COUNTY OF WARNER NO. 5

Consolidated Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To: The Reeve and Members of Council of the County of Warner No. 5

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of the County of Warner No. 5 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022, and the consolidated statements of operations, change in net financial assets and cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the County of Warner No. 5 as at December 31, 2022, the results of its operations, change in its 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 of Warner No. 5 in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of 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 County of Warner No. 5'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 County of Warner No. 5 or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the County of Warner No. 5's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 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 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:

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT, continued

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County of Warner No. 5'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 of Warner No. 5'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 County of Warner No. 5 is in compliance with the Debt Limit Regulation. A detailed account of the County's debt limit can be found in note 18.
- Supplementary Accounting Principles and Standards Regulation: In accordance with Alberta Regulation 313/2000, we confirm that the County of Warner No. 5 is in compliance with the Supplementary Accounting Principles and Standards Regulation and note the information required can be found in note 19.

Lethbridge, Alberta

Avail LdP

Chartered Professional Accountants

April 18, 2023

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the County of Warner No. 5.

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared from information provided by management. Financial statements are not precise since they include certain amounts based on estimates and judgments. Management has determined such amounts on a reasonable basis in order to ensure that the consolidated financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects.

The County of Warner No. 5 maintains systems of internal accounting and administrative controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information is relevant, reliable and accurate and that the County of Warner No. 5's assets are properly accounted for and adequately safeguarded.

The elected Council of the County of Warner No. 5 is responsible for ensuring that management fulfils its responsibilities for financial statements. Council carries out its responsibility principally through Council as a whole.

The Council meets annually with management and the external auditors to discuss internal controls over the financial reporting process, auditing matters and financial reporting issues, and to satisfy itself that each party is properly discharging its responsibilities. Council also considers the engagement or reappointment of the external auditors. Council reviews the monthly financial reports.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by Avail LLP Chartered Professional Accountants, the external auditors, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards on behalf of the Council, residents and ratepayers of the County of Warner No. 5. Avail LLP has full and free access to Council.

Chief Administrative Officer

COUNTY OF WARNER NO. 5 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at December 31, 2022

		2022		2021
Financial assets Cash (note 2)	\$	6,792,042	\$	7,455,199
Taxes and grants in place of taxes receivable (note 3) Trade and other receivables (note 4) Land held for resale	Ŷ	1,181,049 1,068,081 17,783	Ŷ	1,020,172 1,148,672 17,783
		9,058,955		9,641,826
Liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		363,791		782,301
Employee benefit obligations (note 5)		418,014		411,199
Deposits		34,400		34,400
Provision for gravel pit reclamation (note 6)		1,568,500		1,808,815
Deferred revenue		21,450		-
Long-term debt (note 7)		500,000		650,000
		2,906,155		3,686,715
Net financial assets		6,152,800		5,955,111
Non-financial assets				
Prepaid expenses		159,551		165,079
Inventory for consumption (note 8)		3,277,041		3,563,274
Tangible capital assets (schedule 2)		33,492,035		34,752,408
		36,928,627		38,480,761
Accumulated surplus (note 9 and schedule 1)	\$	43,081,427	\$	44,435,872

Commitments and contingencies (note 16)

Approved on behalf of/Council; Councillor

COUNTY OF WARNER NO. 5 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS For the year ended December 31, 2022

		Budget (Unaudited)		2022		2021
Revenue						
Net municipal taxes (note 12)	\$	7,614,035	\$	7,695,574	\$	7,213,407
User fees and sales of goods	Ψ	744,400	Ψ	1,177,805	Ψ	734,202
Government transfers for operating (note 13)		455,896		414,849		1,030,190
Investment income		90,000		137,097		63,186
Penalties and costs of taxes		86,500		160,066		126,691
Licenses and permits		9,500		11,235		15,002
Fines		10,000		8,492		7,797
Rental		69,350		72,303		68,055
Other		18,000		9,652		25,478
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets		5,000		86,925		60,015
		9,102,681		9,773,998		9,344,023
Expenses (note 14)						
Legislative		319,000		294,699		263,093
Administration		1,234,214		1,461,695		1,451,555
Protective services		716,221		692,562		663,163
Roads, streets, walks and lighting		6,110,458		7,492,265		7,129,582
Water supply and distribution		171,095		189,127		217,969
Waste management		191,153		195,185		202,948
Family and community support services		30,945		30,944		30,037
Land use planning, zoning and development		34,792		34,666		34,448
Economic and agricultural development		1,774,278		1,348,146		1,474,621
Recreation and parks		330,778		436,739		412,356
Culture		42,415		42,415		41,562
		10,955,349		12,218,443		11,921,334
Deficiency of revenue over expenses before other		(1,852,668)		(2,444,445)		(2,577,311)
Other						
Government transfers for capital (note 13)		1,833,068		1,090,000		2,427,133
Deficiency of revenue over expenses		(19,600)		(1,354,445)		(150,178)
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year		44,435,872		44,435,872		44,586,050
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$	44,416,272	\$	43,081,427	\$	44,435,872

COUNTY OF WARNER NO. 5 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS For the year ended December 31, 2022

	Budget (Unaudited)	2022	2021
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	\$ (19,600)	\$ (1,354,445) \$	(150,178)
Acquisition of tangible capital assets Amortization of tangible capital assets (Gain) loss on disposal of tangible capital assets Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	(2,086,493) 2,086,493 - -	(1,217,552) 2,471,791 (80,855) 86,990	(2,355,309) 2,465,403 80,672 627,550
	-	1,260,374	818,316
Net change in inventory for consumption Net change in prepaid expense	-	286,232 5,528	173,508 71,297
	-	291,760	244,805
Increase (decrease) in net financial assets Net financial assets, beginning of year	(19,600) 5,955,111	197,689 5,955,111	912,943 5,042,168
Net financial assets, end of year	\$ 5,935,511	\$ 6,152,800 \$	5,955,111

COUNTY OF WARNER NO. 5 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

For the year ended December 31, 2022

	 2022	2021
Operating transactions		
Deficiency of revenue over expenses Adjustments for items which do not affect cash	\$ (1,354,445) \$	(150,178)
(Gain) loss on disposal of tangible capital assets Amortization of tangible capital assets	(80,855) 2,471,791	80,672 2,465,403
Net change in non-cash working capital items	1,036,491	2,395,897
Taxes and grants in place of taxes receivable Trade and other receivables Land held for resale	(160,877) 80,591	(276,108) (772,163) 2,624
Inventory for consumption Prepaid expenses Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	286,232 5,528 (418,510)	173,507 71,297 162,363
Employee benefit obligations Deposits	6,815	9,348 32,546
Deferred revenue Provision for gravel pit reclamation	 21,450 (240,315)	(481,832) 60,000
Cash provided by operating transactions	 617,405	1,377,479
Capital transactions Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets Acquisition of tangible capital assets	86,990 (1,217,552)	627,550 (2,355,309)
Cash applied to capital transactions	(1,130,562)	(1,727,759)
Financing transactions Repayment of long-term debt	(150,000)	(300,000)
Decrease in cash and temporary investments	(663,157)	(650,280)
Cash, beginning of year	7,455,199	8,105,479
Cash, end of year	\$ 6,792,042 \$	7,455,199

1. Significant accounting policies

The consolidated financial statements of the County of Warner No. 5 are the representations of management prepared in accordance with public sector accounting standards for local government established by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the County of Warner No. 5 are as follows:

(a) Reporting entity

The consolidated 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 of the organizations that are owned or controlled by the County of Warner No. 5 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 statements exclude trust assets that are administered for the benefit of external parties. Interdepartmental and organizational transactions and balances are eliminated.

(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 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, in the completion of 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) 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 expense during the period. Where measurement uncertainty exists, the financial statements have been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(d) Investments

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.

1. Significant accounting policies, continued

(e) 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.

(f) 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 under-levy 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.

(g) Inventories 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. Related development costs incurred to provide infrastructure such as water and waste water services, roads, sidewalks, and street lighting are recorded as physical assets under their respective function.

(h) 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.

- Provision for gravel pit reclamation The County of Warner No. 5 is required to fund the stripping and reclamation of various gravel pits. Reclamation activities include the final covering and landscaping.
- (j) 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 an environmental standard. The liability is recorded net of any expected recoveries. A liability for remediation of a contaminated site is recognized when a site is not in productive use and is management's estimate of the cost of post-remediation including operation, maintenance and monitoring.

1. Significant accounting policies, continued

(k) 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 revenues over expenses, provides the consolidated Change in Net Financial Assets for the year.

(i) Tangible capital assets

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

	Years
Land improvements	10-45 straight line
Buildings	25-50 straight line
Engineered structures	5-75 straight line
Machinery and equipment	5-25 declining balance
Vehicles	10-40 declining balance

Amortization is charged in the month following the month 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 benefits and risks incidental to ownership of property are accounted for as capital leases. All other leases are accounted for as operating leases and the related lease payments are charged to expenses as incurred.

(iv) Inventories

Inventories held for consumption are recorded at the lower of cost and net realizable value with cost determined by the average cost method.

 (v) Cultural and historical tangible capital assets Works of art for display are not recorded as tangible capital assets but are disclosed.

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2. Cash

Under its credit facility with the Bank of Montreal, the County holds a line of credit to a maximum of \$500,000 and bears interest at the bank's prime lending rate. At December 31, 2022 the line of credit was undrawn.

Under its credit facility with ATB Financial, the County holds a line of credit to a maximum of \$5,000,000 and bears interest at the bank's prime lending rate plus 1%. At December 31, 2022 the line of credit was undrawn.

3. Taxes and grants in place of taxes receivables

	 2022	2021
Current taxes and grants in place of taxes receivable Arrears	\$ 400,022 781,027	\$ 464,850 555,322
	\$ 1,181,049	\$ 1,020,172

Trade and other receivables 4.

	2022	 2021
Provincial government receivables Trade receivables Goods and Services Tax (GST) Local government receivables	\$ 968,181 60,760 32,002 7,138	\$ 973,757 52,882 118,257 3,776
	\$ 1,068,081	\$ 1,148,672

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5. Employee benefit obligations

	2022	2021
Vacation and overtime Post-employment benefits	\$ 272,314 145,700	\$ 256,199 155,000
	\$ 418,014	\$ 411,199

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 are vested) or are entitled to these benefits within the next budgetary year.

Post-employment benefits

Effective in 2006 the County provides a service recognition benefit for its employees. Retiring employees with over 10 years of service to the County are eligible for the allowance at a rate of \$200 per year for the first 10 years of employment and \$500 per year for each year of service over 10 years up to 40 years. These benefits are prorated for permanent part time staff.

Employees terminating their employment with over 10 years of service to the County are eligible for the allowance at a rate of \$50 per year for the first 10 years of employment and \$100 per year for each year of service over 10 years up to 40 years. These benefits are prorated for permanent part time staff. The benefit is paid out when the individual ceases to be an employee of the County.

The benefit payments on behalf of employees during the current year was \$22,650 (2021 -\$8,050).

The post-employment benefit expense includes current period benefit costs of \$14,650 (2021 -\$14,050).

6. Provision for gravel pit reclamation

The estimated total liability related to reclamation work on various gravel pits including final coverage and landscaping is \$1,568,500 (2021 - \$1,808,815).

The County of Warner No. 5 has not designated assets for settling reclamation liabilities.

7. Long-term debt

	 2022	2021
Bank of Montreal	\$ 500,000	\$ 650,000

Principal and interest repayments based on a 5 year amortization period are due as follows:

	 Principal	Interest	Total
2023 2024	\$ 150,000 350,000	\$	\$ 167,945 361,375
	\$ 500,000	\$ 29,320	\$ 529,320

Long term debt is due on demand and bears interest at rates between 2.19% and 3.25%. The County has been authorized to a maximum of \$2,000,000 for capital requirements and as at December 31, 2022 \$500,000 (2021 - \$650,000) was outstanding.

Interest on long term debt amounted to \$17,945 (2021 - \$26,829).

The County's total cash payments for interest in 2022 were \$17,945 (2020 - \$26,829).

8. Inventory for consumption

	2022	2021
Gravel	\$ 2,640,728	\$ 2,898,044
Parts and other	391,399	332,926
Fuel and oil	128,320	96,844
Chemicals and grass seed	70,637	206,798
Blades and culverts	45,957	 28,662
	\$ 3,277,041	\$ 3,563,274

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9. Accumulated surplus

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

	2022	2021
Unrestricted surplus Internally restricted surplus (reserves) (note 11) Equity in tangible capital assets (note 10)	\$ 1,884,963 8,204,429 32,992,035	\$ 1,866,911 8,466,553 34,102,408
	\$ 43,081,427	\$

10. Equity in tangible capital assets

	2022	2021
Tangible capital assets (schedule 2) Accumulated amortization (schedule 2) Long-term debt (note 7)	(49,833,994) (47,8	644,959 892,551) 650,000)
	(300,000) (1	030,0007
	\$ 32,992,035 \$ 34,	102,408

11. Reserves

Reserves for operating and capital activities changed as follows:

	2022		2021	
Operating				
Mill rate stabilization \$	3,731,827	\$	3,993,969	
Stirling drain	486,950	Ψ	486,950	
General recreation	117,357		117,357	
South Warner drain	50,607		50,607	
Further Education - basic	45,952		45,934	
	4,432,693		4,694,817	
Capital				
Fire department - trucks	2,085,971		2,085,971	
Public works - light trucks	696,900		696,900	
A.S.B light trucks	366,427		366,427	
General administration - office equipment/computer	250,369		250,369	
Fire department - building	150,000		150,000	
Public works - building	83,831		83,831	
Bylaw - trucks	84,945		84,945	
General administration - building	46,581		46,581	
Parks - land Improvement	6,712		6,712	
	3,771,736		3,771,736	
\$	8,204,429	\$	8,466,553	

12. Net municipal property taxes

	Budget (Unaudited)	2021		
Taxation				
Real property taxes	\$ 9,882,689	\$ 6,490,291	\$ 6,142,729	
Linear property taxes	-	3,339,016	3,266,663	
Government grants in place of property taxes	-	11,333	13,091	
Special assessments and local improvements		-	768	
	9,882,689	9,840,640	9,423,251	
Requisitions				
Alberta School Foundation Fund	2,007,865	1,884,277	1,926,501	
Seniors' Foundation	223,537	223,537	250,030	
School Boards	 37,252	 37,252	 33,313	
	2,268,654	2,145,066	 <u>2,</u> 209,844	
	\$ 7,614,035	\$ 7,695,574	\$ 7,213,407	

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13. **Government transfers**

	Budget (Unaudited)	2021		
Transfers for operating:Provincial government\$Local governmentFederal government	413,496 30,000 12,400	\$ 378,134 28,315 8,400	\$ 990,448 27,142 12,600	
	455,896	414,849	1 <u>,</u> 030,190	
Transfers for capital: Provincial government	1,333,068	1,090,000	1,745,104	
Federal government	500,000	 -	 682,029	
·	1,833,068	 1,090,000	2,427,133	
\$	2,288,964	\$ 1,504,849	\$ 3,457,323	

Expenses by object 14.

	 Budget (Unaudited)	 2022	 2021
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 organizations and others Amortization of tangible capital assets Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets Other	\$ 4,364,587 1,442,891 2,138,070 2,950 19,000 740,108 2,086,493 - 161,250	\$ 4,134,338 1,655,253 3,027,583 3,537 17,945 744,822 2,471,791 6,070 157,104	\$ 4,066,644 1,060,691 3,377,387 3,934 26,829 681,505 2,465,403 140,687 98,254
	\$ 10,955,349	\$ 12,218,443	\$ 11,921,334

15. Budget amounts

The 2022 budget for the County of Warner No. 5 was approved by Council on April 5, 2022 and has been reported in the consolidated financial statements for information purposes only. These budget amounts have not been audited, reviewed, or otherwise verified.

The approved budget contained reserve transfers as revenues and expenditures. Since these items are not included in the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements, they have been excluded from the budget amounts presented in these financial statements.

Budgeted	deficit per financial statements	\$ (19,600)
Less:	Capital expenditures	(2,086,493)
Add:	Transfers to reserves Amortization	(2,500) 2,086,493
	Transfers from reserves	 22,100
Equals:	Balanced budget	\$

16. Commitments and contingencies

The County of Warner No. 5 is a member of GENESIS which provides liability insurance. The investment in this program is not reflected as an asset in the accompanying financial statements. Under the terms of membership, the County of Warner No. 5 could become liable for its proportionate share of any claim losses in excess of the funds held by the exchange. Any liability incurred would be accounted for as a current transaction in the year the losses are determined.

With the changes to the collective agreement with the National Police Federation, the County could have a potential liability for the retroactive pay increases identified in the agreement. It is unknown if costs will be downloaded to the County and the specific amounts associated with the retroactive pay rates are not yet finalized. As a result, no amounts have been accrued in the financial statements as at December 31, 2022.

17. Segmented disclosure

The County of Warner No. 5 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).

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18. **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 of Warner No. 5 be disclosed as follows:

	2022	2021
Total debt limit Total debt	\$ 14,660,996 500,000	\$ 14,016,033 650,000
	\$ 14,160,996	\$ 13,366,033
Debt servicing limit Debt servicing	\$ 2,443,499 167,945	\$ 2,336,006 170,045
	\$ 2,275,554	\$ 2,165,961

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.

19. 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:

	(1)	(2) Benefits &		
	Salary	allowances	2022	2021
Councillors				
Reeve - Division 4	\$ 44,397 \$	6,587 \$	50,984 \$	41,593
Division 1	35,069	6,723	41,792	36,310
Division 2	27,880	2,508	30,388	32,125
Division 3	23,574	4,683	28,257	30,031
Division 5	27,686	5,924	33,610	32,487
Division 6	35,050	4,683	39,733	35,436
Division 7	35,042	4,689	39,731	36,478
Chief Administrative Officer Designated Officers	\$ 173,892 163,660 \$	38,348 36,580 \$	212,240 200,240 \$	208,616 226,595

(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, health 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.

20. Local authorities pension plan

Employees of the County of Warner No. 5 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 about 281,764 people and 435 employers. The LAPP is financed by the employer and employee contributions and by investment earnings of the LAPP Fund.

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

The County of Warner No. 5 is required to make current service contributions to the LAPP of 8.45% of pensionable earnings up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings under the Canada Pension Plan and 12.80% on pensionable earnings above this amount. Employees of the County of Warner No. 5 are required to make current service contributions of 7.45% of pensionable salary up to the year's maximum pensionable salary and 11.80% on pensionable salary above this amount.

Total current service contributions by the County of Warner No. 5 to the LAPP in 2022 were \$258,275 (2021 - \$279,294). Total current service contributions by the employees of the County of Warner No. 5 to the LAPP in 2022 were \$230,828 (2021 - \$254,418).

At December 31, 2021, the LAPP disclosed an actuarial surplus of \$11.9 billion.

21. Contaminated sites liability

The County has adopted PS3260 liability for contaminated sites. The County did not identify any financial liabilities in 2022 (2021 - nil) as a result of this standard.

22. Financial instruments

The County of Warner No. 5's financial instruments consist of cash, investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and deposits. It is management's opinion that the County of Warner No. 5 is not exposed to significant interest or risk arising from these financial instruments.

The County of Warner No. 5 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 of Warner No. 5 provides services may experience financial difficulty and be unable to fulfil 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.

23. Approval of financial statements

These financial statements were approved by Council and Management.

Schedule of changes in accumulated surplus Schedule 1

	U	nrestricted	Restricted		uity in tangible apital assets	2022	2021
Balance, beginning of year Deficiency of revenue over	\$	1,866,911	\$ 8,466,553	\$	34,102,408 \$	44,435,872 \$	44,586,050
expenses		(1,354,445)	-		-	(1,354,445)	(150,178)
Unrestricted funds							
designated for future use		(18)	18		-	-	-
Restricted funds used for operations		262,142	(262,142)		-	-	-
Current year funds used for		202,142	(202,142)				
tangible capital assets		(1,217,552)	-		1,217,552	-	-
Disposal of tangible capital							
assets		6,134	-		(6,134)	-	-
Amortization of tangible		0 474 704			(0.474.704)		
capital assets		2,471,791	-		(2,471,791)	-	-
Long-term debt repaid		(150,000)	 -		150,000	-	
Change in accumulated surplus		18,052	(262,124)		(1,110,373)	(1,354,445)	(150,178)
Balance, end of year	\$	1,884,963	\$ 8,204,429	\$	32,992,035 \$	43,081,427 \$	44,435,872

Schedule of tangible capital	assets								Schedule 2
	Land	Land improvements	Buildings	Engineered structures	Machinery and equipment	(Vehicles	Construction in progress	2022	2021
Cost: Balance, beginning of year\$ Acquisitions Transfers Disposals	3,740,312 - - -	\$ 1,212,840 \$ 417,457 274,098	4,670,809 \$ - 27,973	56,699,349 129,935 - -	\$ 10,872,500 \$ 670,160 - (148,544)	5,147,078 \$ - - (387,937)	302,071 \$ (302,071)	82,644,958 \$ 1,217,552 - (536,481)	81,873,547 2,355,309 - (1,583,897)
Balance, end of year	3,740,312	1,904,395	4,698,782	56,829,284	11,394,116	4,759,141	_	83,326,029	82,644,959
Accumulated amortization: Balance, beginning of year Annual amortization Disposals	-	730,719 64,498 -	1,401,795 83,324 	35,377,709 1,488,591 -	6,287,482 614,207 (142,409)	4,094,847 221,169 (387,937)	-	47,892,551 2,471,789 (530,346)	46,302,823 2,465,404 <u>(875,676</u>)
Balance, end of year	-	795,217	1,485,119	36,866,300	6,759,280	3,928,079		49,833,994	47,892,551
Net book value \$	3,740,312	\$ 1,109,178 \$	3,213,663 \$	19,962,984	\$ 4,634,836 \$	831,062 \$	- \$	33,492,035 \$	34,752,408
2021 net book value \$	3,740,312	\$ 482,121 \$	3,269,014 \$	21,321,640	\$ 4,585,018 \$	1,052,231 \$	302,071 \$	34,752,408	

Schedule of segmented disclosure													Schedule 3
	General		Protective	Transportation	Er	vironmental	P	ublic health	Ρ	lanning and	Re	creation and	
	government		services	services		services		services	development		culture		Total
Revenue													
Net municipal taxes	\$ 7,695,574	\$	_	\$ -	\$		\$		\$		\$	-	\$ 7,695,574
User fees and sales of goods	23,830	φ	7,438	800,392	Ψ	77,148	φ		Ψ	268,997	φ		1,177,805
Government transfers for operating	156,102		14,000	000,032		77,140				244,747			414,849
Investment income	137,097		14,000			-		-		244,747		-	137,097
Penalties and costs of taxes	160,066		-	-				-		-		-	160,066
Licenses and permits	5,557		-	-		-		-		-		- 5.678	11,235
	5,557		-	86,925		-		-		-		5,676	
Gain on disposal of capital assets Rental	- 3.135		-	60,925		-		-		- 11,930		- 57,238	86,925 72,303
Other	- /		-	-		- 15		-		11,930		57,238	
Fines	9,637		-	-		15				-		-	9,652
Filles			8,492			-		-		-		-	8,492
	8,190,998		29,930	887,317		77,163		-		525,674		62,916	9,773,998
Expenses													
Salaries, wages and benefits	989,239		6,000	2,478,743		22,874		-		637,482		-	4,134,338
Contracted and general services	508,285		227,743	822,861		74,570		-		12,162		9,632	1,655,253
Materials, goods, supplies and utilities	55,742		207,826	2,047,423		36,639		-		557,186		122,767	3,027,583
Bank charges and short term interest	3,537		-	-		-		-		-		-	3,537
Interest on long term debt	17,945		-	-		-		-		-		-	17,945
Transfers to organizations and others	6,096		201,213	6,490		153,459		30,944		41,717		304,903	744,822
Amortization of tangible capital assets	18,445		49,780	2,130,678		96,770		-		134,266		41,852	2,471,791
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-		-	6,070		-		-		-		-	6,070
Other	157,104		-	-		-		-		-		-	157,104
	1,756,393		692,562	7,492,265		384,312		30,944		1,382,813		479,154	12,218,443
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses before other	6,434,605		(662,632)	(6,604,948)		(307,149)		(30,944)		(857,139)		(416,238)	(2,444,445)
Other Government transfers for capital			-	1,090,000				-				-	1,090,000
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ 6,434,605	\$	(662,632)	\$ (5,514,948)	\$	(307,149)	\$	(30,944)	\$	(857,139)	\$	(416,238)	\$ (1,354,445)