

TOWN OF SMITHERS CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024

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MANAGEMENT REPORT

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

The Consolidated Financial Statements of the Town of Smithers 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 implementing and maintaining a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that reliable financial information is produced.

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Smithers is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and maintaining internal controls and exercises this responsibility through Council.

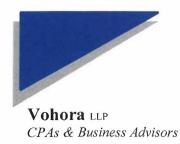
The external auditors, Vohora LLP, conduct an independent examination, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and express their opinion on the financial statements. Their examination includes a review and evaluation of the Town's system of internal control and appropriate tests and procedures to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements are presented fairly. The external auditors have full and free access to the financial management of the Town of Smithers and meet when required.

On behalf of the Town of Smithers

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Mayor and Council of Town of Smithers

Report on the Consolidated Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Town of Smithers (the "Town"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town as at December 31, 2024, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards (PSAS).

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 Town in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with PSAS, 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 Town'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 Town or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (continued)

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

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are
 appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the
 Town'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 Town'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 Town 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.



Vohora LLP CPAs & Business Advisors

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (continued)

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.

Smithers, BC May 14, 2025 Vohora LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and Investments (Note 3)	32,182,521	30,506,413
Grants and Accounts Receivable (Note 4)	3,660,151	1,578,487
Deposits - Municipal Finance Authority (Note 6)	57,320	64,926
Investment in Wetzin'kwa Management Services Ltd. (Note 7)	1	1
	35,899,993	32,149,827
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities (Note 8)	3,904,684	3,576,694
Restricted Revenue - Municipal Finance Authority (Note 6)	57,320	64,926
Deferred Revenues (Note 9)	5,087,039	4,237,527
Debt (Note 10)	2,747,813	3,021,905
Asset Retirement Obligations (Note 11)	2,123,737	2,035,791
	13,920,593	12,936,843
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	21,979,400	19,212,984
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 15)		
NON FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible Capital Assets (Schedule 1)	81,953,341	73,980,184
Prepaid Expenses and Supply Inventory (Note 5)	916,112	1,088,306
	82,869,453	75,068,490
TOWN POSITION (Note 13 and Schedule 2)	104,848,853	94,281,474

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	(Unaudited) Budget 2024	2024	2023
	\$	\$	\$
REVENUE (Note 14)			
Property Taxes and Grants in Lieu (Schedule 3)	9,813,765	9,807,481	9,119,369
Municipal and Regional District Tax (Hotel Tax)	388,351	359,390	377,040
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	107,123	109,453	104,003
	10,309,239	10,276,324	9,600,412
Government Transfers and Grants (Schedule 4)	11,107,794	10,396,721	7,441,513
Service Charges and User Fees	5,962,090	6,569,476	6,187,214
Investment Income	-	1,539,837	1,285,456
Developer Contributed Tangible Capital Assets	-	1,944,495	134,932
Non-Government Contributions and Donations	717,780	166,563	109,823
Gain on Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	=	76,850	822,973
	28,096,903	30,970,266	25,582,323
EXPENSES (Note 14 and Schedule 5)			
Council and Corporate Services	2,378,734	2,354,504	2,077,229
Planning and Development Services	1,211,458	1,140,300	877,272
Economic Development and Tourism	931,398	879,400	655,970
Smithers Regional Airport	3,187,813	3,325,139	3,416,962
Recreation and Cultural Services	2,464,017	2,641,536	2,372,952
Smithers Public Library	545,378	613,034	525,426
Protective Services	4,540,154	4,126,475	3,953,618
Transportation and Mobility Services	3,153,496	3,099,194	3,053,174
Utility Services	1,981,020	1,620,258	1,771,096
Solid Waste and Recycling Services	516,976	535,789	419,930
Public Health Services	73,516	67,258	68,866
	20,983,960	20,402,887	19,192,495
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	7,112,943	10,567,379	6,389,828
TOWN POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	94,281,474	94,281,474	87,891,646
TOWN POSITION, END OF YEAR	101,394,417	104,848,853	94,281,474

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
OPERATING TRANSACTIONS		
Excess of revenue over expenses	10,567,379	6,389,828
Items not involving cash: Actuarial adjustment Amortization Accretion Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets Contributed capital assets	(77,122) 3,963,269 87,947 (76,850) (2,078,702)	(91,165) 3,860,701 84,304 (822,973) (109,379)
Changes in non-cash assets and liabilities: Receivables Prepaids Supply inventory Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Deferred revenues	(2,081,664) 206,993 (34,800) 327,990 849,512 11,653,952	(244,160) (437,910) (85,471) 798,075 1,914,441 11,256,291
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	(10,003,991) 223,116	(5,961,050) 856,095
	(9,780,875)	(5,104,955)
FINANCING TRANSACTIONS		
Repayment of debt	(196,969)	(259,621)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND INVESTMENTS	1,676,108	5,891,715
CASH AND INVESTMENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	30,506,413	24,614,698
CASH AND INVESTMENTS, END OF YEAR	32,182,521	30,506,413

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

The consolidated financial statements are the representation of management. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Town of Smithers are as follows:

(a) Reporting Entity

The Town of Smithers is a municipality that was incorporated in 1921 under the laws of the Province of British Columbia and operates under the provisions of the *Community Charter* and the *Local Government Act*.

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, changes in fund balances, and change in financial position of the reporting entity. This entity is comprised of the municipal operations that are owned or controlled by the Town, which includes the Smithers Public Library. Interfund transactions have been eliminated on consolidation. The financial statements exclude trust assets that are administered by the Town for the benefit of external parties.

(b) Basis of Accounting

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

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

(c) Revenue Recognition

The Town of Smithers follows the restricted contribution method for recording revenues. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Taxation revenue is recognized at the time of issuing the annual property tax notices for the year. Sale of services and user fee revenues are recognized when the Town renders the service or product.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(d) Government Transfers

Government transfers are recognized as revenues, or expenses, in the period the events giving rise to the transfer occurs.

(e) Financial Assets and Liabilities

The Town of Smithers is not subject to significant risk from market, foreign currency, or price changes. The financial risks to which the Town is exposed includes the following:

(i) Interest Rate Risk:

The Town is exposed to interest rate risk to the extent that the cash and investments it maintains at financial institutions is subject to a floating rate of interest. Fixed interest instruments subject the Town to a fair value risk, while floating rate instruments subject it to a cash flow risk.

(ii) Credit Risk:

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge their obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Town to a concentration of credit risk consist primarily of cash, term deposits, pooled investment fund units, and accounts receivable. The Town limits its exposure to credit loss by placing its cash and deposits with Canadian financial institutions or in investment funds for local governments offered by the Municipal Finance Authority of BC. Credit risk to cash and deposits is concentrated as the Town's positions are held primarily by two regulated financial institutions. Management believes the risk from concentration is low. The Town limits credit risk associated with accounts receivable, by limiting credit to non-government parties where the account receivable is not ultimately secured through a connected property tax account, and by following timely collection procedures. Consequently, management believes the remaining credit risk on accounts receivable is not significant.

(iii) Liquidity Risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk the Town will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Town's approach to managing liquidity is to evaluate current and expected liquidity requirements under both normal and stressed conditions to ensure that it maintains sufficient reserves of cash or will have access to an available credit facility to meet its liquidity requirements in the short and long term.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(f) Financial Instruments

(i) Measurement of Financial Instruments:

The Town of Smithers initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. The Town subsequently measures all of its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in revenue or expenses.

(ii) Impairment:

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are tested for impairment in value when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of a write-down is recognized as an expense. A previously recognized impairment may be reversed and the amount of a reversal is recognized in revenue.

(iii) Fair Value:

The Town estimates the fair value of its financial instruments that are not part of an active market based on current interest rates and/or the market pricing of comparable financial instruments.

(g) Cash and Investments

Cash and investments is comprised of cash, term deposits held with Canadian financial institutions, and investment fund units held with the Municipal Financial Authority of BC. Deposits are recorded at cost. MFA investment fund units are carried at market value.

(h) Inventory

Inventory is comprised of supplies inventory. Inventory is valued at the lower cost or net realizable value and is recorded at weighted average. No items were written down to net realizable value.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(i) Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets are comprised of capital assets and capital projects work-in-progress. Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost, net of capital asset disposals, write-downs and accumulated amortization. Donated tangible capital assets are recorded at fair market value at the time of donation. Tangible capital assets are classified according to their functional use. Amortization is recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset commencing the year the asset is put into service. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Capital Asset Categories:	Useful Life Range:
Land	Unlimited
Utility Systems (Water, Sanitary & Storm	20 to 100 years
Sewers)	
Engineered Structures (Roads, Sidewalks)	10 to 75 years
Buildings, Facilities, Parks	15 to 50 years
Machinery, Equipment, Vehicles	5 to 20 years
Office Equipment	5 to 10 years

An impairment loss is recognized when the carrying amount of a tangible capital asset is not fully recoverable. The loss is measured as the excess carrying amount over its fair value. The fair value is market value or the sum of the undiscounted cash flows expected to result from its use or eventual disposition. Tangible capital assets are tested for impairment when events or changes in the circumstances indicate their recorded value may not be recoverable.

Natural Assets Category:

The Town of Smithers is fortunate to have many natural assets that reduce the need for engineered infrastructure and costs that would otherwise be required. Natural assets form an integral part of the Town's service delivery infrastructure and the Town is dependent on them. They include two Ground Water Aquifers that filter, store and supply water to the Smithers Community Water System and the Smithers Regional Airport System. The Aquifers are both in part recharged by the Bulkley River. The Dahlie, Seymour and Lake Kathlyn Creeks, along with the Willowvale Wetlands and the Bulkley River supply drainage and storm water management, including flood, drought and climate resiliency. The Town's Urban Forests and Treescapes also support drainage and storm water management and contribute to carbon sequestration.

Canadian public sector accounting standards currently exclude the recognition of non-purchased natural assets in the Town's financial statements. Nevertheless, the Town acknowledges the importance of considering these assets in financial planning and management and the need to manage and invest in them in conjunction with engineered infrastructure.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(j) Debt

Debt is recorded at cost net of principal repayments and adjustments in accordance with the Municipal Finance Authority of BC.

(k) Asset Retirement Obligations

The Town of Smithers recognizes asset retirement obligations when there is a legal obligation to incur retirement costs in relation to a tangible capital asset, the past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred, it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up, and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

Asset retirement obligations are initially measured at the best estimate of the amount required to retire a capital asset at the financial statement date. The estimate of a liability costs directly attributable to asset retirement activities.

Asset retirement obligations are recorded as liabilities with a corresponding increase to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset. Subsequently, the asset retirement costs are allocated to expenses over the useful life of the tangible capital asset. The obligation is adjusted to reflect period-to-period changes in the liability resulting from the passage of time and for revisions to either the timing or amount of the original estimate of the undiscounted cash flows or the discount rate.

(I) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported revenue and expenditures of the reporting period. Significant areas requiring the use of estimates include employee benefit plans (E.g.: accrued pension obligations), provision for contingencies (E.g.: environmental, legal, regulatory compliance matters), and tangible capital asset valuations and asset life expectancies. Actual results will differ from management's estimates as additional information becomes available. Adjustments, if any, will be reflected in the financial statements in the period a change in estimate is made.

(m) Budget Presentation

Budget figures are from the Town of Smithers Bylaw No. 1956 – Five-Year Financial Plan (2023-2027) adopted by Council on May 9, 2023. The Smithers Public Library's 2023 budget, as approved by the Library's Board of Directors and by Town Council, is included in the Town's budget figures.

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2. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICY

Effective April 1, 2023, the Town of Smithers Adopted Public Sector Accounting Standard PS 3400, Revenue. This standard provides guidance on the recognition, measurement, and disclosure of Revenue distinguishing between transactions with performance obligations and those without.

The adoption of PS 3400 did not result in any material changes to the recognition or measurement of revenue in the financial statements. Consequently, no adjustments are required.

3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

	2024	2023
Cash and Investments – Unrestricted	15,613,421	13,762,479
Cash and Investments – Restricted	16,201,879	16,321,854
Smithers Public Library – Cash	236,468	297, 538
Smithers Public Library – Investments	130,753	124,542
	32,182,521	30,506,413

Cash and Investments include \$30, 711, 470 (2023: \$24, 139, 875) invested in Municipal Finance Authority of BC pooled funds – Money Market Fund.

Cash and Investments include \$0 (2023: \$5,220,093) placed in Term Deposits with Haventree Bank.

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4. GRANTS AND ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	2024	2023
Due from Federal Government	250,510	144,440
Due from Provincial Government	420,313	21,306
Due from Other Gov. Bodies/ Orgs.	2,154,803	761,110
Taxes Receivable	433,430	336,382
Utility Billings Receivable	32,132	40,458
Trade and Accrued Receivables	359,647	250,835
Smithers Public Library – Accounts Receivable	9,316	23,956
	3,660,151	1,578,487
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5. PREPAID EXPENSES AND SUPPLY INVENTORY		
	2024	2023
Prepaid Expenses	388,034	349,153

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	2024	2023
Prepaid Expenses	388,034	349,153
Deposits	5,000	248,879
Inventory of Supplies	522,290	487,491
Smithers Public Library – Prepaid Expenses	788	2,783
	916,112	1,088,306

6. MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY DEPOSITS AND RESTRICTIVE REVENUE

	2024	2023
Cash Deposits	57,320	64,926
Demand Notes (not part of financial statements)	120,317	135,028

The Town of Smithers issues its debt instruments through the Municipal Finance Authority of BC. As a condition of these borrowings, a portion of long term debenture proceeds is withheld by the MFA as a debt reserve fund and demand notes are required from the Town. These deposits and notes are held by the MFA to act as security against the possibility of a debt repayment default. When the debt is repaid, the deposits are refunded to the Town with interest and the demand notes are cancelled. The MFA Deposits and Restricted Revenue are included as an offsetting financial asset and liability in the financial statements. The demand notes are not included in the financial statements.

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7. INVESTMENT IN WETZIN'KWA MANAGEMENT SERVICES LTD.

Pursuant to Section 185 of the *Community Charter*, the Town of Smithers and the Village of Telkwa received approval from the BC Inspector of Municipalities in 2007 to form two corporations: Wetzin'kwa Management Services Ltd. ("WMSL") and Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation ("WCFC"). The shareholders of WMSL are the Town of Smithers and the Village of Telkwa, each holding 100 shares valued at \$1. By WMSL shareholders agreement a nominee from each of the Town, the Village and the Wet'suwet'en Treaty Office Society form the Board of Directors of WMSL. WMSL is the sole shareholder of the WCFC. The Town does not control or operate either of the companies and has no direct right to their assets or retained earnings. Based on assessment of control factors, the Town's investment is accounted for by the cost method. Additional disclosure from WCFC's unaudited financial statements as at June 30th is provided below.

Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation (Years ended June 30)	2024 (unaudited)	2023 (unaudited)
Total Assets	11,566,846	12,329,276
Total Liabilities	691,966	1,097,361
Total Equity (Retained Earnings)	10,874,880	11,231,915
Total Revenues	2,509,449	8,919,484
Total Expenses	2,302,269	5,616,753
Total Distributions - Community Organizations	384,215	378,765
Total Distributions – Stakeholders	180,000	150,000

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	2024	2023
Payroll Payable and Accrued Payroll Benefits	697,999	610,908
Trade Payables and Accrued Liabilities	2,092,663	2,316,338
Contract Holdbacks and Refundable Securities Payable	747,807	565,086
Due to Provincial Government	317,239	12,037
Smithers Public Library – Accounts Payable	48,976	72,325
	3,904,684	3,576,694

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9. DEFERRED REVENUES

	2024	2023
Deferred Tax Revenue	621, 873	581,277
Operating Revenue Received in Advance	46,732	58,819
Operating Project Grants Received in Advance	440,471	324,260
Capital Project Grants Received in Advance	3,871,183	3,100,966
Smithers Public Library – Deferred Revenue	106,780	172,205
	5,087,039	4,237,527

10. DEBT

	Town Bylaw	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	2024	2023
Debenture Debt - Tax Supported					
General Capital					
Highway 16 (3rd instalment)	1328	April 2024	2.85%	(m)	38,211
4200 Block 2nd Avenue	1657	April 2033	3.15%	80,602	88,113
New Arena	1508	April 2034	3.30%	387,929	418,997
Debenture Debt - Fee Supported					
Utility Capital					
South Trunk Storm Sewer	1601	April 2026	4.20%	134,774	198,763
Airport Capital					
Terminal Modernization	1808	Oct 2037	3.15%	2,144,508	2,277,821
				2,747,813	3,021,905

Principal and interest payments due on debt over the next five years are as follows:

	Principal	Actuarial	Interest
2025	183,915	60,466	142,313
2026	183,915	68,333	136,433
2027	140,970	48,455	130,553
2028	140,970	54,356	130,553
2029	140,970	60,442	130,553
	790,738	292,052	670,408

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11. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

The Town of Smithers owns and operates assets that are known or are likely to contain asbestos, lead, and other materials which represent a health hazard upon renovation or demolition of the assets. There is a legal obligation to remove and dispose of these hazardous materials. Following the adoption of Public Accounting Standards PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations, the Town has recognized this obligation as estimated on January 1, 2023. The transition and recognition of asset retirement obligations also involved an accompanying increase in the cost value of Town capital assets (primarily to buildings). The increase in capital costs is amortized on a straight-line basis over the remaining expected useful life of the related assets.

The Town has adopted this standard prospectively. Under the prospective method, the discount rate and the assumptions used on initial recognition are those as of the date of adoption of the standard. Estimated costs of \$4,002,389 have been discounted using a present value calculation with a discount rate of 4.32%. The timing of these expenditures is expected to occur between 2023 and 2053 with the regular replacement, renovation, or disposal of assets.

12. PENSION LIABILITY

The Town of Smithers and its employees contribute to the Municipal Pension Plan (a jointly trusteed pension plan). The board of trustees, representing plan members and employers, is responsible for administering the plan, including investment of assets and administration of benefits. The plan is a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. Basic pension benefits are based on a formula. As at December 31, 2022, the plan has about 256,000 active members and approximately 129,000 retired members. Active members include approximately 45,000 contributors from local governments.

Every three years, an actuarial valuation is performed to assess the financial position of the plan and adequacy of plan funding. The actuary determines an appropriate combined employer and member contribution rate to fund the plan. The actuary's calculated contribution rate is based on the entry-age normal cost method, which produces the long-term rate of member and employer contributions sufficient to provide benefits for average future entrants to the plan. This rate may be adjusted for the amortization of any actuarial funding surplus and will be adjusted for the amortization of any unfunded actuarial liability.

The most recent actuarial valuation for the Municipal Pension Plan as at December 31, 2021, indicated a \$3,761 million funding surplus for basic pension benefits on a going concern basis.

The Town of Smithers paid \$421,273 (2023: \$397,621) for employer contributions to the plan in 2024

The next plan actuarial valuation will be as at December 31, 2024.

Employers participating in the plan record their pension expense as the amount of employer contributions made during the fiscal year (defined contribution pension plan accounting). This is because the plan records accrued liabilities and accrued assets for the plan in aggregate, resulting in no consistent and reliable basis for allocating the obligation, assets and cost to individual employers participating in the plan.

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13. TOWN POSITION

Town Position consists of reserves for future expenditures, equity in tangible capital assets, and unrestricted surpluses as follows:

	2024	2023
Operating Reserve Accounts		
Municipal Elections Account	22,783	12,783
New Councils Account	20,000	10,000
Labour Agreements Account	16,000	8,000
Official Community Plan Account	57,000	32,000
Skatepark Donations Account		20,020
Legal Expenses Reserve	14,549	14,549
Economic Development Reserve	5,973	29,973
Fire and Emergency Services Reserve	24,527	111,788
Snow Removal Reserve	15,000	15,000
Solid Waste and Recycling Reserve	184,796	184,796
Contaminated Sites Reserve	75,000	175,000
Wetzin'kwa Distributions Reserve	120,000	60,000
Capital Reserve Funds		
Canada Community-Building Fund Reserve (Community Works)	324,435	755,243
Facility Maintenance Capital Reserve	113,596	66,062
Library Art Gallery Donations Reserve	543,944	518,882
Debenture Surplus Fund	107,013	96,310
Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Fund	233,961	223,181
Cemetery Capital Development Fund	25,311	24,145
Statutory Reserve Funds		
BC Northern Capital and Planning Grant Reserve (Schedule 6)	6,973,193	8,359,978
Growing Communities Reserve Fund (Schedule 7)	1,131,497	1,079,364
Capital Works / Land Sales Reserve	1,738,674	1,479,167
GHG Emissions Reserve	85,719	110,986
Off-Site Works and Services Reserve	56,703	21,111
Parking In-Lieu Reserve	34,169	32,595
Park Land Reserve	99,051	94,487
Forestry Reserve Fund	164,002	156,446
Ambleside Reserve Fund	285,389	248,240
Local Area Service Fund	131	131
Roads Infrastructure Reserve	261,342	163,492
Facility Replacement Reserve	152,248	88,589
Recreational Facilities Reserve	88,820	59,131
Equipment Replacement Reserve (Muni. Ops., Utility, Waste)	1,833,598	1,249,116
Fire and Rescue Equipment Replacement Reserve	335,169	559,357
Utility - Infrastructure Reserve	1,866,229	1,906,034
Airport - Machinery and Equipment Reserve	164,636	157,050
Northwest Resource Benefits Alliance Reserve	4,380,215	
Airport - Infrastructure Reserve	391,012	302,233
	21,945,686	18,425,240
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Equity in Tangible Capital Assets	400 540 405	154 606 720
Tangible Capital Assets	166,543,165	154,606,739
Amount of Debt Proceeds not secured	(84,589,824)	(80,626,554)
	(1,641,541)	(2.024.005)
Debt Asset Retirement Obligations	(2,747,813)	(3,021,905)
Asset Retirement Obligations	(2,123,738)	(2,035,791)
	75,440,250	68,922,489
Restricted Surplus Accounts BC COVID Safe Restart Grant (Schedule 8)	49,826	149,435
Unrestricted Surplus Accounts		
General Municipal	3,252,654	3,036,524
RCMP Municipal Budget	305,836	268,247
Utility	2,876,144	2,481,908
Smithers Regional Airport	756,887	793,342
Smithers Public Library - Surplus	221,569	
Officials and County - Outplus	7,462,918	6,933,745
	7,702,310	5,555,145
	104,848,853	94,281,474

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14. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Town of Smithers is a diversified municipal government institution that provides a wide range of services for its residents/ visitors, businesses, and regional communities. Functional segments of the Town's operations have been identified. A description of the segments and the service areas they cover are as follows:

Council and Corporate Services

This segment includes the revenue and expenses for Council, Town Hall Function, Local Government and Corporate Administration, Human Resources, Finance, Information Technology, and Municipal Buildings property management services.

Planning and Development Services

This segment includes the revenue and expenses for Planning, Building Permitting/Inspection, Business Licencing, and Engineering services.

Economic Development and Tourism

This segment includes the revenue and expenses for Economic Development and Tourism. Service delivery partners include Tourism Smithers and the Smithers and District Chamber of Commerce.

Smithers Regional Airport

This segment includes the revenue and expenses for municipal operations at the Smithers Regional Airport.

Recreation and Cultural Services

This segment includes the revenue and expenses for operating the Town's Arenas, Parks and Playgrounds, and Recreational and Cultural Programs and Facilities.

Smithers Public Library

This segment includes the revenue and expenses for the Smithers Public Library.

Protective Services

This segment includes the revenue and expenses for the Smithers RCMP Detachment's municipal officers and staff, the Smithers Fire and Rescue Department, Bylaw Enforcement, and Animal Control services. Municipal taxation collected for RCMP services is allocated to Protective Services.

Transportation and Mobility

This segment includes the revenue and expenses for Municipal Operations (Public Works admin.), Equipment/Fleet, Buildings/Facilities, Road/Streets/Hwy. 16 Blvd. (snow removal/sanding, water drainage, sweeping/dust control, line marking, sidewalks, street lighting, landscaping/placemaking). Taxation collected for Roads Infrastructure (Capital) is allocated to the Roads/Sidewalks program capital budget. Smithers and District Transit Service delivery partners include BC Transit and the Smithers Community Services Association.

Utility Services

This segment includes the revenue and expenses for Water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer/Drainage services.

Solid Waste and Recycling Services

This segment includes the revenue and expenses for Solid Waste (Garbage) and Recycling collection and transfer to solid waste station and recycling depot facilities.

Public Health Services

This segment includes the revenue and expenses for Smithers Cemetery.

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Property		Council and Corporate Services	Planning and Development Services	Economic Development and Tourism	Smithers Regional Airport	Recreation and Cultural Services	Smithers Public Library	Protective Services	Transportation and Mobility Services	Utility Services	Solid Waste and Recycling Services	Public Health Services	2024 Total	2023 Total
Property Tases and Grants in Liu													S	\$
Manifectal and Regional District Tax 194,555 194,5	REVENUE										61			
Marchitan of Penalbas on Taxes 109,453 104,045 170,142 476,858 261,686 1,510,010 5,266,146 2,058,491 79,125 1,039,6732 7,441,151 7,91,151	Property Taxes and Grants in Lieu	6.528.920	-	-	=	-	-	2,333,019	945,542	-			9,807,481	9,119,369
Community Transitives and Grantes 73,198 229,472 180,445 170,142 478,686 261,686 1,510,010 5,266,146 2,058,645 78,125 10,386,722 7,441,513 1,058,747 1,058,7	Municipal and Regional District Tax	-	-	359,390	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	359,390	377,040
Service Charges and User Fees 19.309 359.228 2.234.074 608.505 14.958 45.476 2.238.995 444.468 30.465 6.558.476 1.872.14 Investment Income 1.526.355	Interest and Penalties on Taxes	109,453	~	-	**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	109,453	104,003
President Notice 1,528,355 1,528,355 1,528,355 1,528,355 1,528,355 1,528,355 1,528,355 1,528,355 1,528,255	Government Transfers and Grants	73,198	328,472	180,445	170,142	476,858	261,686	1,510,010	5,266,146	2,050,641	79,125	2	10,396,722	7,441,513
Developer Communited Tangible Capital Assets 56,879	Service Charges and User Fees	219,309	359,228	-	2,234,074	682,506	14,958	45.476	-	2,538,995	444.466	30.465	6.569,476	6.187,214
Non-Government Contributions and Donations 152,172 14,391 1	Investment Income	1,526,355	-		605		12,877	-	-	-	-	-	1,539.837	1,285,456
Capacitar Capa	Developer Contributed Tangible Capital Assets	-	56,979	-	*			91	1,887,516	-	-	÷1	1,944,495	134,932
EXPENSES Salaries, Wages and Benefitis 1,373,217 74,879 539,835 2,404,821 1,311,535 303,912 3,888,805 8,176,053 4,589,636 523,591 30,465 30,970,266 25,582,323 24,582 21,5	Non-Government Contributions and Donations	-	-		-	152.172	14,391	-		-	-	-	166,563	109,823
EXPENSES Salaines, Wages and Benefitis 1,373,217 743,884 169,010 897,184 1,090,036 406,797 990,914 935,801 483,065 307,068 51,006 7,396,782 6,755,913 Training, Travel, Memberships 132,269 19,002 7,856 4,810 18,170 7,757 44,844 6,529 14,892 - - 255,928 214,438 Telephone and Internet 23,558 4,357 578 30,362 11,549 2,243 13,140 9,672 9,192 - - 104,651 99,189 Advertising and Promotion 21,108 3,551 1,450 4,150 2,137 709 4,449 1,083 217 - - 33,493 33,493 Miscellaneous Expenses 30,610 - - 9,332 6,309 1,283 - - 9,124 - - 194,555 2,64 - 1,147,443 - - 1,147,443 - - 1,147,443 - -	Gain on Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	-			-				76,850	-	-		76,850	822,973
Salaries, Wages and Benefits 1,373,217 743,684 169,010 897,184 1,039,036 406,797 990,914 935,801 483,065 307,068 51,006 7,396,782 6,755,913 Training, Travel, Memberships 132,269 19,002 7,656 4,810 18,170 7,757 44,844 6,529 14,892 255,928 214,438 Telephone and Internet 23,558 4,357 578 30,362 11,559 2,243 313,140 9,872 9,192 38,952 33,433 Materials and Supplies 102,430 26,984 5,309 173,363 121,520 68,101 170,851 510,354 60,652 124,595 8,246 1372,405 11,4743 Miscellaneous Expenses 30,610 93,322 6,309 1,283 3,3655 - 2,174 53,363 57,186 Community Grants 94,557 7,078 97,124 18,759 181,205 Contracted Services 310,164 64,926 482,460 353,615 224,230 44,909 280,335 396,363 227,247 49,125 13,21 2,414,696 2,882,150 Contracted Services 196,788 282,150 Contracted Services 196,788 283,077 223,803 160,195 30,873 583,70 218,575 37,158 - 124,459 296,375 10Utities - Natural Gas Utities - Natural Gas Utities - Natural Gas 101,111 12,172 6,596 1389,441 102,430 103,434 103,438 104,647 104,98 104,99 10,833 217 38,952 31,448 269 42,059 11,443 11,444 11		8,457,235	744,679	539,835	2,404,821	1,311,535	303.912	3,888,505	8,176,053	4.589,636	523.591	30,465	30.970.266	25,582,323
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Advertising and Promotion 21,108 3,651 1,450 4,150 2,137 709 4,449 1,083 217 38,952 33,483 Materials and Supplies 102,430 26,984 5,309 173,363 121,520 88,101 170,851 510,354 60,652 124,595 8,246 1,372,405 1,147,443 Miscellaneous Expenses 30,610 - 9,332 6,309 1,283 - 3,655 - 2,174 53,363 57,186 Community Grants 94,557 7,078 - 97,124 - 198,759 181,205 Contracted Services 310,164 64,926 452,460 353,615 224,230 44,909 280,335 396,363 227,247 49,125 1,321 2,414,696 2,882,150 RCMP Contract 2,045,972 2,045,972 1,884,549 Special Projects 196,718 263,077 223,603 160,195 80,873 56,370 216,575 37,168 - 1,235,570 918,684 Utilities - Hydro 15,674 2,416,11 89,345 4,184 15,867 10,873 15,132 116,577 Utilities - Water, Sewers, Garbage 1,889 2,416,11 89,345 4,184 15,867 10,873 15,132 116,577 Utilities - Water, Sewers, Garbage 1,889 2,252 43,368 1,448 2,343 1,979 860 5,4139 50,550 insurance 39,047 2,448 954 107,274 99,373 6,369 52,691 76,563 33,073 2,448 269 420,509 277,018 interest on Long-Term Debt 1,784 19,593 51,839 7,371 6,111 1,249 87,947 84,304 Loss on Disposal of Tangible Assets	Training, Travel, Memberships	132,269	19,002	7,656	4,810	18,170	7.757	44,844	6,529	14,892	-	-	255,928	214,438
Materials and Supplies 102,430 26,984 5.309 173,363 121,520 68,101 170,851 510,354 60,652 124,595 8.246 1,372,405 1,147,443 Miscellaneous Expenses 30,610 - 9,332 6,309 1,283 - 3,655 - 2,174 53,363 57,186 Community Grants 94,557 7,078 - 97,124 - 198,759 181,205 Contracted Services 310,164 64,926 462,460 353,615 224,230 44,909 280,335 396,363 227,247 49,125 1,321 2,414,696 2882,150 RCMP Contract 2,045,972 2,045,972 1,864,549	Telephone and Internet	23,558	4,357	578	30,362	11,549	2,243	13,140	9,672	9,192			104,651	99,189
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Contracted Services 310,164 64,926 462,460 353,615 224,230 44,909 280,335 396,363 227,247 49,125 1.321 2,414,696 2,882,150 RCMP Contract	Miscellaneous Expenses	30,610			9,332	6.309	1,283	-		3,655		2,174	53,363	57.186
RCMP Contract 9 - 1 - 1 - 2 - 2 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3	Community Grants			-		94.557	7.078			97,124			198,759	181,205
Special Projects 196,718 263,077 223,603 160,195 80,873 56,370 218,575 - - 37,158 - 1,236,570 918,684 Ublitibes - Hydro 15,674 - - 54,907 109,545 3,840 7,693 141,668 129,968 - 124 463,220 496,057 Ublitibes - Natural Gas 6,708 - - 24,161 89,345 4,184 15,867 10,873 - - - 151,138 116,577 Ublitibes - Water, Sewers, Garbage 1,889 - - 2,252 43,368 1,448 2,343 1,979 860 - - 54,139 50,550 Insurance 39,047 2,448 954 107,274 99,373 6,369 52,691 76,563 33,073 2,448 269 420,509 277,018 Insurance 101,111 12,172 6,596 1,389,441 624,272 2,146 271,431 989,285 547,305 15,395 <td>Contracted Services</td> <td>310,164</td> <td>64,926</td> <td>462,460</td> <td>353,615</td> <td>224.230</td> <td>44,909</td> <td>280,335</td> <td>396,363</td> <td>227,247</td> <td>49.125</td> <td>1,321</td> <td>2,414,696</td> <td>2.882.150</td>	Contracted Services	310,164	64,926	462,460	353,615	224.230	44,909	280,335	396,363	227,247	49.125	1,321	2,414,696	2.882.150
Utilities - Hydro 15,674 54,907 109,545 3,840 7,693 141,668 129,968 - 124 453,220 496,057 Utilities - Natural Gas 6,708 24,161 89,345 4,184 15,867 10,873 151,138 116,577 Utilities - Water, Sewers, Garbage 1,899 2,252 43,368 1,448 2,343 1,979 860 54,139 50,550 Insurance 39,047 2,448 954 107,274 99,373 6,369 52,691 76,563 33,073 2,448 269 420,509 277,018 Interest on Long-Term Debt 94,500 25,415 12,912 11,760 144,587 153,048 Amonitization 101,111 12,172 6,596 1,389,441 624,272 2,146 271,431 989,285 547,305 15,395 4,118 3,963,270 3,860,701 Accretion	RCMP Contract	-	14					2.045,972	-		-	-	2,045,972	1,864.549
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Utilities - Water Sewers, Garbage 1.889 2.252 43,368 1.448 2.343 1.979 860 54,139 50.550 insurance 39,047 2.448 954 107.274 99,373 6.369 52,691 76,563 33,073 2.448 269 420,509 277.018 interest on Long-Term Debt 94,500 25,415 12,912 11,760 144,587 153,048 Amortization 101,111 12,172 6.596 1.389,441 624,272 2.146 271,431 989,285 547,305 15,395 4.118 3,963,270 3,860,701 Accretion - 1,784 19,593 51,839 - 7,371 6.111 1,249 87,947 84,304 Loss on Disposal of Tangible Assets 2,354,504 1,140,300 879,400 3,325,139 2,641,536 613,034 4,126,475 3,099,194 1,620,258 535,789 67,258 20,402,887 19,192,495	Utilities - Hydro	15,674			54,907	109,545	3,640	7,693	141,668	129.968	-	124	453,220	496,057
Insurance 39,047 2.448 954 107.274 99,373 6.369 52,691 76,563 33,073 2.448 269 420,509 277.018 Interest on Long-Term Debt 94,500 25,415 12,912 11,760 144,587 153,048 Amortization 101,111 12,172 6.596 1,389,441 624,272 2.146 271,431 989,285 547,305 15,395 4,118 3,963,270 3,860,701 Accretion 1,784 19,593 51,839 - 7,371 6,111 1,249 87,947 84,304 Loss on Disposal of Tangible Assets 2,354,504 1,140,300 879,400 3,325,139 2,641,536 613,034 4,126,475 3,099,194 1,620,258 535,789 67,258 20,402,887 19,192,495	Utilities - Natural Gas	6,708		-	24,161	89,345	4,184	15,867	10.873	-	-	-	151,138	116,577
Interest on Long-Term Debt 94,500 25,415 12,912 11,760 144,587 153,048 Amortization 101,111 12,172 6.596 1,389,441 624,272 2,146 271,431 989,285 547,305 15,395 4,118 3,963,270 3,860,701 Accretion 1,784 19,593 51,839 - 7,371 6,111 1,249 87,947 84,304 Loss on Disposal of Tangible Assets	Utilities - Water, Sewers, Garbage	1.889	-	•	2.252	43,368	1,448	2.343	1,979	860	-	-	54,139	50.550
Amortization 101,111 12,172 6.596 1.389,441 624,272 2.146 271,431 989,285 547,305 15,395 4.118 3,963,270 3,860,701 Accretion 1,784 19,593 51,839 - 7,371 6.111 1,249 87,947 84,304 Loss on Disposal of Tangible Assets	Insurance	39,047	2,448	954	107.274	99,373	6.369	52,691	76,563	33,073	2,448	269	420,509	277.018
Accretion 1,784 19,593 51,839 - 7,371 6,111 1,249 87,947 84,304 Loss on Disposal of Tangible Assets	Interest on Long-Term Debt	-		•	94,500	25,415	-	-	12,912	11,760	-	-	144,587	153,048
Loss on Disposal of Tangible Assets 2,354,504 1,140,300 879,400 3,325,139 2,641,536 613,034 4,126,475 3,099,194 1,620,258 535,789 67,258 20,402,887 19,192,495	Amortization	101,111	12,172	6.596	1,389,441	624,272	2.146	271,431	989,285	547.305	15,395	4,118	3,963,270	3,860,701
2,354,504 1,140,300 879,400 3,325,139 2,641,536 613,034 4,126,475 3,099,194 1,620,258 535,789 67,258 20,402,887 19,192,495	Accretion	-	17	1,784	19,593	51,839	-	7,371	6,111	1,249	-	-	87,947	84,304
	Loss on Disposal of Tangible Assets	-	-	-	-				15		-	-		-
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) 6,102,731 (395,621) (339,565) (920,318) (1,330,000) (309,122) (237,970) 5,076,859 2,969,377 (12,198) (36,793) 10,567,379 6,389,828		2,354,504	1,140,300	879,400	3,325,139	2,641,536	613,034	4,126,475	3,099,194	1,620,258	535,789	67,258	20,402,887	19,192,495
	SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	6,102,731	(395,621)	(339,565)	(920.318)	(1.330.000	(309.122)	(237.970)	5.076.859	2,969,377	(12,198)	(36,793)	10,567,379	6,389,828

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15. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

(a) Financial Contracts

The Town of Smithers estimated financial commitments under service contracts for the next five years are as follows:

	RCMP	Other
2025	2,548,400	766,309
2026	2,631,200	835,309
2027	2,712,300	793,875
2028	2,808,000	556,156
2029	2,910,400	467,417
	13,610,300	3,419,066

(b) RCMP Contract (BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General)

Under an agreement with the BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, the Town of Smithers is obligated to pay or share the cost of municipal policing services comprised of eleven officers, two clerks, one court liaison officer, municipal prisoner costs, RCMP Smithers Detachment property, information technology and other shared RCMP services.

(c) Smithers Regional Airport (Transport Canada)

The Government of Canada transferred the Smithers Regional Airport to the Town of Smithers in 1999. Should the Town or its contractors cease to manage, operate and maintain the Airport, Canada has the option to purchase the Airport from the Town. The Town is reliant on grant funding from senior governments' airport capital assistance programs to maintain the Airport's lands, improvements, and equipment. Operationally, Transport Canada continues to perform or oversee its contractor's performance of air navigation and air traffic control, civil aviation security, Canadian inspection services, and passenger check-in screening. The Airport does not pay for Transport Canada services.

(d) Legal Claims (Uninsured Risks)

The Town of Smithers has been named as a defendant in legal actions. No liability is recognized in the financial statements for claims or possible claims because the amount of loss, if any, is indeterminable. Settlements, if any, of claims or actions against the Town are charged current expenditures when the outcome is known.

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15. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (continued)

(e) Wastewater Treatment Facility (Environment Canada)

The Town of Smithers received notice from Environment Canada in 2020 that effluent being discharged by the Town into the Bulkley River periodically does not comply with regulations; Environment Canada has the authority to issue fines and orders for non-compliance. The Town is upgrading its Water Treatment Facility at an estimated cost of \$8 million. Funding includes an Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program ("ICIP") grant of \$5.6 million and \$2.4 million from the Town's BC Northern Capital and Planning Grant Reserve. To obtain the ICIP grant, the Town committed to funding project costs above \$8 million. The project is in its detailed design phase and once tendered its actual construction cost and the Town's project funding obligation will be known. Project construction is projected to commence in 2025.

(f) Water Treatment Plants (Northern Health Authority)

The Town of Smithers received notices (2022/2023) from the Northern Health Authority ("NHA") that manganese levels in its water systems exceed regulation. NHA requires the Town to bring the manganese levels into compliance.

The Town is upgrading the Smithers Regional Airport area water system at a cost of \$7 million. Funding including a Canada Community Building Fund ("CCBF") grant of \$2.5 million and \$4.5 million from the Town's BC Northern Capital and Planning Grant Reserve. To obtain the CCBF grant, the Town committed to funding project costs above \$3 million. The project construction phase has begun with completion scheduled in 2025.

To bring the Smithers Community Water System into compliance will require the construction of a Water Treatment Plant at an estimated cost of \$12 million. Senior government project grant funding at the 70% level is projected. The Town's 30% project share is currently projected to be funded by long term debt. Subject to project funding, construction is projected to commence in 2027.

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16. CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

The Town of Smithers operates and maintains the Smithers Cemetery. As required under Provincial legislation, a portion of plot sales and marker installation fees must be retained for the future maintenance of the cemetery. Further, funds received for cemetery services sold for delivery at a future date must also be retained until the services have been delivered.

The Town has excluded the Cemetery and Columbarium Care Trust Fund, the Cemetery Preneed Trust, and associated cash from the Statement of Financial Position and related interest earnings and transactions from the Statement of Operations.

Cemetery and Columbarium Care Trust Fund	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year Contributions and interest Services charged	123,799 1,915 - 125,714	120,182 3,617 123,799
Cemetery Preneed Trust	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year Contributions and interest Services charged	28,283 14 (128)	29,017 10 (744)
	28,169	28,283

SCHEDULE 1- TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

2024

	Land	Utility Systems	Engineered Structures	Buildings	Machinery, Equipment, Vehicles	Office Equipment	Library Equipment	Work in Progress	Total
Cost, beginning of year	8,114,172	35,621,553	59,928,391	36,733,333	12,025,544	769,215	147,971	1,266,560	154,606,739
Acquisitions	511,116	912,484	106,093	91,734	2,383,859	63,798	-	6,158,992	10,228,075
Contributed Assets	-	823,000	797,620	458,082	-	-		-	2,078,702
Transfer - Work In Progress		-	-	-	-	-	-	(224,085)	(224,085)
Addition - ARO Recognition (Note 11)	-	-	140	-	-	-	_	=	-
Disposals	(146,266)	*	•	-	-		-	-	(146,266)
Cost, end of year	8,479,021	37,357,037	60,832,104	37,283,149	14,409,403	833,013	147,971	7,201,467	166,543,165
Accumulated amortization, beginning of year		23,057,908	30,855,000	16,805,853	9,071,793	699,358	136,643	-	80,626,555
Amortization	-	592,751	1,659,098	1,124,857	552,040	32,378	2,145	-	3,963,269
Disposals									
Accumulated amortization, end of year	-	23,650,659	32,514,098	17,930,710	9,623,832	731,737	138,788	-	84,589,824
Net carrying amount, end of year	8,479,021	13,706,378	28,318,006	19,352,439	4,785,571	101,276	9,183	7,201,467	81,953,341

2023

	Land	Utility Systems	Engineered Structures	Buildings	Machinery, Equipment, Vehicles	Office Equipment	Library Equipment	Work in Progress	Total
Cost, beginning of year	8,125,237	35,212,602	57,137,501	32,909,830	11,781,553	725,176	147,971	654,964	146,694,834
Acquisitions	35	307,097	2,696,876	1,839,022	292,937	44,039	¥	781,079	5,961,050
Contributed Assets	50,000	5,500	53,879	-	-	-	-	2	109,379
Transfer - Work In Progress	-	96,354	40,135	32,994	-	-	-	(169,483)	U
Addition - ARO Recognition (Note 11)	-	-	-	1,951,487	-	-	-	-	1,951,487
Disposals	(61,065)	-	-	-	(48,946)	-	-	-	(110,011)
Cost, end of year	8,114,172	35,621,553	59,928,391	36,733,333	12,025,544	769,215	147,971	1,266,560	154,606,739
Accumulated amortization, beginning of year	-	22,496,727	29,194,065	15,673,702	8,658,654	684,590	135,005		76,842,743
Amortization	-	561,181	1,660,935	1,132,151	490,029	14,768	1,637	-	3,860,701
Disposals			-	-	(76,890)	-	-	-	(76,890)
Accumulated amortization, end of year		23,057,908	30,855,000	16,805,853	9,071,793	699,358	136,642		80,626,554
Net carrying amount, end of year	8,114,172	12,563,645	29,073,391	19,927,480	2,953,751	69,857	11,329	1,266,560	73,980,185

SCHEDULE 2 - CHANGES IN TOWN POSITION

	Restricted & Unrestricted Surplus	Reserves	Equity in Capital Assets	2024 Total	2023 Total
				\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	6,933,745	18,425,240	68,922,489	94,281,474	87,891,646
Excess of revenue over expenses	5,816,014	-	4,751,365	10,567,379	6,389,828
Amortization	3,963,269	T-C	(3,963,269)	-	-
Accretion	87,947		- 87,947	-	-
Net loss/gain on disposal of tangible capital assets			-	-	-
Actuarial adjustment	(77, 122)	-	77,122	-	-
Unrestricted funds designated for future use	(9,083,987)	9,083,987	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds designated for tangible capital assets	-	-	121	127	12
Restricted funds used for operations	20,020	(20,020)	-	-	-
Restricted funds used for tangible capital assets	-	(5,543,520)	5,543,520	-	-
Long-term debt repayment	(196,969)		196,969		
	529,171	3,520,447	6,517,761	10,567,379	6,389,828
Balance, end of year	7,462,916	21,945,687	75,440,250	104,848,853	94,281,474

TOWN OF SMITHERS SCHEDULE 3 - PROPERTY TAXES AND GRANTS IN LIEU

	(Unaudited) Budget 2024	2024	2023
	\$	\$	\$
Taxes Collected			
Municipal Property Taxes	9,283,383	9,288,684	8,597,609
Grants in Lieu of Taxes	339,956	329,082	330,054
1% Utility Taxes	180,799	180,088	182,079
Local Service Area Taxes	9,627	9,627	9,627
	9,813,765	9,807,481	9,119,369
Taxes Collected for Other Taxing Authorities	5,920,649	5,973,697	5,613,247
	15,734,414	15,781,178	14,732,616
Less: Transfers to Other Taxing Authorities			
BC Ministry of Finance - School Taxes	2,978,047	2,984,100	2,767,029
Regional District of Bulkley Nechako	2,033,942	2,079,011	1,989,011
North West Regional Hospital District	842,270	844,048	794,982
BC Assessment Authority	66,055	66,202	61,907
Municipal Finance Authority of BC	335	336	318
	5,920,649	5,973,697	5,613,247
	9,813,765	9,807,481	9,119,369

TOWN OF SMITHERS SCHEDULE 4- GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS AND GRANTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

	(Unaudited) Budget 2024	2024	2023
	\$	\$	\$
Transfers for Operating			
Federal Government	12,400	460,009	330,709
Provincial Government	1,131,493	1,075,793	889,606
First Nation Government	11,000	11,736	10,826
Regional District	973,303	887,561	862,685
Municipal Government	33,000	35,440	33,194
School District	10,000	-	10,000
Other Government Organizations	1,101,490	727,569	730,292
Wetzin'kwa Community Forest	60,000	60,000	60,000
	3,332,686	3,258,108	2,927,312
Transfers for Capital			
Federal Government - Capital	1,668,571	2,122,238	386,069
Provincial Government - Capital	6,106,537	4,927,723	3,995,922
Other Government Organizations - Capital		88,652	132,210
4	7,775,108	7,138,613	4,514,201
	11,107,794	10,396,721	7,441,513

TOWN OF SMITHERS SCHEDULE 5- EXPENSES BY OBJECT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

	(Unaudited) Budget 2024	2024	2023
	\$	\$	\$
Consolidated Expenses by Object			
Salaries, Wages and Benefits	8,116,470.00	7,396,782	6,755,913
Training, Travel, Memberships	349,250.00	255,928	214,438
Telephone and Internet	87,500.00	104,651	99,189
Advertising and Promotion	42,500.00	38,952	33,483
Materials and Supplies	1,322,715.00	1,372,405	1,147,443
Miscellaneous Expenses	53,000.00	53,363	57,186
Community Grants	117,997.00	198,759	181,205
Contracted Services	2,285,385.00	2,414,696	2,882,150
RCMP Contract	2,099,482.00	2,045,972	1,864,549
Special Projects	1,492,126.00	1,236,570	918,684
Utilities - Hydro	448,050.00	463,220	496,057
Utilities - Natural Gas	130,300.00	151,138	116,577
Utilities - Water, Sewers, Garbage	162,572.00	54,139	50,550
Insurance	412,900.00	420,509	277,018
Interest on Long-term Debt	172,247.00	144,587	153,048
Amortization	3,691,466.00	3,963,270	3,860,701
Accretion	-	87,947	84,304
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	20,983,960	20,402,887	19,192,495

SCHEDULE 6-BC NORTHERN CAPITAL AND PLANNING GRANT

RESERVE FUND

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	8,359,978	8,270,622
Contribution	148,168	
Capital and planning project funding	(2,044,653)	(308,738)
Investment income	509,700	398,094
	6,973,193	8,359,978

SCHEDULE 7- BC GROWING COMMUNITIES RESERVE FUND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Balance, beginning of year Contribution from Province of BC	1,079,364	2,320,000
Capital project funding: - Civic Centre arena refrigeration plant replacement - Perimeter trail completion	-	(765,728) (526,306)
Investment income	52,133	51,398
Closing balance	1,131,497	1,079,364

SCHEDULE 8 - BC COVID SAFE RESTART GRANT REPORTING YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	149,435	171,997
Revenue losses coverage:	-	-
Expenditures coverage:		
- Council Chambers audio video upgrade	-	(21,173)
- Information technology upgrades	- 60,208	(1,389)
- NCLGA 2024 Conference Attendance	- 39,401	
	49,826	149,435