

North Red Deer Regional Wastewater  
Services Commission  
Financial Statements  
For the year ended December 31, 2022



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## Independent Auditor's Report

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To the Members of the Board of the  
North Red Deer Regional Wastewater Services Commission

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the North Red Deer Regional Wastewater Services Commission (the "Commission"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022, and the statement of operations, statement of changes in net debt, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Commission as at December 31, 2022 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with 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 Commission 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional 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

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## Independent Auditor's Report, continued

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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 Commission'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 Commission'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 Commission 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.

Chartered Professional Accountants,  
Red Deer, Alberta  
April 3, 2023

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North Red Deer Regional Wastewater Services Commission  
Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2022	2022	2021
Financial assets		
Cash	\$ 1,759,178	\$ 1,314,970
Accounts receivable	905,574	555,460
	2,664,752	1,870,430
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	423,873	297,039
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 2)	175,669	187,231
	599,542	484,270
Long-term Debt, Net of Current Portion (Note 2)	5,798,177	5,293,846
	6,397,719	5,778,116
Net debt	(3,732,967)	(3,907,686)
Non-financial assets		
Tangible capital assets (Note 4)	67,134,698	68,018,813
Prepaid expenses	57,670	55,270
	67,192,368	68,074,083
Accumulated surplus (Note 6)	\$63,459,401	\$ 64,166,397

North Red Deer Regional Wastewater Services Commission  
Statement of Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2022	Budget 2022	2022	2021
<b>Revenue</b>			
Wastewater sales to			
Commission members (Note 7)	\$ 4,144,662	\$ 3,844,008	\$ 3,660,104
Interest income	20,000	36,936	7,714
Other revenue	-	1,190	276,906
Service fees to Commission members (Note 7)	521,444	440,960	433,442
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>4,686,106</b>	<b>4,323,094</b>	<b>4,378,166</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Accounting and audit fees	9,180	9,040	7,950
Board travel & subsistence	2,500	2,627	126
General material and supplies	275,615	293,156	285,776
Insurance	64,000	66,764	58,204
Interest on long-term debt	188,157	198,729	175,958
Contract fees	25,000	62,122	42,771
Legal fees	5,000	338	86
Operator costs	381,815	380,256	372,798
Other expenses	12,240	15,256	11,703
Repairs and maintenance	75,000	81,585	105,003
Treatment charges	2,646,158	2,429,983	2,270,100
Utilities	337,050	333,404	324,097
Amortization of capital assets	1,156,830	1,156,830	1,154,008
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>5,178,545</b>	<b>5,030,090</b>	<b>4,808,580</b>
Excess of revenue over expenses	(492,439)	(706,996)	(430,414)
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	64,166,397	64,166,397	64,596,811
<b>Accumulated surplus, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 63,673,958</b>	<b>\$63,459,401</b>	<b>\$ 64,166,397</b>

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Statement of Change in Net Debt

For the year ended December 31, 2022	Budget 2022	2022	2021
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ (492,439)	\$ (706,996)	\$ (430,414)
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	(272,715)	(150,630)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	1,156,830	1,156,830	1,154,008
	<u>664,391</u>	<u>177,119</u>	<u>572,964</u>
Increase in prepaid expenses	-	(2,400)	(9,120)
Net change in net debt	664,391	174,719	563,844
Net debt, beginning of year	<u>(3,907,686)</u>	<u>(3,907,686)</u>	<u>(4,471,530)</u>
Net debt, end of year	<u>\$ (3,243,295)</u>	<u>\$ (3,732,967)</u>	<u>\$ (3,907,686)</u>

North Red Deer Regional Wastewater Services Commission  
Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31, 2022	2022	2021
Operating transactions		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ (706,996)	\$ (430,414)
Items not involving cash		
Amortization	1,156,830	1,154,008
Changes in non-cash operating balances		
Accounts receivable	(350,114)	(54,595)
Prepaid expenses	(2,400)	(9,120)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	126,834	(300,994)
	<u>224,154</u>	<u>358,885</u>
Capital transactions		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	<u>(272,715)</u>	<u>(150,630)</u>
	<u>(272,715)</u>	<u>(150,630)</u>
Financing transactions		
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	492,769	1,000,000
Repayment of long-term debt	-	(182,485)
	<u>492,769</u>	<u>817,515</u>
Net change in cash and bank indebtedness	444,208	1,025,770
Cash, beginning of year	<u>1,314,970</u>	<u>289,200</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 1,759,178</u>	<u>\$ 1,314,970</u>



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## North Red Deer Regional Wastewater Services Commission Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Commission are the responsibility of management. They have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. The North Red Deer Regional Wastewater Services Commission (the "Commission") was established for the purposes of constructing, maintaining, controlling, and managing a regional Wastewater system. The Commission is made up of member municipalities and requisitions funds from its members. The members of the Commission are City of Lacombe, Lacombe County, Town of Blackfalds.

### Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Cost includes all costs directly attributable to acquisition or construction of the tangible capital asset including transportation costs, installation costs, design and engineering fees, legal fees and site preparation costs. Contributed tangible capital assets are recorded at fair value at the time of the donation, with a corresponding amount recorded as revenue. Amortization is recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated life of the tangible capital asset commencing once the asset is available for productive use as follows:

Engineered Structures - Wastewater System	45 to 75 years
Equipment	5 to 45 years

### Revenue Recognition

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting records revenue as it is earned and measurable. Funds received for specific purposes which are externally restricted by legislation, regulation or agreement and are not available for general purposes are accounted for as deferred revenue. The revenue is recognized in the statement of operations in the year in which it is used for the specified purpose.

### Liability for Contaminated Sites

A contaminated site is a site at which substances occur in concentrations that exceed the maximum acceptable amounts under an environmental standard. Sites that are currently in productive use are only considered a contaminated site if an unexpected event results in contamination. A liability for remediation of contaminated sites is recognized when the organization is directly responsible or accepts responsibility; it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up; and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made. The liability includes all costs directly attributable to the remediation activities including post remediation operations, maintenance and monitoring. The liability is recorded at net of any expected recoveries.

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Use of Estimates            The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

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1. Bank Overdraft

The Commission has an unused overdraft protection agreement with a maximum overdraft of \$2,000,000 (2021 - \$2,000,000) and interest charged at lender prime. Collateral is comprised of a general security agreement specifically pledging all grant proceeds and debenture products. As at year end December 31, 2022 the prime rate was 6.45% (2021 - 2.45%).

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2. Long-term Debt

Long-term debt reported on the statement of financial position is comprised of the following:

	2022	2021
3.304% debenture, repayable \$147,701, semi-annually, due March 15, 2043.	\$ 4,373,846	\$ 4,521,077
5.07% debenture, repayable \$52,179, semi-annually, due September 15, 2052.	\$ 1,600,000	\$ -
Debt repaid during the year.	\$ -	\$ 960,000
	5,973,846	5,481,077
Current portion	175,669	187,231
Long term portion	5,798,177	5,293,846

Principal and interest repayments are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$ 175,669	\$ 224,091	\$ 399,760
2024	181,945	217,815	399,760
2025	188,452	211,307	399,759
2026	195,199	204,561	399,760
2027	202,195	197,565	399,760
Thereafter	5,030,386	2,157,288	7,187,674
	\$ 5,973,846	\$ 3,212,627	\$ 9,186,473

Debenture debt is issued on the credit of the Commission at large. The Commission has agreed to levy upon the member municipalities, a cubic meter Wastewater service fee based on actual use sufficient to provide for annual funds to pay principal and interest due each year on debentures and annual operating costs.

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3. Debt Limits

Section 3 Alberta Regulation No. 76/2000 requires that debt and debt limits for the Commission to be disclosed. The debt limit and debt service limit otherwise determined are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Total debt limit	\$ 8,646,187	\$ 8,756,333
Total debt	<u>5,973,846</u>	<u>5,481,077</u>
Total debt limit	<u>2,672,341</u>	<u>3,275,256</u>
Debt servicing limit	1,513,083	1,532,358
Debt servicing	<u>399,760</u>	<u>362,186</u>
Total debt servicing limit	<u>1,113,323</u>	<u>1,170,172</u>

The debt limit is calculated at two times the revenue of the Commission (as defined in Alberta Regulation No. 76/2000) and the debt service limit is calculated at 0.35 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 Commissions that could be at financial risk if further debt is acquired. The calculation alone does not represent the financial stability of the Commission. Rather, the financial statements must be interpreted as a whole.

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4. Tangible Capital Assets

	2022			
	Engineered Structures	Land	Equipment	Total
Cost, beginning of year	\$ 68,832,895	\$ 3,157,505	\$ 7,518	\$ 71,997,918
Additions	272,715	-	-	272,715
Cost, end of year	\$ 69,105,610	\$ 3,157,505	\$ 7,518	\$ 72,270,633
Accumulated amortization, beginning of year	\$ 3,973,841	-	\$ 5,264	\$ 3,979,105
Amortization	1,155,326	-	1,504	1,156,830
Accumulated amortization, end of year	\$ 5,129,167	-	\$ 6,768	\$ 5,135,935
Net carrying amount, end of year	\$ 63,976,443	\$ 3,157,505	\$ 750	\$ 67,134,698

4. Tangible Capital Assets (continued)

	2021			
	Engineered Structures	Land	Equipment	Total
Cost, beginning of year	\$ 68,682,265	\$ 3,157,505	\$ 7,518	\$ 71,847,288
Additions & Transfers from WIP	150,630	-	-	150,630
Cost, end of year	\$ 68,832,895	\$ 3,157,505	\$ 7,518	\$ 71,997,918
Accumulated amortization, beginning of year	\$ 2,821,337	-	\$ 3,760	\$ 2,825,097
Amortization	1,152,504	-	1,504	1,154,008
Accumulated amortization, end of year	\$ 3,973,841	-	\$ 5,264	\$ 3,979,105
Net carrying amount, end of year	\$ 64,859,054	\$ 3,157,505	\$ 2,254	\$ 68,018,813

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5. Equity in Tangible Capital Assets

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Tangible capital assets	\$72,270,633	\$ 71,997,918
Accumulated amortization	(5,135,935)	(3,979,105)
Total long-term debt	<u>(5,973,846)</u>	<u>(5,481,077)</u>
	<u>\$61,160,852</u>	<u>\$ 62,537,736</u>

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6. Accumulated Surplus

Unrestricted Operating Surplus

Unrestricted Capital Surplus

Operating Reserve

Capital Reserve

Equity in tangible capital assets

329,817	123,080
65,101	65,101
550,000	400,000
1,353,631	1,040,480
<u>\$61,160,852</u>	<u>\$ 62,537,736</u>
<u>\$63,459,401</u>	<u>\$ 64,166,397</u>

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7. Related Party Transactions

City of Lacombe, Town of Blackfalds, and Lacombe County are members of the Commission and, as such, have been identified as related parties.

Wastewater sales charged to Commission members are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
City of Lacombe	\$ 2,548,948	\$ 2,423,664
Town of Blackfalds	1,283,269	1,235,823
	<u>\$ 3,832,217</u>	<u>\$ 3,659,487</u>

During the year the Town of Blackfalds paid for the treatment of 17,012 m<sup>3</sup> (2021 - 15,441 m<sup>3</sup>) of wastewater from Lacombe County to service the Aspelund Business Park. The cost of wastewater treatment attributed to the Town of Blackfalds, above, includes the wastewater treatment service it resold to Lacombe County.

During the year the City of Lacombe paid for the treatment of 875 m<sup>3</sup> (2021 - nil) of wastewater from Lacombe County to service the Wildrose Business Park. The cost of wastewater treatment attributed to the City of Lacombe, above, includes the wastewater treatment service it resold to Lacombe County.

Service fees are based on the actual net operating costs of the Commission and are allocated among various Commission members based on earlier agreement. Service fees charged to Commission members are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
City of Lacombe	177,972	174,829
Town of Blackfalds	177,605	174,470
County of Lacombe	85,383	84,143
	<u>\$ 440,960</u>	<u>\$ 433,442</u>

The Commission is provided accounting, management and operations services by the City of Lacombe for a total cost of \$253,504 (2021 - \$372,798).

Included in accounts receivable are \$859,095 (2021 - \$520,211) due from various members municipalities.

Included in accounts payable is \$1,239 (2021 - \$9,418) due to various member Municipalities.

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8. Approval of Financial Statements

The Board and Management approved these financial statements.

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