

Consolidated Financial Statements

Municipality of the District of Clare

March 31, 2024

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Independent Auditor's Report

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To the Warden and Members of the Council Municipality of the District of Clare

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Municipality of the District of Clare (the "Municipality"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2024, and the consolidated statements of operations, changes in net financial assets and cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Municipality of the District of Clare as at March 31, 2024, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Municipality in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other matters

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole. The consolidated schedules of statements of operations on pages 24 to 29 are presented for purposes of additional information and are not a required part of the consolidated financial statements. Such information has been subjected to auditing procedures applied, only to the extent necessary to express an opinion, in the audit of the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

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

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



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

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

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due
 to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence
 that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting 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 Municipality'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 Municipality's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Municipality to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including
 the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and
 events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

Crant Thornton LLP

Yarmouth, Canada September 18, 2024 **Chartered Professional Accountants**

Municipality of the District of Clare Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

March 31, 2024

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and the integrity and objectivity of these statements are management's responsibility. Management is also responsible for all of the notes to the consolidated financial statements and schedules, and for ensuring that this information is consistent, where appropriate, with the information contained in the consolidated financial statements. A summary of the significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements. The preparation of financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgment, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods.

Management is also responsible for implementing and maintaining a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that reliable financial information is produced. The internal controls are designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and recorded in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements, and reliable financial information is available on a timely basis for preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

The Municipal Councilors are responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control, and exercises these responsibilities through the Council. The Council reviews external audited consolidated financial statements yearly. The Council also discusses any significant financial reporting or internal control matters prior to their approval of the consolidated financial statements.

The external auditors, Grant Thornton LLP, conduct an independent examination, in accordance with Canadian auditing standards, and express their opinion on the consolidated financial statements. The external auditors have full and free access to financial management of the Municipality of the District of Clare and meet when required. The accompanying Auditor's Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the consolidated financial statements.

On behalf of The Municipality of the District of Clare

Yvon LeBlanc

Warden

Stéphane Cyr Chief Administrative Officer

Year Ended March 31		2024	2023
	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 6,672,487	\$ 6,730,597	\$ 6,278,905
Grants in lieu of taxes	193,877	162,268	157,462
Services provided to other governments	330,000	428,155	349,120
Other revenue from own sources	702,185	642,314	629,487
Unconditional transfers from other			
governments	232,867	233,109	240,304
Conditional transfers from federal and			
provincial governments and agencies	5,566,021	1,954,793	1,712,762
Interest	164,000	464,326	297,061
Other			209,718
	<u>13,861,437</u>	<u>10,615,562</u>	<u>9,874,819</u>
Evnesses			
Expenses General government services	1,750,144	1,631,657	2,059,617
Protective services	2,236,003	2,186,600	2,129,787
Transportation services	140,038	130,952	119,014
Environmental health services	2,179,255	2,129,776	2,095,508
Public health and welfare services	1,225,236	1,232,172	1,029,374
Environmental development services	371,263	377,001	406,887
Recreational and cultural services	<u>1,836,616</u>	<u>1,675,989</u>	<u>1,816,941</u>
	9,738,555	<u>9,364,147</u>	9,657,128
Annual surplus before the undernoted	\$ 4,122,882	1,251,415	217,691
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	3	(126,722)	
Annual surplus		1,124,693	217,691
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year		19,299,253	19,081,562
Accumulated surplus, end of year		\$20,423,946	\$19,299,253

Municipality of the District of Clare Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

March 31		2024		2023
Financial Assets				
Cash – restricted (Note 6)	\$	330,908	\$	326,735
Cash – unrestricted	,	6,850,657		5,463,622
Receivables		-,,		.,,
Taxes (Note 4)		341,942		360,234
Special assessments		7,282		14,953
Due from Federal Government and its agencies		8,332		38,911
Due from own agencies - Fire Department		-		47,939
Other receivables	_	448,897		323,077
		7,988,018		6,575,471
Financial Liabilities				
Payables and accruals		1,786,459		811,728
Prepayment of taxes		225,836		187,983
Asset retirement obligations (Note 10)		297,108		288,260
Landfill closure (Note 11)		303,336		303,336
Long-term debt (Note 12)		1,324,433		1,531,617
Temporary borrowing (Note 14)		2,633,926		-
Deferred revenue (Note 9)		1,706,230		1,010,863
Tax sale surplus (Note 6)		286,203		<u> 257,416</u>
		8,563,530	_	4,391,203
NET (DEBT) FINANCIAL ASSETS	_	(575,512)		2,184,268
No. Physical Laurence				
Non-Financial Assets		47 EEG 00E		12 520 712
Tangible capital assets (Note 16) Other non-financial assets (Note 13)		17,556,095 3,443,364		13,529,712 3,585,273
Other hon-illiancial assets (Note 13)		3,443,304	-	
	_	<u>20,999,459</u>	_	<u>17,114,985</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	\$	20,423,946	\$	19,299,253

Commitments and contractual obligations (Note 7)

On behalf of the Municipality of the District of Clare

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See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Municipality of the District of Clare Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets Year Ended March 31 Rudget 2024 2023

Year Ended March 31	Budget	2024	2023
Annual surplus	\$ 4,573,667	\$ 1,124,693	\$ 217,691
Acquisition of tangible capital assets Acquisition of non-financial assets Amortization of tangible capital assets Amortization of other non-financial asset Asset retirement obligations recognized Loss on disposal of tangible	(11,955,390) (600,000) 645,788 491,909	(4,798,892) (350,000) 645,788 491,909	(1,571,619) (1,532,098) 658,902 448,159 (276,907)
capital assets Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets		126,722 	<u> </u>
Decrease in net financial assets	<u>\$ (6,844,026)</u>	(2,759,780)	(2,055,872)
Net financial assets, beginning of year		2,184,268	4,240,140
Net (debt) financial assets, end of year		\$ (575,512)	\$ 2,184,268

Municipality of the District of Clare
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow

Year Ended March 31		2024	2023
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			
Operating activities			
Annual surplus	\$	1,124,693	\$ 217,691
Change in non-cash items		, .	
Amortization of tangible capital assets		645,788	658,902
Amortization of other non-financial asset		491,909	448,159
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets		126,722	· -
Taxes receivable		18,292	(78,475)
Special assessments		7,671	(7,374)
Due from Federal Government and its agencies		30,579	(30,949)
Due from own agencies – Fire Department		47,939	62,699
Other receivables		(125,820)	92,437
Accretion expense		8,848	11,353
Other non-financial assets		(350,000)	(1,532,098)
Payables and accruals		974,730	148,991
Prepayment of taxes		37,852	27,826
Asset retirement obligations recognized		•	276,907
Deferred revenue		695,367	174,377
Tax sale surplus		28,787	(84,588)
		3,763,357	385,858
Capital activities		0,100,001	
Acquisition of tangible capital assets		(4,798,892)	(1,571,619)
Asset retirement obligations		-	(276,907)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets			
		(4,798,892)	(1,848,526)
Financing activities			
Issuance of temporary borrowing		2,917,853	-
Repayment of temporary borrowing		(283,927)	_
Repayment of long-term debt		(207,184)	(207,184)
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	_	2,426,742	(207,184)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		1,391,208	(1,669,852)
Cash and cash equivalents			
Beginning of year		5,790,357	7,460,209
	_		
End of year	\$	7,181,565	\$ 5,790,357
Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of:			
Restricted cash	\$	330,908	\$ 326,735
Unrestricted cash	•	6,850,657	5,463,622
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	<u>\$</u>	7,181,565	<u>\$ 5,790,357</u>

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies

The consolidated financial statements of the Municipality of the District of Clare (the "Municipality") are the representations of management prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for local governments, as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board ("PSAB") of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada.

The focus of PSAB financial statements is on the financial position of the Municipality and the changes thereto. The Consolidated Statement of Financial Position includes all of the assets and liabilities of the Municipality.

Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Municipality are as follows:

Reporting entity

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances and in financial position of the reporting entity. The reporting entity is comprised of all organizations and enterprises accountable for the administration of their affairs and resources to the Municipality and which are owned or controlled by the Municipality.

Interdepartmental and organizational transactions and balances are eliminated.

Basis of accounting

The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues as they become available and measurable. Expenditures are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation.

Budget figures

The budget figures contained in these consolidated financial statements were approved by Council on April 12, 2023 in its original fiscal plan; they also have recorded additional adjustments in accordance with PSAB requirements. Note 19 outlines the original fiscal plan and the adjustments made to come to the budget figures shown in these consolidated financial statements.

Revenue recognition

(a) Tax revenue is property tax billings which are prepared by the Municipality based on assessment rolls issued by the Province of Nova Scotia. Tax rates are established annually by Municipal Council. Taxation revenues are recorded at the time tax billings are issued. Assessments and the related property taxes are subject to appeal. Any supplementary billing adjustments made necessary by the determination of such changes will be recognized in the fiscal year they are determined.

The Municipality is entitled to collect interest and penalties on overdue taxes. These revenues are recorded in the period the interest and penalties are levied.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Revenue recognition (continued)

- (b) Grant proceeds from other governments are recognized as revenue when the transfer is authorized, and eligibility criteria and stipulations are met. Grant proceeds where eligibility criteria and stipulations are not met are recorded as deferred revenue.
- (c) Landfill and recycling center tipping fees Revenue is recorded when the service is provided, the exchange amount is measurable, and collectability of the amount is reasonably assured.
- (d) Other revenue is recorded as services or goods are provided, the exchange amount is measurable, and collectability of the amount is reasonably assured.

Expenses

- (a) Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation.
- (b) Government transfers made to a recipient by the Municipality are recorded as an expense when they are authorized, and the recipient meets all eligibility criteria.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, balances with banks and short term deposits with original maturities of three months or less. Bank borrowings are considered to be financing activities.

Valuation allowance

The Municipality provides a valuation allowance for estimated losses that will be incurred in collecting taxes, rates outstanding, and other receivables.

Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets and projects in progress are recorded at cost which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. Funds received through capital assistance programs, cost-sharing arrangements or loan forgiveness are treated as revenue in the year they are earned.

Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use. Funding related to the purchase of capital assets is recorded as revenue when received. Donated assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at time of acquisition. The Municipality does not capitalize interest as part of the costs of its capital assets.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Tangible capital assets (continued)

Amortization for capital assets is presented in the financial statements and is calculated on a straight-line basis over an asset's estimated useful life less any residual value as follows:

Land improvements	25 years
Buildings	40 years
Plants	25 years
Machinery and equipment	5-15 years
Vehicles	5 years
Streets, roads and curbs	30 years
Sidewalks	20 years
Sewer lines	50 years
Leasehold improvements	5 years
Computer software	5 years
Wharves	25 years

Other non-financial assets

Other non-financial assets are recorded at cost. The asset was only available for use in the March 31, 2024 fiscal year. The cost of the track and field is being amortized on a straight-line basis over the remaining term of the lease.

Financial instruments

Initial measurement

Financial instruments are measured at fair value when issued or acquired. For financial instruments subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost, fair value is adjusted by the amount of the related financing fees and transaction costs. Transaction costs and financing fees relating to financial instruments that are measured subsequently at fair value are recognized in operations in the year in which they are incurred. Financial instruments consist of cash, receivables, payables and accruals, prepayment of taxes and long-term debt.

Subsequent measurement

At each reporting date, the Municipality measures its financial assets and liabilities at cost or amortized cost (less impairment in the case of financial assets), except for investments, which must be measured at fair value. The Municipality uses the effective interest rate method to amortize any premiums, discounts, transaction fees and financing fees to the statement of operations. The financial instruments measured at amortized cost are cash, receivables, payables and accruals, prepayment of taxes and long-term debt.

For financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost, the Municipality regularly assesses whether there are any indications of impairment. If there is an indication of impairment, and the Municipality determines there is significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows from the financial asset, it recognizes an impairment loss in the statement of operations. Any reversals of previously recognized impairment losses are recognized in operations in the year the reversal occurs.

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Municipality is not exposed to significant interest or credit risk arising from financial instruments.

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Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Asset retirement obligations

An asset retirement obligation is recognized when, as at the financial reporting date, all of the following criteria are met:

- There is a legal obligation to incur retirement costs in relation to a tangible capital asset:
- The past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred;
- It is expected that the future economic benefit will be given up; and
- A reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

The liability for removal of underground tanks and wharves has been recognized based on estimated future expenses. The liability associated with the remediation of contaminants present within buildings owned by the Municipality has also been recognized based on estimated future expenses on closure of the sites and post-closure care.

The liability is discounted using a present value calculation and adjusted annually for accretion expense. The recognition of a liability resulted in an accompanying increase to the respective tangible capital assets. The increase to tangible capital assets is being amortized in accordance with the amortization accounting policies.

Liability for contaminated sites

Contaminated sites are a result of contamination being introduced into air, soil, water or sediment of a chemical, organic or radioactive material or live organism that exceeds an environmental standard. Any resulting liability would be recorded net of any expected recoveries. A liability for remediation of contaminated sites is recognized when all of the following criteria are met:

- An environmental standard exists;
- Contamination exceeds the environmental standard;
- The Municipality is directly responsible and accepts responsibility;
- It is expected that the future economic benefits will be given up; and
- A reasonable estimate of the amount can be made

The liability would include all costs directly attributable to remediation activities including post remediation operations, maintenance and monitoring.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Use of estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards requires management to make estimates that effect the amounts recorded in the financial statements. Management reviews the carrying amounts of items in the financial statements at each fiscal year end date to assess the need for revisions. Items in preparation of these consolidated financial statements require management's best estimate based on assumptions that reflect the most probable set of economic conditions and planned courses of action.

These estimates are reviewed periodically and adjustments are made to annual surplus as appropriate in the year they become known.

Significant items subject to management estimates include:

Financial statement element

Taxes receivable
Payables and accruals
Tangible capital assets
Asset retirement obligations

Landfill closure

Management estimate

Allowance for doubtful accounts

Allowance for do Accrued liability Useful lives Discount rate Landfill liability

Segmented information

The Municipality of the District of Clare is a diversified municipal unit that provides a wide range of services to its citizens. For management reporting purposes the Municipality's operations and activities are organized and reported by fund. Funds were created for the purpose of recording specific activities to attain certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations.

Municipal services are provided by departments and their activity is reported in these funds. The services provided by these departments are as follows.

General Government Services

This department is responsible for the overall financial and local government administration. Its tasks include tax billings and payments, accounts payable and receivables, budgets and financial statements, the Municipal Government Act, administration and maintenance of bylaws and change of address.

Protective Services

This department is responsible for ensuring the safety of the residents. Its tasks include bylaw enforcement, animal control, emergency measures and maintaining the radio dispatch system.

Transportation Services

This department is responsible for transportation services within the Municipality. Its tasks include maintaining sidewalks and street lighting.

Environmental Health Services

This department is responsible for the maintenance and operations of waste and sewer services provided to residents and other customers. Its tasks include recycling, composting and sewer hook-up.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Segmented information (continued)

Public Health and Welfare Services

This department is responsible for recruiting doctors and maintaining a consistent level of medical services within the Municipality.

Environmental Development Services

This department is responsible for the planning and development within the Municipality. Its tasks include developing strategies and planning reports, issuing development permits and approving subdivision applications.

Recreation and Cultural Services

This department is responsible for promoting and offering recreation opportunities and activities to the Municipality's residents.

2. Change in accounting policies

Revenue

On April 1, 2023, the Municipality adopted Public Sector Accounting Standards PS 3400 — Revenue ("PS 3400"). PS 3400 establishes standards on how to account for and report on revenue. It does not apply to revenues for which specific standards already exist, such as government transfers or restricted revenues. The section distinguishes between revenue that arises from transactions that include performance obligations (i.e. exchange transactions) and transactions that do not have performance obligations (i.e. non-exchange transactions). Revenue from transactions with performance obligations will be recognized when (or as) the performance obligation is satisfied by providing the promised goods or services to the payor. Revenue from transactions with no performance obligations will be recognized when a public sector entity has the authority to claim or retain the revenue and identifies a past transaction or even that gives rise to an asset.

In accordance with the provisions of this new standard, the Municipality does not have any changes reflected in their statements as a result of the adoption.

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3. Contributions to Boards and Commissions

Boards in which the Municipality has less than a vested interest

The Municipality of the District of Clare is required to contribute to the operations of various Boards and Commissions, along with other Municipal Units based on assessment or population formula.

In addition to any budgeted contributions, the Municipal Units share in the deficits or surpluses of these Boards based on their sharing percentages. A Municipal Unit's share of the deficit is to be paid in the next fiscal year while a surplus is to be taken into the next year's estimates.

Regional Housing Authority

During the year, the Municipality of the District of Clare has accrued \$101,066 (2023 - \$50,544) as owing to the Regional Housing Authority to fund its share of the deficit.

Regional Library

During the year, the Municipality of the District of Clare paid \$64,500 (2023 - \$64,500) to the Regional Library. Grants from the provincial government pertaining to the Regional Library are received directly by the Library commencing in 1988.

Western Regional Solid Waste Resource Management Authority (Waste Check)

During the year, the Municipality contributed \$22,728 (2023 - \$23,326) as its share of the operation of The Western Regional Solid Waste Resource Management Authority.

Western Regional Enterprise Network

During the year, the Municipality contributed \$51,184 (2023 - \$47,760) as its share of the operation of the Western Regional Enterprise Network.

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4. Taxes receivable	Current	Prior	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>year</u>	<u>years</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance, beginning of year Current year's tax levy Interest	\$ - 8,133,590 	\$ 360,234 - 	\$ 360,234 8,133,590 109,573	\$ 281,759 7,314,411
Deduct	8,243,163	<u>360,234</u>	8,603,397	7,697,063
Current year's collections Reduced taxes	7,833,389 <u>74,408</u>	353,659 	8,187,048 <u>74,408</u>	7,271,800 <u>65,029</u>
	<u>7,907,797</u>	<u>353,659</u>	<u>8,261,456</u>	7,336,829
Balance, before allowance	335,366	6,575	341,942	360,234
Less: valuation allowance			_	_
Balance, end of year	\$ 335,366	<u>\$ 6,575</u>	<u>\$ 341,942</u>	\$ 360,234

5. Defined contribution pension plan

During the year the Municipality contributed \$84,772 (2023 - \$80,666) to their employees defined contribution pension plans. As of March 31, 2024, there were no required future contributions in respect of past service and all contributions required under the plan had been funded.

6. Tax sale surplus

Cash proceeds from tax sales in excess of the arrears taxes receivable are deposited in a separate bank account and are restricted for a period of 20 years.

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7. Commitments and contractual obligations

Organic waste collection and disposal contract

On June 14, 2021, the Municipality accepted a five-year tender with G&N Excavating Ltd. to provide refuse collection and disposal services. Fees for the service over the next two years are as follows:

2025	\$658,978
2026	\$691,927

Congrès mondial acadien - 2024

On December 19, 2018, the Municipality accepted a five-year agreement to provide funding to Congrès mondial acadien. As at March 31, 2024, this funding obligation has been fulfilled.

Clare Health Centre expansion

On December 22, 2022, the Municipality entered into a contract to complete an expansion to the Clare Health Centre. The total contract amount is for \$6,248,730 + HST with Rikjak Construction Ltd. As at March 31, 2024, the Municipality has incurred \$3,801,476 in cost towards the expansion. During the year, the Municipality has obtained approval from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to obtain temporary borrowing of \$7,000,000 for the project.

Meteghan sidewalk development

On March 6, 2024, the Municipality entered into a contract with Garian Construction Limited to repair, widen and extend the sidewalks in Meteghan Centre. The total contract amount is \$2,674,900 + HST. The Municipality has received grant funding of \$1,167,340 through the Municipal Capital Growth Program to assist in funding the project and they have been approved for \$995,558 from Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada under the Active Transportation Fund. The project is expected to be completed by March 31, 2026.

Sidewalk snow removal

On November 24, 2023, the Municipality accepted a five-year tender with Spec Resources Inc. to provide sidewalk snow removal services. Fees for the service over the next four years are as follows:

2025	\$59,771
2026	\$62,760
2027	\$65,898
2028	\$69,193

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8. Line of credit

The Municipality has an operating line of credit at the Caisse populaire de Clare in the amount of \$800,000. As of March 31, 2024 it was not drawn on (2023 – \$nil).

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
_	14,075	\$ \$1	18,356 18,218 495,823 - 478,466 ,010,863
	1	\$ 10,774 18,218 495,823 1,167,340	\$ 10,774 \$ 18,218 495,823 1,167,340 14,075

10. Asset retirement obligations

The Municipality recognized an asset retirement obligation upon the adoption of PS 3280 on April 1, 2022. The liability represents the required removal of underground tanks and wharves, and the remediation of contaminants present within/on buildings owned by the Municipality. The assets have expected useful lives ranging from 1-30 years. As of the date of adoption of the standard, the relevant discount rates on tangible assets was 4.1% per annum.

In accordance with the provisions of this new standard, the Municipality has reflected the following adjustments as at April 1, 2022:

- a) An asset retirement obligation in the amount of \$276,907, representing the original \$589,687 obligation discounted to the present value using a discount rate of 4.1% per annum.
- b) An increase to tangible capital assets, representing the original estimate of the obligation as at the date of the transition.

Changes to the asset retirement obligation in the year are as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	2023
Opening balance Liability recognized on adoption of PS 3280 Settlement	\$ 288,260	\$ - 276,907 -
Accretion expense	 8,848	 11,353
Closing balance	\$ 297,108	\$ 288,260

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11. Reserves

The following are the balances of the non-consolidated reserves at the end of the year:

Capital	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Landfill Other	\$ 57,784 231,172	\$ 41,229 <u>1,422,675</u>
	288,956	1,463,904
Operating	<u>3,341,601</u>	2,476,019
	\$ 3,630,557	\$ 3,939,923

The reserves funds represent accumulated monies set aside for future use of the Municipality. Expenditures by the operating and landfill reserves are subject to approval by council. Expenditures made by the capital reserve are restricted to items that are capital in nature.

The Municipality operated a landfill which closed on December 31, 2005. As of March 31, 2024, the Municipality has a recorded liability in the amount of \$303,336 and the funds required to fulfill this commitment have been set aside. A determination of the cost to complete this closure was based on information obtained by management which includes the final capping of the site, as well as, annual maintenance costs. As the site is closed the expenditures will reduce the landfill liability as appropriate.

12. Long-term debt					<u> </u>
Municipal Finance	Balance April 1, 2023	<u>Issued</u>	(Repaid)	Balance March 31, 2024	Interest
Municipal Finance Corporation, 2.812% to 3.489%, due 2029	\$ 320,003	\$ -	\$ (53,333)	\$ 266,670	\$ 9,549
Municipal Finance Corporation, 2.963% to 3.389%, due 2029	461,614	-	(28,851)	432,763	15,377
Municipal Finance Corporation, 2.963% to 3.389%, due 2029	 750,000	 <u>-</u>	 (125,000)	625,000	<u> 19,126</u>
	\$ 1,531,617	\$ 	\$ (207,184)	\$1,324,433	\$ 44,052

Principal payments on long-term debt required during the next five years are as follows:

Year ending March 31, 2025	\$207,184
Year ending March 31, 2026	\$207,184
Year ending March 31, 2027	\$207,184
Year ending March 31, 2028	\$207,184
Year ending March 31, 2029	\$495,692

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13. Other non-financial assets

In May 2021, the Municipality entered into a lease agreement to lease a parcel of land from the University Sainte-Anne for 10 years, on which to construct the new field. The lease agreement outlines that there is no charge to the Municipality for use of the land and University Sainte-Anne has ownership and control of the land. The lease agreement also stipulates that University Sainte-Anne has responsibility for management and ongoing maintenance of the newly constructed field. The amount incurred by the Municipality for construction meets the recognition criteria as an asset that will be recognized as an expense over the term they have use of the asset. The cost of the field has been amortized on a straight-line basis over the remaining term of the lease.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cost, beginning of year Additions	\$ 4,033,432 <u>350,000</u>	\$ 2,501,334
Cost, end of year	4,383,432	4,033,432
Accumulated amortization, beginning of year Amortization	448,159 491,909	- 448,159
Accumulated amortization, end of year	940,068	<u>448,159</u>
Closing balance	\$ 3,443,364	\$ 3,585,273

14. Temporary borrowing

During the year, the Municipality entered into a temporary borrowing agreement with the Caisse Populaire De Clare of up to \$7,000,000 with monthly interest only instalments required at 7.20%. This temporary borrowing is to facilitate the Clare Health Centre expansion project. Upon completion of the project, temporary borrowing will be repaid in full with proceeds from a long-term debenture with the Nova Scotia Department of Finance and Treasury Board.

15. Remuneration and expense reimbursements

The total remuneration and expense reimbursements paid to councillors and the Chief Administrative Officer during the year ended March 31, 2024 were as follows:

	<u>Remu</u>	<u>neration</u>	<u>Expenses</u>		
Yvon LeBlanc – Warden	\$	38,929	\$	10,039	
Eric Pothier – Deputy Warden		27,577		2,815	
Nil Doucet – Councillor		24,457		8,504	
Daniel Hill - Councillor		24,457		1,039	
Carl Deveau - Councillor		24,457		5,687	
Brian Comeau - Councillor		24,457		538	
Philippe Gaudet - Councillor		24,457		1,885	
Nadine Comeau - Councillor		24,457		3,551	
Stéphane Cyr - Chief Administrative Officer		136,711		9,556	

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16. Tangible capital assets

	<u>Land</u>	Land Improvements	Buildings	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Sidewalk</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
Cost Balance, beginning of year Acquisition of tangible capital assets Asset retirement obligations Disposal of tangible capital assets	\$ 431,987 - - -	\$ 1,303,891 347,748 - 	\$ 9,518,327 4,122,615 -	\$ 1,438,030 - - -	\$ 357,027 42,041 -	\$ 7,798,822 48,775 -
Balance, end of year	431,987	1,651,639	13,640,942	1,438,030	399,068	7,847,597
Accumulated amortization Balance, beginning of year Annual amortization Disposal of tangible capital assets	- - -	690,951 58,684 	3,227,463 294,899 	1,434,732 135 	326,300 2,762	2,858,031 156,464
Balance, end of year		749,635	3,522,362	1,434,867	<u>329,062</u>	3,014,495
Net book value of tangible capital assets	\$ 431,987	\$ 902,004	\$ 10,118,580	\$ 3,163	\$ 70,006	\$ 4,833,102

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16. Tangible capital assets (continued)

	Wharves	Equipment & Machinery	Computer Software	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Leaseholds</u>	2024 <u>Total</u>	2023 <u>Total</u>
Cost Balance, beginning of year Acquisition of tangible capital assets Asset retirement obligations Disposal of tangible capital assets	\$ 482,321 - - -	\$ 2,193,725 208,796 - (633,609)	\$ 196,821 28,918 -	\$ 232,120 - - - (116,312)	\$ 1,593,294 - - -	\$ 25,546,365 4,798,893 - (749,921)	\$ 23,697,839 1,571,619 276,907
Balance, end of year	482,321	1,768,912	225,739	115,808	1,593,294	29,595,337	<u>25,546,365</u>
Accumulated amortization Balance, beginning of year Annual amortization Disposal of tangible capital assets	34,979 22,095 	1,544,731 69,049 (506,887)	124,647 30,457 	181,525 11,243 <u>(116,312)</u>	1,593,294	12,016,653 645,788 (623,199)	11,357,751 658,902
Balance, end of year Net book value of tangible capital Assets	<u>57,074</u> \$ 425,247	1,106,893 \$ 662,019	<u>155,104</u> \$ 70,635	<u>76,456</u> \$ 39,352	<u>1,593,294</u>	12,039,242 \$ 17,556,095	12,016,653 \$ 13,529,712

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17. Segment disclosure

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	General			Environ.	Public Health	Environ.	Recreation	2024	2023
	Government	Protective	Transport.	Health	& Welfare	Develop.	& Culture	Total	Total
	<u> </u>	<u>, 101001110</u>	Transport.	<u> </u>	<u>u. 11011u.0</u>	<u> </u>	<u>a canare</u>	<u> 10ta.</u>	<u>10tai</u>
Revenue									
Taxes	\$1,172,774	\$1,571,646	\$ 94,123	\$1,530,803	\$ 885,639	\$ 270,974	\$1,204,638	\$6,730,597	\$6,277,644
Grants in lieu of taxes	28,274	37,891	2,269	36,906	21,352	6,533	29,043	162,268	157,462
Services provided to other governments	-	-	-	428,155	-	-	-	428,155	349,120
Other revenue from own sources	335,303	-	-	-	-	-	307,011	642,314	630,738
Unconditional transfers from									
other governments	223,087	10,022	-	-	-	-	-	233,109	240,304
Conditional transfers from federal and									
provincial governments and agencies	184,438	284,181	-	174,662	527,940	97,560	686,012	1,954,793	1,712,762
Interest	464,326	-	-	-	-	-	-	464,326	297,071
Other				<u> </u>	-			<u> </u>	209,718
	2,408,203	1,903,740	96,393	2,170,526	<u>1,434,931</u>	<u>375,067</u>	2,226,703	10,615,562	9,874,819
Expenses									
Salaries and benefits	771,426	164,726	-	347,815	638,937	208,608	297,352	2,428,864	2,255,653
Goods and services	751,635	2,007,666	130,952	1,535,383	335,632	161,957	766,584	5,689,809	6,239,123
Amortization	108,597	4,659	-	246,578	174,752	6,436	596,675	1,137,697	1,107,061
Interest		9,549			82,851		<u>15,378</u>	107,778	<u>55,291</u>
	<u>1,631,658</u>	2,186,600	<u>130,952</u>	2,129,776	<u>1,232,172</u>	<u>377,001</u>	<u>1,675,989</u>	9,364,147	9,657,128
Annual surplus (deficit) before the undernoted	776,545	(282,860)	(34,559)	40,750	202,759	(1,934)	550,715	1,251,415	217,691
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets				(126,722)				(126,722)	
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ 776,545	\$ (282,860)	\$ (34,559)	\$ (85,972)	\$ 202,759	\$ (1,934)	\$ 550,715	\$1,124,693	\$ 217,691

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18. Budget figures

Public Sector Accounting Standards require a comparison of the results for the period with those originally planned on the same basis as that used for actual results. The fiscal plan in the statement of operations and statement of changes in net assets has been adjusted to be on a consistent basis as actual results. Below is a reconciliation of the figures from the approved fiscal plan to the fiscal plan per the financial statements:

	Approved <u>Fiscal Plan</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	Fiscal Plan Per Financial Statements
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 9,502,311	\$ (2,829,824)	\$ 6,672,487
Grants in lieu of taxes	193,877	Ψ (Z,0Z0,0Z 1) -	193,877
Services provided to other governments	330,000	_	330,000
Other revenue from own sources	866,185	(164,000)	702,185
Unconditional transfers from other	r	, ,	
governments	232,867	-	232,867
Conditional transfers from other			
Governments	512,626	5,053,395	5,566,021
Interest		<u>164,000</u>	<u>164,000</u>
	<u>11,637,866</u>	2,223,571	13,861,437
Expenditures			
General government services	1,713,547	36,597	1,750,144
Protective services	2,997,974	(761,971)	2,236,003
Transportation services	140,038	-	140,038
Environmental health services	1,932,677	246,578	2,179,255
Public health and welfare services	974,762	250,474	1,225,236
Environmental development services	364,827	6,436	371,263
Recreational and cultural services	1,235,117	601,499	1,836,616
Education	1,988,198	(1,988,198)	-
Transfers to other agencies	<u>290,726</u>	(290,726)	
	<u>11,637,866</u>	(1,899,311)	<u>9,738,555</u>
Annual surplus	\$	\$ 4,122,882	\$ 4,122,882

Year Ended March 31		2024	2023
	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
1. Taxes			
Assessable property Residential	\$ 6,149,61 <u>5</u>	\$ 6,149,615	\$ 5,502, <u>270</u>
Commercial	1,458,539	1,457,336	1,325,512
Resource Taxable assessments Forest property tax	494,245	494,245	454,082
Less than 50,000 acres 50,000 acres or more	24,966 <u>8,248</u>	24,847 7,547	24,717 7,830
	<u>527,459</u>	<u>526,639</u>	486,629
Area rates Fire – capital equipment Fire – trucks Street lights Sewer	354,171 425,005 28,603 197,120 1,004,899	354,732 425,678 28,722 197,120 1,006,252	317,607 380,516 30,703 192,720 921,546
Special Assessments Frontage – Belliveau Cove Frontage – Church Point Frontage – Meteghan sewer	1,092 1,261 <u>2,480</u> <u>4,833</u>	1,092 1,261 <u>2,480</u> <u>4,833</u>	3,500 1,261 <u>8,855</u> <u>13,616</u>
Business property Based on revenue (Aliant) Nova Scotia Power Corporation Power Corporation (HST rebate)	20,000 6,031 25,000 51,031	23,652 6,031 12,667 42,350	25,015 5,197 <u>26,586</u> <u>56,798</u>
Other			
Deed transfer tax Private road maintenance	300,000 5,935	309,959 5,9 <u>35</u>	406,124 5,280
	<u>305,935</u>	315,894	411,404
Reduction of tax revenues School board appropriation Reduced taxes Fire Fighting – area rate	(1,988,198) (72,000) (769,626)	(1,988,198) (74,408) (709,716)	(1,856,593) (65,029) (517,248)
	(2,829,824)	(2,772,322)	(2,438,870)
	\$ 6,672,487	<u>\$ 6,730,597</u>	\$ 6,278,905

Year Ended March 31				2023		
			Budget		Actual	Actual
2.	Grants in lieu of taxes Federal government Provincial government	\$	38,046	\$	22,247	\$ 20,453
	Property of supported institutions	_	155,831	_	140,021	 137,009
		\$	193,877	<u>\$</u>	162,268	\$ 157,462
3.	Services provided to other governments					
	Landfill tipping fees	\$	330,000	<u>\$</u>	428,155	\$ 349,120
4.	Other revenue from own sources Fines Rentals Building permits Building inspections Tourism Recreation services Gran Fondo CJA Registration Miscellaneous	\$ 	15,000 255,125 34,000 2,500 214,300 59,960 81,300 - 40,000 702,185	\$ 	20,556 230,829 31,541 3,624 124,825 36,518 123,168 22,500 48,753	\$ 22,290 293,502 37,255 6,168 210,488 38,308 9,924 - 11,542 629,487
5.	Unconditional transfers from other governme Other grants Municipal Financial Capacity Grant	ents \$ — <u>\$</u>	9,779 223,088 232,867	\$ - \$	10,022 223,087 233,109	\$ 17,217 223,087 240,304

<u>Ye</u>	ar Ended March 31			2024			2023
			<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>		<u>Actual</u>
6.	Conditional transfers from other governments						
	Federal government						
	ACOA - Public spaces	\$	150,785	\$	161,394	\$	63,902
	ACOA –Tourism ACOA – Parc Joseph et Marie Dugas		- 735,017		53,944		45,331
	Asset management		755,017		-		35,909
	Communauté accueillante		232,629		168,248		153,750
	Recreation		,		1,920		-
	ICIP - track & field		-		•		366,728
	Infrastructure Canada – Wastewater						
	Extension		311,600		-		-
	Clare Veteran Centre		1,885,196		-		-
	Provincial government		40.000		60.047		40.000
	French language services Flood line mapping project		40,000		60,017		40,000 163,667
	Nova Scotia Health Authority		-		-		103,007
	operating grant		89,212		407,940		89,212
	Havelock Court		, –		-		18,216
	Parc Joseph et Marie Dugas		25,000		-		_
	Meteghan Sidewalks Accessibility						
	Improvements project		995,558		-		-
	Association of Health Centres		-		120,000		-
	Communities Culture Accessibility Wastewater Extension		- 259,641		10,571		-
	CCTH – GranFondo		9,583		9,583		_
	Municipal Planning		-		97,560		-
	Canada Community Building Fund		831,800		852,552		687,890
	Other		-		11,064		-
	Université Sainte-Anne	_		_	_		<u>48,157</u>
		\$	<u>5,566,021</u>	\$	1,954,793	\$	1,712,762
		<u>-</u>	-,,	<u>-</u>	.,	<u>-</u>	· · · · · · · · · · · ·
7.	Interest						
	Penalties and interest on taxes	\$	109,000	\$	117,573	\$	109,893
	Return on investments - Operating		55,000		151,017		73,037
	Return on investments - Reserves				405 726		11111
	and capital	_			<u> 195,736</u>	_	114,141
		\$	164,000	\$	464,326	\$	297,071
_	0.11						
8.	Other	æ		¢		dr.	17 075
	Insurance proceeds St. Bernard fire hall Insurance proceeds transfer station	\$	-	\$	-	\$	17,075 186,070
	Transfer of tax sale surplus		_		-		6,573
	Hallotot of tax ballo ballylab	_		_		_	
		<u>\$</u>		\$	-	<u> </u>	209,718

	ar Ended March 31		2023	
		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
9.	General government services Legislative			
	Council and committee Conventions	\$ 213,489 <u>35,000</u>	\$ 213,250 <u>34,057</u>	\$ 206,800 31,493
		248,489	247,307	238,293
	General administrative Administrative	909,737	800,134	790,945
	Asset management	-	-	71,594
	Amortization	108,597	108,597	90,804
	Accretion Taxation	-	6,580	6,321
	Administration Property valuation assessment services	84,000	84,434	79,633
		248,578	248,547	248,913
		<u>1,350,912</u>	1,248,292	1,288,210
	Other general government services Conventions	25,000	14,731	18,834
	Grants to other organizations and individuals	50,000	45,584	46,593
	General and liability insurance Fiber internet network	75,743	75,743	67,687 400,000
		150,743	136,058	533,114
		\$ 1,750,144	\$ 1,631,657	\$ 2,059,617
10	Protective services			
	Law enforcement	¢ 4 425 465	¢ 4 405 247	£ 1 242 011
	R.C.M.P. administration By-law enforcement	\$ 1,425,465 22,000	\$ 1,425,317 13,505	\$ 1,343,911 21,516
	Unsightly premises	3,000	3,253	2,806
	Correction centres	<u>116,098</u>	<u>115,403</u>	116,098
		<u>1,566,563</u>	<u> 1,557,478</u>	<u>1,484,331</u>
	Fire protection			
	Firefighting force Interest expense	358,579 2,996	341,869 9,549	333,626 16,232
	interest expense			349,858
	F. M	<u>361,575</u>	<u>351,418</u>	349,000
	Emergency Measures EMO/Search and rescue	20,000	13,262	14,552
	Senior security	43,426	43,426	40,410
	Civic numbering	<u> 13,000</u>	499	24,900
	Oller	<u>76,426</u>	<u>57,187</u>	<u>79,862</u>
	Other Amortization	4,659	4,659	3,961
	Animal and pest control	23,184	24,588	21,600
	Building inspector	<u>203,596</u>	<u>191,270</u>	<u>190,175</u>
		231,439	220,517	215,736
		\$ 2,236,003	\$ 2,186,600	\$ 2,129,787

Year Ended March 31		2024	2023
	Budget	Actual	<u>Actual</u>
11. Transportation services Sidewalk maintenance Street lighting Public transit Roads/beach access	\$ 77,435 28,603 30,000 4,000	\$ 67,810 33,142 30,000	\$ 65,283 26,731 27,000
	\$ 140,038	\$ 130,952	\$ 119,014
12. Environmental health services Public works Treatment plant operations - Meteghan Treatment plant operations - Church Point Treatment plant operations - Belliveau Co Amortization Garbage and waste collection and dispose Municipal collection Blue bag sorting Dump operation Queens tipping fees Regional solid waste management Organic processing Landfill closure costs Western Regional Solid Waste Resource Management Authority	ve 25,100 246,578	\$ 203,827 66,843 22,532 28,045 246,578 529,757 118,732 312,457 442,690 20,029 70,091 45,467 22,728 \$ 2,129,776	\$ 199,663 28,161 15,115 16,577 278,424 500,592 123,052 389,323 392,112 20,838 69,842 38,483 23,326 \$ 2,095,508
13. Public health and welfare services Deficit of Tri-County Housing Authority Interest expense Other health Amortization Clare Health Centre Clare Health Centre – consulting fees Doctor recruitment	\$ 49,730 25,992 174,752 969,762 5,000 \$ 1,225,236	\$ 101,066 82,851 174,752 871,340 - 2,163 \$ 1,232,172	\$ 50,544 27,966 123,473 746,525 3,443 77,423 \$ 1,029,374

Year Ended March 31	2024					2023	
	<u>B</u>	udget		<u>Actual</u>		<u>Actual</u>	
14. Environmental development services Planning and zoning Regional Development Authority Sub-division regulations Amortization Economic/community development Flood line mapping project Accessibility By-law planning	2:	45,000 51,184 2,000 6,436 33,643 15,000 18,000	\$	76,806 51,184 400 6,436 232,894 9,281	\$	47,760 400 6,436 187,011 164,632 502 146	
	\$ 37	71,263	\$	377,0 <u>01</u>	\$	406,887	
15. Recreation and cultural services Administration Amortization Accretion expense Cultural sponsorships Congrès Mondial Acadien Gran Fondo Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Interest expense Société Historique Tourism Transfers to regional libraries Veteran Centre Municipal parks Meteghan Library Havelock Community Centre Cultural Hub Eco Park Communauté acqueillante	37	62,444 96,675 30,750 50,000 81,300 5,000 4,824 3,000 76,048 64,500 40,616 30,650 23,180 10,000 25,000	\$	246,293 596,675 2,268 24,750 50,000 129,180 5,000 15,377 1,662 293,672 64,500 38,291 16,836 20,673 4,375 26,376	\$	224,070 603,963 5,032 34,000 50,000 11,255 5,000 11,093 1,121 479,944 64,500 51,797 34,914 24,456 7,309 31,236 9,331 167,920	
Meteghan Library Havelock Community Centre Cultural Hub		23,180 10,000	 <u>\$_1</u>		20,673 4,375	20,673 4,375 26,376 - 140,061	