

CITY OF STRATFORD 2014 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Council, Inhabitants and Ratepayers of The Corporation of the City of Stratford

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of The Corporation of the City of Stratford which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2014, and the consolidated statements of operations, changes in net debt and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility 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.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by Town management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of The Corporation of the City of Stratford as at December 31, 2014, and the consolidated results of its operations, its consolidated changes in net debt and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Other Matter

The consolidated financial statements of The Corporation of the City of Stratford as at December 31, 2013 were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements on September 8, 2014.

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS
Licensed Public Accountants

Millard, house & Rosebragh LLP

September 22, 2015 Brantford, Ontario

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2014 with comparative figures for 2013

	2014	2013
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 2)	\$ 7,766,851 \$	4,826,051
Other receivables	5,111,629	7,147,222
Taxes receivable	3,065,481	3,259,657
Loans receivable (note 3)	910,689	992,925
Investments (note 4)	15,940,668	15,377,178
Investment in government business enterprises (note 5)	37,629,298	38,593,578
Land held for resale	1,844,829	1,844,829
	72,269,445	72,041,440
Liabilities		
Bank indebtedness (note 2)	\$ 11,500,000 \$	12,840,000
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	13,101,816	11,772,600
Deferred revenue (note 7)	10,972,876	11,190,267
Solid waste landfill closure and post closure liability (note 8)	918,524	712,444
Employee benefits payable (note 10)	15,145,597	10,861,576
Long term debt (note 11)	71,068,498	76,244,766
	122,707,311	123,621,653
Net debt	(50,437,866)	(51,580,213)
Non-financial assets		
Prepaid expenses	1,613,614	1,124,346
Inventory	276,504	279,097
Other non financial assets	143,903	102,680
Tangible capital assets (note 17)	267,016,136	265,397,325
	269,050,157	266,903,448
Accumulated surplus (note 13)	\$ 218,612,291 \$	215,323,235

Commitments (note 9) Contingencies (note 14)

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

CAO, City of Stratford

Treasurer, City of Stratford

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORDConsolidated Statement of Operations

December 31, 2014 with comparative figures for 2013

	20111 1 1		2014	2010
	2014 budget		2014 actual	2013 actual
B	(note 18)			
Revenue:	E0 E00 000		40 457 500	40 475 404
Net municipal taxation	\$ 50,533,882	\$, ,	\$ 49,175,181
Payments-in-lieu of taxation			443,893	440,669
Conditional grants	18,273,763		23,465,308	20,966,584
Revenue from other municipalities	8,560,259		4,067,146	4,998,978
User fees and service charges	18,379,843		19,500,235	19,307,397
Licences, permits and rents	3,961,931		7,257,104	7,102,417
Fines and penalties	713,000		687,315	674,920
Other revenue	4,937,740		4,241,592	3,722,366
Net earnings from government business enterprises	-		(964,280)	1,871,398
Total revenue	105,360,418		107,855,893	108,259,910
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Expenses:	11 200 250	_	7 202 020	C 440 002
General government	11,288,350	\$	7,303,920	6,440,993
Protection services	18,640,886		21,708,312	17,572,534
Transportation services	16,163,978		12,472,684	11,134,273
Environmental services	15,551,381		11,150,877	11,640,004
Health services	7,654,105		7,282,421	7,175,646
Social and family services	19,676,330		19,282,103	18,249,853
Social housing	11,538,537		10,406,282	10,172,129
Recreation and cultural services	9,842,486		10,800,338	10,591,797
Planning and development	4,315,065		4,159,900	3,863,172
Total expenses	114,671,118		104,566,837	96,840,401
Annual surplus (deficit)	(9,310,700)		3,289,056	11,419,509
Opening accumulated surplus	215,323,235		215,323,235	203,903,726
Ending accumulated surplus	\$ 206,012,535	\$	218,612,291	\$ 215,323,235

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

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORDConsolidated Statement of Changes in Net Debt

December 31, 2014 with comparative figures for 2013

	2014 Budget	2014	2013
	(note 18)	-	
Annual surplus	(9,310,700) \$	3,289,056 \$	11,419,509
Acquisition of tangible capital assets Acquisition of tangible capital assets-WIP Amortization of tangible capital assets Write downs of tangible capital assets Proceeds from sale of tangible capital assets Proceeds from sale of tangible capital assets		(9,264,445) (391,044) 8,114,257 (145,282) 67,703	(8,444,654) (826,779) 7,964,565 (72,637) 115,837
Change in net financial assets	\$ (9,310,700) \$	1,670,245 \$	10,155,841
Change in inventory Change in other non financial assets Change in prepaid expenses		2,593 (41,223) (489,268)	(1,675) 18,656 (62,646)
Change in net debt	\$ (9,310,700) \$	1,142,347 \$	10,110,176
Net debt, beginning of the year	\$ (51,580,213)	(51,580,213)	(61,690,389)
Net debt, end of the year	\$ (60,890,913) \$	(50,437,866) \$	(51,580,213)

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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORDConsolidated Statement of Cash Flows

December 31, 2014 with comparative figures for 2013

	2014	2013
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities:		
Annual surplus	\$ 3,289,056 \$	11,419,509
Items not involving cash:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	8,114,257	7,964,565
Government business enterprises net earnings	(286,234)	(3,096,241)
Write downs of tangible capital assets	(145,282)	(72,637)
Changes in non-cash operating working capital:		
Other receivables	2,035,593	(1,285,977)
Taxes receivable	194,176	(176,163)
Inventory	2,593	(1,675)
Prepaid expenses	(489,268)	(62,646)
Other non financial assets	(41,223)	18,656
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,329,216	3,869,336
Deferred revenue	(217,391)	(114,112)
Employee benefits payable	4,284,021	(160,611)
Land held for resale	-	-
Solid waste landfill closure and post closure liability	206,080	(163,350)
	18,275,594	18,138,654
Financing activities:		
Decrease in bank indebtedness	(1,340,000)	41,374
Repayment of long term debt	(5,176,268)	(5,129,682)
	(6,516,268)	(5,088,308)
Investing activities:		
Dividends from Government business enterprises	1,250,514	1,224,843
Net increase in investments	(563,490)	(383,283)
Net decrease in loans receivable	82,236	89,741
	769,260	931,301
Capital transactions		
Purchase of tangible capital assets	(9,655,489)	(9,271,433)
Proceeds from the sale of tangible capital assets	67,703	115,837
	(9,587,786)	(9,155,596)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	2,940,800	4,826,051
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	4,826,051	-
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 7,766,851 \$	4,826,051

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

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2014

1. Significant accounting policies:

The consolidated financial statements of the Corporation of the City of Stratford (the "Corporation") are prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards for local governments as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board ("PSAB") of Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. Significant aspects of accounting policies are as follows:

(a) Reporting entity:

These consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenditures of the Corporation and include the activities of all committees of Council and the following local boards, municipal enterprises and utilities which are accountable to the Corporation for the administration of their financial affairs and resources and are owned or controlled by the Corporation.

(i) Consolidated entities:

- Stratford Public Library
- Board of Parks
- Stratford City Centre Committee
- Perth & Stratford Housing Corporation
- SEED CO

(ii) Proportionally consolidated entities:

The following entities are proportionally consolidated with the financial statements of the Corporation based on an approved funding agreement effective January 1, 2014.

	2014	2013
Perth District Health Unit	43.88%	43.61%
Spruce Lodge Home for the Aged	44.79%	44.53%
Spruce Lodge Home Assistance Corporation	44.79%	44.53%
Spruce Lodge Foundation	44.79%	44.53%

The method of consolidation is based on notional weighted assessment as stated in the new shared services costing agreement.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2014

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(a) Reporting entity (continued):

(iii) Equity accounting:

Government business enterprises are accounted for by the modified equity method. Under the modified equity method, the accounting principles of government business enterprises are not adjusted to conform to the Corporation's accounting principles and inter-organizational transactions and balances are not eliminated. However, inter-organizational gains and losses are eliminated on assets remaining with the government reporting entities at the reporting date.

The government business enterprises include:

- Festival Hydro Inc.
- Festival Hydro Services Inc.

(b) Accrual accounting:

Revenues and expenditures are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues as they are earned and measurable. Expenditures are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of the receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation to pay.

(c) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of cash on hand, cash held in financial institutions and temporary investments with maturities of 60 days or less.

(d) Bank indebtedness

Bank indebtedness is a fluctuating short term line of credit held in a financial institution.

(e) 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, and include interest charges when these charges are directly attributable to the capital project. Donated or contributed assets are capitalized and recorded at their estimated fair value upon acquisition. Leased capital assets are valued at the present value of the future minimum lease payments. Certain tangible capital assets for which historical cost information is not available have been recorded at current replacement cost deflated by a relevant inflation factor.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2014

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(e) Tangible capital assets (continued):

Works of art and other historical treasures are accounted for in the same method as the other tangible capital assets, with the exception that they are not amortized.

Work in progress identified in this and subsequent notes relates to assets under construction. The costs, less residual value, of the tangible capital assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follow:

Land Improvements	20 to 30 years
Buildings and building equipment	15 to 50 years
Furniture and fixtures	15 to 30 years
Vehicles	2 to 25 years
Machinery and equipment	5 to 25 years
Linear	20 to 40 years
Other capital assets	50 years
Roads	15 to 60 years
Bridges	60 to 75 years
Water and wastewater facilities	35 to 100 years
Underground and other networks	100 years

(f) Land held for resale:

The land held for resale is recorded at cost.

(g) Tax revenues:

In 2014 the Corporation billed over \$50.5 million in property tax revenue for municipal purposes. A further \$13.4 million in provincial education taxes were billed on behalf of the Province of Ontario for education purposes and remitted to the Province during the year. The authority to levy and collect property taxes is established under the Municipal Act, 2001, the Assessment Act, the Education Act and other legislation.

The amount of the total annual property tax levy is determined each year through Council's approval of the annual operating budget. Municipal tax rates are set annually by Council for each class or type of property, in accordance with legislation and Council approved policies, in order to raise the revenues required to meet operating budget requirements. Education tax rates are established by the Province of Ontario each year in order to fund the costs of education on a Province wide basis.

Taxation revenues are recorded at the time tax billings are issued. Additional property tax revenue can be added throughout the year, related to new properties that become occupied, or that become subject to property tax, after the return of the annual assessment roll used for billing purposes. The Corporation may receive supplementary assessment rolls over the course of the year from MPAC that identify new or omitted assessments. Property taxes for these supplemental/omitted amounts are then billed according to the approved tax rate for the property class.

Taxation revenues in any given year may also be reduced as a result of reductions in assessment values rising from assessment and/or tax appeals. Each year, an amount is identified to cover the estimated amount of revenue loss attributable to assessment appeals, tax appeals or other deficiencies in tax revenue.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2014

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(h) Deferred revenue:

The recreational land (Planning Act), development charges funds, and sub divider contributions are prescribed by legislation, or agreement and are reported as deferred revenue on the consolidated statement of financial position. Grants that are received in the year, but are subject to external restrictions that have not been fulfilled, are recorded in deferred revenue until those obligations are met. In addition, certain user charges and fees are collected for which the related services have yet to be performed. These amounts are recognized as revenue in the fiscal year the related expenditures are incurred or services performed.

(i) Long-term investments:

Long-term investments are recorded at cost less any amounts written-off to reflect a permanent decline in market value below cost. Investments consist of authorized investments pursuant to provisions of the Municipal Act and comprise government and corporate bonds, debentures, pooled investment funds and short-term instruments of various financial institutions.

Investment income earned are reported as revenue in the period earned. Investment income earned on obligatory reserve funds is added to the fund balance and forms part of the respective deferred revenue balances.

(j) Inventory:

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value on a first-in, first-out basis.

(k) Employee benefits payable:

The Corporation provides post-retirement health care, life insurance and unused sick leave benefits to eligible retired employees. The benefits earned by employees are actuarially determined using management's best estimate of salary escalation, retirement ages of employees and expected benefit costs.

Past service costs from plan amendments related to prior period employee services are accounted for in the period of the plan amendment. The effects of a gain or loss from settlements or curtailments are expensed in the period they occur. Net actuarial gains and losses related to the employee benefits are amortized over the average remaining service life of the related employee group. Employee future benefit liabilities are discounted at the Corporation's cost of borrowing using estimated rates for debt with maturities similar to expected benefit payments in the future. The costs of workplace safety and insurance obligations are actuarially determined and are expensed.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2014

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(I) Use of estimates:

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. The amounts subject to such estimates include employee benefits payable, assessment appeals, claims provisions, and solid waste landfill closure and post-closure liability. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimates.

(m) Transactions on behalf of others:

Trust funds operated by the Corporation amounting to \$ 2,372,366 (2013 - \$2,306,590) have not been included in the consolidated statement of financial position nor have their operations been included in the consolidated statement of operations, as they are reported on separately.

(n) Government transfer revenue:

Government transfer revenue is recorded once it is authorized by the transferring government and the Corporation is eligible to receive the transfer. Any amount received but restricted is recorded as deferred revenue in accordance with Section 3100 of the Public Sector Accounting Handbook and recognized as revenue in the period in which the resources are used for the purpose specified.

Government transfers include social assistance program funding representing 80-100% of certain social services programs, social service administration funding covering 50% of certain administration costs and transfers for social housing totaling approximately 20% of costs of the program.

In addition, the Corporation periodically receives senior government capital funding in the form of infrastructure grants and receives ongoing funding from both senior levels of government as a result of an allocation of gas tax funds.

2. Cash and cash equivalents and bank indebtedness:

The following is a breakdown of cash and cash equivalents and bank indebtedness:

2014	2013
\$ 7,763,340 \$	4,822,540
	-
 3,511	3,511
 7,766,851	4,826,051
(11,500,000)	(12,840,000)
 -	-
\$ (11,500,000) \$	(12,840,000)
\$	\$ 7,763,340 \$ 3,511 7,766,851 (11,500,000)

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2014

3. Loans receivable:

The following loans are outstanding at December 31, 2014:

	2014	2013
Stratford Perth Museum	\$ 354,838 \$	365,582
Heritage Conservation District Loans	231,498	305,754
Stratford Soccer Association	130,000	140,000
Stratford Perth Museum (2)	174,604	181,589
Household Sewer Loans	19,749	-
	\$ 910,689 \$	992,925

The Stratford Perth Museum loan matures in 2038, has an interest rate of 3% with repayments of \$1,791 being made monthly.

The Heritage Conservative District loans are interest free 10year loans with maturity dates between December 2015 and

February 2024.
The Stratford Perth Museum (2) matures in 2038,has an interest rate of .5% with repayments of \$656.34 being made

The Stratford Soccer Assciation loan is a 15 year interest free loan maturing September 2028 with a yearly payment of

The Household Sewer loans are 3 year loans to property owners at an interest rate of 15%. Payments are made monthly.

4. **Investments:**

		2014	ļ			2013		
	Cost		Market Valu	ie	Cost		Mark	et Value
Bankers' acceptances Deposit notes/GIC's	\$	91,281 5,158,825	\$	89,837 5,136,467	\$	91,281 4,778,452	\$	91,999 4,761,227
Provincial notes Fixed Income	-	10,690,562		10,960,457		4,860,474 5,646,971		4,659,241 5,332,011
	\$	15,940,668		\$16,186,761		\$15,377,178		\$14,844,478

Long-term investments earn interest between 1.475% and 9.976% and have maturity dates between December 2017 and December 2108.

The cost of certain investments exceeds market values at December 31, 2014. Given the current volatility of the investment marketplace, management is monitoring the situation, and is of the opinion that the loss in value is a temporary decline.

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORDNotes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2014

5. **Investment in Government Business Enterprises:**

The Corporation holds a 100% interest in Festival Hydro Inc. and Festival Hydro Services Inc. as follows:

			2014	2013
val	l Hydro Inc (a)	\$	36,850,050 \$	37,882,388
val	Hydro Services Inc. (b)		779,248	711,190
		\$	37,629,298 \$	38,593,578
	Festival Hydro Inc.:			
			2014	2013
	Financial position:			
	Current assets	\$	14,294,449 \$	13,487,396
	Capital assets	Ψ	48,633,070	48,626,614
	Future payments in lieu of corporate income taxes		2,659,199	2,109,748
	Other Assets		2,378,476	2,918,920
	Other Assets		2,370,470	2,910,920
	Total assets		67,965,194	67,142,678
	Current liabilities		13,868,863	12,017,147
	Demand loan payable to the City of Stratford		15,600,000	15,600,000
	Post-employment benefits		1,401,958	1,397,008
	Other liabilities		15,844,323	15,846,135
	Total liabilities		46,715,144	44,860,290
	Shareholders' equity	\$	21,250,050 \$	22,282,388
	Financial activities:			
	Revenues	\$	11,872,949 \$	12,482,471
	Operating expenses	Ψ	(9,497,334)	(7,660,206)
	Interest expense		(1,746,439)	(1,318,361)
	Income tax		(411,000)	(438,000)
	Net assets, beginning of year		22,282,388	20,441,327
	Dividends on common shares			, ,
	Dividends on common shares		(1,250,514)	(1,224,843)
	Shareholders' equity, end of year	\$	21,250,050 \$	22,282,388
			2014	2013
	Investment in Festival Hydro Inc.:			
	Net assets, end of year	\$	21,250,050 \$	22,282,388
	Demand loan payable to the City of Stratford	Ψ	15,600,000	15,600,000
	Demand loan payable to the City of Stratioid		13,000,000	13,000,000
	Net investment	\$	36,850,050 \$	37,882,388

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2014

5. Investment in Government Business Enterprises (continued):

(b) Festival Hydro Services Inc.:

		2014		2013
Financial position:				
Current assets	\$	84,359	\$	85,916
Capital assets	т	2,754,849	т	2,901,998
Other assets		48,000		48,000
Total assets		2,887,208		3,035,914
Current liabilities		46,436		46,049
Demand loan payable to the City of Stratford		372,000		372,000
Other liabilities		2,061,524		2,278,675
Total liabilities		2,479,960		2,696,724
Shareholders' equity	\$	407,248	\$	339,190
Financial activities:				
Revenues	\$	1,010,099	\$	1,053,458
Operating expenses	,	(942,041)	т	(1,015,121)
Income tax		-		(8,000)
Net assets, beginning of year		339,190		308,853
Dividends on common shares		-		-
Shareholders' equity, end of year	\$	407,248	\$	339,190
		2014		2013
		2014		2013
Investment in Festival Hydro Services Inc.:				
Net assets, end of year	\$. ,	\$	339,190
Demand loan payable to the City of Stratford		372,000		372,000
Net investment	\$	779,248	\$	711,190

During the year, and within the normal course of operations, the Corporation was provided water and sewer billing and collection services by Festival Hydro. Amounts paid to Festival Hydro Inc. by the Corporation were \$437,209 (2012 - \$420.015).

The Corporation also leases space from Festival Hydro for which it paid rent of \$32,826 (2012 - \$33,858) during the year.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

6. Pension agreement:

The Corporation makes contributions to the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement Fund (OMERS), a multi-employer plan, on behalf of its employees. The plan is a defined benefit plan which specifies the amount of the retirement benefit to be received by the employees based on the length of service and rates of pay. The 2014 contribution rates are 9.0% for employee earnings below the year's maximum pensionable earnings and 14.6% thereafter for employees with a normal retirement age of 65. The 2014 contribution rates are 9.3% for employees earnings below the year's maximum pensionable earnings and 15.9% thereafter for employees with a normal retirement age of 60. Employees and employers contribute jointly to the plan.

OMERS is a multi-employer pension plan, therefore any pension plan surplus or deficit is a joint responsibility of all Ontario municipalities and their employees. As a result, the Corporation does not recognize any share of the OMERS pension surplus or deficit. Employer contributions for current service amounted to \$2,950,354 (2013 - \$2,470,156) and are matched by employee contributions in a similar manner. Employer contributions are recognized as an expenditure in the consolidated statement of financial activities in the year contributions are made. The OMERS pension plan has a deficit. If actuarial surpluses are not available to offset the existing deficit and subsidize future contributions, increases in contributions will be required in the future.

7. **Deferred revenue:**

Obligatory reserve funds:		
Development charges	\$ 6,452,075	\$ 6,046,106
Subdivider contributions	101,089	98,274
Recreational land (The Planning Act)	437,532	457,468
Federal gas tax	2,319,447	3,122,450
Provincial gas tax	1,442,544	1,375,953
Other consolidated entities:		
Other	220,190	90,016
	\$ 10,972,876	\$ 11,190,267
Development charges Subdivider contributions Recreational land (The Planning Act) Federal gas tax Provincial gas tax Other consolidated entities:	\$ 101,089 437,532 2,319,447 1,442,544 220,190	\$ 98,27 457,46 3,122,45 1,375,95

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8. Solid waste landfill closure and post-closure liability:

Solid waste landfill closure and post-closure liability, accounts for anticipated closure and post-closure costs for the existing and closed landfill sites. This liability is the estimated cost to date, based on a volumetric basis, of the expenditures related to those activities required when the site or phase stops accepting waste.

Post-closure activities include all activities related to monitoring the site once it can no longer accept waste, including acquisition of any additional land for buffer zones, treatment and monitoring of leachate, monitoring ground water and surface water, gas monitoring and recovery, and ongoing maintenance of various control systems, drainage system and final cover.

The estimated liability for the care of landfill sites is the present value of future cash flows associated with closure and post-closure costs. The liability includes the portion of the landfill that was closed in 1995. This liability is not funded with reserves.

Key assumptions in arriving at the liability are:

	2014	2013
The landfill is expected to reach capacity in 2040		
Remaining capacity as at December 31, 2014	1.80 million tonnes 1.97 mill	ion tonnes
Expected closing cost in 2014 dollars	\$ 918,524 \$	712,444
Expected inflation rate	2%	2%
Discount rate	4.00%	4.90%
Estimated time needed for post-closure care	50 Years	50 Years
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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2014

9. Commitments:

In accordance with a service agreement entered into by the municipality in 1970 with the Ontario Clean Water Agency (the "Agency"), the existing sewage system is operated by the Agency. The municipality is obligated to meet all operating costs related to the project. This agreement was renewed January 1, 2012 for 5 years. The future payments are \$855,124 for 2015 with a CPI adjustment each year thereafter until December 31, 2016 when a new agreement will be executed.

The Corporation leases vehicles. The leases are renewed every one or two years. The 2015 commitment is \$51,317. The commitment thereafter will be affected by changes to the leased fleet and inflation.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2014

10. Employee benefits payable:

Employee future benefits are liabilities of the Corporation to its employees and early retirees for benefits earned but not taken. Details are as follows:

	2014	2013
Post-retirement benefits (a) Workplace Safety and Insurance Board Obligation (b)	\$ 7,758,350 \$ 7,387,247	7,307,400 3,554,176
	\$ 15,145,597 \$	10,861,576

The Corporation provides benefits to retirees until they reach 65 years of age, provides certain benefits to employees on long-term disability, allows certain employees to accumulate unused sick leave to be taken as a cash payment on termination. Above values are based on actuarial and management estimates as at December 31, 2014.

(a) The actuarial analysis is only for the City of Stratford, not including WSIB. Significant assumptions used in the actuarial valuation are as follows:

		2014	2013
Discount rate		4.00%	4.90%
Rate of compensation increase		1.50%	2.00%
Healthcare cost increase		5.00%	6.00%
The benefit obligation continuity is as follows:			
		2014	2013
Accrued benefit obligation end of prior year	\$	7,544,200 \$	7,200,400
Adjustment to accrued benefit obligation at January 1	\$	(480,100) \$	261,800
Current period benefit cost		418,300	439,100
Retirement interest expenditure		353,700	299,100
Benefits paid		(527,600)	(656,200)
Accrued benefit obligation, December 31		7,308,500	7,544,200
Unamortized actuarial loss (gain)		213,400	(480,100)
Liability for post-retirement benefits	\$	7,521,900 \$	7,064,100
Post-retirement benefits expense is as follows:			
		2014	2013
Current period benefit cost	\$	418,300 \$	439,100
Retirement interest expenditure	4	353,700	299,100
Amortization of actuarial (gain) loss		(162,100)	(120,200)
Total post-retirement benefits expense	\$	609,900 \$	618,000

Reserves have been established to partially provide for this past service liability. The balance at the end of the year is 5,267,114 (2013 - 5,153,355). An amount of 264,736 (2013 - 411,959) was paid out of reserves to employees who left the Corporation's employment during the current year.

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10. Employee benefits payable (continued):

(b) The City of Stratford is a Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) Schedule 2 employer. The City has recorded an accrual for the estimate of future benefit costs and administrative loading as calculated by WSIB. During the year \$333,729 (2013-\$558,751) was paid by the City to the WSIB in relation to those benefits.

11. Long-term debt:

The balance of long-term debt reported on the consolidated statement of financial position consists of total long-term debt incurred by municipal enterprises. The amount at the end of the year is as follows:

	2014	2013
OSIFA debenture bearing interest at 2.57% due June 2032	\$ 23,447,291	\$ 24,787,138
OSIFA debenture bearing interest at 2.47% due June 2017	421,691	590,368
OSIFA debenture bearing interest at 2.78% due September 2024	670,000	737,000
OSIFA debenture bearing interest at 2.74% due November 2028	4,048,819	4,338,020
OMEIFA debenture bearing interest at 4.96% due November 2034	13,453,095	14,125,750
OMEIFA debenture bearing interest at 2.70% due November 2034	1,100,987	1,142,033
OMEIFA debenture bearing interest at 4.28% due December 2024	3,666,665	4,033,332
OMEIFA debenture bearing interest at 3.21% due December 2026	16,834,109	18,236,951
Royal Bank loan payable, interest at 2.63% per annum, due February 2026	5,520,114	6,209,925
Royal Bank loan payable, interest at 4.51% per annum, due June 2024	1,905,727	 2,044,249
	\$ 71,068,498	\$ 76,244,766
Principal repayments are summarized as follows:		
2015	5,089,346	

2015		5,089,346
2016		5,124,517
2017		5,076,943
2018		5,031,035
2019		5,071,215
Thereafter		45,675,442
	<u>\$</u>	71,068,498

Long-term liabilities and commitments to be financed from reserves beyond the term of Council are covered by by-law. The principal and interest payments required to service existing and pending issues and commitments are within the debt repayment limit prescribed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Total interest expense on long term debt was \$2,484,733 (2013 - \$2,677,915).

12. Public liability insurance:

In recent years there have been substantial increases in the premiums charged by the insurance industry for public liability insurance. As a result, the Corporation has undertaken some portion of the risk, which would normally have been covered by outside insurers.

The Corporation is self insured for public liability claims up to \$50,000 for any individual claim and \$50,000 for any number of claims arising out of a single occurrence. Outside coverage is in place for claims in excess of these limits.

Claims settled during the year amounted to \$115,421 (2013 - \$98,043) have been provided for in the revenue fund and are accordingly reported as an expenditure in the consolidated statement of financial activities. There were unsettled claims as at the end of the year which were expensed in 2014 and set up as a liability in the amount of \$560,517.

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Year ended December 31, 2014

13. Accumulated surplus:

The accumulated surplus balance is comprised of balances in reserves and reserve funds, operating surplus, capital surplus, unfunded liabilities to be recovered in the future, investment in government business enterprises and investment in tangible capital assets.

		2014	2013
Reserves set aside for specific purpose by Council:			
Revenue purposes	\$	15,854,517 \$	14,375,396
Current purposes	т	851,283	1,656,133
Capital purposes		6,271,602	5,558,209
Total reserves	\$	22,977,402 \$	21,589,738
Reserve Funds set aside for specific purpose by Council:			
Revenue purposes	\$	48,125	46,785
Current purposes		1,107,914	1,201,515
Capital purposes		(334,480)	420,416
Total reserve funds	\$	821,558 \$	1,668,716
Amounts to be recovered:			
Investment in Government Business Enterprises	\$	(7,800,000) \$	(7,800,000)
Solid waste landfill closure and post closure liability		(918,524)	(712,444)
Employee benefits payable		(15,145,597)	(10,861,576)
Long-term debt		(71,068,498)	(76,244,766)
Interim short term debt included in bank indebtedness		-	(3,000,000)
Interest accrual on debt		(198,097)	(211,288)
Total amounts to be recovered	\$	(95,130,716) \$	(98,830,074)
Cumulative operating deficit		(16,546,216)	(14,940,876)
Investment in Government Business Enterprise		37,629,298	38,593,578
Land held for resale		1,844,829	1,844,829
Work in Progress		8,782,216	8,391,171
Investment in tangible capital assets		258,233,920	257,006,153
Total accumulated surplus	\$	218,612,291 \$	215,323,235

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14. Contingencies:

As of December 31, 2014, certain legal actions and other contingent liabilities are pending against the Corporation. Reference can be made to note 13 for details of the public liability insurance maintained by the Corporation. Not all contingencies can be estimated at year end since the outcome of these matters is indeterminate at this time.

15. Financial Information for the Library Board:

The Ministry of Culture provides operating and pay equity grants to the Library. A condition of this grant is that the Library Board supply its financial information to the Ministry. This information may be included in the consolidated financial statements provided that the financial information of the library is identified either by a separate schedule or a note.

	2014	2013
Revenue		
Other grant revenue	\$ 7,799	\$ 10,933
Public library operating grant	50,798	50,798
Pay equity grant	604	604
Fees and charges	289,020	305,996
Donations	192,787	12,894
Total revenue	541,008	381,225
Expenses		
Wages	1,830,607	1,781,569
Materials	271,606	275,377
Services	447,223	285,005
Other	35,898	8,573
Total expenses	2,585,335	2,350,524
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	\$ 2,044,327	\$ 1,969,299
D.C.:		
Deficiency was funded as follows:	FF 630	20.700
Transfer from reserves and reserve funds	55,638	38,789
Contribution from the Corporation	1,988,688	 1,930,510
	\$ 2,044,327	\$ 1,969,299

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16. Segmented information:

The Corporation of the City of Stratford is a diversified municipal government institution that provides a wide range of services to its citizens. For reporting purposes the Corporation's operations and activities are organized in segments. The services and activities of each segment are as follows:

General government

This item is related to the revenues and expenses of the operations of the Corporation itself and cannot be directly attributed to a specific segment.

Protection services

Protection is comprised of police services, fire department and building department. The police services department is to ensure the safety and protection of the citizens and their property, preserve peace and good order, detect offenders and enforce the law. The fire department provides fire suppression service, fire prevention programs, training and education related to prevention and detection of fires. The building department enforces the building and construction codes and municipal by-laws.

Transportation services

Transportation services includes public works services related to planning, development and maintenance of the roadway systems, street lighting, transit and parallel transit, parking administration and control and the operations of the Stratford Municipal Airport.

Environmental services

Environmental services include providing sanitary and storm sewer, water, waste collection and disposal and recycling services.

Health services

Health services are comprised of public health services which works to improve the overall health of the population and overcome health inequalities by providing services to individuals and communities. This segment also includes ambulance services and cemetery operations.

Social and Family services

Social Services provides services that are meant to help the less fortunate in society through Ontario Works assistance, child care subsidy program and best start and special needs programs. This segment also includes the operations of a municipal day care.

Social housing

Housing services are meant to help the less fortunate through social housing, affordable housing and public housing programs.

Recreation and Cultural services

Recreation and cultural services are meant to improve the health and development of the citizens. Programs such as swimming, skating, day camps, festivals and library services are provided at locations such as parks, library, art gallery, recreation complexes, arenas, sports fields and other municipal buildings. This segment also includes grants to numerous community organizations providing recreation and cultural activities.

Planning and Development

Planning and development services manages urban development for business interests, environmental concerns, heritage matters, local neighbourhoods and the city centre. This segment also includes economic development and tourism.

For each reported segment, revenues and expenses represent amounts that are directly attributable to the segment and amounts that are allocated on a reasonable basis. Therefore, certain allocation methodologies are used in preparation of segmented financial information. The revenue fund reports on municipal services that are funded primarily by property taxation revenues. Taxation and payments-in-lieu of taxes are apportioned based on the segment's net surplus. The segmented information follows the same accounting policies as disclosed in note 1.

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16. Segmented Information (continued)

For the year end December 31	G	General Sovernment	Protection Services	ansportation Services	Er	nvironmental Services	Health Services	Social and mily Services	Social Housing	ecreation and Itural Services	Planning & evelopment	2014 Total
Revenue												
Taxation	\$	3,464,628 \$	10,297,379	\$ 5,916,441	\$	5,289,439	\$ 3,454,429	\$ 9,146,501	\$ 4,936,239	\$ 5,123,160	\$ 1,973,256	\$ 49,601,473
Grants		153,382	302,522	1,032,781		2,931,285	3,140,938	13,386,606	1,846,201	544,060	127,533	23,465,308
Other Municipalities		212,500					8,895	1,540,955	2,270,903	33,893		4,067,146
Fees and user charges		726,094	195,734	349,471		12,620,029	39,209	2,689,018	2,396,642	484,039		19,500,235
Licences and permits		625,886	14,625									640,511
Rents, fines, penalties		661,470		642,780			300,071		3,400,699	2,298,889		7,303,909
Other		1,635,341	3,355	485,913		692,317	54,116	24,831		346,624	34,815	3,277,311
		7,479,300	10,813,615	8,427,386		21,533,070	6,997,658	26,787,911	14,850,685	8,830,665	2,135,605	107,855,893
Expenses												
Salaries & benefits		3,180,949	15,816,855	4,905,638		3,119,965	3,773,819	7,816,185	460,872	4,679,055	423,254	44,176,591
Material		388,441	529,613	2,222,197		1,292,251	299,600	610,353	1,918,722	1,181,148	86,845	8,529,169
Contracted Services		2,622,696	700,406	2,243,704		2,990,233	350,922	907,557	1,751,993	1,858,364	561,342	13,987,217
External Transfers		383,167					2,651,534	9,195,413	5,516,064	739,469	2,855,229	21,340,876
Amortization		447,743	497,451	2,873,251		2,175,453	133,211	264,967	242,521	1,453,191	6,428	8,094,216
Other		280,924	4,163,990	227,895		1,572,974	73,334	487,627	516,111	889,111	226,803	8,438,768
		7,303,920	21,708,314	12,472,684		11,150,877	7,282,420	19,282,102	10,406,282	10,800,338	4,159,900	104,566,837
Net Revenue (expenditures)	\$	175,380 \$	(10,894,700)	\$ (4,045,298)	\$	10,382,193	\$ (284,762)	\$ 7,505,809	\$ 4,444,402	\$ (1,969,673)	\$ (2,024,296)	\$ 3,289,056

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16. Segmented Information (continued)

For the year end December 31	G	General overnment	Protection Services	Tr	ansportation Services	Eı	nvironmental Services	Health Services	Social and mily Services	Social Housing	ecreation and Itural Services	Planning & evelopment	2013 Total	_
Revenue														
Taxation	\$	3,300,021 \$	9,003,228	\$	5,704,607	\$	5,963,716	\$ 3,676,418	\$ 9,350,250	\$ 5,211,656	\$ 5,426,671	\$ 1,979,283 \$	49,615,850)
Grants			292,085		3,490,605		347,521	2,410,774	10,454,061	3,772,803	117,235	81,500	20,966,58	4
Other Municipalities		185,390						697,618	1,461,300	2,620,777	33,893		4,998,97	8
Fees and user charges		256,685	190,045		804,689		12,464,353	54,622	2,575,233	2,411,781	489,156	60,833	19,307,39	7
Licences and permits		677,864	16,400										694,26	4
Rents, fines, penalties		765,493			770,731			261,405		3,232,209	2,053,235		7,083,07	3
Other		4,712,371	16,494		620,066		108,119	52,683	35,317		48,714		5,593,76	4
		9,897,824	9,518,252		11,390,698		18,883,709	7,153,520	23,876,161	17,249,226	8,168,904	2,121,616	108,259,91	0
Expenses														
Salaries & benefits		3,160,325	15,795,284		5,439,204		2,020,354	3,674,471	7,461,889	495,700	4,611,065	461,728	43,120,02	0
Material		283,520	502,165		2,228,225		1,304,060	270,007	616,108	100,899	1,248,885	110,785	6,664,65	4
Contracted Services		1,857,815	653,175		1,230,926		2,756,950	328,488	1,420,277	2,697,386	1,924,651	704,302	13,573,97	0
External Transfers		390,261						2,755,480	8,517,524	5,244,258	692,332	2,234,087	19,833,94	2
Amortization		401,077	482,465		2,005,882		3,114,666	133,889	248,836	227,599	1,342,320	7,831	7,964,56	5
Other		347,995	139,445		230,036		2,443,974	13,311	-14,781	1,406,287	772,544	344,439	5,683,25	0
		6,440,993	17,572,534		11,134,273		11,640,004	7,175,646	18,249,853	10,172,129	10,591,797	3,863,172	96,840,40	1
Net Revenue (expenditures)	\$	3,456,831 \$	(8,054,282)	\$	256,425	\$	7,243,705	\$ (22,126)	\$ 5,626,308	\$ 7,077,097	\$ (2,422,893)	\$ (1,741,556) \$	11,419,509	9

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) Year ended December 31, 2014

17. Tangible Capital Assets

	General Land	Land Improvements	Buildings and Building Equipment		Furniture and Fixtures	Vehicles	Linear Assets	Machinery and Equipment	Bridges Walking	Other	Infrastructure Roads	Bridges	W/WW Facilities	Underground an Other Networks	d Total	Work in Progress	Grand Total
Cost Balance, Dec 31, 2013 Additions Adjustments Disposals Balance, Dec 31, 2014	\$17,074,966 - 121 - \$17,075,087	1,729,639 124	\$ 66,019,036 1,969,611 81,951 - \$ 68,070,598	\$ - 333,618 3,012,089 \$3,345,707	\$ 1,903,855 124,095 4,273,350 26,284 \$ 6,275,016	\$9,593,648 91,271 - 188,391 \$9,496,528	144,272	\$ 21,317,375 344,462 - 7,276,668 517,510 \$ 13,867,659	- - -	- - -	1,253,834 135	\$7,454,334 - - - - \$7,454,334	\$72,572,407 1,315,465 - - \$73,887,872	1,958,17	8 9,264,445 - 91,102 - 732,185	391,044 ! -	9,655,489 91,102 732,185
Accumulated Amortization Balance, Dec 31, 2013 Amortization Adjustments Disposals Balance, Dec 31, 2014	\$ -	1,220,335 105,796 93 - \$ 1,326,224	22,932,575 1,729,583 59,680 - \$ 24,721,838	278,622 2,073,476 \$2,352,098	776,298 294,843 2,731,320 26,284 \$ 3,776,177	6,139,423 737,445 - 174,914 \$6,701,954	4,474,383 106,899 - - \$4,581,282	13,346,158 943,859 - 4,799,473 517,461 \$ 8,973,083	2,078 1,918 - - \$ 3,996	6,857 1,443 - - \$ 8,300	42,905,836 1,860,869 88 - \$ 44,766,793	2,799,011 91,870 - - \$2,890,881	28,197,670 1,042,460 - - \$29,240,130	853,46	5 8,049,072 - 65,184 - 718,659	! - ! -	142,855,094 8,049,072 65,185 718,659 \$150,250,691
Net Book Value Dec 31, 20	1 \$17,075,087	\$ 3,680,087	\$ 43,348,760	\$ 993,609	\$ 2,498,839	\$2,794,574	\$1,377,946	\$ 4,894,576	\$ 53,546	\$ 101,439	\$ 64,191,874	\$4,563,453	\$44,647,742	\$ 68,012,39	1 \$ 258,233,922	\$8,782,215	\$ 267,016,136
Cost Balance, Dec 31, 2012 Additions Adjustments Disposals Balance, Dec 31, 2013	\$17,075,146 - - 180 - \$17,074,966	254,919 - 113,061	863,578		\$ 1,907,390 2,844 - 2,018 4,361 \$ 1,903,855	\$9,388,690 914,230 - 491,731 217,541 \$9,593,648	-	\$ 21,101,111 1,109,690 - 403,219 490,207 \$ 21,317,375	- - -	-	2,097,775 - 904,530	\$6,353,865 - 1,100,469 - \$7,454,334	\$73,047,931 1,354,629 - 1,830,153 - \$72,572,407		9 8,444,654 2 - 66,309 - 716,088	826,779 - -	\$399,763,386 9,271,433 (66,313) 716,088 \$408,252,418
Accumulated Amortization Balance, Dec 31, 2012 Amortization Adjustments Disposals Balance, Dec 31, 2013	\$ -	\$ 1,151,556 80,984 - 12,205 - \$ 1,220,335	1,647,997 - 19,649 3,979 \$ 22,932,575		\$ 685,199 96,249 - 789 4,361 \$ 776,298	\$5,706,803 816,783 - 166,622 217,541 \$6,139,423	114,405 - - \$4,474,383	485,120 \$ 13,346,158	1,918 - - \$ 2,078	\$ 5,414 1,443 - - \$ 6,857	1,848,900 - 394,493 - \$ 42,905,836	\$2,661,264 93,371 44,376 - \$2,799,011	\$24,627,221 1,032,803 2,537,646 - \$28,197,670	\$ 20,054,46	5 7,964,249 4 - 27,883 - 711,003 9 \$142,855,094	- - - - - -	\$135,629,726 7,964,565 (27,565) 711,001 \$142,855,093
Net Book Value Dec 31, 20	1. \$17,074,966	\$ 2,056,213	\$ 43,086,461		\$ 1,127,557	\$3,454,225	\$1,340,573	\$ 7,971,217	\$ 55,464	\$ 102,882	\$ 64,798,862	\$4,655,323	\$44,374,737	\$ 66,907,67	8 \$ 257,006,157	\$8,391,171	\$ 265,397,325

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18. Budget:

The Financial Plan (budget) By-Law adopted by Countil on January 27, 2014 was not prepared on a basis consistent with that used to report actual results (Public Sector Accounting Standards). The budget was prepared on a modified accrual basis while Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards now require a full accrual basis. The budget figures anticipated use of surpluses accumulated in previous years to reduce current year expenditures in excess of current year revenues to \$NIL. In addition, the budget expensed all tangible capital expenditures rather than including amortization expense. As a result, the budget figures presented in the statements of operations represent the Financial Plan adopted by Council January 27, 2014 including proportionate consolidated budgets of local boards with adjustments as follows:

		2014
Financia Add:	l Plan (budget) Bylaw surplus for the year	\$ (8,720)
	Budgeted principal repayment of debt	5,620,000
	Budgeted transfer to accumulated surplus	7,255,722
	Capital Expenditures	8,840,343
Less:		
	Budgeted transfers from accumulated surplus	(23,679,460)
	Amortization	(7,338,585)
Budget	surplus (deficit) per statement of operations	\$ (9,310,700)

19. Financial information for SEED Co.:

	2014	2013
Revenue		
Ontario grants	\$ 78,942	
Other revenue	16,196	
Total revenue	95,138	
Expenses		
Wages	182,512	
Materials	74,421	
Services	191,585	
Other	, <u>-</u>	
Total expenses	448,518	
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	\$ 353,380	
Deficiency was funded as follows:		
Contribution from the Corporation	353,380	
	\$ 353,380	