



ANNUAL REPORT

Wheatland County PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

For the year ended December 31, 2019

Wheatland County 2019 Annual Report, for the year ended December 31, 2019

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On behalf of Council, it is my pleasure to present Wheatland County's 2019 Annual Report.

Looking back on 2019, it is exciting and rewarding to see the ongoing growth and development in the County, and the continued sense of community we feel. As a Council, we encourage development within our borders, while protecting our heritage and agricultural land. We have been able to find a good balance in this aspect, and we are committed to maintaining it.

Despite the economic situation in Alberta, Wheatland County continues to attract new residents and businesses. This is a testament to the quality of life and services in Wheatland County, and to the people who make up our communities.

Regional work with municipal partners continues to lay the foundation for future growth through responsible and sustainable planning to ensure programs and services are delivered efficiently and effectively to all residents.

Wheatland County offers residents a variety of essential services and we are proud to do so in a fiscally responsible manner. Council has taken a long-term view of what is required to ensure we have a sustainable County well into the future. At the end of 2017, Council participated in a strategic planning session to identify priorities for our municipality. During the session, Council prioritized 16 strategic possibilities, with numerous underlying action steps, that would provide clarity on what we as a community, are working together to achieve over the next several years. The final Strategic Priorities Plan was adopted at the beginning of 2018 and it will be used as a guide for our Council and administration well into the future. We are proud to say, by the end of 2019, several major priorities had been addressed and deemed complete.

In 2019, Wheatland County experienced a small increase in our total assessment base (1.1% increase in total assessment). On April 16, 2019, Council approved a reduction of \$670,000 to the 2019 budget in order to fulfill Council's request to maintain 2018 taxation revenue for 2019. Wheatland County Administration regularly reviews spending in order to ensure the best value for our residents.

We will continue to focus on addressing strategic priorities, working collaboratively with all levels of government, and providing transparency in engaging with citizens. By working together with our community, and municipal partners, we will ensure Wheatland County continues to be one of the best counties to live, work, and visit.

Sincerely, Reeve Amber Link Wheatland County



Interim Chief Administrative Officer's Message

Wheatland County had both a challenging and successful year in 2019.

Wheatland County continues to see modest levels of residential growth. We have also experienced stability in our non-residential and industrial assessments which leveled off in 2019 following a few years of moderate decline.

In April 2018, we saw the enactment of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board. Wheatland County Council continues to have representatives on the board and each of the sub-committees (land use planning, servicing, technical advisory committee, governance, and advocacy). These boards are time consuming for both Elected Officials and Administration and requires a significant amount of County resources.



Throughout the year, Administration worked with Council on several initiatives

to ensure strategic goals and priorities were met as per Council direction. These directives included financial sustainability, improved community engagement, and streamlining processes for residents and potential developers.

We are proud to say that Wheatland County continues improve our standards in delivery of services and remain focused on being stewards of taxpayer dollars. We see an exciting future for Wheatland County, especially with a new economic development strategy in place.

The successes we experienced this year were possible due to the direction and support of Council and the continued commitment and dedication of our people.

Sincerely, Brian Henderson, CPA, CA Wheatland County







(L-R): Councillor S. Klassen, Councillor G. Koester, Councillor J. Wilson, Reeve A. Link, Councillor T. Ikert, Councillor D. Biggar, and Councillor B. Armstrong.

Wheatland County is governed by an elected Council comprised of a seven Councillors. Each October, during their organizational meeting, Council nominates and elects a Reeve to act as the head of Council.

Through the Chief Administrative Officer, Council provides governance and leadership to County Administration. The Reeve and all Councillors are members in a number of internal and external Boards and Committees that address specific topics.

Only one Councillor can be elected from each of Wheatland County's divisions. Each Councillor is available to any citizen who wishes to discuss an issue. Council meetings are held in Council Chambers one to two times a month, in addition to other Board and Committee meetings. These meetings are open to the public. These principles are essential to how Council members interact with each other, with administration and with the community.

VISION

We provide consistent, accountable, and innovative governance.

MISSION

Wheatland County is committed to serving the needs of our diverse rural community.

VALUES

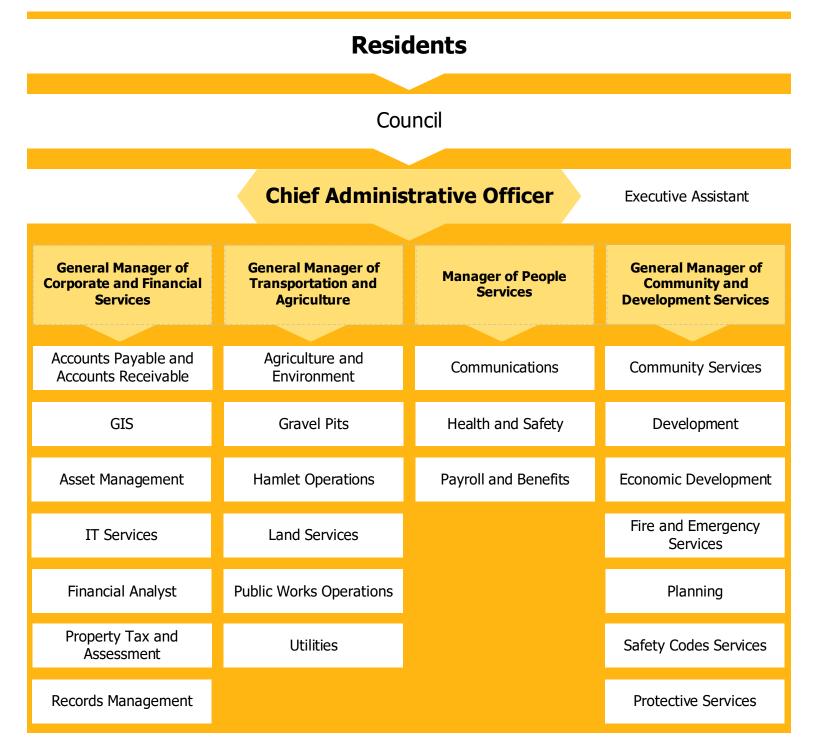
Values are the enduring principles or beliefs that guide individual and collective behaviour and relationships. These are the norms that guide the actions of Council.

> Ethical Transparent Honest Innovative Professional Consistent



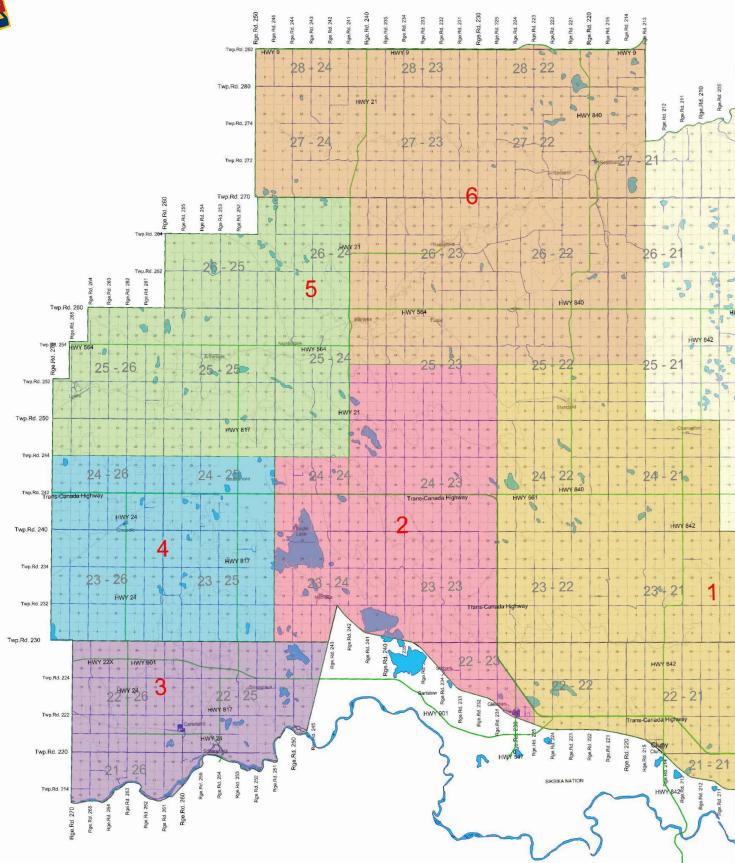


Wheatland County is committed to providing all residents, businesses, and visitors with the finest quality of services available. With a unique blend of urban and rural lifestyles, the County aims to balance the natural environment with economic prosperity.









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Home to some of Canada's best farmland and beautiful countryside, with quick market access, both businesses and residents enjoy the great quality of life that Wheatland has to offer.



The population of Wheatland County is over 8,700 with the population concentrated in the hamlets of Carseland, Gleichen, Speargrass, and Lyalta. There are five other hamlets, and two designated industrial areas.



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Audited Financial Statements





Management's Responsibility

To the Reeve and Councillors of Wheatland County:

The accompanying financial statements of Wheatland County are the responsibility of management and have been approved by Council.

Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the accompanying financial statements, including responsibility for significant accounting judgments and estimates in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. This responsibility includes selecting appropriate accounting principles and methods, and making decisions affecting the measurement of transactions in which objective judgment is required.

In discharging its responsibilities for the integrity and fairness of the financial statements, management designs and maintains the necessary accounting systems and related internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are authorized, assets are safeguarded and financial records are properly maintained to provide reliable information for the preparation of financial statements.

Council is composed entirely of individuals who are neither management nor employees of the County. Council is responsible for overseeing management in the performance of its financial reporting responsibilities, and for approving the financial statements. Council fulfills these responsibilities by reviewing the financial information prepared by management and discussing relevant matters with management and external auditors. Council is also responsible for recommending the appointment of the County's external auditors.

MNP LLP is appointed by Council to audit the financial statements and report directly to them; their report follows. The external auditors have full and free access to, and meet periodically and separately with, both Council and management to discuss their audit findings.

April 21, 2020

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Chief Administrative Officer





Independent Auditor's Report

To the Reeve and Councillors of Wheatland County:

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Wheatland County (the "County"), which comprise the statement of financial position at December 31, 2019, the statements of operations, change in net financial assets, cash flows, and schedules 1 through 3 for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Wheatland County as at December 31, 2019, and the results of its operations, change in net financial assets, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

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

Other Matter

The financial statements of the County for the year ended December 31, 2018 were audited by another firm of Chartered Professional Accountants, who expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements on April 2, 2019.

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

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

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

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







Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County'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 County's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the County to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

• Debt Limit Regulation:

In accordance with Alberta Regulation 255/2000, we confirm that the municipality is in compliance with the Debt Limit Regulation. A detailed account of the Entity's debt limit can be found in note 17.

• Supplementary Accounting Principles and Standards Regulation:

In accordance with Alberta Regulation 313/2000, we confirm that the municipality is in compliance with the Supplementary Accounting Principles and Standards Regulation and note the information required can be found in note 22.

Calgary, Alberta April 21, 2020 Chartered Professional Accountants





Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2019, with comparative information for 2018

	2019	2018
Financial Assets		
Cash and short-term investments (note 4)	\$ 61,105,302	\$ 64,804,260
Taxes and grants in place of taxes receivable (note 5)	1,181,932	1,351,315
Trade and other receivables	2,103,036	5,841,654
Land held for resale	244,568	244,568
Loan receivable (note 6)	75,489	85,831
Debt charges recoverable (note 7)	3,841,822	1,615,561
	68,552,149	73,943,189
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	11,226,427	11,785,549
Deferred revenue (note 9)	1,114,606	6,221,341
Long-term debt (note 10)	4,168,534	1,989,915
Contaminated sites liability (note 24)	2,070,850	2,026,337
Employee benefit obligations (note 8)	1,268,522	1,364,547
	19,848,939	23,387,689
Net financial assets	48,703,210	50,555,500
Non-Financial Assets		
Tangible capital assets (Schedule 2)	230,774,240	225,837,724
Inventory for consumption	14,672,234	14,351,852
Prepaid expenses	388,484	327,526
<u></u>	245,834,958	240,517,102
Commitments and contingencies (note 20)		
Accumulated surplus (note 11, Schedule 1)	\$ 294,538,168	\$ 291,072,602

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Approved on behalf of the Council

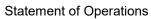
Reeve

Councillor

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Year ended December 31, 2019, with comparative information for 2018

	Budget (note 25)	2019	2018
	<u> </u>		
Revenue (Schedule 3):			
Net property taxes (note 14)	\$ 31,536,699	\$ 30,714,588	\$ 30,604,503
User fees and sales of goods	1,829,092	1,942,960	1,771,214
Investment income	1,541,388	1,547,467	1,510,548
Licenses and permits	544,900	793,047	770,240
Government transfers for operating (note 15)	694,593	585,043	745,782
Other revenue	52,908	492,944	107,848
Penalties and costs of taxes	160,204	295,959	216,656
Development levies	40,000	118,928	57,052
Rentals	45,340	65,139	44,098
	36,445,124	36,556,075	35,827,941
Expenses (note 16, Schedule 3):			
Legislative	624,482	594,057	537,954
Administrative	5,312,059	5,292,748	4,430,563
Police, fire, disaster, ambulance and bylaw			
enforcement	2,947,528	2,234,359	2,409,530
Roads, streets, walks and lighting	25,936,400	25,258,838	25,340,825
Water supply and distribution	1,470,358	2,387,966	1,401,595
Wastewater treatment and disposal	660,049	551,253	568,067
Waste management	1,163,174	1,204,494	1,162,899
Recreation and culture	968,605	907,967	659,606
Subdivision land and development	1,834,642	1,457,374	1,426,842
Economic and agricultural development	1,511,286	1,633,178	1,282,300
Public health and welfare services	268,302	243,575	217,778
	42,696,885	41,765,809	39,437,959
Deficiency of revenue over expenses			
before the undernoted items	(6,251,761)	(5,209,734)	(3,610,018)
Covernment transfers for conital (note 15)	12,243,667	8,587,732	 621,669
Government transfers for capital (note 15) Contributed assets	12,243,007	0,507,732 87,568	643,219
Contributed assets	12,243,667	8,675,300	1,264,888
	12,210,001	0,010,000	
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	5,991,906	3,465,566	(2,345,130)
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	291,072,602	291,072,602	293,417,732
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$ 297,064,508	\$294,538,168	\$ 291,072,602

See accompanying notes to financial statements.







Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets

Year ended December 31, 2019, with comparative information for 2018

	Budget (note 25)	2019	2018
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ 5,991,906	\$ 3,465,566	\$ (2,345,130)
Acquisition of tangible capital assets Amortization of tangible capital assets Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets Contributed assets Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	(41,877,930) 16,517,906 823,000 – –	(22,146,554) 17,116,829 945,224 (87,568) (764,447)	(22,768,108) 16,250,205 1,684,812 (643,219) (458,944)
	(18,545,118)	(1,470,950)	(8,280,384)
Net change in inventory for consumption Net change in prepaid expenses		(320,382) (60,958)	(4,735,146) (14,518)
Decrease in net financial assets	(18,545,118)	(1,852,290)	(13,030,048)
Net financial assets, beginning of year	50,555,500	50,555,500	63,585,548
Net financial assets, end of year	\$ 32,010,382	\$ 48,703,210	\$ 50,555,500

See accompanying notes to financial statements.





Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2019, with comparative information for 2018

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See accompanying notes to financial statements.





Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2019, with comparative information for 2018

1. Significant accounting policies:

The financial statements of Wheatland County (the "County") are the representations of management prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of CPA Canada. Significant accounting policies adopted by the County are as follows:

(a) Reporting entity:

The financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses, changes in fund balances and change in financial position of the reporting entity which comprises all accounts for the departments that are included in the County's operations, and are therefore accountable to the Council for the administration of their financial affairs and resources.

Taxes levied also includes requisitions for educational, health care, social and other external organizations that are not part of the municipal reporting entity.

The financial statements exclude trust assets that are administered for the benefit of external parties. Interdepartmental and organization transactions and balances are eliminated.

(b) Basis of accounting:

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when it is earned and measureable. Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measureable based upon receipt of goods or services and/or a legal obligation to pay is established.

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

Government transfers, contributions and other amounts are received from third parties pursuant to legislation, regulation or agreement and may only be used for certain programs, to complete specific work, or for the purchase of tangible capital assets. In addition, certain user charges and fees are collected for which the related services have yet to be performed. Revenue is recognized in the period when the related expenses are incurred, services performed or the tangible capital assets are acquired.

(c) Cash and short-term investments:

Cash is comprised of cash deposits held with Canadian chartered banking institutions and short-term investments with maturities of three months or less.

(d) Short-term investments:

Short-term investments are recorded at amortized cost. When there has been a loss in value that is other than a temporary decline, the respective investment is written down to recognize the loss. Interest is accrued on the book value of the investments at a rate equivalent to the effective yield of each investment.

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(e) Debt charges recoverable:

Debt charges recoverable consist of amounts that are recoverable from municipal agencies or other local governments with respect to outstanding debentures or other long-term debt pursuant to annexation orders or joint capital undertakings. These recoveries are recorded at a value that equals the offsetting portion of the unmatured long-term debt, less actuarial requirements for the retirement of any sinking fund debentures.

(f) Land held for resale:

Land held for resale is recorded at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost includes costs for land acquisition and improvements required to prepare the land for servicing such as clearing, stripping, and leveling charges. Retained development costs incurred to provide infrastructure such as water and wastewater services, roads, sidewalks, and street lighting are recorded as physical assets under their respective function.

(g) Requisition over-levy and under-levy:

Over-levies and under-levies arise from the difference between the actual property tax levy made to cover each requisition and the actual amount requisitioned.

If the actual levy exceeds the requisition, the over-levy is accrued as a liability and property tax revenue is reduced. Where the actual levy is less than the requisition amount, the underlevy is accrued as a receivable and as property tax revenue.

Requisition tax rates in the subsequent year are adjusted for any over-levies or under-levies of the prior year.

(h) Government transfers:

Government transfers are the transfer of assets from senior levels of government that are not the result of an exchange transaction, are not expected to be repaid in the future, or the result of a direct financial return.

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

(i) Tax revenue:

Tax revenues are recognized when the tax has been authorized by bylaw and the taxable event has occurred.

Requisitions operate as a flow through and are excluded from municipal revenue.

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Year ended December 31, 2019, with comparative information for 2018

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(j) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the estimated useful lives of tangible capital assets, provision for reclamation, and the allowance for doubtful taxes. Where measurement uncertainty exists, the financial statements have been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(k) Deferred revenue:

Certain user charges and fees are collected for which the related services have yet to be performed. Revenue is recognized in the period when the related expenses are incurred, services performed, or tangible capital assets acquired.

(I) Contaminated sites liability:

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 the maximum acceptable concentrations under an environmental standard. This standard relates to sites that are not in productive use and sites in productive use where an unexpected event resulted in contamination. A liability for remediation of contaminated sites is recognized when all of the following criteria are met:

- an environmental standard exists;
- contamination exceeds the environmental standard;
- the County is directly responsible or accepts responsibility;
- the County expects the future economic benefits will be given up; and
- a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.
- (m) 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 excess of revenue over expenses, provides the change in net financial assets for the year.

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Year ended December 31, 2019, with comparative information for 2018

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(m) Non-financial assets (continued):

Tangible capital assets: (i)

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

	Years
Land improvements	15-30
Buildings	25-50
Engineered structures	20-55
Machinery and equipment	3-20
Vehicles	5-15

One-half of the annual amortization is charged in the year of acquisition and in the year of disposal. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

(ii) Contributions of tangible capital assets:

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

(iii) Leases:

> Leases are classified as capital or operating leases. Leases which transfer substantially all of the benefit and risks incidental to ownership are accounted for as capital lease. All other leases are accounted for as operating leases and the related lease payments are charged to expenses as incurred.

(iv) Inventory for consumption:

> Inventories held for consumption are recorded at the lower of cost and replacement cost, with cost determined by the average cost method.

Cultural and historical tangible capital assets: (v)

> Works of art and cultural and historical assets are not recorded as assets in these financial statements.







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2. Change in accounting policy:

Effective January 1, 2019 the County adopted the recommendations relating to the following Section, as set out in the CPA Canada Public Sector Accounting Handbook: PS 3430 Restructuring Transactions. Pursuant to the recommendations, the changes were applied prospectively, and prior periods have not been restated. There was no material impact on the financial statements of adopting the new Section.

3. Future accounting pronouncements:

The Public Sector Accounting Board recently announced the following accounting pronouncements:

(a) Financial instruments (PS 3450):

This accounting pronouncement establishes standards on how to account for and report all types of financial instruments including derivatives. Financial instruments include primary instruments and derivative instruments. It is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2021 for governments, with early adoption encouraged. This section must be adopted at the same time as new financial statement presentation, foreign currency translation, and portfolio investments.

(b) Financial statement presentation (PS 1201):

This accounting pronouncement establishes standards on how to present government financial statements. It is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2021 for governments, with early adoption encouraged. This section must be adopted at the same time as financial instruments.

(c) Foreign currency translation (PS 2601):

This accounting pronouncement establishes standards on how to account for and report transactions that are denominated in a foreign currency in government financial statements. It is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2021 for governments, with early adoption encouraged. This section must be adopted at the same time as financial instruments.

(d) Portfolio investments (PS 3041):

This accounting pronouncement establishes standards on how to define, account for, and report portfolio investments in government financial statements. It is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2021 for governments, with early adoption encouraged. This section must be adopted at the same time as financial instruments.



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3. Future accounting pronouncements (continued):

(e) Asset retirement obligations (PS 3280):

In August 2018, the Public Sector Accounting Board issued this accounting standard that addresses the reporting of legal obligations associated with the retirement of tangible capital assets. This new standard takes effect for annual reporting periods beginning on or after April 1, 2021 with early adoption permitted.

(f) Revenue (PS 3400):

This Section establishes standards on how to account for and report on revenue. Specifically, it differentiates between revenue arising from transactions that include performance obligations, referred to as "exchange transactions", and transactions that do not have performance obligations, referred to as "non-exchange transactions". This new standard takes effect for annual reporting periods beginning on or after April 1, 2022, with early adoption permitted.

Management is assessing the impact of the adoption of these standards which is not known or reasonably estimable at this time.

4. Cash and short-term investments:

	2019	2018
Cash Short-term investments, including accrued interest Cash and short-term investments held in trust (note 18)	\$ 5,595,715 55,617,786 (108,199)	\$ 4,026,843 60,882,822 (105,405)
	\$ 61,105,302	\$ 64,804,260

Short-term investments are term deposits with maturities of three months or less with an interest rate of 2.65% (2018 – guaranteed investment certificates with maturities of three months or less with interest rates of 2.50% to 3.10%).

5. Taxes and grants in place of taxes receivables:

2019	2018
\$ 903,966	\$ 1,000,619
1,153,880	654,345
2,057,846	1,654,964
(875,914)	(303,649)
\$ 1,181,932	\$ 1,351,315
	\$ 903,966 1,153,880 2,057,846 (875,914)







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6. Loan receivable:

The County has issued an unsecured loan in the amount of 108,360 (2018 - 108,360) to the Dalum Fire Association that accrues interest at a rate of 2% per annum (2018 - 2% per annum). As at December 31, 2019, the balance on the loan is 75,489 (2018 - 885,831). Blended payments of \$997 are due monthly over ten years, and the loan has a maturity date of September 30, 2026.

7. Debt charges recoverable:

	2019	2018
Current debt charges recoverable Non-current debt charges recoverable	\$ 394,135 3,447,687	\$ 161,345 1,454,216
	\$ 3,841,822	\$ 1,615,561

The County has secured long-term financing on behalf of several community organizations for joint projects within the County. This debt is recoverable from the organizations at interest rates from 2.208% to 2.627%. The debts mature and will be fully recovered starting in the year 2027 and ending in 2029.

	Principal	Interest	Total
2020	394,135	88,586	482.721
2021	403,588	79,133	482,721
2022	413,269	69,451	482,720
2023	423,184	59,536	482,720
2024	433,339	49,381	482,720
Thereafter	1,774,307	93,833	1,868,140
	\$ 3,841,822	\$ 439,920	\$ 4,281,742

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8. Employee benefit obligations:

	2019	2018
Early retirement incentive Accrued salaries, vacation, and overtime	\$ 689,321 579,201	\$ 713,618 650,929
	\$ 1,268,522	\$ 1,364,547

(a) Vacation and overtime:

The vacation and overtime liability is comprised of the vacation and overtime that employees are deferring to future years. Employees have either earned the benefits (and they are vested) or are entitled to these benefits within the next budgetary year.

(b) Early retirement incentive:

The County provides an early retirement incentive plan. Employees who have at least five years of service and are over the age of 55 are eligible to be paid 3% of their annual salary for every year of service, up to a maximum of 50% of their annual salary.

Council passed a motion restricting participation in the program for new employees of Wheatland County. Employees hired on or after January 2, 2013 are not eligible for this program.

Additionally, Council passed a motion whereby this policy will no longer be in effect after December 31, 2021. All eligible employees must apply for the Retirement Incentive, in writing, by December 31, 2020.

9. Deferred revenue:

	2019	2018
Offsite levies Other operating Municipal Sustainability Initiative – capital Federal Gas Tax Fund – capital	\$ 602,144 512,462 _	\$ 602,144 448,598 4,659,569 511,030
	\$ 1,114,606	\$ 6,221,34









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10. Long term debt:

	2019	2018
Special levy and utility supported debentures (note 13)	\$ 326,712	\$ 374,354
Self-supported debentures – operating (note 7)	3,841,822	1,615,561
	4,168,534	1,989,915
Less: current portion	444,319	208,988
	\$ 3,724,215	\$ 1,780,927

Principal and interest repayments are due as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
			- /
2020	444,319	102,941	547,260
2021	447,655	90,805	538,460
2022	459,587	78,873	538,460
2023	471,873	66,587	538,460
2024	450,868	53,935	504,803
Thereafter	1,894,232	110,695	2,004,927
	\$ 4,168,534	\$ 503,836	\$ 4,672,370

Debenture debt is repayable to Alberta Capital Finance Authority and bears interest at rates ranging from 2.208% to 6.625% per annum (2018 - 2.627% to 6.625% per annum) and matures in periods 2020 to 2033. Debenture debt is issued on the credit and security of the County at large.

The County has an operating loan facility of up to \$1,700,000, repayable on demand with interest at the bank's prime rate minus 0.5% per annum. The facility was not used at December 31, 2019 or 2018.



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11. Accumulated surplus:

Accumulated surplus consists of internally restricted and unrestricted amounts and equity in tangible capital assets as follows:

	2019	2018
Unrestricted surplus Internally restricted surplus (reserves) (note 12) Equity in tangible capital assets (note 13)	\$ 19,056,399 45,034,241 230,447,528	\$ 16,806,284 48,802,948 225,463,370
	\$ 294,538,168	\$ 291,072,602





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12. Reserves:

Council has set up reserves for various purposes. These reserves are either required by legislation or set up at the discretion of Council to provide funding for future expenditures.

		2019		2018
Transportation – paved roadways	\$	10,398,199	\$	11,880,901
Transportation – unpaved roadways	Ŷ	7,898,977	Ŷ	11,284,645
Municipal equipment		6,704,090		6,200,772
Fire capital		4,980,244		4,470,331
Transportation – bridges/culverts		3,217,522		3,770,738
Gravel reclamation		1,604,135		1,531,867
Capital continuity		1,303,925		963,800
Brownfields		1,149,718		1,016,835
Municipal reserve		1,018,864		894,507
Operating continuity		935,138		929,098
Recreation		688,806		386,015
Utilities – Gleichen		506,559		603,525
Agriculture Service Board		500,402		743,969
Facility infrastructure		423,276		598,403
Tax stabilization		410,004		407,678
Land development		363,800		236,963
Carseland Fire Capital		288,013		285,797
Cluny community infrastructure		269,862		267,786
Wheatland West Fire		254,399		252,442
Professional development		248,406		246,495
Emergency preparedness		239,590		237,747
Utilities – Speargrass		224,906		198,126
Storm drainage		197,805		196,283
Community aggregate payment levy		197,751		195,890
Waste		181,317		199,915
Information services		154,049		190,880
Utilities - Carseland		146,820		103,141
Safety		107,212		106,387
Perpetual Care Fund – Gleichen		103,620		104,508
Utilities – Cluny		82,554		73,258
Standard site		77,858		77,259
Utilities – Rosebud		75,001		66,405
Rosebud water and wastewater		38,322		37,812
Gleichen community infrastructure		36,841		36,558
Community enhancement		3,111		3,092
Library		2,295		2,277
Cenotaph		608		603
Perpetual Care Fund – Gleichen Catholic		242		240
	\$	45,034,241	\$	48,802,948

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13. Equity in tangible capital assets:

	2019	2018
Tangible capital assets (Schedule 2) Accumulated amortization (Schedule 2) Capital long term debt (note 10)	\$ 631,027,656 (400,253,416) (326,712)	\$ 611,777,861 (385,940,137) (374,354)
	\$ 230,447,528	\$ 225,463,370

14. Net municipal property taxes:

	Budget		
	(note 25)	2019	2018
Taxation:			
Real property taxes	25,688,203	\$ 22,424,957	\$ 24,957,092
Linear property taxes	16,964,453	17,635,530	16,631,643
Government grants in place of property taxe	, ,	42,882	42,859
Community aggregate levy	55,000	48,648	56,898
, 00 0 ,	42,750,656	40,152,017	41,688,492
Requisitions:	40.004.000	0.045.000	
Alberta School Foundation Fund Wheatland Foundation and Housing	10,394,288	8,615,002	10,415,215
Management Body Drumheller Solid Waste Management	300,240	300,240	273,716
Association	349,762	349,762	323,447
Designated Industrial Properties	169,667	172,425	71,611
<u>_</u>	11,213,957	9,437,429	11,083,989
9	31,536,699	\$ 30,714,588	\$ 30,604,503

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15. Government transfers:

	Budget (note 25)	2019	2018
Transfers for operating: Provincial Government Federal Government	\$ 694,593 _	\$ 585,043 _	\$ 745,782 _
	694,593	585,043	745,782
Transfers for capital:			
Provincial Government Federal Government	10,993,667 1,250,000	7,069,044 1,518,688	621,669 _
	12,243,667	8,587,732	621,669
	\$ 12,938,260	\$ 9,172,775	\$ 1,367,451

16. Expenses by object:

	Budget	2019	2018
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 10,272,409	\$ 9,152,931	\$ 11,576,692
Contracted and general services	7,418,615	7,419,129	7,001,561
Materials, goods, supplies and utilities	5,872,426	5,716,234	3,042,563
Bank charges and short-term interest	12,300	16,847	13,795
Interest on long term debt	17,005	15,671	17,842
Transfers to organizations and others	2,546,724	3,081,047	2,085,593
Provision for allowances	14,000	11,568	(91,347)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	16,517,906	17,116,829	16,250,204
Gain (loss) on disposal of tangible capital assets	25,500	(764,447)	(458,944)
	\$ 42,696,885	\$ 41,765,809	\$ 39,437,959

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17. Debt limits:

Section 276 (2) of the Municipal Government Act requires that debt and debt limits as defined by Alberta Regulation 255/00 for the County be disclosed as follows:

	2019	2018
Total debt limits Less: Total debt (note 10)	\$ 54,834,113 4,168,534	\$ 53,741,912 1,989,915
	\$ 50,665,579	\$ 51,751,997
	2019	2018
Debt servicing limit Less: Debt servicing (note 10)	\$ 9,139,019 547,260	\$ 8,956,985 267,273
	\$ 8,591,759	\$ 8,689,712

The debt limit is calculated at 1.5 times revenue of the municipality (as defined in Alberta Regulation 255/00) and the debt service limit is calculated at 0.25 times such revenue. Incurring debt beyond these limitations requires approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. These thresholds are guidelines used by Alberta Municipal Affairs to identify municipalities which could be at financial risk if further debt is acquired. The calculation taken alone does not represent the financial stability of the municipality. Rather, the financial statements must be interpreted as a whole.

18. Trust funds:

Trust funds administered by the County on behalf of others consist of the following:

	2019	2018
Madsen charity Madsen scholarship	\$ 55,209 42,101	\$ 53,784 41,014
Thurston School Seniors and physically challenged	8,115 2,774	7,906 2,701
	\$ 108,199	\$ 105,405





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19. Local authorities pension plan:

Employees of the County participate in the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP), which is one of the plans covered by the Alberta Public Sector Pensions Plans Act. The plan serves approximately 266,000 people and 421 employers. The LAPP is financed by the employer and employee contributions and by investment earnings of the LAPP fund.

Contributions for current services are recorded as expenditures in the year in which they become due.

The County is required to make current service contributions to the LAPP of 9.39% of pensionable earnings up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings under the Canada Pension Plan and 13.84% on pensionable earnings above this amount. Employees of the County are required to make current service contributions of 8.39% of pensionable salary up to the year's maximum pensionable salary and 12.84% on pensionable salary above this amount.

Total current service contributions by the County to the LAPP in 2019 were \$839,901 (2018 – \$835,472). Total current service contributions by the employees of the County to the LAPP in 2019 were \$765,001 (2018 – \$768,178).

20. Commitments and contingencies:

Wheatland County is a member of the Jubilee Reciprocal Insurance Exchange (JRIE) and the Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange (GRIE) which provide liability insurance. The investment in these programs is not reflected as an asset in the accompanying financial statements. Under the terms of membership, the County could become liable for its proportionate share of any claim losses in excess of the funds held by either exchange. Any liability incurred would be accounted for as a current transaction in the year the losses are determined.

From time to time, the County is subject to claims and other lawsuits that arise in the ordinary course of business, some of which may seek damages in substantial amounts. Liability for these claims and lawsuits are recorded to the extent that the probability of a loss is likely and it is estimable. At the time of the financial statement preparation, there has been no resolution or indication that the settlement of these actions will result in any material liabilities.

21. Financial instruments:

It is management's opinion that the County is not exposed to significant liquidity risk or interest or currency risk arising from its financial instruments. The County is subject to credit risk with respect to taxes and grants in place of taxes receivables and trade and other receivables. Credit risk arises from the possibility that taxpayers and entities to which the County provides services may experience financial difficulty and be unable to fulfill their obligations. The large number and diversity of taxpayers and customers minimizes the credit risk. Unless otherwise noted, the carrying value of the financial instrument approximates fair value.

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22. Salary and benefits disclosure:

Disclosure of salaries and benefits for elected municipal officials, the chief administrative officer and designated officers as required by Alberta Regulation 313/2000 is as follows:

	Number of		Benefits &		
	Persons	Salary (1)	allowances (2)	2019	2018
Councillors:					
Division 1	1	30,977	25,528	56,505	54,956
Division 2	1	36,419	48,802	85,221	69,028
Division 3	1	30,977	33,685	64,662	58,817
Division 4	1	30,977	36,301	67,278	62,320
Division 5	1	30,983	34,485	65,468	58,980
Division 6	1	31,618	37,627	69,245	71,207
Division 7	1	30,977	34,769	65,746	65,304
Chief Administrative					
Officer (3)	2	294,162	34,678	328,840	234,547

(1) Salary includes regular base pay, bonuses, overtime, lump sum payments, gross honoraria and any other direct cash remuneration.

- (2) Benefits and allowances include the employer's share of all employee benefits and contributions or payments made on behalf of employees including pension, heath care, dental coverage, vision coverage, group life insurance, accidental disability and dismemberment insurance, long and short term disability plans, professional memberships, and tuition. Benefits and allowances figures also include the employer's share of the costs of additional taxable benefits including special leave with pay, financial planning services, retirement planning services, concessionary loans, travel allowances, car allowances, and club memberships.
- (3) During the 2019 fiscal year there was staff turnover in this position. The second person was an Interim Chief Administrative Officer.

23. Works of Art and Historical Treasures:

The County manages and controls works of art and non-operational historical cultural assets including the Gleichen Water Tower. These assets are not recorded as tangible capital assets and are not amortized, which is consistent with Canadian public sector accounting standards. As at December 31, 2019, the County has incurred cumulative costs of \$509,641 (2018 – \$509,641) to maintain these assets.







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24. Contaminated Sites Liability:

	2019	2018
Balance, beginning of year Inflation and other adjustments	\$ 2,026,337 44,513	\$ 1,650,372 375,965
Balance, end of year	\$ 2,070,850	\$ 2,026,337

Management considers that the requirements to record a liability for remediation of contaminated sites is required for a specific site location, as well as its gravel pits.

25. Budget data:

The 2019 budget for the County was approved by Council on April 2, 2019.

26. Comparative information:

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to be consistent with current year presentation.

27. Subsequent events:

Subsequent to year-end, there was a global outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus), which has had a significant impact on businesses and governments through the restrictions put in place by the Canadian, provincial and municipal governments regarding travel, business operations and isolation/quarantine orders. At this time, it is unknown the extent of the impact the COVID-19 outbreak may have on the County as this will depend on future developments that are highly uncertain and that cannot be predicted with confidence. These uncertainties arise from the inability to predict the ultimate geographic spread of the disease, and the duration of the outbreak, including the duration of travel restrictions, business closures or disruptions, and quarantine/isolation measures that are currently, or may be put, in place by Canada and other countries to fight the virus.

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28. Segmented disclosure:

The County provides a range of services to its ratepayers. For each reported segment, revenues and expenses represent both amounts that are directly attributable to the segment and amounts that are allocated on a reasonable basis. The accounting policies used in these segments are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the financial statements as disclosed in note 1. Refer to the schedule of segmented disclosure (Schedule 3).

The segments have been selected based on the Financial Information Return segmentation reported annually to Alberta Municipal Affairs. Segments include:

- General Government is comprised of Legislative and Administrative services
- Protective Services is comprised of Police, Fire, Disaster, Ambulance, and Bylaw services
- Transportation Services is comprised of Roads, Streets, Walks, and Lighting services
- Environmental Services is comprised of Water Supply and Distribution, Wastewater Treatment and Disposal, and Waste Management services
- Public Health Services is comprised of Public Health and Welfare services
- Planning and Development is comprised of Subdivision Land and Development, and Economic and Agricultural Development services
- Recreation and Culture is comprised of Library, and Parks and Recreation services







Schedule of Changes in Accumulated Surplus

Schedule 1

Year ended December 31, 2019, with comparative information for 2018

		E	quity in Tangible		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Capital Assets	2019	2018
Balance, beginning of year	\$16,806,284	\$48,802,948	\$225,463,370	\$291,072,602	\$ 293,417,732
Excess (deficiency) of revenue					
over expenses	3,465,566	-	-	3,465,566	(2,345,130)
Net restricted funds used for operations	3,768,707	(3,768,707)	-	-	-
Current year funds used for tangible					
capital assets	(22,146,554)	_	22,146,554	_	_
Contributed tangible capital assets	(87,568)	_	87,568	_	-
Disposal of tangible capital assets	180,777	_	(180,777)	_	-
Amortization of tangible capital assets	17,116,829	_	(17,116,829)	_	-
Long-term debt repaid	(47,642)	-	47,642	-	-
Change in accumulated surplus	2,250,115	(3,768,707)	4,984,158	3,465,566	(2,345,130)
Balance, end of year	\$19,056,399	\$45,034,241	\$230,447,528	\$294,538,168	\$ 291,072,602



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Schedule 2

Construction in progress 2019 2018	98,901 \$ 611,777,861 \$ 591,453,648 9,990,219 22,234,122 23,411,327 - (2,984,327) (3,087,114) 	10,050,971 631,027,656 611,777,861	- 385,940,137 371,551,178 - 17,116,829 16,250,205 - (2,803,550) (1,861,246)	- 400,253,416 385,940,137	\$10,050,971 \$ 230,774,240 \$ 225,837,724
Cons Vehicles in p	\$12,343,365 \$ 1,808,363 9,9 (1,170,229)	12,981,499 10,0	6,175,484 1,106,530 (1,116,704)	6,165,310	\$ 6,816,189 \$10,0
macrimery and equipment	\$29,485,914 4,021,944 (1,814,098) –	31,693,760	13,135,209 2,996,954 (1,686,846)	14,445,317	\$17,248,443
Engineered structures	\$535,354,776 5,720,546 - 38,149	541,113,471	361,600,653 12,479,351 -	374,080,004	\$167,033,467
Buildings	\$16,486,699 4,047 -	16,490,746	3,459,863 343,594 -	3,803,457	\$12,687,289
Land improvements	\$ 4,073,835 370,069 -	4,443,904	1,568,928 190,400 -	1,759,328	\$ 2,684,576
Land	\$13,934,371 318,934 -	14,253,305	111	I	\$14,253,305
	Costs: Balance, beginning of year Acquisitions Disposals Transfers	Balance, end of year	Accumulated amortization: Balance, beginning of year Annual amortization Disposals	Balance, end of year	Net book value

98,901 \$ 225,837,724 ω \$ 6,167,881 \$16,350,705 \$13,026,836 \$173,754,123 \$ 2,504,907 \$13,934,371 2018 net book value

During the year, tangible capital assets were acquired at an aggregate cost of \$22,234,122 (2018 - \$23,411,327), less contributed assets of \$87,568 (2018 - \$643,219). Of the \$22,146,554 acquired (2018 - \$18,138,125) was paid in cash during the year.

During the year, assets having a net book value of \$180,777 were sold for proceeds of \$945,224, resulting in a gain on disposal of capital assets of \$764,447.

The net change in accounts payable as stated on the statement of cash flows has been adjusted for the amount remaining in accounts payable related to tangible capital assets.





WHEATLAND COUNTY Schedule of Segmented Disclosure

Year ended December 31, 2019

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	General government	Protective services	Transportation services	Environmental services	Public health services	Planning and development	Recreation and culture	Total
Revenue Net property taxes User fees and sales of goods Investment income Licenses and permits Government transfers for operating Other Penalties and costs of taxes Development levies Rentals	\$31,064,350 474,426 1,547,467 461,921 261,683 (65,248) 295,959 62,064 34,102,622	\$ 228,347 6,290 753 63,679 63,679 	\$ 142,979 	\$ (349,762) 971,005 - 322,607 124,647 - 3,075 - 3,075	ی بی 1951 - ۱۰۱۱ - ۱۰۵۶ - بی	\$ 112,202 324,836 324,836 118,928 555,966	\$ 8,806 369,553 378,359 378,359	\$30,714,588 1,942,960 1,942,960 1,547,467 793,047 585,043 492,944 295,959 118,928 65,139 36,556,075
Expenses: Salaries, wages and benefits Contracted and general services Materials, goods, supplies and utilities Bank charges and short-term interest Interest on long term debt Transfers to organization and others Provision for allowances Amortization of tangible capital assets Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	2,454,264 1,854,856 216,377 16,847 16,847 - 961,038 14,448 466,641 (97,666) 5,886,805	1,037,806 719,417 125,166 286,154 65,816 65,816	3,010,110 2,239,795 4,982,991 - 15,692,723 (666,781) 25,258,838	1,592,775 1,951,757 374,404 15,671 988,535 (2,880) 846,629 -	7,110 8,592 8,592 226,902 971 243,575	867,026 567,570 464 - - 22,314 1,457,374	190,950 78,624 8,240 8,240 - 608,418 21,735 - 21,735 -	9,152,931 7,419,129 5,716,234 16,847 15,671 3,081,047 11,568 17,116,829 (764,447) 41,765,809
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses before other items	28,215,817	(1,935,290)	(25,115,546)	(4,705,319)	(238,380)	(901,408)	(529,608)	(5,209,734)
Other Government transfers for capital Contributed assets	547,178 - 547,178		6,521,866 - 6,521,866					
Excess (deficiency) of expenses over revenue	\$28,762,995	\$ (1,935,290) \$	(18,593,680)	\$ (3,186,631)	\$ (238,380)	\$ (901,408)	\$ (442,040)	\$ 3,465,566



