

**North Red Deer Regional Wastewater
Services Commission
Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2020**

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Independent Auditor's Report

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, 2020, 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, 2020 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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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.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants
Red Deer, Alberta
March 29, 2021

North Red Deer Regional Wastewater Services Commission
Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2020	2020	2019
Financial assets		
Cash	\$ 289,200	\$ 216,736
Accounts receivable	500,865	410,857
	790,065	627,593
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	598,033	552,434
Current Portion of Long-term Debt (Note 2)	142,485	137,892
	740,518	690,326
Long-term Debt, Net of Current Portion (Note 2)	4,521,077	4,663,561
	5,261,595	5,353,887
Net debt	(4,471,530)	(4,726,294)
Non-financial assets		
Tangible capital assets (Note 4)	69,022,191	69,814,275
Prepaid expenses	46,150	44,272
	69,068,341	69,858,547
Accumulated surplus (Note 6)	\$64,596,811	\$ 65,132,253

Approved on behalf of the Commission:

North Red Deer Regional Wastewater Services Commission
Statement of Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2020	Budget 2020	2020	2019
Revenue			
Wastewater Sales to Commission Members (Note 7)	\$ 3,685,352	\$ 4,005,559	\$ 3,936,008
Interest income	-	1,132	9,310
Provincial Grant	-	-	1,172,224
Other Revenue	-	198	255
Service Fees to Commission Members (Note 7)	641,909	369,066	369,109
Total revenue	4,327,261	4,375,955	5,486,906
Expenses			
Accounting and Audit Fees	12,000	9,060	17,894
Board Travel & Subsistence	1,000	-	993
General Material and Supplies	268,612	312,797	223,296
Insurance	51,000	53,502	59,020
Interest Long-Term Debt	272,680	156,174	160,665
Management Fees	44,000	28,419	19,861
Legal Fees	5,000	315	7,400
Operator Costs	366,984	366,984	350,748
Other Expenses	500	417	3,678
Repairs and Maintenance	30,000	62,359	43,525
Treatment charges	2,209,585	2,460,009	2,384,381
Utilities	321,000	312,203	318,730
Amortization of Capital Assets	1,149,158	1,149,158	1,124,298
Total expenses	4,731,519	4,911,397	4,714,489
Excess of revenue over expenses	(404,258)	(535,442)	772,417
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	65,132,253	65,132,253	64,359,836
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$64,727,995	\$64,596,811	\$ 65,132,253

North Red Deer Regional Wastewater Services Commission
Statement of Change in Net Debt

For the year ended December 31, 2020	Budget 2020	2020	2019
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ (404,258)	\$ (535,442)	\$ 772,417
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	(357,074)	(2,053,944)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	1,149,158	1,149,158	1,124,298
	<u>744,900</u>	<u>256,642</u>	<u>(157,229)</u>
Decrease (increase) in Inventory of Supplies	-	-	6,007
Use/consumption of prepaid expenses	-	(1,878)	-
	<u>744,900</u>	<u>254,764</u>	<u>(151,222)</u>
Net change in net debt	744,900	254,764	(151,222)
Net debt, beginning of year	(4,726,294)	(4,726,294)	(4,575,072)
Net debt, end of year	\$ (3,981,394)	\$ (4,471,530)	\$ (4,726,294)

North Red Deer Regional Wastewater Services Commission
Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31, 2020	2020	2019
Operating transactions		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ (535,442)	\$ 772,417
Items not involving cash		
Amortization	1,149,158	1,124,298
Changes in non-cash operating balances		
Accounts receivable	(90,008)	382,171
Increase in Security Deposit	-	25,000
Prepaid expenses	(1,878)	6,007
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	45,599	(405,727)
	<u>567,429</u>	<u>1,904,166</u>
Capital transactions		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(357,074)	(2,053,944)
Increase in Asset Under Construction	-	-
	<u>(357,074)</u>	<u>(2,053,944)</u>
Financing transactions		
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	-	-
Repayment of long-term debt	(137,891)	(133,446)
	<u>(137,891)</u>	<u>(133,446)</u>
Net change in cash and bank indebtedness	72,464	(283,224)
Cash, beginning of year	<u>216,736</u>	<u>499,960</u>
Cash, end of year	\$ 289,200	\$ 216,736

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	10 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.

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

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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.

1. Bank Overdraft

The Commission has an unused overdraft protection agreement with a maximum overdraft of \$2,000,000 (2019 - 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, 2020 the prime rate was 2.45% (2019 - 3.95%).

2. Long-term Debt

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

	2020	2019
3.304% debenture, repayable \$147,701, semi-annually, due March 15, 2043	\$ 4,663,562	\$ 4,801,453
Current portion	142,485	137,892
Long term portion	4,521,077	4,663,561

Principal and interest repayments are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 142,485	\$ 152,917	\$ 295,402
2022	147,232	148,170	295,402
2023	152,136	143,266	295,402
2024	157,204	138,197	295,401
2025	162,441	132,961	295,402
Thereafter	3,902,064	1,267,465	5,169,529
	\$ 4,663,562	\$ 1,982,976	\$ 6,646,538

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:

		2020
2019		
Total debt limit	\$ 8,751,909	\$ 8,629,363
Total debt	4,663,562	4,801,453
Total standing debt limit	4,088,347	3,827,910
Debt servicing limit	1,531,584	1,510,139
Debt servicing	295,402	295,401
Total standing debt servicing limit	1,236,182	1,214,738

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

	2020						
	Engineered Structures		Land		Equipment		Total
Cost, beginning of year	\$ 68,325,191	\$	3,157,505	\$	7,518	\$	71,490,214
Additions & Transfers from WIP	357,074		-		-		357,074
Cost, end of year	\$ 68,682,265	\$	3,157,505	\$	7,518	\$	71,847,288
Accumulated amortization, beginning of year	\$ 1,673,683	\$	-	\$	2,256	\$	1,675,939
Amortization	1,147,654		-		1,504		1,149,158
Accumulated amortization, end of year	\$ 2,821,337	\$	-	\$	3,760	\$	2,825,097
Net carrying amount, end of year	\$ 65,860,928	\$	3,157,505	\$	3,758	\$	69,022,191

4. Tangible Capital Assets (continued)

	2019						
	Engineered Structures		Land		Equipment		Total
Cost, beginning of year	\$ 66,293,122	\$	3,135,630	\$	7,518	\$	69,436,270
Additions	2,032,069		21,875		-		2,053,944
Cost, end of year	\$ 68,325,191	\$	3,157,505	\$	7,518	\$	71,490,214
Accumulated amortization, beginning of year	\$ 550,889	\$	-	\$	752	\$	551,641
Amortization	1,122,794		-		1,504		1,124,298
Accumulated amortization, end of year	\$ 1,673,683	\$	-	\$	2,256	\$	1,675,939
Net carrying amount, end of year	\$ 66,651,508	\$	3,157,505	\$	5,262	\$	69,814,275

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5. Equity in Tangible Capital Assets

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Tangible capital assets	\$71,847,288	\$ 71,490,214
Accumulated amortization	(2,825,097)	(1,675,939)
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>(4,663,562)</u>	<u>(4,801,453)</u>
	<u>\$64,358,629</u>	<u>\$ 65,012,822</u>

6. Accumulated Surplus

Unrestricted Operating Surplus	(811,818)	(430,569)
Operating Reserve	400,000	200,000
Capital Reserve	650,000	350,000
Equity in tangible capital assets	<u>\$64,358,629</u>	<u>\$ 65,012,822</u>
	<u>\$64,596,811</u>	<u>\$ 65,132,253</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:

	2020	2019
City of Lacombe	\$ 2,740,904	\$ 2,683,458
Town of Blackfalds	1,264,655	1,252,550
	<u>\$ 4,005,559</u>	<u>\$ 3,936,008</u>

During the year the Town of Blackfalds purchased 14,054 m³ (2019 - 18,302m³) of wastewater from the Commission and resold the wastewater to Lacombe County to service the Aspelund Business Park. The cost of wastewater attributed to the Town of Blackfalds, above, includes the wastewater 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:

	2020	2019
City of Lacombe	147,920	147,938
Town of Blackfalds	147,626	147,644
County of Lacombe	73,520	73,528
	<u>\$ 369,066</u>	<u>\$ 369,110</u>

The Commission is provided accounting, management and operations services by the City of Lacombe for a total cost of \$366,984 (2019 - \$353,898).

Included in accounts receivable are \$454,982 (2019 - \$372,555) due from various members municipalities.

Included in accounts payable is \$44,981 (2019 - \$6,213) due to various member Municipalities.

8. UNCERTAINTY DUE TO COVID-19

In March of 2020, the impact of COVID-19 in Canada and on the global economy increased significantly. The economic slowdown as a result of COVID-19 has resulted in a great deal of uncertainty as to the health of the global economy. At this time, the full potential impact of COVID-19 of the entity is not known.
