

M.D. OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61



Financial Statement & Reports

**For the Fiscal Year Ended
December 31, 2008**

OPEN HOUSE

Ratepayers of the Municipal District of Wainwright are invited to attend an “Open House” at the M.D. Office in Wainwright on Tuesday, April 21st, 2009 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Council and Staff will be in attendance to informally discuss the affairs of the M.D. of Wainwright. Refreshments will be served.

Hope to see you there!

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61

2008 Reeve's Report

On behalf of Council, I am pleased to provide you with the highlights of the M.D. of Wainwright's operations for the 2008 fiscal year.

In 2008, our construction crew improved approximately 26 km of road, including one major project of 10 km on Correction Line Road north of Irma. While our own crew was very busy working on regular construction projects, the M.D. used private contractors to complete two major road upgrade initiatives on South Chauvin Road and Township Road 42-2. These projects were in total a length of 28.3 km. The M.D. also used a private contractor to base pave 15 km of the Berg Road from the Gilt Edge Hall to Highway 14. These major road upgrades are part of the M.D. of Wainwright's overall road infrastructure goal to create a safe key local road network within our municipality to accommodate large and heavy industrial traffic. A major benefit of this type of road infrastructure, which is scheduled to be complete by 2014, is the diversion of heavy traffic from the regular local roads to the network. Heavy truck traffic is reduced on our regular local roads making travel safer for all other users. It is important to note that the key road network will consist of engineered paved roads that are designed to be safer and longer lasting. These roads will also require less maintenance and will save the M.D. in operational costs over the long run. In 2008 the M.D. received approximately \$2.7 million in Provincial grants for these major road projects. These funds were thanks to the Municipal Sustainability Initiative and the Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program.

We completed approximately 60 km of road oiling in 2008. We utilized a refined oil product called MC 250, which is a new oiling product to the M.D. Our research has indicated that this oil is an improved product compared to the regular crude oil we used in the past. We are excited to see the results of this new product as we survey our oiled roads in the spring of 2009 to determine how they withstood our harsh Alberta climate.

Road maintenance continued as usual with 121,000 cubic yards of gravel applied to our gravel roads. We use both private and M.D. trucks to haul and spread the gravel. We are maintaining our grader fleet at seven (7) graders with one additional grader being used to supplement other graders where it is needed. To keep up our stockpiles of gravel, we hired a private contractor to crush approximately 210,000 cubic yards of gravel.

The M.D. Administration team worked hard in planning and organizing these projects to ensure that they were successful. On behalf of Council, I would like thank them for their dedication to the M.D. over the course of the year.

As indicated in the attached reports from our Development Officer and Agricultural Fieldman, the development and agricultural services departments continue to be an integral part of our municipality's operation.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Council, Administration and all M.D. employees for their continued support throughout this last year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Barss, Reeve



DONALD L. ISAMAN
PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
Chartered Accountant

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Council:

I have audited the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 as at December 31, 2008 and the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities and Change in Fund Balances, Statement of Equity in Capital Assets, Statement of Reserves, Consolidated Statement of Changes in Financial Position and Schedules 1 through 13 supporting these statements for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Municipality's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 as at December 31, 2008 and the results of its financial activities and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Donald L. Isaman
Professional Corporation

Chartered Accountant

Wainwright, Alberta
February 20, 2009



Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61

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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

MANAGEMENT REPORT

The accompanying financial statements and other information contained in the Financial Report are the responsibility of the management of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61.

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

The Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 maintains systems of internal accounting and administrative controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information is relevant, reliable, and accurate and that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61's assets are properly accounted for and adequately safeguarded.

The elected council of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 are responsible for ensuring that management fulfils its responsibilities for financial reporting and is ultimately responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements. Council carries out their responsibility principally through the Finance and Administration Committee.

The Reeve and Administrator meet annually with management and with the external auditors to discuss internal controls over the financial reporting issues, and to satisfy themselves that each party is properly discharging its responsibilities. The Finance and Administration Committee also considers, for approval by Council, the engagement or re-appointment of the external auditor.

The financial statements have been audited by Donald L. Isaman Professional Corporation, Chartered Accountant, the external auditor, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards on behalf of Council, residents and ratepayers of the municipality. Donald L. Isaman Professional Corporation has full and free access to the Finance and Administration Committee.

Municipal Administrator
February 20, 2009

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61

STATEMENT 1

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2008

	2008	2007
ASSETS		
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and temporary investments (Note 2)	20,590,138	19,668,041
Taxes and grants in lieu receivables (Note 3)	435,222	217,554
Trade and other receivables	1,127,565	1,000,797
Prepaid expenses	14,656	12,290
	<u>22,167,581</u>	<u>20,898,682</u>
PHYSICAL ASSETS		
Inventory for consumption (Note 4)	808,595	447,169
Capital assets (Note 5)	22,723,633	21,956,110
	<u>23,532,228</u>	<u>22,403,279</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>45,699,809</u></u>	<u><u>43,301,961</u></u>

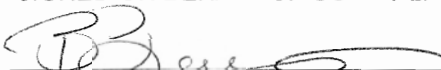
LIABILITIES

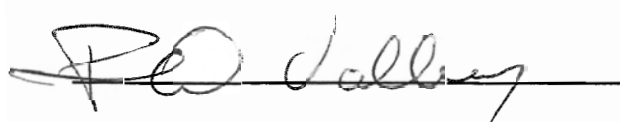
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2,480,337	1,670,854
Deferred revenue (Note 7)	625,575	1,455,445
Trust funds (Note 8)	132,439	81,444
	<u>3,238,351</u>	<u>3,207,743</u>

MUNICIPAL EQUITY

FUND BALANCES		
Operating Fund	2,994,658	2,937,542
Reserves (Note 9)	16,743,167	15,200,566
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>19,737,825</u>	<u>18,138,108</u>
EQUITY IN CAPITAL ASSETS	<u>22,723,633</u>	<u>21,956,110</u>
	<u>42,461,458</u>	<u>40,094,218</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MUNICIPAL EQUITY	<u><u>45,699,809</u></u>	<u><u>43,301,961</u></u>

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL:

 REEVE

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STATEMENT 2

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	Budget (unaudited)	2008	2007
REVENUE			
General Municipal			
Net taxes available for municipal purposes (Schedule 3)	22,410,843	22,611,438	17,509,462
Penalties on taxes	35,000	54,727	34,403
Return on investments	400,000	472,189	572,820
Other revenues	20,500	28,432	30,074
Provincial unconditional grants	42,512	41,794	43,399
Operating			
Council and general administration (Schedule 4)	446,042	430,637	241,073
Protective services (Schedule 6)	120,000	312,307	23,392
Transportation services (Schedule 7)	3,640,931	4,298,686	2,160,500
Water, sewer and garbage (Schedule 8)	30,650	30,484	31,222
Municipal planning and zoning (Schedule 10)	25,000	13,746	35,243
Agricultural Service Board (Schedule 11)	312,710	360,514	317,816
Recreation, parks and culture (Schedule 12)	119,250	289,721	130,907
Capital			
Federal Government transfers	15,000	18,762	-
Provincial Government transfers	417,169	74,284	136,839
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	646,900	697,555	795,557
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>28,682,507</u>	<u>29,735,276</u>	<u>22,062,707</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Operating			
Council and general administration (Schedule 4)	2,058,450	1,632,262	1,551,754
Safety (Schedule 5)	85,500	80,490	49,438
Protective services (Schedule 6)	78,500	85,953	99,063
Transportation services (Schedule 7)	23,013,300	22,040,352	13,842,891
Water, sewer and garbage (Schedule 8)	266,682	241,044	239,531
Community services (Schedule 9)	47,596	47,596	37,596
Municipal planning and zoning (Schedule 10)	117,662	102,792	82,145
Agricultural Service Board (Schedule 11)	846,025	774,607	548,998
Recreation, parks and culture (Schedule 12)	376,922	433,851	340,189
Capital			
Council and general administration	88,600	12,479	24,636
Protective services	65,000	134,332	283,242
Transportation services	1,875,500	2,308,631	2,332,072
Water, sewer and garbage	698,647	83,483	87,346
Agricultural Service Board	36,900	51,900	23,066
Recreation, parks and culture	130,500	105,787	46,069
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>29,785,784</u>	<u>28,135,559</u>	<u>19,588,036</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	(1,103,277)	1,599,717	2,474,671
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>18,138,108</u>	<u>18,138,108</u>	<u>15,663,437</u>
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	<u>17,034,831</u>	<u>19,737,825</u>	<u>18,138,108</u>



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STATEMENT 3

**STATEMENT OF EQUITY IN CAPITAL ASSETS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	2008	2007
Balance, beginning of year	21,956,110	20,584,617
Acquisitions of capital assets	2,696,612	2,796,432
Disposal of capital assets, at cost	<u>(1,929,089)</u>	<u>(1,424,939)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u><u>22,723,633</u></u>	<u><u>21,956,110</u></u>

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STATEMENT 4

**STATEMENT OF RESERVES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	2008	2007
OPERATING RESERVES		
Balance, beginning of year	13,950,959	11,508,329
Transfer to operating fund	(534,545)	(550,565)
Transfer from operating fund	2,077,146	2,993,195
Balance, end of year	<u>15,493,560</u>	<u>13,950,959</u>
CAPITAL RESERVES		
Balance, beginning of year	1,249,607	1,249,607
Transfer to capital fund	-	-
Transfer from capital fund	-	-
Balance, end of year	<u>1,249,607</u>	<u>1,249,607</u>
TOTAL RESERVES	<u><u>16,743,167</u></u>	<u><u>15,200,566</u></u>



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STATEMENT 5

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	2008	2007
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures (Statement 2)	1,599,717	2,474,671
Net change in non-cash operating working capital balances:		
Increase in taxes and grants in lieu receivables	(217,668)	(423)
(Increase) decrease in trade and other receivables	(126,768)	1,089,698
Increase in prepaid expenses	(2,366)	(12,290)
Increase in inventory for consumption	(361,426)	(3,221)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	809,483	(703,906)
(Decrease) increase in deferred revenue	(829,870)	1,144,402
Increase in trust funds	50,995	16,676
Cash flows from operating activities	<u>(677,620)</u>	<u>1,530,936</u>
TOTAL INCREASE IN CASH RESOURCES	922,097	4,005,607
CASH RESOURCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>19,668,041</u>	<u>15,662,434</u>
CASH RESOURCES, END OF YEAR	<u><u>20,590,138</u></u>	<u><u>19,668,041</u></u>
Cash resources are comprised of:		
Cash	4,590,113	2,668,016
Term deposits	16,000,025	17,000,025
	<u><u>20,590,138</u></u>	<u><u>19,668,041</u></u>



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

1. **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The consolidated financial statements of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 are the representations of management prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. Significant aspects of these accounting policies are as follows:

Basis of Accounting

Revenues are accounted for in the period in which the transactions or events occurred that gave rise to the revenues.

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 are recognized in the financial statements as revenues in the period that the events giving rise to the transfer occurred, providing the transfers are authorized, the municipality has met any eligibility criteria, and reasonable estimates of the amounts can be made.

Expenditures are recognized in the period the goods and services are acquired and a liability is incurred or transfers are due.

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.

Fund Accounting

Management funds consist of operating, capital and reserve funds. Transfers between funds are recorded as adjustments to the appropriate equity account.

Inventory for Consumption

Inventories of materials and supplies for consumption are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported as expenditures in the period they are acquired. Capital assets are recorded at cost except for donated assets, which are reported at estimated fair value. Government contributions for the acquisition of capital assets are reported as capital revenue and do not reduce the related asset costs. Capital assets for government purposes are not depreciated.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible Capital Assets

Effective January 1, 2008, the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 adopted Accounting Guideline 7 (PSG-7) of the Public Sector Accounting Handbook of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") with respect to the disclosure of tangible capital assets of local governments. PSG-7 provides transitional guidance on presenting information related to tangible capital assets until Section 3150 – Tangible Capital Assets of the Public Sector Accounting Handbook comes into effect on January 1, 2009.

Prior to January 1, 2008, the Municipality recorded tangible assets including assets held under capital leases at cost in the period they were acquired on the Statement of Financial Position and as an expenditure within the capital fund.

During 2008, the Municipality continued to work towards compliance with the new recommendations for accounting for tangible capital assets. As of December 31, 2008 a complete listing of assets and values for these assets is currently underway and is expected to be completed by December 31, 2009.

As of January 1, 2008, capital assets including assets held under capital leases are recorded at cost in the period they are acquired and recorded as expenditures within the capital fund. Donated assets are capitalized and recorded at their estimated fair value upon acquisition. Works of art for display are not included as capital assets. Certain capital assets for which historical information is not available have been recorded at current fair market value discounted by a relevant inflation factor.

As of January 1, 2008, amortization is not recorded as an expense. Amortization for the buildings, engineering structures, machinery and equipment, vehicles, and land improvement assets are expected to be presented in the December 31, 2009 financial statements and is calculated on a straight line basis over the assets' estimated useful lives as follows:

	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	25-50
Engineered structures	
Roadway systems	10-60
Wastewater systems	30-75
Water systems	30-75
Machinery and equipment	5-20
Vehicles	10-20
Land Improvements	10-45

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.

Operating Fund

Operating fund represents the amounts available to offset future operational revenue requirements.

Capital Fund

Capital fund represents the amounts available to finance capital projects.



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Reserve Fund

Reserve fund represents the amounts set aside to finance future operating and capital expenditures. Reserves are established at the discretion of Council. Transfers to and/or from the reserve fund are reflected as an adjustment to the respective fund.

Equity in Capital Assets

Equity in capital assets represents the Municipality's net investment in its capital assets after deducting the portion financed by third parties through debenture, bond and mortgage debts, long term capital borrowings, capitalized leases and other capital liabilities which will be repaid by the municipality.

2. CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Cash	4,590,113	2,668,016
Temporary investments	<u>16,000,025</u>	<u>17,000,025</u>
	<u>20,590,138</u>	<u>19,668,041</u>

Temporary investments are short term deposits with maturities of three months or less. Included in the above balances are \$758,013 (2007 - \$1,536,889) of funds restricted in use.

3. TAXES AND GRANTS IN LIEU RECEIVABLES

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Current taxes and grants in lieu	412,060	155,422
Tax arrears and grants in lieu	<u>23,162</u>	<u>62,132</u>
	<u>435,222</u>	<u>217,554</u>

4. INVENTORY FOR CONSUMPTION

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Gravel stockpile	690,306	377,200
Culvert stockpile	41,366	18,958
Grader blade stockpile	<u>76,923</u>	<u>51,011</u>
	<u>808,595</u>	<u>447,169</u>



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

	<u>2008</u> <u>Cost</u>	<u>2007</u> <u>Cost</u>
Land	1,318,853	1,308,247
Buildings	2,155,198	2,155,198
Engineering structures	3,342,524	3,195,983
Machinery, equipment, and furnishings	12,185,714	11,757,245
Automotive equipment	<u>3,721,344</u>	<u>3,539,437</u>
	<u>22,723,633</u>	<u>21,956,110</u>

6. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

2008 – PSG 7 Disclosure

	Cost-Beg Of Year	Additions	Disposals	Cost-End Of Year	Amortization In Year	Accum. Amort	NBV
Land	1,308,247	210,606	200,000	1,318,853	-	-	1,318,853
Buildings	2,155,198	-	-	2,155,198	-	-	2,155,198
Engineered structures	3,195,983	154,828	8,287	3,342,524	-	-	3,342,524
Machinery and equipment	11,757,245	2,147,384	1,718,915	12,185,714	-	-	12,185,714
Vehicles	3,539,437	291,882	109,975	3,721,344	-	-	3,721,344
	<u>21,956,110</u>	<u>2,804,700</u>	<u>2,037,177</u>	<u>22,723,633</u>	-	-	<u>22,723,633</u>

This disclosure is made pursuant to the recommendations of Public Sector Guideline 7.

7. DEFERRED REVENUE

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Transportation grant	280,000	280,000
Municipal Sustainability Initiative	<u>345,575</u>	<u>1,175,445</u>
	<u>625,575</u>	<u>1,455,445</u>

Transportation grant

Funding in the amount of \$280,000 was received from the Alberta Treasury in 2004 for the replacement of a local bridge culvert on Ribstone Creek (Bridge File 6688). The Municipality is still in the planning stage of this project.

Municipal Sustainability Initiative

Funding was received from Alberta Treasury in the amount of \$1,167,619 in 2007 as well as \$1,476,752 in 2008 for the Municipal Sustainability Initiative. A balance of \$293,024 remains to be contributed to local governments once ministerial approval has been received. In addition, interest in the amount of \$52,551 which has accrued on the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funds over the past two year is being carried forward and will be utilized on future MSI projects.



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8. TRUST FUNDS

A summary of trust fund activities by the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 is as follows:

	2008			2007
	Increases	Decreases	Balance	Balance
Tax sale surplus	37	55	1,343	1,361
Reserve	24,491	7,474	39,675	22,658
Street Improvement Program	33,995	-	91,421	57,425
	<u>58,523</u>	<u>7,529</u>	<u>132,439</u>	<u>81,444</u>

9. RESERVES

Reserves for operating and capital activities changed as follows:

	2008			2007
	Increases	Decreases	Balance	Balance
Operating reserves:				
General	-	-	496,438	496,438
Edgerton – Fire	150,345	40,967	127,551	18,173
Irma – Fire	177,057	46,462	259,356	128,761
Chauvin – Fire	82,683	42,885	(35,057)	(74,855)
Wainwright – Fire	155,306	232,326	250,557	327,577
Transportation	-	-	425,000	425,000
Water well	-	-	192,678	192,678
Recreation	244,529	171,905	449,817	377,193
Contingency	-	-	558,176	558,176
Debt Reduction	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
Transportation	-	-	650,000	650,000
Resource Road	-	-	2,029,189	2,029,189
Paving Maintenance	1,260,476	-	9,044,204	7,783,728
Agricultural Service Board	-	-	23,151	23,151
Development	6,750	-	22,500	15,750
	<u>2,077,146</u>	<u>534,545</u>	<u>15,493,560</u>	<u>13,950,959</u>
Capital reserves:				
Fire equipment	-	-	5,959	5,959
Transportation	-	-	1,109,200	1,109,200
Agricultural Service Board	-	-	134,448	134,448
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,249,607</u>	<u>1,249,607</u>
Total reserves	<u>2,077,146</u>	<u>534,545</u>	<u>16,743,167</u>	<u>15,200,566</u>



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

10. SALARY AND BENEFITS DISCLOSURE

Disclosure of salaries and benefits for municipal officials, the chief administrative officer and designated officers, as required by Alberta Regulation 313/2000 is as follows:

	2008			2007
	Salary (1)	Benefits & Allowances (2),(3)	Total	Total
Reeve				
Bob Barss	47,875	8,541	56,416	54,254
Councillors				
Oscar Buck	32,000	6,729	38,729	32,573
Douglas Fletcher	34,875	3,262	38,137	38,137
Morley Muldoon	22,375	2,237	24,612	3,388
Kevin MacKay	-	-	-	34,477
Shelly Andersen	27,750	5,190	32,940	4,491
Bradley Scribner	-	-	-	37,170
Phil Valleau	32,750	4,490	37,240	4,480
Ted Wilkinson	40,010	7,292	47,302	43,033
Myron Zajic	39,750	7,448	47,198	47,200
Chief Administrative Officer				
Kelly Buchinski	126,374	20,712	147,086	139,167
Designated officer (one)	70,511	12,044	82,555	78,114

- (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 planning services, retirement planning services, concessionary loans, travel allowances, car allowances and club memberships.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

11. LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN

Employees of the Municipality 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 serves about 133,000 people and 389 employers. 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 Municipality is required to make current service contributions to the LAPP of 7.75% (2007 – 5.525%) of pensionable earnings up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings under the Canada Pension Plan and 10.64% (2007 – 7.40%) on pensionable earnings above this amount. Employees of the Municipality are required to make current service contributions of 6.75% (2007 – 4.525%) of pensionable salary up to the year's maximum pensionable salary and 9.64% (2007 – 6.40%) on pensionable salary above this amount.

Total current service contributions by the Municipality to the LAPP in 2008 were \$148,949 (2007 - \$135,245). Total current service contributions by the employees of the Municipality to the LAPP in 2008 were \$133,358 (2007 - \$119,715).

At December 31, 2007, the LAPP disclosed an actuarial deficiency of \$1,288.9 million.

12. DEBT LIMITS

Section 276(2) of the Municipal Government Act requires that debt and debt limits as defined by Alberta Regulation 255/00 for the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 be disclosed as follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Total debt limit	44,463,345	32,888,802
Total debt	-	-
Amount of debt limit unused	<u>44,463,345</u>	<u>32,888,802</u>
Debt servicing limit	7,410,558	5,481,467
Debt servicing	-	-
Amount of debt servicing limit unused	<u>7,410,558</u>	<u>5,481,467</u>

The debt limit is calculated at 1.5 times revenue of the municipality (as defined in Alberta Regulation 255/00) and the debt service limit is calculated at 0.25 times such revenue. Incurring debt beyond these limitations requires approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. These thresholds are guidelines used by Alberta Municipal Affairs to identify municipalities at financial risk if further debt is acquired. The calculation alone does not represent the financial stability of the municipality. Rather, the financial statements must be interpreted as a whole.



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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13. CONTINGENCIES

The Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 is a member of the Alberta Municipal Insurance Exchange (MUNIX). Under the terms of membership, the Municipality could become liable for its proportionate share of any claim losses in excess of the funds held by the exchange. Any liability incurred would be accounted for as a current transaction in the year the losses are determined.

14. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Municipality's financial instruments consist of cash and temporary investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. It is management's opinion that the Municipality is not exposed to significant interest or currency risks arising from these financial instruments.

The Municipality is subject to credit risk with respect to taxes and grants in lieu receivables and trade and other receivables. Credit risk arises from the possibility that taxpayers and entities to which the Municipality 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 carrying value of the financial instrument approximates fair value.

16. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Council and Management have approved these financial statements.

17. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

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SCHEDULE 1

SCHEDULE OF OPERATING FUND FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Budget (unaudited)	2008	2007
GENERAL OPERATING REVENUE			
Net taxes available for municipal purposes (Schedule 3)	22,410,843	22,611,438	17,509,462
Penalties on taxes	35,000	54,727	34,403
Return on investments	400,000	472,189	572,820
Other revenues	20,500	28,432	30,074
Provincial unconditional grants	42,512	41,794	43,399
	<u>22,908,855</u>	<u>23,208,580</u>	<u>18,190,158</u>
REVENUE			
Council and general administration (Schedule 4)	446,042	430,637	241,073
Protective services (Schedule 6)	120,000	312,307	23,392
Transportation services (Schedule 7)	3,640,931	4,298,686	2,160,500
Water, sewer and garbage (Schedule 8)	30,650	30,484	31,222
Municipal planning and zoning (Schedule 10)	25,000	13,746	35,243
Agricultural Service Board (Schedule 11)	312,710	360,514	317,816
Recreation, parks and culture (Schedule 12)	119,250	289,721	130,907
	<u>4,694,583</u>	<u>5,736,095</u>	<u>2,940,153</u>
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	27,603,438	28,944,675	21,130,311
EXPENDITURES			
Council and general administration (Schedule 4)	2,058,450	1,632,262	1,551,754
Safety (Schedule 5)	85,500	80,490	49,438
Protective services (Schedule 6)	78,500	85,953	99,063
Transportation services (Schedule 7)	23,013,300	22,040,352	13,842,891
Water, sewer and garbage (Schedule 8)	266,682	241,044	239,531
Community services (Schedule 9)	47,596	47,596	37,596
Municipal planning and zoning (Schedule 10)	117,662	102,792	82,145
Agricultural Service Board (Schedule 11)	846,025	774,607	548,998
Recreation, parks and culture (Schedule 12)	376,922	433,851	340,189
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	<u>26,890,637</u>	<u>25,438,947</u>	<u>16,791,605</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES BEFORE TRANSFERS	712,801	3,505,728	4,338,706
TRANSFERRED (TO) FROM OPERATING RESERVES	1,162,217	(1,542,601)	(2,442,630)
TRANSFERRED TO CAPITAL FUND	(1,816,078)	(1,906,011)	(1,864,035)
CHANGE IN OPERATING FUND BALANCE	58,940	57,116	32,041
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>2,937,542</u>	<u>2,937,542</u>	<u>2,905,501</u>
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u><u>2,996,482</u></u>	<u><u>2,994,658</u></u>	<u><u>2,937,542</u></u>



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SCHEDULE 2

SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL FUND ACTIVITIES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Budget (unaudited)	2008	2007
REVENUE			
Federal Government transfers	15,000	18,762	-
Provincial Government transfers	417,169	74,284	136,839
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	646,900	697,555	795,557
Total revenue	<u>1,079,069</u>	<u>790,601</u>	<u>932,396</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Automotive equipment	276,900	183,793	419,407
Buildings	-	-	-
Equipment and furnishings	1,670,600	2,147,384	2,306,419
Land held for government use	180,000	210,607	13,166
Other engineering structures	767,647	154,828	57,439
Total expenditures	<u>2,895,147</u>	<u>2,696,612</u>	<u>2,796,431</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	(1,816,078)	(1,906,011)	(1,864,035)
NET INTER-FUND TRANSFERS			
From (to) Reserves	-	-	-
From Operating Fund	1,816,078	1,906,011	1,864,035
	<u>1,816,078</u>	<u>1,906,011</u>	<u>1,864,035</u>
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>



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SCHEDULE 3

**SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY TAXES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	2008	2007
TAXATION		
Real property	8,275,952	6,226,378
Power and pipeline	19,958,523	16,852,443
Grants in lieu	1,417,550	1,352,675
	<u>29,652,025</u>	<u>24,431,496</u>
REQUISITIONS AND TRANSFERS		
Supplementary school requisition	91,044	91,863
Provincial school foundation requisition	5,840,631	5,838,396
Ambulance requisition	203,885	190,605
911 requisition	26,735	23,905
Battle River Foundation requisition	191,768	175,265
Rural fire requisition	184,810	191,610
Rural recreation requisition	501,714	410,390
	<u>7,040,587</u>	<u>6,922,034</u>
NET TAXES AVAILABLE FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES	<u>22,611,438</u>	<u>17,509,462</u>

SCHEDULE 4

**SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	2008	2007
COUNCIL AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		
REVENUE		
Licenses and permit fees	20,944	28,090
Provincial conditional grants	233,325	99,004
Rental revenue	154,481	93,085
Sales of goods and services	21,887	20,894
	<u>430,637</u>	<u>241,073</u>
EXPENDITURES		
General and administrative		
Contracted and general services	673,712	601,969
Materials, supplies, and utilities	21,643	48,780
Public relations	30,476	56,534
Salaries, wages, and benefits	548,646	458,619
	<u>1,274,477</u>	<u>1,165,902</u>
Council		
Contracted and general services	52,926	50,420
Salaries, wages, and benefits	304,859	335,432
	<u>357,785</u>	<u>385,852</u>
	<u>1,632,262</u>	<u>1,551,754</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(1,201,625)</u>	<u>(1,310,681)</u>



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SCHEDULE 5

SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	2008	2007
SAFETY		
EXPENDITURES		
Contracted and general services	9,192	7,370
Materials, supplies, and utilities	17,058	12,630
Salaries, wages, and benefits	54,240	29,438
	<u>80,490</u>	<u>49,438</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(80,490)</u>	<u>(49,438)</u>

SCHEDULE 6

SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	2008	2007
PROTECTIVE SERVICES		
REVENUE		
Provincial grants	289,349	6,382
Other revenue	22,958	17,010
	<u>312,307</u>	<u>23,392</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Contracted and general services	68,867	87,526
Salaries, wages, and benefits	17,086	11,537
	<u>85,953</u>	<u>99,063</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>226,354</u>	<u>(75,671)</u>



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SCHEDULE 7

SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	2008	2007
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES		
REVENUE		
Provincial conditional grants	3,806,467	1,954,927
Federal conditional grants	210,476	153,216
Rental revenues	12,248	6,800
Sales of goods and services	267,073	41,228
Sales to other governments	2,422	4,329
	<u>4,298,686</u>	<u>2,160,500</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Contracted and general services	16,913,175	9,662,894
Materials, supplies, and utilities	2,363,762	1,766,880
Salaries, wages, and benefits	2,763,415	2,413,117
	<u>22,040,352</u>	<u>13,842,891</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(17,741,666)</u>	<u>(11,682,391)</u>

SCHEDULE 8

SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	2008	2007
WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE		
REVENUE		
Local improvement taxes	420	420
Sales of goods and services	30,064	30,802
	<u>30,484</u>	<u>31,222</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Contracted and general services	195,972	184,610
Materials, supplies, and utilities	11,863	13,427
Salaries, wages, and benefits	33,209	41,494
	<u>241,044</u>	<u>239,531</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(210,560)</u>	<u>(208,309)</u>



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SCHEDULE 9

SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	2008	2007
COMMUNITY SERVICES		
EXPENDITURES		
Grants to other organizations	47,596	37,596
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(47,596)</u>	<u>(37,596)</u>

SCHEDULE 10

SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	2008	2007
MUNICIPAL PLANNING AND ZONING		
REVENUE		
Other revenue	4,594	16,313
Sales of goods and services	9,152	18,930
	<u>13,746</u>	<u>35,243</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Contracted and general services	27,811	7,008
Salaries, wages, and benefits	74,981	75,137
	<u>102,792</u>	<u>82,145</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(89,046)</u>	<u>(46,902)</u>

SCHEDULE 11

SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	2008	2007
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD		
REVENUE		
Other revenue	81,815	14,424
Provincial conditional grants	267,460	293,199
Rental revenues	181	240
Sales of goods and services	11,058	9,953
	<u>360,514</u>	<u>317,816</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Contracted and general services	86,528	55,908
Contribution to Seed Cleaning Plant	-	4,489
Materials, supplies, and utilities	376,860	205,638
Salaries, wages, and benefits	311,219	282,963
	<u>774,607</u>	<u>548,998</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(414,093)</u>	<u>(231,182)</u>



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SCHEDULE 12

SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	2008	2007
RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURE		
REVENUE		
Fees and rentals	161,721	122,907
Provincial conditional grants	128,000	8,000
	<u>289,721</u>	<u>130,907</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Contracted and general services	30,169	22,555
Contributions to Northern Lights Library Board	30,379	29,702
Grants to other organizations	136,803	100,998
Materials, supplies, and utilities	73,024	56,746
Salaries, wages, and benefits	163,476	130,188
	<u>433,851</u>	<u>340,189</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(144,130)</u>	<u>(209,282)</u>

SCHEDULE 13

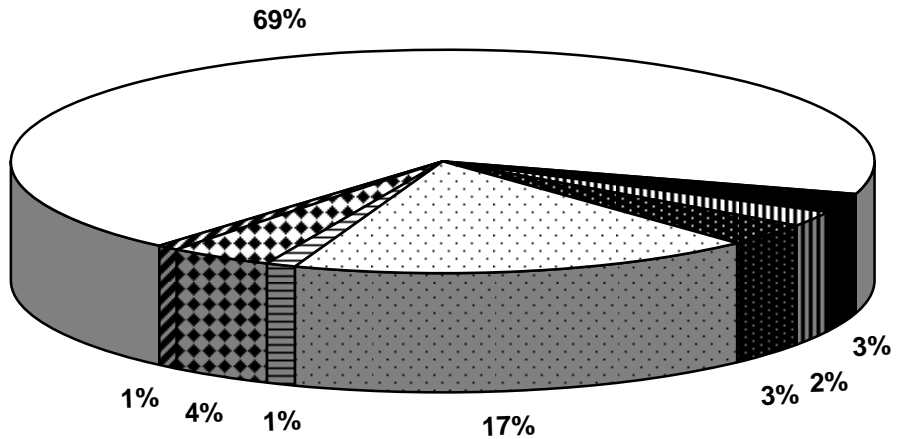
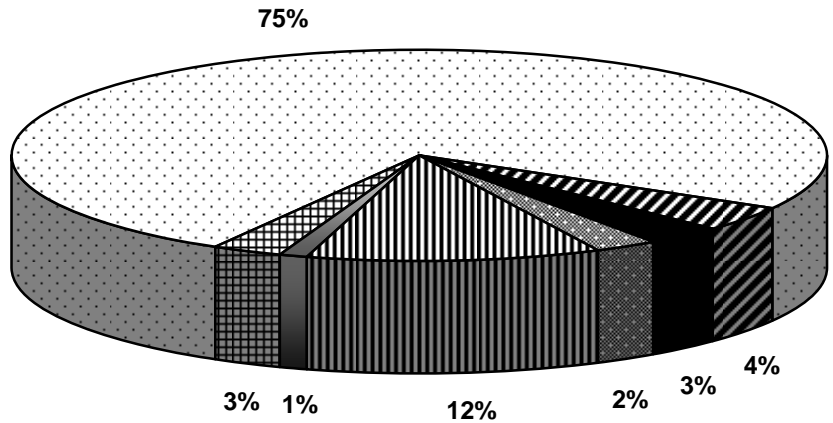
SCHEDULE OF OPERATING EXPENDITURES BY OBJECT
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	2008	2007
Contracted and general services	18,088,828	10,736,794
Contributions to Northern Lights Library Board	30,379	29,702
Grants to other organizations	184,399	143,083
Materials, supplies, and utilities	2,864,210	2,104,101
Salaries, wages, and benefits	4,271,131	3,777,925
	<u>25,438,947</u>	<u>16,791,605</u>



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REVENUE	
Taxation	27,454,126
Grant in Lieu	1,417,550
Admin. & Planning/Zoning	1,041,523
Water, Sewer & Garbage	30,484
Protective Services	909,053
Transportation Services	4,298,686
Agricultural Service Board	360,514
Recreation, Parks & Culture	1,037,869
TOTAL	36,549,805
EXPENDITURES	
Council	357,785
Admin. & Planning/Zoning	1,422,132
Water, Sewer & Garbage	324,527
Transportation & Safety	25,001,066
Protective & Community Serv.	999,320
Agricultural Service Board	817,835
Recreation, Parks & Culture	1,185,582
Requisitions & Transfers	6,384,442
TOTAL	36,492,689



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2008 OPERATING BUDGET

REVENUE	BUDGET		ACTUAL	
<i>Council & General Administration</i>	30,127,621		29,899,453	
Tax Levy - General		27,262,346		27,454,126
Grant in Lieu		1,410,305		1,417,550
Grants		358,284		275,119
Other Revenue		585,770		752,658
Contribution from Reserve		510,916		-
<i>Protective Services</i>	638,806		909,053	
Tax Levy - Fire		234,106		234,106
Grants		120,000		289,349
Other Revenue		-		22,958
Contribution from Reserve		284,700		362,640
<i>Transportation Services</i>	4,616,715		4,298,686	
Grants		3,529,931		4,016,943
Other Revenue		111,000		281,743
Contribution from Reserve		975,784		-
<i>Water, Sewer & Garbage</i>	30,650		30,484	
Other Revenue		30,650		30,484
<i>Municipal Planning & Zoning</i>	25,000		13,746	
Other Revenue		25,000		13,746
<i>Agricultural Service Board</i>	312,710		360,514	
Grants		267,460		267,460
Other Revenue		45,250		93,054
<i>Recreation, Parks & Culture</i>	876,093		1,037,869	
Tax Levy - Recreation		546,243		546,243
Wainwright Rural Rec. Board		211,600		201,905
Riverdale Mini Park		110,900		287,071
Arm Lake		7,000		1,881
Fabyan Campsite		250		617
Ribstone Campsite		100		152
TOTAL REVENUE	36,627,595		36,549,805	
EXPENDITURES				
<i>Council</i>	428,500		357,785	
Salaries & Benefits		373,500		304,859
General Services		55,000		52,926
<i>General Administration</i>	1,733,550		1,312,590	
Salaries & Benefits		530,570		548,646
General Services		1,022,880		700,051
Goods & Supplies		26,500		21,643
Cancellations		50,000		4,136
Contribution to Reserve		30,000		30,000
Contribution to Capital		73,600		8,114

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Protective Services	638,806		909,053	
Fire Area Requisitions		183,200		184,810
Salaries & Benefits		10,000		17,086
General Services		26,500		26,196
Contribution to Reserve		354,106		565,391
Contribution to Capital		65,000		115,570
RCMP Services	42,000		42,671	
General Services		42,000		42,671
Transportation Services	24,431,948		24,920,576	
Salaries & Benefits		2,573,000		2,763,416
General Services		18,371,300		16,913,174
Goods & Supplies		2,069,000		2,363,762
Contribution to Reserve		185,148		1,260,476
Contribution to Capital		1,233,500		1,619,748
Safety	85,500		80,490	
Salaries & Benefits		54,000		54,240
General Services		12,500		9,192
Goods & Supplies		19,000		17,058
Water	79,182		59,129	
Salaries & Benefits		43,982		33,209
General Services		22,200		15,888
Goods & Supplies		13,000		10,032
Sewer	321,147		48,164	
General Services		7,000		2,090
Goods & Supplies		2,500		1,831
Contribution to Capital		311,647		44,243
Garbage	220,000		217,234	
General Services		178,000		177,994
Contribution to Capital		42,000		39,240
Community Services	47,596		47,596	
FCS Contribution		37,596		37,596
Cemetery Contributions		10,000		10,000
Municipal Planning & Zoning	132,662		109,542	
Salaries & Benefits		88,562		74,981
General Services		29,100		27,811
Contribution to Reserve		15,000		6,750
Agricultural Service Board	878,025		817,835	
ASB General		18,000		4,163
Administration		318,150		273,570
Pest Control		87,000		72,231
Tankloaders		24,000		15,542
Weed Control		345,750		354,461
AESA		49,125		53,072
Animal Control		4,000		1,568
Contribution to Capital		32,000		43,228

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Recreation, Parks & Culture	1,142,965		1,185,582	
Recreation Area Requisitions		501,714		501,714
Wainwright Rural Rec. Board		256,129		266,434
Riverdale Mini Park		183,054		205,380
Arm Lake		29,000		44,069
Fabyan Campsite		3,750		4,392
Ribstone Campsite		8,700		3,166
Recreation Grants		92,500		115,802
Other		9,787		8,757
Contribution to Capital		58,331		35,868
Requisitions & Transfers	6,386,774		6,384,442	
Northern Lights Library System		29,531		30,379
ASFF		5,840,631		5,840,631
Separate District		94,223		91,044
East Central 911 Call Answer		26,735		26,735
Ambulance Society		203,886		203,885
Battle River Foundation		191,768		191,768
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	36,568,655		36,492,689	
Surplus	58,940		57,116	

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2008 AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD REPORT

Board Composition:

Myron Zajic	Councillor (Chairman)	Ted Wilkinson	Councillor
Keith Brower	Farm Member	Dennis Leggett	Farm Member
Karla White	Farm Member	James Schwindt	Agricultural Fieldman
Aimee Wonsik	Asst. Agricultural Fieldman	Rod Gabrielson	Pest Control Officer

A total of 4 Agricultural Service Board meetings were held in 2008.

ADMINISTRATION:

The ASB received grants from Alberta Agriculture in the amounts of \$164,634.88 (Provincial ASB Grant), \$57,700 (Rat Control Grant), and \$45,125 (Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Grant). Through the Provincial ASB Grant, the M.D. of Wainwright has qualified and received the full grant amount of \$150,000/year plus a one time additional grant of \$14,634.88 based on municipal programming. The ASB continued to support the Town of Wainwright's noxious weed control program in the amount of \$4,000. In addition, the ASB also supported Canadian Forces Base Wainwright with their noxious and restricted weed control program in the amount of approximately \$6,500. The Municipal District of Wainwright handled the Emergency Registered liquid strychnine for the producers in 2008 and will continue to handle liquid strychnine concentrate for producers in 2009. The M.D. hosted the fourth annual Rural Routes Supper and Social, which again proved to be a very popular event with 388 ratepayers attending. The M.D. of Wainwright continued with its photo contest and distributed 500 calendars. Both the Rural Routes Supper and M.D. calendar projects will be continuing in 2009. The ASB also participated in the 2008 Wainwright Trade Show with a Municipal District of Wainwright booth.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL:

The M.D. continued to maintain three weed inspectors and three GPS/injection equipped trucks. These trucks were stationed in Irma, Wainwright and Edgerton respectively. It is becoming extremely difficult to find the seasonal staff required to complete our vegetation management program. In 2008 we continued to address toadflax, scentless chamomile, leafy spurge, tansy, white cockle and Canada thistle among the other noxious and restricted weeds found within our boundaries. We completed the first year of our two year complete roadside spraying program and responded to all submitted weeds calls. The first year of our complete roadside spraying program was an ambitious challenge to complete and operationally it was successful. The roadsides that were sprayed in year one will be evaluated in 2009 to determine the success of the program. The M.D. also participated in a research project with BASF involving the herbicide Overdrive. In 2009 the M.D. will be involved with BASF and Dow AgriSciences in continued research and trial plots in an effort to find alternative control products for our noxious weeds. Canadian Forces Base Wainwright continues to improve and enhance their weed control program in an effort to meet the requirements under the Provincial Weed Control Act. In 2008 the M.D. had a contractor complete approximately 400 miles of roadside shoulder mowing. This new initiative resulted in many positive comments and there will be approximately 640 miles of roadside mowing completed in 2009. The mowing program will be evaluated in the fall of 2009.

MUNICIPAL PROJECTS, DEMONSTRATIONS AND EXTENSION ACTIVITIES:

This year we received \$45,125 from the Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Program. The focus for this money was to provide information and programs within three

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priority management areas: Integrated Crop Management, Nutrient Management and Grazing and Riparian Management. Weekly radio ads, called “Municipal Agri-minute” were voiced every week starting in March and ending in December. These airings quickly promoted sustainable agriculture messages to rural farmers and ranchers and also spread word on upcoming events. In addition, there were 5 newsletters published and mailed out to an average of 570 rural households each edition. We provided projects to producers that included a Round-up Ready canola plot trial with pancake breakfast (in partnership with the Wainwright Seed Cleaning Plant), showcasing 7 canola varieties between 4 brand names (46P50RR Viterra, 4414RR Brett Young, 4362RR Brett Young, 45H28RR Pioneer, 45H26RR Pioneer, 3465RR Dekalb, 7145RR Viterra). Seminars held this past year included the 25th Anniversary of Spring Break Conference, held in Edgerton with 150 participants, Grazing School for Women with 33 participants and the Scott Research Field Day with 28 participants. A Water Well Decommissioning Workshop (hosted in part with Vermilion County) with 50 participants, a Water Well Maintenance Workshop with 28 participants, Verified Beef Production and Canadian Cattle Identification Agency meetings were hosted with over 40 people in attendance. A PFRA tree meeting was held with 30 farm and acreage owners attending. The annual Country Garden Tour attracted 50 avid gardeners and stopped at 4 rural Wainwright gardens. The 4th annual “Rural Routes Supper and Social” in partnership with Key 83 was held for our local agricultural families with the entertainment being Herb Dixon, Comedian and Sound Impressionist. The event was very successful and enjoyable and will be held again on August 7, 2009 at the Wainwright Elk’s Hall. The Municipal Photo Contest was another popular event with over 400 photograph entries. The decision to choose the top 13 photos to showcase in the Municipal Calendar was extremely difficult as always, but the finished project turned out the best ever with updated formatting and new glossed photo styles; local ratepayers quickly picked up all 500 copies.

If you are interested in becoming involved in any of our workshops or if you have ideas for an event or newsletter article, please contact the Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Aimee Wonsik at (780) 842-4454.

PEST CONTROL:

In 2008 there were no rat infestations in the M.D. of Wainwright. There continues to be an increase in rat infestations up and down the border in Saskatchewan and the Rat Control Team will have to continue to be vigilant to ensure that Alberta retains their rat free status. The number of skunk problems within the municipality has continued to be quite high. The coyote problems have also increased slightly and it is expected that they will continue to increase into 2009. The increased number of beavers has resulted in an increase in plugged culverts and flooding issues. Beaver dam and control issues will continue to be an issue in 2009.

If you have any questions or concerns about “RATS”, please feel free to contact Rod Gabrielson at (780) 842-7285 or the M.D. office at (780) 842-4454.

The above is a brief report on the activities of the Agricultural Service Board in 2008.

We extend our thanks to the Municipal Council, Administration, staff and the members of the Agricultural Service Board for their cooperation, guidance and assistance in 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Schwindt
Agricultural Fieldman

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2008 Development Officer's Annual Report

2008 was again a very active year throughout the municipality. There were 74 development permits issued with a total dollar value of \$34,274,741. The most significant was an oilfield related project valued at \$21,000,000. There were 36 new homes, 7 commercial developments and 31 other developments.

The Provincial Government issued 122 drilling permits throughout the municipality and the municipality granted 67 pipeline road-crossing approvals during 2008.

The MD received 37 applications for subdivision this year, of which 31 have been approved.

The MD began the process of creating the Clear Lake Area Structure Plan in 2008. This document will outline the future development around the lake. The MD would like to thank all of the individuals who took part by providing their input with this project. The Clear Lake Area Structure Plan will be adopted by Council during the first half of 2009.

The MD would like to remind all residents that all houses and residential garages built within the MD of Wainwright require a Development Permit. Development Permits are required for all development on parcels of 80 acres or less. If you have any questions regarding development, please contact us.

Alberta Municipal Affairs is responsible for issuing Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Gas and Private Sewer Systems within the MD of Wainwright. A list of accredited Inspection Agencies/Companies designated by Municipal Affairs to issue permits and conduct inspections is available at our office.

The MD of Wainwright continues to encourage development and we welcome the opportunity to discuss all new proposals.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Klasson
Development Officer