

Town of Slave Lake

Consolidated Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Town of Slave Lake

December 31, 2023

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Town of Slave Lake
2023 Financial Statements
MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management of the Town of Slave Lake is responsible for the preparation, accuracy, objectivity and integrity of the accompanying consolidated financial statements and all other information contained within this Financial Report. Management believes that the consolidated financial statements present fairly the Town's financial position as at December 31, 2023 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in compliance with legislation, and in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards (PSAS).

The consolidated financial statements include certain amounts based on estimates and judgments. Such amounts have been determined on a reasonable basis in order to ensure that the consolidated financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects.

In fulfilling its responsibilities and recognizing the limits inherent in all systems, management has designed and maintains a system of internal controls to produce reliable information and to meet reporting requirements on a timely basis. The system is designed to provide management with reasonable assurance that transactions are properly authorized and assets are properly accounted for and safeguarded.

These systems are monitored and evaluated by management and reliable financial information is available for preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

The Town Council carries out its responsibilities for review of the consolidated financial statements principally through its Audit Committee. This committee meets regularly with management and external auditors to discuss the results of audit examinations and financial reporting matters.

The external auditors have full access to the Audit Committee with and without the presence of management. The Town Council has approved the consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by Auditors Doyle & Company, Chartered Professional Accountants, independent external auditors appointed by the town. The accompanying Independent Auditor's Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the Town's consolidated financial statements.

Chief Administrative Officer
April 23, 2024
Town of Slave Lake, Canada

Director of Finance
April 23, 2024
Town of Slave Lake, Canada

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Council of the Town of Slave Lake

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of the **Town of Slave Lake**, which comprise:

- The consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023;
- The consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus for the year then ended;
- The consolidated statement of changes in net financial assets for the year then ended;
- The consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- Notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the **Town of Slave Lake** as at December 31, 2023, and its consolidated results of operations, its consolidated changes in its net financial assets and its consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Town in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. Other information comprises the information, other than the consolidated financial statements and auditor's report thereon, included in the "Annual Report."

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit and remain alert for indications that the other information appears to be materially misstated.

We obtained the information, other than the financial statements and the auditor's report therein, included in the "Annual Report," as at the date of this auditor's report.

If, based on the work we have performed on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in the auditor's report.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Town'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 management either intends to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT – continued

Auditor's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

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

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

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

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

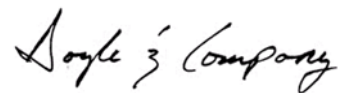
Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

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 Town's debt limit can be found in note 8.

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 18.



April 23, 2024
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Chartered Professional Accountants

Town of Slave Lake

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	8,582,443	9,912,329
Receivables		
Trade and other receivables (Note 3)	4,076,014	4,099,907
Taxes and grants in place of taxes (Note 3)	708,016	694,333
Investments (Note 4)	11,956,644	11,605,536
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS	25,323,117	26,312,105
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,480,383	2,578,782
Employee benefit obligations (Note 23)	372,081	306,348
Deposit liabilities (Note 5)	347,828	341,492
Deferred revenue (Note 6)	3,690,203	4,600,472
Long-term debt (Note 7)	21,084,746	23,389,479
Capital Lease Obligations (Note 24)	163,195	244,790
Asset Retirement Obligation (Note 9)	129,646	134,002
Contaminated site liability (Note 10)	134,671	174,492
TOTAL LIABILITIES	29,402,753	31,769,857
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (DEBT)	(4,079,636)	(5,457,752)
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible capital assets (Schedule 2)	174,831,143	172,871,777
Inventory for consumption	301,546	290,769
Prepaid expenses	25,000	169,346
TOTAL NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS	175,157,689	173,331,892
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Schedule 1, Note 15)	171,078,053	167,874,140

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Town of Slave Lake

Consolidated Statement of Income

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budget \$	2023 \$	2022 \$
REVENUES			
Net municipal taxes (Schedule 3)	9,676,058	9,874,503	9,688,283
User fees and sales of goods	5,834,017	6,773,630	5,653,496
Interest income	200,000	871,887	253,433
Government transfers for operating (Schedule 4)	2,008,496	2,221,606	2,499,760
Development levies	-	215,363	2,287
Licenses and permits	140,903	109,449	109,630
Fines	539,278	192,867	292,469
Franchise and concession contracts	1,440,598	1,360,680	1,459,464
Rental income	3,069,601	3,083,997	3,192,403
Other revenue (Note 22)	266,000	567,113	349,058
TOTAL REVENUE	23,174,951	25,271,095	23,500,283
EXPENSES			
General Government			
Council and Other Legislative	296,200	275,040	305,092
General Administration	2,780,024	2,553,895	2,627,331
Protective services			
Bylaw enforcement	476,303	431,193	401,813
Police	2,307,625	2,408,786	2,162,607
Fire	1,649,438	2,203,790	1,644,287
Transportation			
Roads, streets, walks and lighting	2,356,101	2,269,295	2,171,750
Environmental Use and Protection			
Water supply and distribution	1,270,045	1,391,763	1,340,218
Wastewater treatment and disposal	848,341	836,776	904,554
Waste management	699,965	684,590	659,313
Public Health and Welfare			
Family and community supports	259,935	361,286	236,459
Cemetery	27,180	19,772	18,582
Planning and development			
Land use planning, zoning and development	511,485	464,040	458,994
Commercial Properties	1,413,217	1,412,484	1,562,940
Recreation and culture			
Parks and recreation	2,936,925	2,945,775	2,644,492
Libraries, halls	669,498	700,287	562,849
Amortization expense	5,946,207	6,282,390	5,612,596

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Town of Slave Lake

Consolidated Statement of Income

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budget \$	2023 \$	2022 \$
TOTAL EXPENSES	24,448,489	25,241,162	23,313,877
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES - BEFORE OTHER	(1,273,538)	29,933	186,406
OTHER			
Government Transfers for Capital (Schedule 4)	2,978,350	2,700,233	4,015,306
Gains on disposal	-	25,679	324,168
Contributed assets	-	-	17,136,611
Donations for capital	-	448,068	-
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	1,704,812	3,203,913	21,662,491
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	167,874,140	146,211,649
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	1,704,812	171,078,053	167,874,140

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Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budget \$	2023 \$	2022 \$
EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	1,704,812	3,203,913	21,662,491
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(8,642,700)	(8,241,761)	(23,892,084)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	25,679	966,800
Amortization of tangible capital assets	5,946,207	6,282,393	5,612,596
(Gain) loss on sale of tangible capital assets	-	(25,679)	(324,168)
	(2,696,493)	(1,959,368)	(17,636,856)
Use (Acquisition) of inventories	-	(10,771)	(2,826)
Use (Acquisition) of prepaid assets	-	144,342	(169,337)
	-	133,571	(172,163)
DECREASE (INCREASE) IN NET DEBT	(991,681)	1,378,116	3,853,472
NET FINANCIAL DEBT, BEGINNING OF YEAR	(5,457,751)	(5,457,752)	(9,311,224)
NET FINANCIAL DEBT, END OF YEAR	(6,449,432)	(4,079,636)	(5,457,752)

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Town of Slave Lake

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Excess (shortfall) of revenues over expenses	3,203,915	21,662,492
Non-Cash items included in excess (shortfall) of revenues over expenditures:		
Amortization of tangible assets	6,282,390	5,612,596
Loss (gain) on disposal of tangible capital assets	(25,679)	(324,168)
Non-cash charges to operations (net change):		
Decrease (increase) in taxes and grants in lieu receivable	(13,683)	(34,759)
Decrease (increase) in trade and other receivables	23,893	739,935
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenditures	144,346	(169,346)
Decrease (increase) in deferred costs	-	115,263
Decrease (increase) in inventory for consumption	(10,771)	(2,826)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	967,331	762,315
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	(910,269)	(1,977,995)
Increase (decrease) in environmental liability and landfill	(44,177)	(42,422)
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	6,336	36,622
Cash provided by operating transactions	9,623,632	26,377,707
INVESTING		
Decrease (increase) in long-term investments	(351,108)	(982,764)
Cash provided by investing transactions	(351,108)	(982,764)
FINANCING		
Long-term debt repaid	(2,386,328)	(2,286,524)
Proceeds from other debt	-	(523,985)
Cash provided by (applied to) financing transactions	(2,386,328)	(2,810,509)
CAPITAL		
Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets	(8,241,761)	(23,892,084)
Sale of tangible capital assets	25,679	966,800
Cash provided by capital transactions	(8,216,082)	(22,925,284)
CHANGE IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS DURING THE YEAR	(1,329,886)	(340,850)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	9,912,329	10,253,179
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	8,582,443	9,912,329

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Schedule of Changes in Accumulated Surplus - Schedule 1

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Unrestricted Surplus \$	Restricted Surplus \$	Equity in Tangible Capital Assets \$	2023 \$	2022 \$
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	653,720	17,982,918	149,237,508	167,874,140	146,211,649
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	3,203,913	-	-	3,203,913	21,662,491
Unrestricted funds designated for future use	(3,542,900)	3,542,900	-	-	-
Restricted funds used for operations	85,464	(85,464)	-	-	-
Restricted funds used for tangible capital assets	-	(5,093,460)	5,093,460	-	-
Current year funds used for tangible capital assets	(3,148,301)	-	3,148,301	-	-
Annual amortization expense	6,282,393	-	(6,282,393)	-	-
Long-term debt repaid	(2,386,328)	-	2,386,328	-	-
Change in accumulated surplus	494,241	(1,636,024)	4,345,696	3,203,913	21,662,491
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	1,147,961	16,346,894	153,583,204	171,078,053	167,874,140

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Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets - Schedule 2

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Land	Land Improvements	Buildings	Construction in Progress	Engineered Structures	Equipment under Capital Lease	Machinery and Equipment	Vehicles	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
COST:										
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,669,024	14,537,629	58,732,563	28,142	183,471,064	543,971	7,400,889	3,634,395	271,017,677	248,054,873
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	1,311,891	1,390,564	340,816	2,903,933	-	1,192,911	1,101,646	8,241,761	23,892,084
Disposal of tangible capital assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(90,965)	(90,965)	(929,279)
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	2,669,024	15,849,520	60,123,127	368,958	186,374,997	543,971	8,593,800	4,645,076	279,168,473	271,017,678
ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION										
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	5,453,420	14,589,723	-	71,318,180	135,993	4,319,450	2,329,136	98,145,902	92,819,951
Annual amortization	-	556,019	1,197,124	-	3,678,144	38,855	520,610	291,641	6,282,393	5,612,597
Accumulated amortization on disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(90,965)	(90,965)	(286,647)
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	-	6,009,439	15,786,847	-	74,996,324	174,848	4,840,060	2,529,812	104,337,330	(98,145,901)
2023 NET BOOK VALUE OF TCA	2,669,024	9,840,081	44,336,280	368,958	111,378,673	369,123	3,753,740	2,115,264	174,831,143	172,871,777
2022 NET BOOK VALUE OF TCA	2,669,024	9,084,210	44,142,840	28,142	112,152,884	407,978	3,081,440	1,305,259	172,871,777	-

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Schedule of Property and Other Taxes Levied - Schedule 3

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budget	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$
TAXATION			
Real property taxes	9,188,017	9,275,970	9,043,175
Education Tax Collection	2,510,154	2,506,589	2,550,603
Seniors Foundation Collection	277,384	271,095	279,401
Linear property taxes	185,312	185,311	174,955
Government grants in place of property taxes	303,694	291,358	280,195
Penalties and costs	110,140	131,734	182,961
	12,574,701	12,662,057	12,511,290
REQUISITIONS			
Education - Alberta School Foundation Fund and Living Waters Catholic Region Division #42	2,510,154	2,510,170	2,549,710
Lesser Slave Lake Regional Housing Authority	277,384	277,384	273,297
Designated Industrial	965	-	-
	2,788,503	2,787,554	2,823,007
NET MUNICIPAL TAXES	9,786,198	9,874,503	9,688,283

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Town of Slave Lake

Schedule of Government Transfers - Schedule 4

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budget \$	2023 \$	2022 \$
TRANSFERS FOR OPERATING			
Provincial Government	590,881	779,599	1,084,775
Federal Government	254,256	354,767	273,208
Local Government	1,088,359	1,087,240	1,141,777
	1,933,496	2,221,606	2,499,760
TRANSFERS FOR CAPITAL			
Provincial Government	4,591,000	2,545,939	4,015,306
Federal Government	500,000	154,294	-
Local Government	54,045	-	-
	5,145,045	2,700,233	4,015,306
TOTAL GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	7,078,541	4,921,839	6,515,066

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Town of Slave Lake

Schedule of Consolidated Expenses by Object - Schedule 5

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budget	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$
CONSOLIDATED EXPENSES BY OBJECT			
Salaries, wages and benefits	7,412,825	7,380,004	6,369,112
Contracted and general services	6,501,346	6,843,744	6,458,025
Materials, goods and utilities	3,057,700	2,988,545	3,052,100
Transfers to individuals and organizations	610,567	609,974	489,084
Bank charges	13,000	28,238	25,947
Interest on bonds and debentures	956,843	987,835	1,088,115
Amortization of tangible capital assets	5,946,207	6,282,393	5,612,596
Other operating expenses	-	120,429	218,898
	24,498,488	25,241,162	23,313,877

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Town of Slave Lake

Schedule of Segmented Disclosure - Schedule 6

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	General Government	Protective Services	Transportation Services	Environmental Services	Public Health and Welfare	Planning & Development	Recreation & Culture	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
REVENUE									
Taxes net of requisitions	9,874,503	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,874,503	9,688,283
User fees and sales of goods	43,276	1,213,231	375	5,073,685	30,461	7,665	404,937	6,773,630	5,653,496
Interest income	871,887	-	-	-	-	-	-	871,887	253,433
Government transfers for operating	588,626	1,171,299	-	-	247,665	53,000	161,016	2,221,606	2,499,760
Government Transfers for Capital	-	-	2,143,980	556,253	-	-	-	2,700,233	4,015,306
Development levies	-	-	-	215,363	-	-	-	215,363	2,287
Rental income	41,803	-	-	-	-	2,782,723	259,471	3,083,997	3,192,403
Licenses and permits	80,668	735	-	-	-	28,046	-	109,449	109,630
Fines	-	192,867	-	-	-	-	-	192,867	292,469
Franchise and concession contracts	1,360,680	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,360,680	1,459,464
Gains on disposal of assets	-	-	25,679	-	-	-	-	25,679	324,168
Other revenue	76,331	147,740	-	-	16,739	-	774,371	1,015,181	17,485,669
	12,937,774	2,725,872	2,170,034	5,845,301	294,865	2,871,434	1,599,795	28,445,075	44,976,368
EXPENSES									
Salaries, wages and benefits	1,709,060	1,670,401	920,642	787,527	233,155	455,572	1,603,647	7,380,004	6,369,112
Contracted and general services	876,699	3,004,557	513,096	961,092	111,890	567,823	808,587	6,843,744	6,458,025
Materials, goods and utilities	94,506	355,642	720,807	889,248	22,568	229,851	675,923	2,988,545	3,052,100
Transfers to individuals and organizations	-	-	114,750	-	13,445	-	481,779	609,974	489,084
Bank charges	28,238	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,238	25,947
Interest on bonds and debentures	-	13,169	-	275,262	-	623,279	76,125	987,835	1,088,115
Other operating expenses	120,432	-	-	-	-	-	-	120,432	218,898
	2,828,935	5,043,769	2,269,295	2,913,129	381,058	1,876,525	3,646,061	18,958,772	17,701,281
NET REVENUE BEFORE AMORTIZATION	10,108,839	(2,317,897)	(99,261)	2,932,172	(86,193)	994,909	(2,046,266)	9,486,303	27,275,087
Less: Amortization	740,547	372,287	917,330	3,189,165	59,087	-	1,003,974	6,282,393	5,612,597
NET REVENUE	9,368,292	(2,690,184)	(1,016,591)	(256,993)	(145,280)	994,909	(3,050,240)	3,203,913	21,662,491

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Town of Slave Lake

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. Significant Accounting Policies

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

(a) Reporting Entity

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures, changes in fund balances and change in financial position of the reporting entity. This entity is comprised of the municipal operations plus all of the organizations that are owned or controlled by the town and are, therefore, accountable to the town Council for the administration of their financial affairs and resources. Included with the municipality are the following:

Town of Slave Lake Family and Community Support Services.

The schedule of taxes levied also includes requisitions for education, 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 consolidated 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 assets are acquired.

(c) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles 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 expenditure 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.

The Town has used estimates to determine accrued liabilities, tangible capital asset useful lives, contributed tangible capital assets, landfill closure and post-closure liabilities, as well as provisions made for allowances for amounts receivable or any provision for impairment.

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1. Significant Accounting Policies continued

(d) Investments

Investments in derivatives and equity instruments quoted in an active market are carried at fair value with transactions costs expensed upon initial recognition. Unrealized changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses. When the investment is disposed of the accumulated gains or losses are reclassified to the statement of operations.

Investments in interest bearing securities are recorded at amortized cost. Investment premiums and discounts are amortized on the net present value basis over the term of the respective investments. 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.

(e) Inventories

Inventories held for consumption are recorded at the lower of cost and replacement cost.

(f) 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.

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1. Significant Accounting Policies continued

(g) 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 Change in Net Financial Assets (Debt) 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 on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life as follows:

	Years
Land	
Land improvements	10 - 45
Buildings	25 - 50
Engineered structures	10 - 75
Machinery and equipment	5 - 40
Vehicles	10 - 25
Equipment under Capital Lease	14

Annual amortization is charged in the year of acquisition and not 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 operation leases and the related lease payments are charges to expenses as incurred.

iv) 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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1. Significant Accounting Policies continued

(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.

(i) Pension Expenditures

Contributions made by the Town to the defined contribution pension plan are recorded as expenditures in the year in which they are paid.

(i) 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.

(j) Asset Retirement

A liability for an asset retirement obligation is recognized at the best estimate of the amount required to retire a tangible capital asset at the financial statement date when there is a legal obligation for the town to incur retirement costs, the past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred, it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up, and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made. The best estimate of the liability includes all costs directly attributable to asset retirement activities, based on information available at year-end. The best estimate of an asset retirement obligation incorporates a present value technique, when the cash flows required to settle or otherwise extinguish an asset retirement obligation are expected to occur over extended future periods. When a liability for an asset retirement obligation is initially recognized, a corresponding asset retirement cost is capitalized to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset. The asset retirement cost is amortized over the useful life of the related asset. Asset retirement obligations which are incurred incrementally with use of the asset are recognized in the period incurred with a corresponding asset retirement cost expensed in the period. At each financial reporting date, the town reviews the carrying amount of the liability. The town recognizes period-to-period changes to the liability due to the passage of time as accretion expense. Changes to the liability arising from revisions to either the timing, the amount of the original estimate of undiscounted cash flows or the discount rate are recognized as an increase or decrease to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset. The town continues to recognize the liability until it is settled or otherwise extinguished. Disbursements made to settle the liability are deducted from the reported liability when they are made.

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1. Significant Accounting Policies continued

(k) Valuation of Financial Assets and Liabilities

The town's financial assets and liabilities are measured as follows:

<u>Financial statement component</u>	<u>Measurement</u>
Cash	Cost and amortized cost
Short-term investments	Amortized cost
Trade and other receivables	Lower of cost or net recoverable value
Investments	Fair value and amortized cost
Loans receivable and debt charges recoverable	Amortized cost
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	Cost
Deposit liabilities	Cost
Bank indebtedness and long-term debt	Amortized cost.

(l) Deferred Revenues

Deferred revenues represent government transfers, donations, and other amounts which have been collected, but for which the related services have yet to be performed or agreement stipulations have not been met. These amounts will be recognized as revenues when revenue recognition criteria have been met. Interest earned on deferred revenues, reserves, and offsite levies are calculated using an average investment earnings monthly.

(m) 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 the town is either directly responsible or accepts responsibility and is management's estimate of the cost of post-remediation including operation, maintenance, and monitoring.

(n) Future Accounting Standard Pronouncements

The following summarizes upcoming changes to Canadian public sector accounting standards. In 2024, the Town will continue to assess the impact and prepare for the adoption of these standards. While the timing of standard adoption may vary, certain standards must be adopted concurrently. The requirements in Financial Statement Presentation (PS1201), Financial Instruments (PS3450), Foreign Currency Translations (PS2601) and Portfolio Investments (PS3041) must be implemented at the same time.

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1. Significant Accounting Policies continued

(n) Future Accounting Standard Pronouncements continued

i) Financial Statement Presentation

PS1201, Financial Statement Presentation, requires a new statement of re-measurement gains and losses separate from the statement of operations. Included in this new statement are the unrealized gains and losses arising from the re-measurement of financial instruments and items denominated in foreign currencies, as well as the government's proportionate share of other comprehensive income that arises when a government includes the results of government business enterprises and partnerships. This standard is applicable for the fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2022.

ii) Foreign Currency Translation

PS2601, Foreign Currency Translation must be adopted in conjunction with PS3450. It requires that monetary assets and liabilities be denominated in a foreign currency and non-monetary items included in the fair value category that are denominated in a foreign currency, be adjusted to reflect the exchange rates in effect at the financial statement date. This standard is applicable for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2022.

iii) Portfolio Investments

PS3041, Portfolio Investments has removed the distinction between temporary and portfolio investments and was amended to conform to Financial Instruments, PS3450. Once PS3450 and PS3041 are adopted, Temporary Investments PS3030 will no longer apply. This standard is applicable for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2022.

iv) Financial Instruments

PS3450, Financial Instruments, establishes recognition, measurement, and disclosure requirements for derivative and nonderivative financial instruments. The standard requires fair value measurement of derivatives and equity instruments; all other financial instruments can be measured at cost, amortized cost, or fair value at the election of the government. There is the requirement to disclose the nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments and clarification is given for the de-recognition financial liabilities. This standard is applicable for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2022.

v) Asset Retirement Obligations

PS3280, Asset Retirement Obligations defines which activities would be included in a liability for retirement of a tangible capital asset, establishes when to recognize and how to measure a liability for asset retirement, and provides the related financial statement presentation and disclosure requirements. This new standard will effectively replace PS3270, Solid Waste Landfill Closure and Post-closure Liability. This standard is applicable for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2022.

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1. Significant Accounting Policies continued

(n) Future Accounting Standard Pronouncements continued

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viii) Revenue

PS3400, Revenue establishes standards on how to account for and report on revenue, specifically in regard to revenue arising from transactions with performance obligations (exchange transactions) and those without performance obligations (non-exchange transactions). This standard is applicable for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2023.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Cash	8,580,993	9,910,879
Cash on hand	1,450	1,450
	8,582,443	9,912,329

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3. Receivable - Taxes and Grants in Place of Taxes

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Property Taxes Receivable		
Current taxes and grants in place of taxes	439,613	586,815
Arrears	766,638	605,753
	1,206,251	1,192,568
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	(498,235)	(498,235)
	708,016	694,333
Other		
Trade accounts receivable	3,941,549	4,073,933
GST receivable	194,465	85,974
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(60,000)	(60,000)
	4,076,014	4,099,907
Total Receivable	4,784,030	4,794,240

4. Long Term Investments

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
RBC Dominion reserve account	11,956,644	11,605,536

The RBC Dominion reserve account consists of eight guaranteed investment certificates with different banks and three Provincial bonds. The investment certificates mature at different dates between 2023 and 2027 and earn interest between 0.5% and 4.6%.

5. Deposit Liabilities

In 2023 \$347,828 (2022 - \$341,942) is related to deposits on account for water utilities and planning and development.

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6. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue consists of the following:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Municipal Sustainability Initiative - Capital	563,373	912,486
Canada Community Building Fund	59,216	728,725
Firesmart Grant	984,577	1,300,604
Government Centre Rent	869,140	869,140
CCRF Grant	-	154,294
Homeless Shelter Grant	326,522	-
Federation of Canadian Municipalities Grant	344,770	344,770
Other	542,605	290,453
	3,690,203	4,600,472

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7. Long Term Debt

Long term debt consists of the following:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Tax supported debentures	4,270,821	4,426,325
Special levy and utility supported debentures	6,862,516	7,276,366
Government Centre - supported by provincial lease payments	10,114,604	11,686,788
Total debt	21,247,941	23,389,479
Less:		
Current portion of long term debt	(2,409,105)	(2,304,733)
Long term portion of debt	18,757,240	21,084,746

Interest paid on long term debt amounted to \$987,835 (2022 - \$1,088,115). Principal and interest repayments are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total \$
2024	2,490,701	877,528	3,368,229
2025	2,599,895	768,337	3,368,232
2026	2,402,942	656,307	3,059,249
2027	2,513,562	545,688	3,059,250
2028	2,629,321	429,929	3,059,250
Thereafter	8,611,520	1,846,432	10,457,952
	21,247,941	5,124,221	26,372,162

Debenture debt is repayable to Alberta Capital Finance Authority and to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. The debt bears interest at rates ranging from 2.08% to 4.80% per annum and matures in 2042.

Debenture debt is issued on the credit and security of the Town at large.

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8. Debt Limit

Section 276(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* requires that debt and debt limits as defined by Alberta regulation 255/00 for the Town of Slave Lake be disclosed as follows:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Total Debt Limit	37,906,643	35,250,425
Long term debt	21,084,746	23,389,479
Capital Lease Obligations	163,195	244,790
Less debt related to the Government Centre	(10,114,604)	(11,686,788)
Total debt	11,133,337	11,947,481
Debt Limit Available	26,773,306	23,302,944
Debt Service Limit	6,317,774	5,875,071
Debt Service	3,286,633	3,286,634
Capital Lease Service	81,596	81,596
Less debt service related to the Government Centre	(2,114,055)	(2,114,055)
Debt Service for the purpose of this calculation	1,254,174	1,254,175
Debt Service Limit Available	5,063,600	4,620,896

The debt limit is calculated at 1.5 times the revenue of the Town (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.

On February 28, 2008 Ministerial Order L:015/08 was issued authorizing the Town to exceed the regulated limits and borrow up to \$29 million to complete the construction of the new government centre. The extension is based on a 20 year repayment schedule and the assumption that the provincial lease payments will cover the annual repayment costs. Accordingly, the debt related to the construction has subtracted from the debt limits calculated above.

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 Town. Rather, the consolidated financial statements must be interpreted as a whole.

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9. Asset Retirement Obligation

Landfill

Alberta environmental law requires closure and post-closure care of landfill sites, which includes final covering and landscaping, pumping of ground water and leachates from the site, and ongoing environmental monitoring, site inspections and maintenance.

The estimated total liability is based on the sum of discounted future cash flows for closure and post-closure activities for 40 years after closure using a discount rate of 6% and assuming annual inflation of 2%.

The accrued liability portion is based on the cumulative capacity used at year end compared to the estimated total landfill capacity. The total capacity of the site is estimated at 2.8 million cubic metres. The estimated remaining capacity of the landfill site is 2.725 (2022 – 2.793) million cubic metres. The existing landfill site is expected to reach capacity in approximately the year 2049.

The town has not designated assets for settling closure and post-closure liabilities.

The liability recorded at December 31, 2023 is \$129,646 and represents the estimated present value of closure and post-closure costs using a discount rate of 4%. The closure of the landfill site is expected to be completed in the next two years. Closure will involve covering the site with topsoil and vegetation, and installing groundwater monitoring wells. Post-closure care activities are expected to occur for 25 years and will involve surface and ground water monitoring, and landfill cover maintenance.

Asbestos Abatement

The town is legally required to perform abatement activities upon renovation or demolition of any buildings containing asbestos. Abatement activities include handling and disposing of the asbestos in a prescribed manner when it is disturbed. The town did not identify any assets that required a financial liability to be set up as a result of the asbestos abatement for 2023.

10. Contaminated site liability

Public Sector Accounting Standards require environmental liabilities relating to contaminated sites to be recorded by 2015 or earlier. The Town commenced implementation of these requirements in 2010, recognizing the liability for remediation of salt contamination located on Town property. An actual expense of \$39,820 has been recorded in 2023 that brings the remaining total liability to \$134,671 as at December 31, 2023. This liability has been calculated by an independent firm of environmental engineers engaged by the Town and represents the present value cost of remediation and monitoring over the next 10 years.

11. Contingencies

A statement of claim had been filed against others and the Town by the Sawridge First Nation in the amount of \$2,000,000. The Sawridge First Nation is seeking compensation for land use for roads and utility corridors. The Town and Sawridge First Nation are currently negotiating to reach a settlement, however, the amount and nature of the settlement is unable to be determined at this time.

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12. Local Authorities Pension Plan

Employees of the Town participate in the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP), which is one of the plans covered by the *Alberta Public Sector Pension Plans Act*. The LAPP is financed by 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 Town 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 12.23% on pensionable earnings above this amount. Employees of the Town are required to make current service contributions of 7.45% of pensionable salary up to the year's maximum pensionable salary, and 11.23% on pensionable salary above this amount.

Total current service contributions by the Town to the LAPP in 2023 were \$384,210 (2022 - \$369,985). Total current service contributions by the employees of the Town to the LAPP in 2023 were \$342,446 (2022 - \$325,781).

At December 31, 2022 the LAPP disclosed an actuarial surplus of approximately \$12.7 billion (2021 - \$11.9 billion).

For further information of the amount of LAPP deficiency/surplus information see: www.lapp.ca/page/annual-reports

13. Contractual Commitments

The Town contracts with the Government of Canada for the employment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to provide policing services. The related agreement may be terminated on March 31 in any year by either party by giving notice twenty four months prior to the date of the intended termination. Annual costs under the terms of the agreement are estimated to be approximately \$1,700,000 to \$2,500,000.

14. Equity in Tangible Capital Assets

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Tangible capital assets	279,168,473	271,017,678
Accumulated amortization	(104,337,330)	(98,145,901)
Long term debt	(21,084,746)	(23,389,479)
Capital lease obligations	(163,195)	(244,790)
Equity in Tangible Capital Assets	153,583,204	149,237,508

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15. Accumulated Surplus

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

	2022 Ending Balance \$	2023 Additons to reserve \$	2023 Reductions to reserve \$	2023 Ending Balance \$
Unrestricted surplus(deficit)	653,720	-	-	1,147,961
Reserves				
Interest Bearing				
Contingency School Lands	123,471	6,174	-	129,645
Capital Building Reserve	973,339	239,431	418,586	791,434
Reserve - Street Light	118,299	5,915	-	124,213
Reserve - Roads & Sidewalks (Note 16)	1,941,116	172,714	1,073,685	1,040,144
Reserve - Main Street Extension	226,453	11,323	-	237,775
Reserve - Water Off-Site Levy	1,025,017	51,251	-	1,076,268
Reserve - Water Future Capital (Note 17)	6,782,798	2,008,551	1,778,223	7,013,126
Sewer - Off-Sites Reserve	185,317	224,628	-	409,945
Garbage Disposal Reserve	1,200,565	60,029	-	1,260,594
Reserve - Cemetery Perpetual Care	83,433	6,734	-	90,168
Reserve - Caribou Collector	271,960	13,598	-	285,558
Reserve-2nd Avenue NW Road Contribution	208,750	10,438	-	219,188
Intersection Contributions	754,390	37,719	-	792,109
Disaster Recovery Reserve	200,479	10,024	-	210,503
Non-interest Bearing				
Photo Radar Reserve	375,929	28,693	240,987	163,635
Administration Reserve	179,219	-	-	179,219
Future Expenditure Reserve	1,355,968	-	290,000	1,065,969
Reserve - Emergency Road	60,000	-	-	60,000
Reserve - Fleet Vehicle & Equipment	674,490	325,679	747,607	252,562
Economic Development Reserve	228,295	-	85,464	142,831
Technology Reserve	262,814	-	64,713	198,101
Fire - Truck & Rescue Unit Reserve	567,344	160,000	445,327	282,017
Reserve - Arena Capital Equipment	183,470	170,000	31,581	321,890
	17,982,916	3,542,901	5,176,173	16,346,894
Equity in tangible capital assets	149,237,508	-	-	153,583,201
Balance, end of year	167,874,144	3,542,901	5,176,173	171,078,053

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16. Road Rehabilitation Reserve

In May 1996 Council passed a by-law restricting the use of Road Rehabilitation Program funds exclusively to road rehabilitation projects. The details of this account are as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	1,941,116	1,464,527
Revenue	100,000	604,950
Expenditures	(1,073,685)	(132,502)
Interest earned	72,713	4,141
Balance, end of year	1,040,144	1,941,116

17. Utility Capital Reserve

A utility capital reserve has been established for the exclusive purpose of future upgrades to the water plant and water and sewer lines.

The details of this reserve are as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	6,782,798	7,026,120
Revenue	1,679,747	1,693,132
Expenditures	(1,778,223)	(1,952,333)
Interest earned	328,804	15,879
Balance, end of year	7,013,126	6,782,798

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18. Salary and Benefits Disclosure

	# of Months	Salary (1) \$	Benefits and Allowances (2) \$	2023 Total \$	2022 Total \$
Mayor Warman	2	4,517	237	4,754	44,988
Mayor Ward	12	41,761	143	41,904	33,088
Councilor Ferguson	12	26,244	196	26,440	32,484
Councilor Gramlich	12	40,556	195	40,751	33,176
Councilor Achoba	1	1,369	-	1,369	-
Councilor Moullem	9	20,675	-	20,675	-
Councilor Brandle	9	19,975	143	20,118	33,612
Councilor Adams	12	31,289	195	31,484	32,130
Councilor Hughes	12	32,271	196	32,467	34,664
		218,657	1,305	219,962	244,142
CAO - Garry Roth	-	-	-	-	105,755
CAO - Jeff Simpson	12	184,943	16,068	201,011	113,553
CAO - David Kim	-	-	-	-	10,377
Designated officer (1 position)	12	79,274	636	79,910	-

1. Salary includes regular base pay, bonuses, overtime, lump sum payments, gross honoraria and any other direct cash remuneration.
2. 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.
3. Benefits and allowances figures also include the employer's share of the costs of additional taxable benefits including special leave with pay, financial and retirement planning services, concessionary loans, travel allowances, car allowances and club memberships.

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19. Financial Instruments

The Town's financial instruments consist of cash and temporary investments, accounts receivables, investments, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, deposit liabilities, requisition over-levy, and long term debt. It is management's opinion that the Town is not exposed to significant interest or currency risk arising from these financial instruments. Tax receivables and requisition over/under-levy are compulsory in nature, rather than contractual, however, the town manages risk exposure on these itmes similar to other recievables and payables.

The Town is subject to credit risk with respect to taxes and grants in place of taxes receivable and trade and other receivables. Credit risk arises from the possibility that taxpayers and entities to which the Town 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 fair value of these financial instruments approximates their carrying values.

20. Budgeted Figures

The 2023 budgeted figures that appear in the consolidated financial statements are the budgets approved by Council on February 7, 2023.

21. Approval of Consolidated Financial Statements

Council and Management have approved these consolidated financial statements.

22. Other Revenue

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Other	77,487	41,015
Contributions & Donations	149,229	24,188
Management Fees	203,812	204,306
Insurance proceeds	-	79,549
Evacuation Recovery	136,585	-
	567,113	349,058

23. Employee Benefit Obiligations

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.

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Vacation and overtime	372,081	306,348

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24. Capital Lease Obligations

4.45% RBC lease for SCBA equipment repayable at \$7,579.81 monthly including interest, due on October 1, 2025

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Total Capital Lease Obligations	202,201	293,158
Less: Deferred Finance Charges	(39,006)	(48,368)
	163,195	244,790
Less: Current portion of capital lease	(81,596)	(81,596)
	81,599	163,194

25. Segmented Disclosure

The Town of Slave Lake 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 6).

General government includes council and other legislative, and general administration. Protective services includes bylaw enforcement, police, and fire. Transportation includes roads, streets, walks and lighting. Planning and development includes land use planning, zoning and subdivision land and development, economic development and commercial properties. Public health and welfare includes family and community support. Recreation and culture includes parks and recreation and libraries. Environmental use and protection includes water supply and distribution, wastewater treatment and disposal, and waste management.