

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61



## Financial Statements & Reports

For the Fiscal Year Ended  
December 31, 2020

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61

## 2020 REEVE'S ANNUAL REPORT

On behalf of Council, I am pleased to provide you with the highlights of the MD of Wainwright's operations for the 2020 fiscal year.

In 2020, our construction crew improved approximately 13 miles of road. Our crews completed the construction of the south Jarrow Road connecting onto Highway 14. Other projects included fixing a number of roads that were flooded due to the high amount of precipitation we experienced in the summer. In addition, we added 10.5 miles of the cement base stabilization to our key local road network, making a total of 100 miles of cement within the municipality. Our focus going forward is to maintain our cement roads by re-chipping them. The aggregate chip seal provides a safe and durable finish to the road as well as acts to protect and extend the life of the cement base.

In 2020, the M.D. of Wainwright hired a contractor to complete the reconstruction of the Giltedge Road formally known as S.H. 614. This project was a success and the final price came in over \$2 million under budget. The road is now prepared for 5 miles of pavement from Highway 41 to the Gilt Edge Hall, which is planned for 2021. The remainder of road is scheduled for cement stabilization and chip seal. This is planned to start in 2022.

Regular road maintenance continued as usual, with nearly 120,000 metric tonnes of gravel applied to our gravel roads. We use both private and MD trucks to haul and spread the gravel. We are maintaining our road maintenance grader fleet at seven graders, with one additional grader being used to supplement other graders where it is needed. This additional grader was busy reclaiming our gravel road tops when it was available. Also, to maintain our stockpiles of gravel, we hired a private contractor to crush 156,020 metric tonnes of gravel.

Riverdale Mini-Park, operated by M.D. of Wainwright staff, provided a very valuable service for campers and golfers, especially during the pandemic. Arm Lake, operated by a contractor, also provided another valuable service for campers, boaters and beach goers. Both parks experienced some delays in starting the season and some limitations due to the pandemic; however, both finished the season quite well considering the circumstances.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Barss, Reeve

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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

## MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 (MD) is responsible for the preparation, accuracy, objectivity and integrity of the accompanying consolidated financial statements and all other information contained within this Financial Report. Management believes that the consolidated financial statements present fairly the MD's financial position as at December 31, 2020 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by Donald L. Isaman Professional Corporation, Chartered Professional Accountant, the independent external auditors appointed by the MD. The accompanying Independent Auditor's Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the MD's consolidated financial statements.

  
Municipal Administrator  
March 19, 2021

  
Director of Finance  
March 19, 2021



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



### To the Members of Council:

#### *Opinion*

I have audited the consolidated financial statements of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 (the Entity), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2020, and the statements of operations, change in net financial assets, cash flows and supporting schedules for the year then ended, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 as at December 31, 2020, the results of its operations, change in its net financial assets, cash flows and supporting schedules for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

#### *Basis for Opinion*

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Canada, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

#### *Responsibilities of management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements*

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

#### *Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements*

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion of the financial statements. I am responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. I remain solely responsible for my audit opinion.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

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

*Report of Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements*

- Debt Limit Regulations:  
In accordance with Alberta Regulation 255/2000, I confirm that the municipality is in compliance with the Debt Limit Regulation. A detailed account of the Entity's debt limit can be found in note 15.
- Supplementary Accounting Principles and Standards Regulation:  
In accordance with Alberta Regulation 313/2000, I confirm that the municipality is in compliance with the Supplementary Accounting Principles and Standards Regulation and note the information required can be found in note 1.

*Ronald L. Esaman*  
*Professional Corporation*

Wainwright, Alberta  
March 19, 2021

Chartered Professional Accountant



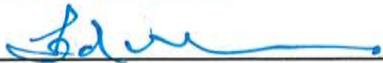
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**As at December 31, 2020**

**STATEMENT 1**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Cash and temporary investments (Note 2)	42,090,510	3,707,403
Receivables		
Taxes and grants in lieu of taxes (Note 3)	3,699,553	2,687,774
Trade and other receivables (Note 4)	265,128	335,677
Inventory for resale (Note 5)	54,501	-
Investments (Note 6)	13,220	29,013,000
	<b>46,122,912</b>	<b>35,743,854</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,384,424	955,703
Accrued wages and benefits	59,405	129,735
Deferred revenue (Note 7)	460,612	114,125
Employee benefit obligations (Note 8)	536,001	611,044
Trust funds (Note 9)	99,256	96,538
	<b>2,539,698</b>	<b>1,907,145</b>
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<b>43,583,214</b>	<b>33,836,709</b>
<b>NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Tangible capital assets (Schedule 2)	262,439,062	268,360,505
Inventory for consumption (Note 10)	6,937,150	6,644,184
Prepaid expenses	5,752	3,808
	<b>269,381,964</b>	<b>275,008,497</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Schedule 1, Note 13)</b>	<b>312,965,178</b>	<b>308,845,206</b>

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL:

  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Reeve

  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Reeve



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61

STATEMENT 2

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Budget \$	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Net municipal taxes (Schedule 3)	25,282,119	25,264,426	25,869,629
User fees and sales of goods	816,958	858,355	1,118,434
Government transfers for operating (Schedule 4)	728,927	738,301	993,678
Investment income	500,000	672,312	718,339
Penalties on taxes and utilities	50,000	326,301	514,126
Licenses, permits and fees	95,000	173,279	47,621
Other	17,800	70,199	153,984
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>27,490,804</b>	<b>28,103,173</b>	<b>29,415,811</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Council and administration	6,709,811	2,548,405	3,018,782
Protective services	660,930	687,405	551,639
Transportation services	26,948,715	26,132,905	27,041,558
Safety	152,929	128,107	115,809
Water, sewer and garbage	483,385	424,391	440,686
Community services	54,429	54,429	41,329
Municipal planning and zoning	124,452	111,778	127,392
Agricultural services board	1,184,835	1,030,400	1,056,787
Recreation, parks and culture	922,179	799,944	854,885
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>37,241,665</b>	<b>31,917,764</b>	<b>33,248,867</b>
<b>SHORTFALL OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES - BEFORE OTHER</b>	<b>(9,750,861)</b>	<b>(3,814,591)</b>	<b>(3,833,056)</b>
<b>OTHER</b>			
Cost recovery of roads	-	2,143,187	2,827,787
Contributed assets	-	87,966	-
Government transfers for capital (Schedule 4)	6,507,657	5,703,410	4,764,285
<b>EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>(3,243,204)</b>	<b>4,119,972</b>	<b>3,759,016</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>308,845,206</b>	<b>308,845,206</b>	<b>305,086,190</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>305,602,002</b>	<b>312,965,178</b>	<b>308,845,206</b>



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STATEMENT 3

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Budget \$	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	(3,243,204)	4,119,972	3,759,016
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(14,173,418)	(12,229,398)	(17,261,546)
Contributed tangible capital assets	-	(87,966)	-
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	1,756,992	1,863,517	1,091,732
Amortization of tangible capital assets	16,053,089	16,015,940	15,751,378
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	359,350	1,020,020
	<u>3,636,663</u>	<u>5,921,443</u>	<u>601,584</u>
Acquisition of supplies inventories	-	(6,937,150)	(6,644,184)
Acquisition of prepaid assets	-	(5,752)	(3,808)
Use of supplies inventories	-	6,644,184	5,592,795
Use of prepaid assets	-	3,808	2,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>(294,910)</u>	<u>(1,053,197)</u>
<b>INCREASE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	393,459	9,746,505	3,307,403
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>33,836,709</u>	<u>33,836,709</u>	<u>30,529,306</u>
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>34,230,168</u></u>	<u><u>43,583,214</u></u>	<u><u>33,836,709</u></u>



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STATEMENT 4

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
<b>NET INFLOW (OUTFLOW) OF CASH RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING TRANSACTIONS:</b>		
<b>OPERATING</b>		
Excess of revenue over expenses ( <i>Statement 2</i> )	4,119,972	3,759,016
Non-cash items included in excess of revenue over expenses:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	16,015,940	15,751,378
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	359,350	1,020,020
Tangible capital assets received as contributions	(87,966)	-
Non-cash charges to operations (net change):		
Increase in taxes and grants in lieu of taxes receivable	(1,011,779)	(1,092,633)
Decrease (increase) in trade and other receivables	70,549	(5,799)
Decrease (increase) in inventory for resale	(54,501)	1,403
Increase in inventory for consumption	(292,966)	(1,051,389)
Increase in prepaid expenses	(1,944)	(1,808)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	428,721	82,680
Decrease in accrued wages and benefits	(70,330)	(27,015)
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	346,487	(3,277,320)
Decrease in employee benefit obligations	(75,043)	(3,765)
Increase in trust funds	2,718	3,388
Cash provided by operating transactions	<u>19,749,208</u>	<u>15,158,156</u>
<b>CAPITAL</b>		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(12,229,398)	(17,261,546)
Sale of tangible capital assets	<u>1,863,517</u>	<u>1,091,732</u>
Cash applied to capital transactions	<u>(10,365,881)</u>	<u>(16,169,814)</u>
<b>INVESTING</b>		
Decrease (increase) in restricted cash or cash equivalents	(38,019,958)	608,408
Decrease (increase) in investments	<u>28,999,780</u>	<u>(500,063)</u>
Cash provided by (applied to) investing transactions	<u>(9,020,178)</u>	<u>108,345</u>
<b>CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS DURING THE YEAR</b>	<b>363,149</b>	<b>(903,313)</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>831,217</b>	<b>1,734,530</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b><u>1,194,366</u></b>	<b><u>831,217</u></b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents is made up of:</b>		
Cash and temporary investments ( <i>Note 2</i> )	42,090,510	3,707,403
Less: restricted portion of cash and temporary investments ( <i>Note 2</i> )	<u>(40,896,144)</u>	<u>(2,876,186)</u>
	<u>1,194,366</u>	<u>831,217</u>



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

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**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 generally accepted accounting principles for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Municipality are as follows:

**a) Reporting Entity**

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenditures, changes in fund balances and change in financial position of the reporting entity.

The schedule of property taxes also includes requisitions for education, health, social and other external organizations that are not part of the municipal reporting entity.

The statements exclude trust assets that are administered for the benefit of external parties. Interdepartmental and organizational transactions and balances are eliminated.

**b) Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting records revenue as it is earned and measurable. Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable based upon receipt of goods or services and/or the legal obligation to pay.

Funds from external parties and earnings thereon restricted by agreement or legislation are accounted for as deferred revenue until used for the purpose specified.

Government transfers, contributions and other amounts are received from third parties pursuant to legislation, regulation or agreement and may only be used for certain programs, in the completion of specific work, or for the purchase of tangible capital assets. In addition, certain user charges and fees are collected for which the related services have yet to be performed. Revenue is recognized in the period when the related expenses are incurred, services performed or the tangible capital assets are acquired.

**c) Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditure during the period. Where measurement uncertainty exists, the financial statements have been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**d) Investments**

Investments are recorded at cost. When there has been a loss in value that is other than a temporary decline, the respective investment is written down to recognize the loss.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

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1. **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

e) **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.

f) **Inventory for Resale**

Inventory held for resale is recorded at the lower of cost or net realizable value.

g) **Tax Revenue**

Tax revenues are recognized when the tax has been authorized by bylaw and the taxable event has occurred. Requisitions operate as a flow through and are excluded from municipal revenue.

h) **Government Transfers**

Government transfers are the transfer of assets from senior levels of government that are not the result of an exchange transaction, are not expected to be repaid in the future, or the result of a direct financial return.

Government transfers are recognized in the financial statements as revenue in the period in which events giving rise to the transfer occur, providing the transfers are authorized, any eligibility criteria have been met, and reasonable estimates of the amounts can be determined.

i) **Non-Financial Assets**

Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for use in the provision of services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year and are not intended for sale in the normal course of operations. The change in non-financial assets during the year, together with the excess of revenue over expenses, provides the consolidated Change in Net Financial Assets for the year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

i. Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. The cost, less residual value, of the tangible capital assets is amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life as follows:

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

One-half of the annual amortization is charged in the year of acquisition and in the year of disposal. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

ii. Contributions of Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets received as contributions are recognized at fair value at the date of receipt and are recorded as revenue.

iii. Leases

Leases are classified as capital or operating leases. Leases which transfer substantially all of the benefits and risks incidental to ownership of property are accounted for as capital leases. All other leases are accounted for as operating leases and the related lease payments are charged to expenses as incurred.

iv. Inventories

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

j) Financial Instruments

The Municipality initially measures all of its financial assets and liabilities at fair value.

The Municipality subsequently measures all of its financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include receivables.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include bank indebtedness, accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Financial assets measured at cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of the write-down is recognized in the excess of revenue over expenses. The previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of reversal is recognized in the excess of revenue over expenses.

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

2. CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash	<u>42,090,510</u>	<u>3,707,403</u>

Included in cash and temporary investments is \$40,896,144 (2019 - \$2,876,186) of funds restricted in use.

3. TAXES AND GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES RECEIVABLES

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Current taxes and grants in lieu of taxes	2,234,450	2,595,963
Arrears taxes and grants in lieu of taxes	<u>3,305,956</u>	<u>1,766,977</u>
	5,540,406	4,362,940
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>(1,840,853)</u>	<u>(1,675,166)</u>
	<u>3,699,553</u>	<u>2,687,774</u>

4. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Due from federal government	75,614	81,465
Due from provincial government	139,437	128,107
Due from local government	23,312	12,340
All other receivables	<u>26,765</u>	<u>113,765</u>
	<u>265,128</u>	<u>335,677</u>

5. INVENTORY FOR RESALE

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Bundles of firewood	375	-
Strychnine	<u>54,126</u>	-
	<u>54,501</u>	-

6. INVESTMENTS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Equity in Cornerstone Co-operative	8,189	7,971
Equity in Irma Co-op Association Ltd.	5,000	5,000
Encompass Credit Union common shares	31	29
Short-term deposits	<u>-</u>	<u>29,000,000</u>
	<u>13,220</u>	<u>29,013,000</u>

2019 Short-term deposits had a maturity of less than one year and had an effective interest rate of 2.75%. In 2019 \$29,000,000 included in short-term deposits were restricted in use.



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

**7. DEFERRED REVENUE**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Municipal Sustainability Initiative	-	468
Alberta Community Partnership	<b>50,000</b>	-
Emergency Preparedness Program	<b>23,500</b>	13,407
Municipal Operating Support Transfer	<b>342,912</b>	-
Municipal Stimulus Program	<b>25,000</b>	-
Subdivision Road Construction and Oiling	<b>12,000</b>	19,280
Prepaid Lease Agreements	<b>7,200</b>	-
Education Requisition Over-Levy	<u>-</u>	<u>80,970</u>
	<b><u>460,612</u></b>	<b><u>114,125</u></b>

**Municipal Sustainability Initiative**

Funding in the amount of \$2,342,822 (2019 - \$1,592,302) was received in the current year from the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI). Of the \$2,342,822 received, \$2,203,410 (2019 - \$1,455,199) is from the capital component of the program and is restricted to eligible capital projects, as approved under the funding agreement. The remaining \$139,412 (2019 - \$137,103) of MSI funding is from the operating component of the program and is restricted to eligible operating projects, as approved under the funding agreement. All MSI funding has been spent. In 2019 interest in the amount of \$468 earned on the MSI funds during the year was carried forward for future MSI projects.

**Alberta Community Partnership**

Funding in the amount of \$50,000 was received in 2020 from the Alberta Community Partnership to deliver a regional service emergency management plan in conjunction with the Villages of Chauvin, Edgerton and Irma and the Town of Wainwright. The project is to be completed in 2021.

**Emergency Preparedness Program**

Funding in the amount of \$16,650 (2019 - \$38,850) was received in 2020 from the Canadian Agricultural Partnership Emergency Preparedness Program. \$16,650 of the funding from 2020 and \$13,407 of the funding from 2019 has been applied to training, exercises and the establishment of a livestock management plan in 2020.

Funding in the amount of \$23,500 was received in 2020 from the Alberta Emergency Management Preparedness Program to carry out table top and structural exercises in conjunction with the Villages of Chauvin, Edgerton and Irma and the Town of Wainwright. The exercises are to be completed in 2021.

**Municipal Operating Support Transfer**

Funding in the amount of \$458,539 was received in 2020 from the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada to provide operating support for operating losses and incremental costs incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. \$115,627 of the funding has been recognized as revenue in 2020 with the remainder to be recognized in 2021.

**Municipal Stimulus Program**

Funding in the amount of \$25,000 was received in 2020 from the Government of Alberta for infrastructure funding. This funding will be recognized in 2021 when the project is completed.



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7. DEFERRED REVENUE – continued

**Subdivision Road Construction and Oiling**

This funding has been collected for the future construction and oiling of roads within rural subdivisions. The road construction and oiling will take place once residences are first built in each subdivision. During the year \$7,280 was recognized as revenue, as road oiling was completed in one subdivision.

**Education Requisition Over-Levy**

Due to the late timing of the provincial budget in 2019, education mill rates had to be estimated on the 2019 tax notices. In addition, there were residential and non-residential assessment changes subsequent to the release of the 2019 tax notices. The 2019 total over-levy of education taxes was \$80,970 and was adjusted for during the calculation of the 2020 education mill rates.

8. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Vacation	97,071	158,650
Sick time	<u>438,930</u>	<u>452,394</u>
	<u>536,001</u>	<u>611,044</u>

The vacation liability is comprised of the vacation that employees have earned and are deferring to the following year, in accordance with Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 Policy 1.1.8. The sick time liability is a grant to eligible employees for accumulated sick time upon leaving employment, in accordance with Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 Policy 1.1.7.

9. TRUST FUNDS

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

	<u>2020</u>			<u>2019</u>
	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Tax sale surplus trust	-	-	329	329
Reserve trust	<u>4,963</u>	<u>2,246</u>	<u>98,926</u>	<u>96,209</u>
	<u>4,963</u>	<u>2,246</u>	<u>99,255</u>	<u>96,538</u>

10. INVENTORY FOR CONSUMPTION

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Blades, bits and ripper teeth	93,178	113,639
Culverts and couplers	87,683	62,688
Gravel and sand	6,728,154	6,450,454
Fence posts and wire	<u>28,135</u>	<u>17,403</u>
	<u>6,937,150</u>	<u>6,644,184</u>



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11. BANK INDEBTEDNESS

The Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 has arranged \$15,000,000 in bank credit facilities bearing interest at prime rate plus 1.00%. The credit facilities are secured by the taxes levied by the Municipality. There was no balance outstanding on the credit facilities at December 31, 2020 or December 31, 2019.

12. EQUITY IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Tangible capital assets (Schedule 2)	551,719,108	546,254,789
Accumulated amortization (Schedule 2)	<u>(289,280,046)</u>	<u>(277,894,284)</u>
	<u>262,439,062</u>	<u>268,360,505</u>

13. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

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

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Unrestricted surplus	10,189,839	8,819,177
Restricted surplus (Note 14)	40,336,277	31,665,524
Equity in tangible capital assets (Note 12)	<u>262,439,062</u>	<u>268,360,505</u>
	<u>312,965,178</u>	<u>308,845,206</u>

14. RESTRICTED SURPLUS

Restricted surplus activities changed as follows:

	<u>2020</u>			<u>2019</u>
	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General	-	-	998,438	998,438
Fire – Edgerton	178,702	223,090	279,468	323,856
Fire – Irma	168,533	100,035	853,778	785,280
Fire – Chauvin	160,232	83,414	253,798	176,980
Fire – Wainwright	254,638	255,230	490,012	490,604
Transportation	8,500,000	-	35,672,718	27,172,718
Water well	-	-	192,678	192,678
Recreation	328,075	257,658	282,884	212,467
Debt reduction	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
Agricultural Service Board	-	-	207,599	207,599
Development	-	-	<u>104,904</u>	<u>104,904</u>
Total restricted surplus	<u>9,590,180</u>	<u>919,427</u>	<u>40,336,277</u>	<u>31,665,524</u>



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**15. 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>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Total debt limit	<b>42,154,760</b>	44,123,717
Total debt	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Amount of debt limit unused	<b><u>42,154,760</u></b>	<b><u>44,123,717</u></b>
Debt servicing limit	<b>7,025,793</b>	7,353,953
Debt servicing	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Amount of debt servicing limit unused	<b><u>7,025,793</u></b>	<b><u>7,353,953</u></b>

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 as 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 that could be at financial risk if further debt is acquired. The calculation taken alone does not represent the financial stability of the municipality. Rather, the financial statements must be interpreted as a whole.

**16. 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:

	<u>2020</u>			<u>2019</u>
	<u>Salary<sup>1/</sup> Contract</u>	<u>Benefits &amp; Allowances<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Reeve				
Bob Barss	72,221	10,241	82,462	91,005
Councillors				
Ryley Andersen	43,120	7,952	51,072	64,133
Oscar Buck	40,194	7,679	47,873	60,443
Bruce Cummins	40,649	4,051	44,700	55,203
William Lawson	56,070	9,149	65,219	63,265
Phil Valteau	36,330	1,342	36,672	51,939
Ted Wilkinson	48,115	7,365	55,480	63,344
Municipal Administrator				
Kelly Buchinski	209,890	31,341	241,231	240,941
Designated Officers (2)	228,666	25,291 <sup>3</sup>	253,957	293,949

<sup>1</sup> Salary includes regular pay, gross honoraria and any other direct cash remuneration.

<sup>2</sup> 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, and long-term disability plans.

<sup>3</sup>An automobile is provided and a taxable benefit has been included in the benefits and allowances figure.



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**17. SEGMENTED DISCLOSURE**

The Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 provides a range of services to its ratepayers. For each reported segment, revenue and expenses represent both amounts that are directly attributable to the segment and amounts that are allocated on a reasonable basis. The accounting policies used in these segments are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the financial statements as disclosed in *Note 1*.

Refer to the Schedule of Segmented Disclosure (*Schedule 6*).

**18. 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 Public Sector Pension Plans Act. The LAPP is financed by employer and employee contributions and by investment earnings of the LAPP Fund.

Contributions for current service are recorded as expenditures in the year in which they become due.

The Municipality is required to make current service contributions to the LAPP of 9.39% (2019 – 9.39%) of pensionable earnings up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings under the Canada Pension Plan and 13.84% (2019 – 13.84%) on pensionable earnings above this amount. Employees of the Municipality are required to make current service contributions of 8.39% (2019 – 8.39%) of pensionable salary up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings and 12.84% (2019 – 12.84%) on pensionable earnings above this amount.

Total current service contributions by the Municipality to the LAPP in 2020 were \$325,119 (2019 - \$338,201). Total current service contributions by the employees of the Municipality to the LAPP in 2020 were \$294,514 (2019 - \$306,692).

At December 31, 2019, the LAPP disclosed an actuarial surplus of \$7.913 billion.

**19. CONTINGENCIES**

The Municipality is a member of the Jubilee Reciprocal Insurance Exchange. Under the terms of the 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.

**20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Municipality's financial instruments consist of cash and temporary investments, accounts receivable, investments, bank indebtedness, and 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 the taxes and grants in lieu of taxes 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.



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**21. COMPARATIVE FIGURES**

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

**22. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Council and Management have approved these financial statements.

**23. OTHER MATTER**

During the year, there was a global outbreak of a novel coronavirus identified as "COVID-19". On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic. In order to combat the spread of COVID-19 governments worldwide have enacted emergency measures including travel bans, legally enforced or self-imposed quarantine periods, social distancing and business and organization closures. These measures have caused material disruptions to businesses, governments and other organizations resulting in an economic slowdown and increased volatility in national and global equity and commodity markets.

Central banks and governments, including Canadian federal and provincial government, have reacted with significant monetary and fiscal interventions designed to stabilize economic conditions. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 outbreak is unknown at this time, as is the efficacy of any interventions. It is not possible to reliably estimate the length and severity of these developments and the impact on the financial results and condition of the Society and its operations in future periods.

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SCHEDULE 1

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED SURPLUS  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Unrestricted Surplus	Restricted Surplus	Equity in Tangible Capital Assets	2020 Total	2019 Total
<b>BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>8,819,177</b>	<b>31,665,524</b>	<b>268,360,505</b>	<b>308,845,206</b>	305,086,190
Excess (shortfall) of revenue over expenses	4,119,972	-	-	<b>4,119,972</b>	3,759,016
Unrestricted funds designated for future use	(9,590,180)	9,590,180	-	-	-
Restricted funds used for operations	919,427	(919,427)	-	-	-
Restricted funds used for tangible capital assets	-	-	-	-	-
Current year funds used for tangible capital assets	(12,229,398)	-	12,229,398	-	-
Contributed tangible capital assets	(87,966)	-	87,966	-	-
Disposal of tangible capital assets	2,222,867	-	(2,222,867)	-	-
Annual amortization expense	16,015,940	-	(16,015,940)	-	-
Change in accumulated surplus	1,370,662	8,670,753	(5,921,443)	<b>4,119,972</b>	3,759,016
<b>BALANCE, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>10,189,839</b>	<b>40,336,277</b>	<b>262,439,062</b>	<b>312,965,178</b>	308,845,206



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SCHEDULE 2

SCHEDULE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Land	Land Improvements	Buildings	Engineered Structures	Machinery & Equipment	Vehicles	2020 Total	2019 Total
<b>COST</b>								
Balance, beginning of year	3,210,773	1,916,454	3,359,612	512,060,698	19,318,133	6,389,119	546,254,789	537,363,189
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	83,974	-	-	7,925,131	3,821,252	99,430	11,929,787	16,338,950
Construction-in-progress	-	-	-	387,577	-	-	387,577	922,596
Disposal of tangible capital assets	-	-	-	(2,088,353)	(4,664,497)	(100,195)	(6,853,045)	(8,369,946)
Write down of tangible capital assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance, end of year	3,294,747	1,916,454	3,359,612	518,285,053	18,474,888	6,388,354	551,719,108	546,254,789
<b>ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION</b>								
Balance, beginning of year	-	775,265	1,253,668	265,110,089	7,461,399	3,293,863	277,894,284	268,401,100
Annual amortization	-	86,720	67,192	13,881,579	1,600,754	379,695	16,015,940	15,751,378
Accumulated amortization on disposals	-	-	-	(2,088,353)	(2,476,116)	(65,709)	(4,630,178)	(6,258,194)
Balance, end of year	-	861,985	1,320,860	276,903,315	6,586,037	3,607,849	289,280,046	277,894,284
<b>NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS</b>								
	3,294,747	1,054,469	2,038,752	241,381,738	11,888,851	2,780,505	262,439,062	268,360,505
<b>2019 NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS</b>								
	3,210,773	1,141,189	2,105,944	246,950,609	11,856,734	3,095,256	268,360,505	



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SCHEDULE 3

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY TAXES  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Budget \$	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>TAXATION</b>			
Real property taxes	10,400,550	<b>10,174,091</b>	10,238,569
Linear property taxes	19,744,178	<b>19,945,924</b>	20,183,490
Government grants in lieu of property taxes	2,807,261	<b>2,807,261</b>	2,854,010
	<u>32,951,989</u>	<u><b>32,927,276</b></u>	<u>33,276,069</u>
<b>REQUISITIONS AND TRANSFERS</b>			
Alberta School Foundation Fund	5,981,388	<b>5,973,878</b>	5,740,111
East Central Alberta Catholic Separate Schools	168,436	<b>175,793</b>	161,788
Battle River Foundation	312,931	<b>312,931</b>	298,673
Designated Industrial Properties	88,872	<b>87,625</b>	95,049
East Central 911	28,666	<b>28,666</b>	28,666
Rural fire	399,033	<b>403,868</b>	395,172
Rural recreation	690,544	<b>680,089</b>	686,981
	<u>7,669,870</u>	<u><b>7,662,850</b></u>	<u>7,406,440</u>
<b>NET MUNICIPAL TAXES</b>	<u>25,282,119</u>	<u><b>25,264,426</b></u>	<u>25,869,629</u>



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SCHEDULE 4

SCHEDULE OF GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Budget \$	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>TRANSFERS FOR OPERATING</b>			
Provincial government	377,972	431,646	417,560
Federal government	350,955	306,655	576,118
	<u>728,927</u>	<u>738,301</u>	<u>993,678</u>
<b>TRANSFERS FOR CAPITAL</b>			
Provincial government	6,068,957	5,703,410	4,764,285
Federal government	438,700	-	-
	<u>6,507,657</u>	<u>5,703,410</u>	<u>4,764,285</u>
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<u>7,236,584</u>	<u>6,441,711</u>	<u>5,757,963</u>



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SCHEDULE 5

SCHEDULE OF CONSOLIDATED EXPENSES BY OBJECT  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Budget \$	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>CONSOLIDATED EXPENSES BY OBJECT</b>			
Salaries, wages and benefits	6,714,154	<b>6,104,729</b>	6,582,866
Contracted and general services	6,386,348	<b>5,248,178</b>	5,395,915
Materials, goods and utilities	3,680,249	<b>3,286,367</b>	3,293,626
Provision for allowances	3,732,000	<b>258,358</b>	534,173
Transfers to local boards and agencies	665,325	<b>644,270</b>	670,493
Bank charges and short-term interest	10,500	<b>572</b>	396
Amortization of tangible capital assets	16,053,089	<b>16,015,940</b>	15,751,378
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	<b>359,350</b>	1,020,020
	<u>37,241,665</u>	<u><b>31,917,764</b></u>	<u>33,248,867</u>



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SCHEDULE 6

SCHEDULE OF SEGMENTED DISCLOSURE  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	General Government	Protective Services	Transportation Services	Planning & Zoning	Recreation & Culture	Environmental Services	Other	2020 Total
<b>REVENUE</b>								
Net municipal taxes	25,264,426	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,264,426
Government transfers	110,819	99,762	5,972,243	-	82,280	-	176,607	6,441,711
User fees and sales of goods	170,005	23,109	158,739	23,912	329,707	68,239	84,644	858,355
Investment income	672,312	-	-	-	-	-	-	672,312
Penalties on taxes and utilities	326,301	-	-	-	-	-	-	326,301
Other revenue	178,015	133,907	2,143,187	1,271	3,554	-	14,697	2,474,631
	<u>26,721,878</u>	<u>256,778</u>	<u>8,274,169</u>	<u>25,183</u>	<u>415,541</u>	<u>68,239</u>	<u>275,948</u>	<u>36,037,736</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
Contracted and general services	601,579	467,713	3,631,537	8,802	109,369	264,878	164,300	5,248,178
Salaries, wages and benefits	1,248,458	40,723	4,026,158	102,857	132,997	36,129	517,407	6,104,729
Materials, goods and utilities	113,757	-	2,578,288	119	146,904	34,564	412,735	3,286,367
Transfers to local boards and agencies	286,780	-	-	-	303,061	-	54,429	644,270
Other expenses	258,930	-	359,350	-	-	-	-	618,280
	<u>2,509,504</u>	<u>508,436</u>	<u>10,595,333</u>	<u>111,778</u>	<u>692,331</u>	<u>335,571</u>	<u>1,148,871</u>	<u>15,901,824</u>
<b>NET REVENUE, BEFORE AMORTIZATION</b>	<u>24,212,374</u>	<u>(251,658)</u>	<u>(2,321,164)</u>	<u>(86,595)</u>	<u>(276,790)</u>	<u>(267,332)</u>	<u>(872,923)</u>	<u>20,135,912</u>
Amortization expense	(38,901)	(178,969)	(15,530,280)	-	(114,905)	(88,820)	(64,065)	(16,015,940)
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<u>24,173,473</u>	<u>(430,627)</u>	<u>(17,851,444)</u>	<u>(86,595)</u>	<u>(391,695)</u>	<u>(356,152)</u>	<u>(936,988)</u>	<u>4,119,972</u>



# **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61**

## **2020 AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD ANNUAL REPORT**

### **LEGISLATIVE GRANT STREAM SECTION**

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

In 2020, the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) received grants from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry in the following amounts; \$123,907 was for the Provincial ASB Grant – Legislative Stream, \$39,000 was for the Provincial ASB Grant – Resource Management Stream and \$43,000 was for the Rat Control Grant. The Municipal District of Wainwright (M.D.) sold approximately 313 cases of 2% liquid strychnine concentrate (LSC) in 2020. Due to PMRA decision to de-regulate 2% Liquid Strychnine the M.D. of Wainwright has until March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to distribute our in-stock product. Agricultural producers have until March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to legally distribute the product on their property. The M.D. of Wainwright continues to operate 3 municipal water tankloader facilities for agriculture, shelterbelt and other approved uses. Approximate usage levels for the tankloader's in 2020 were as follows: Ribstone 16,236 gallons, Giltedge 572,220 gallons and Irma 933,917 gallons.

#### **VEGETATION MANAGEMENT, CROP PEST MONITORING AND VERTEBRATE PEST CONTROL**

This was the second of a three-year rotation for our roadside spray program. We continue to address weeds such as Toadflax, Scentless Chamomile, Leafy Spurge, Tansy, Tall Buttercup, White Cockle, Baby's Breath and Canada Thistle found within our boundaries. Prohibited noxious weeds Nodding Thistle, Diffuse Knapweed and Hoary Alyssum continue to be monitored and controlled where found. Purple Loosestrife (prohibited noxious) was first discovered in 2019 south of Wainwright in Enstrom Pond. The affected partners (M.D. of Wainwright, Town of Wainwright, Wainwright Regional Waste to Energy Authority and private landowners) were able to secure a Special Use Approval through Alberta Environment and Parks Pesticide Regulatory Department for the control of Purple Loosestrife. This 5-year approval allows us to use more control options to successfully eradicate the infestation before it spreads any further. The ASB continues to partner with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry in their pest surveillance program. Diamondback Moths, Bertha Armyworms, grasshoppers and wheat midge were all surveyed for in 2020. The ASB completed 76 random clubroot inspections. Clubroot was confirmed via soil and tissue analysis in 8 randomly selected fields in 2020. In 2020, there were no rat infestations and staff removed 174 problem beaver that were affecting municipal infrastructure locations.

#### **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STREAM SECTION**

##### **MUNICIPAL PROJECTS, DEMONSTRATIONS AND EXTENSION ACTIVITIES**

The focus of the grant money is to provide information and programs within three priority areas; first is to deliver, promote and manage the Environmental Farm plan; second is to deliver, promote and manage the Canadian Agriculture Partnership; thirdly, to promote the sustainability of water, soil, air and biodiversity in the M.D. of Wainwright. The ASB newsletter called "The Municipal Agriculture Connection" continues to be a source of information for our rural rate payers. The ASB hosted a Health Talks workshop focusing on soil and mental health. In conjunction with the Grazing School for Women, the ASB hosted a Pasture Rejuvenation and Communication webinar.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Schwindt  
Agricultural Fieldman

## MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61

### 2020 DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT

With the uncertainty and increased lumber prices that 2020 brought, the MD of Wainwright was grateful that there was still a reasonable amount of development throughout the year. In 2020 we issued 39 development permits with a total dollar value of \$8,413,866. There were 14 new and manufactured home starts, 13 shops/sheds/barns, 6 garages, 3 cottages, 2 home retaining walls and 2 multi-family complex developments.

Oilfield activity saw a slight increase in 2020 with the Provincial Government issuing 25 drilling permits throughout the municipality. The municipality granted 10 pipeline road-crossing approvals and with the continued reclamation and pipeline maintenance projects, existing and new approach approvals were steady throughout the year.

The MD received 9 applications for subdivision during 2020, with a total of 12 new parcels of land being created, and 3 conditionally approved subdivision applications.

Inspections Group Inc. is now the accredited inspection agency and the sole provider of the Safety Codes Compliance Services within the MD of Wainwright. All provincial regulations shall be adhered to and permits for building, electrical, plumbing, gas and private sewage disposal systems shall be obtained as required. Contact *Inspections Group Inc.* at 1-866-554-5048 or obtain permit applications on their website at [www.inspectionsgroup.com](http://www.inspectionsgroup.com).

The MD of Wainwright would like to remind ratepayers that development permits are not only required for building, but also for the change in use of land or buildings. Clear Lake residents are reminded that any type of development, including grading of your lot and retaining walls, require development and building permits which could entail an engineered design. All shoreline modifications must be approved by Alberta Environment. If you have any questions regarding development, please contact our office at 780-842-4454. Development permit and subdivision applications can be picked up at the MD of Wainwright office or downloaded from our website at [www.mdwainwright.ca](http://www.mdwainwright.ca).

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

Respectfully submitted,

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