehicles

Computer

10%, declining balance
1%-1.3%, straight line
1%-1.3%, straight line
30%, declining balance
30%, declining balance

A full year of amortization is charged in the year after acquisition. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

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

The Municipality does not capitalize interest as part of the costs of its capital assets.

When conditions indicate that a tangible capital asset no longer contributes to the Municipality's ability to provide goods and services, or that the value of future economic benefits associated with the tangible capital asset is less than its net book value, the cost of the tangible capital asset is reduced to reflect the decline in the asset's value. The net write-downs of tangible capital assets are accounted for as expenses in the statement of operations and such write-downs are not reversed.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Segmented information

The Municipality of the County of Victoria is a diversified municipal unit that provides a wide range of services to its residents. For management reporting purposes, the Municipality's operations and activities are organized and reported by fund. This presentation is in accordance with the Provincial Financial Reporting and Accounting Manual, and was created for the purpose of recording specific activities to attain certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations. Municipal services are provided by departments and their activity is reported in these funds. The services provided by these departments are as follows:

General government services

This segment is responsible for the overall financial and local government administration. Its tasks include tax administration, trade payables and receivables, budgets, financial statements and adherence to the *Municipal Government Act*.

Protective services

The segment is primarily responsible for contracted policing, fire protection, and bylaw administration for its residents.

Transportation services

The Municipality is responsible for the maintenance and construction of roads and sidewalks. They are also responsible for the street lighting within the Municipality.

Environmental health services

This segment is responsible for the maintenance and operations of waste management and sewer services provided to residents and other customers.

Economic development services

This segment is responsible for funding of various economic development agencies.

Public health and welfare services

This department is responsible for supporting programs to help lower income households maintain, acquire or rent safe, adequate and affordable housing.

Recreation and cultural services

The recreation segment is responsible for promoting and offering opportunities and activities to the Municipality's residents including programs and active living programs.

Housing operations

This department is responsible for the operations of the long term care facilities.

Water treatment and distribution

This department is responsible for the maintenance and operations of water services provided to residents and other customers.

Transfers to other governments

This department is responsible for the transferring of funds collected on behalf of the other government entities.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments

The Municipality's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, replacement reserve investment, bank loan, payables and accruals, sick leave benefit liability, other liabilities, and long term debt. Financial instruments are carried at cost which approximates their fair value.

Deferred revenue

Deferred revenue relating to operations is recognized as related expenses occur. Deferred revenue relating to capital projects is recognized in the period that the resources are used for the specified purposes outlined in its agreement and as the Municipality discharges its obligations, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

Deferred gas tax funding (if applicable) and other deferred revenue will be recognized in the period in which the resources are used for the purposes specified.

Contaminated sites

Contaminated sites are a result of contamination being introduced into air, soil, water or sediment of a chemical, organic or radioactive material or live organism that exceeds an environmental standard. The liability would be recorded net of any expected recoveries. A liability for remediation of contaminated sites would be recognized when the following criteria are met.

- i. an environmental standard exists;
- ii. contamination exceeds the environmental standard;
- iii. the Municipality of the County of Victoria is directly responsible; or accepts responsibility; and iv.a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

As of March 31, 2021, there are no known contaminated sites identified by management.

2. Taxes receivable	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Balance, beginning of year Levy Collections for other governments Interest	\$ 1,409,310 9,508,674 235,939 119,604	\$ 1,550,784 9,163,496 238,217 146,364
Collections	11,273,527 <u>9,991,605</u>	11,098,861 <u>9,591,024</u>
Write offs, adjustments and exemptions	1,281,922 <u>97,699</u>	1,507,837 <u>98,527</u>
Valuation allowance	1,184,223 <u>318,272</u>	1,409,310 <u>305,000</u>
	<u>\$ 865,951</u>	\$ 1,104,310

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3. Receivables from g	overnments	;			<u>2021</u>		2020
HST rebate Department of Health and W Province of Nova Scotia	ellness			\$	89,393 178,517 158,388	\$	169,445 54,771 -
				<u>\$</u>	426,298	\$	224,216
4. Other receivables					2021		2020
Staff computer plan Sundry receivables Patron's board – Alderwood	Corporation			\$ <u>\$</u>	353,938 29,869 383,807	\$ - \$	155 324,688 45,372 370,215
5. Tangible capital ass	ets				<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
	<u>(</u>	<u>Cost</u>	Accumulated depreciation		Net book value		Net book value
Land and improvements Buildings and structures Parking area Equipment Pumping and purification Machinery Water delivery lines Meters and hydrants Vehicles Computer C&D site	\$ 936, 29,810, 91, 613, 3,781, 6,481, 179, 1,961, 130, 566,	911 300 414 818 302 555 389 419	\$ - 10,930,264 50,051 389,821 3,112,166 1,140,098 129,684 933,293 111,374 213,300		\$ 936,537 18,880,647 41,249 223,593 669,652 5,341,204 49,871 1,028,096 19,045 353,383	\$	936,537 19,576,832 45,832 226,703 715,738 5,205,562 64,928 992,000 7,712 392,648
	\$ 44,553,	328	\$ 17,010,051		\$ 27,543,277	\$	28,164,492

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6. Long term debt	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Municipal Finance Corporation Municipality of the County of Victoria 1.1% interest bearing loan for operating purposes. Loan maturing in August 2023 and payable in monthly principal instalments of \$1,202,000 commencing in August 2021 Nova Scotia Housing Development Corporation Alderwood Corporation 5.12% mortgage, maturing in June 2035, payable in	\$ 3,606,000	\$ -
monthly instalments of principal and interest of \$163,887. As security for the loan the Corporation has provided a first mortgage over the facility as well as a general security agreement over all other property. Bank of Nova Scotia Highland Manor Municipal Housing Corporation Prime + 1.5% term loan maturing in April 2023, payable in monthly instalments of \$1,611	19,931,480	20,862,600
plus interest. Loan is secured by a general security agreement over all present and future property of the Manor. Kubota Canada Ltd. Highland Manor Municipal Housing Corporation Non-interest bearing loan maturing in September 2024,	39,696	59,030
payable in monthly instalments of \$774. Loan is secured by a 2016 Kubota tractor with a net book value of \$30,173	26,048	34,979
	\$ 23,603,224	\$ 20,956,609

Principal repayments required during each of the next five years on long term debt are approximately as follows:

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	Municipality		Manor
	of the		Municipal
	County of	Alderwood	Housing
	Victoria	Corporation	<u>Corporation</u>
2022	\$ 1,202,000	\$ 979,404	\$ 48,627
2023	\$ 1,202,000	\$ 1,030,191	\$ 8,931
2024	\$ 1,202,000	\$ 1,083,612	\$ 8,186
2025	-	\$ 1,139,803	\$ -
2026	-	\$ 1,198,908	\$ -

The consolidated Municipality incurred interest expense of \$1,064,134 (2020 - \$1,071,668) on long term debt.

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7. Contributions to boards and commissions

Boards and Commissions in which the Municipality has less than a 100% interest:

The Municipality is required to finance the operations of various boards and commissions, along with the other local municipal units to the extent of its participation based on assessment, population or prescribed formulae.

In addition to any budgeted contributions, the municipal units share in the deficits or surpluses of these boards based on their sharing percentages. A municipal unit's share of any deficit must be paid in the next fiscal year while a surplus may be taken into the next year's estimates. Alternatively, the Municipality may provide for its share of the surplus or deficit in the current year.

Details of contributions to these boards and commissions are as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Cape Breton Island Housing Authority	\$ 36,083	\$ 38,623
Cape Breton Regional Library	\$ 46,998	\$ 46,998
Cape Breton-Victoria Regional Centre for Education	\$ 2,391,724	\$ 2,326,347

The Municipality has no further financial obligations in connection with the operating results of the above-mentioned entities for the year ended March 31, 2021.

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8. Other

Total remuneration paid to elected and senior appointed officials of the Municipality are as follows:

<u>Official</u>	<u>Position</u>	Remuneration	Ex	<u>penses</u>
Bruce J. Morrison	Warden	\$ 50,382	\$	1,382
Larry Dauphinee	Deputy Warden	\$ 29,818	\$	1,403
Merrill MacInnis	Councillor	\$ 13,848	\$	891
Barbara Longva	Councillor	\$ 12,847	\$	27
Fraser Patterson	Councillor	\$ 27,761	\$	955
Paul MacNeil	Councillor	\$ 27,761	\$	1,081
Wayne Budge	Councillor	\$ 13,848	\$	34
Jacqueline Organ	Councillor	\$ 12,847	\$	27
Norman MacDonald	Councillor	\$ 27,761	\$	1,246
Perla MacLeod	Councillor	\$ 27,761	\$	761
Leanne MacEachen	CAO	\$130,182	\$	1,655

9. Contingencies

i) The Municipality has the following loan guarantees:

Village of Baddeck – amount of \$1,100,000 with a balance of \$151,479.

All loan payments are up to date, therefore no provision for losses has been recorded.

10. Landfill closure/post closure costs

The Municipality has adopted a policy of closing and capping landfill cells as they reach capacity. Additionally, they have not opened any new cells as solid waste is being transferred to the landfill facility in the Municipality of the District of Guysborough since January 1, 2006. This policy, combined with the relatively low population of the Municipality, has led management to conclude that any liability is negligible.

The Municipality continues to accept construction and demolition waste (C & D) at its facilities. While regulations are still under development for the management of these materials, space limitations has led to a need to process and/or dispose of these materials. Included in liabilities is an amount of \$15,000 related to the materials currently on site as of March 31, 2021. This estimate was based on a report prepared by consulting engineers in conjunction with the Municipality's staff in 2012.

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11. Segment disclosure - 2021

					Public					Water	
					health		Recreation	Transfers to		treatment	
	General			Environmental	and	Economic	and	other	Housing	and	
	Government	Protective	<u>Transportation</u>	<u>health</u>	<u>welfare</u>	development	<u>cultural</u>	governments	Operations	distributions	<u>2021</u>
Revenues											
Taxes	\$ 1,993,903	\$ 2,202,160	\$ 454,330	\$ 1,747,156	\$ 27,513	\$ 87,218	\$ 251,342	\$ 241,823	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,005,445
Grants in lieu of taxes	557,716	615,967	127,081	488,698	7,696	24,396	70,303	67,640	-	-	1,959,497
Government grants and											
contributions	409,643	-	-	22,059	-	-	28,876	-	-	-	460,578
User charges and water rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	607,821	607,821
Other revenue	161,829	-	-	672,310	-	-	-	-	-	-	834,139
Collections for other											
governments	235,939	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	235,939
Sale of services	108,712	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,524,410	-	1,633,122
Department of Health and											
Wellness	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,718,575	-	10,718,575
Sundry revenue and special fundir	ng -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81,040	-	81,040
Interest	32,175	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,845	43,020
Miscellaneous	273,206					=		=	-		273,206
	3,773,123	2,818,127	<u>581,411</u>	2,930,223	35,209	111,614	350,521	309,463	12,324,025	618,666	23,852,382
Expenses											
Salaries, wages and benefits	1,543,813	65,078	-	1,094,484	-	_	138,537	_	8,490,447	176,118	11,508,477
Materials, goods, supplies and										•	
utilities	-	-	401,975	1,157,301	-	-	-	-	767,462	72,956	2,399,694
Contract services	-	1,642,034	-	-	36,083	114,387	-	317,153	425,129	-	2,534,786
Amortization	18,857	1,699	193,883	39,265	-	-	-	-	805,746	109,213	1,168,663
Interest on long term debt	26,444	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,037,690	-	1,064,134
Financial and other operating											
expenses	1,052,351	1,179,340		360			191,100		144,454	255,491	2,823,096
	2,641,465	2,888,151	595,858	2,291,410	36,083	114,387	329,637	317,153	11,670,928	613,778	21,498,850
Annual surplus	\$ 1,131,658	\$ (70,024)	\$ (14,447)	\$ 638,813	\$ (875)	\$ (2,773)	\$ 20,884	\$ (7,689)	\$ 653,097	\$ 4,888	\$ 2,353,532

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11. Segment disclosure - 2020

					Public					Water	
					health		Recreation	Transfer to		treatment	
	General			Environmental	and	Economic	and	other	Housing	and	
	Government	<u>Protective</u>	<u>Transportation</u>	<u>health</u>	<u>welfare</u>	development	<u>cultural</u>	governments	<u>Operations</u>	distributions	<u>2020</u>
Revenues											
Taxes	\$ 1,837,354	\$ 1,915,891	\$ 415,102	\$ 1,893,964	\$ 26,531	\$ 80,146	\$ 288,024	\$ 268,092	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,725,104
Grants in lieu of taxes	504,800	526,378	114,046	520,354	7,289	22,020	79,133	73,657	-	-	1,847,677
Government grants and											
contributions	457,488	-	-	-	-	-	112,064	-	-	-	569,552
User charges and water rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	755,012	755,012
Other revenue	336,150	-	-	624,476	-	-	-	-	-	-	960,626
Collections from other											
governments	238,217	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	238,217
Sale of services	112,279	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,522,559	-	1,634,838
Department of Health and											
Wellness	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,359,051	-	9,359,051
Sundry housing revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120,141	-	120,141
Interest	6,183									7,618	13,801
	3,492,471	2,442,269	529,148	3,038,794	33,820	102,166	479,221	341,749	11,001,751	762,630	22,224,019
Expenses											
Salaries and benefits	1,503,861	68,517	-	1,271,079	-	-	110,265	-	7,405,545	218,705	10,577,972
Goods and services	-	-	399,282	1,442,860	-	-	-	-	665,905	78,824	2,586,871
Contract services	-	1,595,632	-	-	38,623	116,691	-	390,337	484,875	-	2,626,158
Amortization	15,654	1,343	205,096	43,625	-	-	-	-	842,244	108,491	1,216,453
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,071,668	-	1,071,668
Financial and other	1,155,626	1,123,997			=		309,091		120,138	253,803	2,962,655
	2,675,141	2,789,489	604,378	2,757,564	38,623	116,691	419,356	390,337	10,590,375	659,823	21,041,777
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ 817,330	\$ (347,220)	\$ (75,230)	\$ 281,230	\$ (4,803)	\$ (14,52 <u>5</u>)	\$ 59,865	\$ (48,588)	\$ 411,376	\$ 102,807	\$ 1,182,242

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12. Employee benefit obligations – sick leave benefit liability

		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Municipality of the County of Victoria Alderwood Corporation	\$	327,496 306,900	\$ 663,446 289,700
	\$	634,396	\$ 953,146

Municipality of the County of Victoria:

Section 3255 of the CPA Canada Public Sector Accounting Handbook requires that a liability and expense be recorded for compensated absences that are both accumulating and non-vesting and accumulating and vesting. The valuation was completed as at March 31, 2021.

Actuarial Method:

The actuarial cost method used was the "Projected Unit Credit" method (also known as the "Projected Accrued Benefit" method) pro - rated on service.

Accrued benefit liability / (asset) on the consolidated statement of financial position:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 663,446	\$ 605,000
Benefit period cost	42,100	64,146
Change due to plan amendment	(300,850)	-
Interest accrued	21,400	21,400
Benefit payments	 (98,600)	 (27,100)
Balance, end of year (unfunded)	\$ 327,496	\$ 663,446

Assumptions:

Discount rate: 3.0% (2020 – 3.5%) per annum Salary increases: 2.75% (2020 - 2.0%) per annum

Mortality rate: Uninsured Pensioners 1994 with mortality improvement

projections to 2040

Retirement age: End of the year in which age 65 is attained, or in 1 year

if already 65

Termination rate: Ontario Light Termination Rates

days

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12. Employee benefit obligations – sick leave benefit liability (continued)

Early future retirement rates: 25% in the earliest year of meeting rules for no reduction

in pension; 10% in subsequent years

EARSL: 10 years for the sick leave benefits

Plan Provisions:

The main provisions of the program are as follows:

- Eligible employees are granted 2.0 sick leave days per month (i.e., 24 days per year based on an employee working full time). This number is prorated for those employed less than full-time
- Employees may accumulate 100% of their unused sick time, up to a maximum of 180 days in a sick leave bank
- The sick leave payout bank is greater of 50% of accumulated credits (of a maximum of 180 days) at retirement or \$500 per year of services (100% of accumulated credits (maximum of 180 days) at retirement)

Alderwood Corporation:

Section 3255 of the CPA Canada Public Sector Accounting Handbook requires that a liability and expense be recorded for compensated absences that vest or that accumulate. The Entity has employees that have sick benefits that are accumulating and non-vesting. The valuation was completed as at March 31, 2018.

Actuarial Method:

The actuarial cost method used was the "Projected Unit Credit" method (also known as the "Projected Accrued Benefit" method) pro - rated on service.

Components of benefit expense under PS3250:

		<u>2021</u>
Current period benefit cost Interest expense	\$	43,000 10.400
Benefit expense		53,400

Accrued benefit liability / (asset) on the consolidated statement of financial position:

f financial position:		<u>2021</u>
Balance, beginning and end of year (unfunded) Benefit expense Interest expense Benefit payments	\$	298,700 43,000 10,400 (45,200)
Balance, end of year (unfunded)	\$	306,900

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12. Employee benefit obligations – sick leave benefit liability (continued)

Assumptions:

Discount rate: 3.5% per annum Salary increases: 2.0% per annum

Mortality rate: 100% of CPM-2014 Public with future mortality

improvements according to scale CPM-B and MI-2017

Retirement age: End of the year in which age 62 is attained

Current year sick leave utilization: Probability of usage and average number of sick leave

bank days used

Plan Provisions:

The main provisions of the program are as follows:

- Eligible CUPE and NSNU employees are granted 144 sick leave hours per year (i.e. 18 days per year based on an employee working 2080 hours per year). These amounts are prorated for those employed less than full-time.
- Employees may accumulate 100% of their unused sick time in a sick leave bank, up to a maximum of:
 - 1,200 hours for CUPE employees; and
 - o 960 hours for NSNU employees.
- Unused accumulated sick leave banks at termination, retirement, or death are forfeited.

13. Employee benefit obligations - pension plans

Defined contribution plans

Municipality of the County of Victoria

The Municipality provides a defined contribution pension plan whereby it matches employee contributions up to a maximum of 7.75%. These obligations are paid on a monthly basis. During the year contributions were made under the terms of the plan totalling \$167,796 (2020 - \$134,613). These contributions were recorded as expenses of the period.

Alderwood Corporation:

The Corporation has contributed \$328,083 (2020 - \$283,949) to the employee's defined contribution plan for the year ended March 31, 2021, which has been included with housing operations expense in the consolidated financial statements.

For earnings up to the yearly maximum pensionable earnings (YMPE) the Home contributes 9.22% of gross wages to a registered pension plan which requires contributions of 7.82% from employees. Once earnings exceed YMPE the Home contributes 11.58% and the employees contribute 10.18%.

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13. Employee benefit obligations - pension plans (continued)

Defined benefit pension plans

Highland Manor Municipal Housing Corporation:

Eligible employees of the Corporation participate in the Nova Scotia Health Employees' Pension Plan, which is a 3rd party administered defined plan. During the year, the Home paid \$124,783 (2020 - \$110,192) in employer contributions to the plan at an average rate of 9.46% (2020 – 9.46%) of pensionable earnings totalling \$1,318,888 (2020 - \$1,164,557). In addition, the Manor paid \$3,276 (2020 - \$4,864) in employer contributions for employees on a self directed RRSP plan which cost shared equally at 5.95% (2020 - \$5.95%).

Municipality of the County of Victoria

The Municipality of the County of Victoria sponsors a contributory defined benefit pension plan for a retired Municipal Clerk. The plan provides pension benefits for services which are determined using a final average salary formula in which the benefit is calculated as a specified percentage of the member's average salary over the last five years of membership in the plan.

Actuarial valuations for accounting purposes are performed triennially using the projected unit credit method. The most recent actuarial valuation was prepared at March 31, 2020 and at that time the pension plan had an accrual benefit obligation of \$50,007. The next actuarial valuation will be completed in the fall of 2023.

The actuarial valuation was based on a number of assumptions about future events, such as inflation rates, interest rates, wage and salary increases and employee turnover and mortality. The assumptions used reflect the Municipalities' best estimates.

The following summarizes the major assumptions in the valuation:

- the expected inflation rate is 2.0 percent;
- the discount rate used to determine the accrued benefit obligation is 4.75 percent;
- the expected rate of return is 4.5 percent; and
- Retirement age is 65.

Pension fund assets are valued at market values. The result of the 2020 valuation is as follows:

Market value of the pension plan asset \$ 230,566
Accrued benefit obligation \$ (280,573)

Pension plan deficit \$ (50,007)

Under Nova Scotia Pension Plan regulations, the Municipality has 10 years to fund the deficit arising from the valuation.

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14. Deferred revenue

Deferred revenue is comprised of deferred gas tax revenue and safe restart funding received for COVID-19 relief. These are reported on the consolidated statement of financial position as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Balance, beginning of year Revenue	\$ 1,784,630	\$ 1,045,930
Federal gas tax grants received Federal safe restart funding	424,318 237,722	869,059 -
Expenditure Federal gas tax grants spent/allocated Federal safe restart funding	(63,648) (14,960)	(130,359)
	<u>\$ 2,368,062</u>	\$ 1,784,630

Deferred gas tax revenue includes gas tax funding received but not spent in accordance with *PS 3410 – Government Transfers*, which the Municipality applied prospectively beginning April 1, 2012. Since PS 3410 was applied prospectively, any gas tax funding received prior to April 1, 2012 remains in the Municipality's accumulated surplus, regardless if it has been spent or not. Gas tax funding is required to be spent on certain eligible projects in accordance with the Canada-Nova Scotia Federal Gas Tax agreement.

15. Trust funds

The Trust Funds being administered by the Municipality of the County of Victoria (Alderwood Corporation) are not consolidated with the accounts of the Municipality. At March 31, 2021, the equity in Trust Funds under its trusteeship amounted to \$138,585 (2020 - \$119,486).

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16. Budget figures

Public Sector Accounting Standards require a comparison of the results for the period with those originally planned on the same basis as that used for actual results. The fiscal plan in the statement of operations and statement of changes in net debt has been adjusted to be on a consistent basis as actual results. The adjustments below include netting school board appropriations against tax revenues, reclassification of revenues and expenses amongst categories, and the elimination of revenues and expenses between the Municipality and its consolidated entities. Below is a reconciliation of the figures from the approved fiscal plan to the fiscal plan per the consolidated financial statement:

			Fiscal Plan Per
			Consolidated
	Approved		Financial
	<u>Fiscal Plan</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statements</u>
Revenue			
Municipal taxation	\$ 9,399,845	\$ (2,391,724)	\$ 7,008,121
Grants in lieu of taxes	1,966,793	-	1,966,793
Government grants and contributions	371,434	-	371,434
User charges and water rates	936,829	(275,829)	661,000
Other revenue	778,910	-	778,910
Collections for other governments	238,217	-	238,217
Sale of services	110,303	-	110,303
Interest revenue	49,125		49,125
	<u>13,851,456</u>	(2,667,553)	<u>11,183,903</u>
Expenses			
General government services	2,995,314	229,897	3,225,211
Protective services	3,062,067	(142,586)	2,919,481
Transportation services	441,552	-	441,552
Environmental health services	2,294,768	-	2,294,768
Economic developmental services	127,000	-	127,000
Public health and welfare services	-	40,877	40,877
Recreational and cultural services	435,490	70,500	505,990
Water treatment and distribution	665,400	-	665,400
Transfers to other governments	(14,000)	490,234	476,234
Fiscal services	3,681,475	(3,681,475)	
	13,689,066	(2,992,553)	10,696,513
Annual surplus	\$ 162,390	\$ 325,000	\$ 487,390
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17. Operating line of credit

Municipality general operations

To finance its day to day operations, the Municipality holds an operating line of credit of \$1,700,000 of which \$1,700,000 is unused at March 31, 2021.

Alderwood Corporation

As part of the Home's banking agreement with the East Coast Credit Union, they have access to a \$350,000 line of credit bearing interest at prime. As at March 31, 2021, there were no funds drawn on this account.

Highland Manor Municipal Housing Corporation

\$100,000 line of credit, with the Bank of Nova Scotia is repayable on a demand basis. Security is a general security agreement over all present and future personal property of the Manor. Interest is charged at a rate of prime plus one percent. As at March 31, 2021, there was \$100,000 drawn on this account.

18. Impact of COVID-19

Since March 31, 2020, the spread of COVID-19 has continued to impact many local economies around the globe, with Nova Scotia extending their state of emergency. The Municipality has not yet experienced a significant impact; however, there was a decrease in tourism revenue, water billings and delays in certain projects and festivals as a result of the state of emergency measures. The Municipality continued with their regular tax and water billings during fiscal 2021. Currently it is not possible to reliably estimate the duration and severity of the impact the pandemic will have on the financial position and results of the Municipality for future periods. During the current year the Municipality received federal safe restart funding in the amount of \$237,722, \$14,960 was recognized as revenue in the current year to cover specific COVID-19 expenses while the remainder was deferred until fiscal 2022.

Municipality of the County of Victoria Schedule of tangible capital assets

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Tangible capital assets							
				C&D		Equipment	Water
	Land & land	Buildings &	Parking	Landfill	Pumping &		Delivery
	<u>Improvements</u>	Structures	<u>Area</u>	<u>Site</u>	P <u>urification</u>	<u>Machinery</u>	<u>Lines</u>
Cost:							
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 936,537	\$ 29,742,447	\$ 91,300	\$ 566,683	\$ 613,414	\$ 3,743,688	\$ 6,282,110
Net additions	-	68,464	-	-	-	127,167	199,192
Less: Disposals					_	89,037	
Balance, end of year	936,537	29,810,911	91,300	566,683	613,414	3,781,818	6,481,302
Accumulated amortization:							
Balance, beginning of year	\$ -	\$ 10,165,615	\$ 45,468	\$ 174,035	\$ 386,711	\$ 3,027,950	\$ 1,076,548
Amortization for the year	-	764,649	4,583	39,265	3,110	157,170	63,550
Less: Accumulated depreciation on disposal	-				-	72,954	_
Balance, end of year	-	10,930,264	50,051	213,300	389,821	3,112,166	1,140,098
Net book value of tangible capital assets	\$ 936,537	\$ 18,880,647	\$ 41,249	\$ 353,383	\$ 223,593	\$ 669,652	\$ 5,341,204

Municipality of the County of Victoria Schedule of tangible capital assets

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Balance, end of year

Net book value of tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets (continued)					
	Meters & <u>Hydrants</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	Information Fechnology	Total <u>2021</u>	Total <u>2020</u>
Cost:					
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 179,555	\$ 1,991,189	\$ 113,410	\$ 44,260,333	\$ 43,928,495
Net additions	-	210,987	17,009	622,819	331,838
Less: Disposals	 <u>-</u>	 240,787	 	329,824	
Balance, end of year	 179,555	 1,961,389	 130,419	44,553,328	44,260,333
Accumulated amortization:					
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 114,627	\$ 999,189	\$ 105,698	\$ 16,095,841	\$ 14,879,388
Amortization for the year	15,057	115,603	5,676	1,168,663	1,216,453
Less: Accumulated depreciation on disposal	 -	 181,499	 _	254,453	<u>=</u>

129,684

49,871

933,293

\$ 1,028,096

111,374

19,045

17,010,051

\$ 27,543,277

16,095,841

\$ 28,164,492