**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

For the year ended December 31, 2020

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# RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FERTILE BELT #183 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

To the Ratepayers of the Rural Municipality of Fertile Belt #183:

Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the accompanying financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards (PSAS). The preparation of the statements necessarily includes selecting appropriate accounting principles and methods, and making decisions affecting the measurement of transactions in which objective judgments and estimates by management are required.

In discharging its responsibilities for the integrity and fairness of the financial statements, management designs and maintains the necessary accounting, budget, and other related internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are appropriately authorized and accurately recorded, that assets are properly accounted for and safeguarded, and that financial records are properly maintained to provide reliable information for the preparation for financial statements.

The Council is composed of elected officials who are not employees of the Municipality. The Council is responsible for overseeing management in the performance of its financial reporting responsibilities. The Council fulfills these responsibilities by reviewing the financial information prepared the administration and discussing relevant matters with external auditors. The Council is also responsible for recommending the appointment of the Municipality's external auditors.

Sensus Chartered Professional Accountants Ltd., an independent firm of Chartered Professional Accountants, is appointed by the Council to audit the financial statements and report directly to them; their report follows. The external auditors have full and free access to, and meet periodically and separately with, both the Council and administration to discuss their audit findings.

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Reeve and Council of: Rural Municipality of Fertile Belt #183 Stockholm, Saskatchewan

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Rural Municipality of Fertile Belt #183, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2020 and the statement of operations, statement of changes in net financial assets, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Rural Municipality of Fertile Belt #183 as at December 31, 2020, 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 financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Rural Municipality of Fertile Belt #183 in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 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 Rural Municipality of Fertile Belt #183's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Rural Municipality of Fertile Belt #183 or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Rural Municipality of Fertile Belt #183's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian auditing standards, we exercise our professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting 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 Rural Municipality of Fertile Belt #183'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 Rural Municipality of Fertile Belt #183's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Rural Municipality of Fertile Belt #183 to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

Yorkton, Saskatchewan May 11, 2021

Chartered Professional Accountants Ltd.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at December 31, 2020

	2020	2019
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and temporary investments (Note 2)	\$ 1,949,771	\$ 1,080,093
Taxes receivable - municipal (Note 3)	149,838	172,234
Amounts receivable (Note 4)	155,658	241,376
Portfolio investments (Note 5)	80,803	77,229
Patronage equity	34,785	33,139
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS	2,370,855	1,604,071
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	 294,740	97,150
TOTAL LIABILITIES	294,740	97,150
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	 2,076,115	1,506,921
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible capital assets (Schedules 6 and 7)	3,927,029	4,039,643
Inventories	500,095	395,908
Prepaid expenses	 28,941	21,906
TOTAL NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS	 4,456,065	4,457,457
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Schedule 8)	\$ 6,532,180	\$ 5,964,378

### **COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES** (Note 7)

# **STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

		2020 Budget Unaudited (Note 1)	2020 Actual	2019 Actual
REVENUE  Taxes and other unconditional revenue (Schedule 1)  Fees and charges (Schedules 4 and 5)  Conditional grants (Schedules 4 and 5)  Tangible capital asset sales - gain (loss) (Schedules 4 and 5)  Investment income and commissions (Schedules 4 and 5)  Other revenues (Schedules 4 and 5)	\$	2,702,925 \$ 54,920 116,252  9,900 115,509	2,764,081 62,540 219,296 (3,322) 35,340 96,898	\$ 2,397,749 78,034 45,474 848 24,536 744,265
		2,999,506	3,174,833	3,290,906
EXPENSES  General government services (Schedule 3) Protective services (Schedule 3) Transportation services (Schedule 3) Environmental and public health services (Schedule 3) Planning and development services (Schedule 3) Recreation and cultural services (Schedule 3) Utility services (Schedule 3)	_	391,917 85,650 2,323,725 61,550 20,000 13,500	360,973 79,871 2,187,048 80,844 500 12,235 15,419 2,736,890	378,261 84,027 3,349,239 59,806 900 12,339 16,642 3,901,214
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) BEFORE OTHER CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	3	103,164	437,943	(610,308)
Provincial/Federal capital grants and contributions (Schedules 4 and 5)		105,888	129,859	508,709
ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		209,052	567,802	(101,599)
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		5,964,378	5,964,378	6,065,977
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	\$	6,173,430 \$	6,532,180	\$ 5,964,378

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS

		2020 Budget Unaudited (Note 1)	2020 Actual	2019 Actual
ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$	209,052 \$	567,802	\$ (101,599)
Acquisition of tangible capital assets Amortization of tangible capital assets Loss (gain) on sale of tangible capital assets Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets Decrease (increase) in inventories Increase in prepaid expenses		(137,252) 346,360	(222,912) 321,204 3,322 11,000 (104,187) (7,035)	(51,039) 341,447 (848) 15,000 31,863 (15)
	<del></del>	209,108	1,392	336,408
CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	\$	418,160	569,194	234,809
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR			1,506,921	1,272,112
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, END OF YEAR		\$	2,076,115	\$ 1,506,921

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	2020	2019
OPERATING TRANSACTIONS Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ 567,802	\$ (101,599)
Changes in non-cash items:     Taxes receivable - municipal     Amounts receivable     Inventories     Prepaid expenses     Accounts payable and accrued liabilities     Patronage equity     Loss (gain) on sale of tangible capital assets	22,396 85,718 (104,187) (7,035) 197,590 (1,646) 3,322	3,496 266,038 31,863 (15) 28,836 (1,872) (848)
Amortization  Cash (used for) provided by operating transactions	321,204 1,085,164	341,447 567,346
CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets Acquisition of tangible capital assets	11,000 (222,912)	15,000 (51,039)
Cash (used for) provided by capital transactions	(211,912)	(36,039)
INVESTING TRANSACTIONS Purchase of portfolio investments	(3,574)	 (4,870)
Cash (used for) provided by investing transactions	 (3,574)	 (4,870)
CHANGE IN CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS	869,678	526,437
CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,080,093	553,656
CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 1,949,771	\$ 1,080,093

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Municipality are prepared by management in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards (PSAS) as recommended by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada (CPA Canada). Significant aspects of the accounting policies are as follows:

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues as they become available and measurable; expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of the receipt of goods and services and the creation of a legal obligation to pay.

#### **Reporting Entity**

The financial statements consolidate the assets, liabilities, and flow of resources of the Municipality. The entity is comprised of all of the organizations that are owned or controlled by the Municipality and are, therefore, accountable to Council for the administration of their financial affairs and resources. The assets, liabilities and operations of the Recreation Boards are not included in these financial statements except for any assistance to the Recreation Boards, as council's position is it does not control the Recreation Boards.

#### **Collection of Funds for Other Authorities**

Collection of funds by the Municipality for the school board, municipal hail, and conservation and development authorities are collected and remitted in accordance with relevant legislation. The amounts collected are disclosed in Note 3.

#### **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 as revenue in the period that the events giving rise to the transfer occur, providing:

- a) the transfer is authorized
- b) eligibility criteria have been met by the recipient; and
- c) a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

Unearned government transfer amounts received but not earned will be recorded as deferred revenue. Earned government transfer amounts not received will be recorded as an amount receivable.

#### **Deferred Revenue**

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 or services performed.

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#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### **Local Improvement Charges**

Local improvement projects financed by frontage taxes recognize any pre-payment charges as revenue in the period assessed.

#### **Net-Financial Assets**

Net-financial assets at the end of the accounting period are the net amount of financial assets less liabilities outstanding. Financial assets represent items such as cash and those other assets on hand which could provide resources to discharge existing liabilities or finance future operations. These include realizable assets which are convertible to cash and not intended for consumption in the normal course of operations.

#### **Non-Financial Assets**

Tangible capital and other non-financial assets are accounted for as assets by the government because they can be used to provide government services in future periods. These assets do not normally provide resources to discharge the liabilities of the government unless they are sold.

#### **Appropriated Reserves**

Reserves are established at the discretion of Council to designate surplus for future operating and capital transactions. Amounts so designated are described on Schedule 8.

#### **Property Tax Revenue**

Property tax revenue is based on assessments determined in accordance with Saskatchewan Legislation and the formulas, principles, and rules in the Saskatchewan Assessment Manual. Tax mill rates are established annually by council following the guidance of the Government of Saskatchewan. 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.

#### Investments

Portfolio investments are valued at the lower of cost, less any provisions for other than temporary impairment. Investments with terms longer than one year have been classified as other long-term investments concurrent with the nature of the investment. The long-term investments in the Saskatchewan Rural Municipalities - Self Insurance Fund are accounted for on the equity basis.

#### **Inventories**

Inventories of materials and supplies expected to be used by the Municipality are valued at the lower of cost or replacement cost. Inventories of land, materials and supplies held for resale are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost is determined by the average cost method. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business.

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# 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### **Tangible Capital Assets**

All tangible capital asset acquisitions or betterments made throughout the year are recorded at their acquisition cost. Initial costs for tangible capital assets that were acquired prior to 2009 were obtained via historical cost information or using current fair market values discounted by a relevant inflation factor back to the point of acquisition. Donated tangible capital assets received are recorded at their fair market value at the date of contribution. The tangible capital assets that are recognized at a nominal value are disclosed on Schedule 6. The costs of these tangible capital assets less any residual value are amortized over the asset's useful life using the straight-line method of amortization. The Municipality's tangible capital asset useful lives are estimated as follows:

Asset	<u>Useful Life</u>
General assets	
Land	Indefinite
Buildings	10 - 40 years
Vehicles and equipment	
Vehicles	5 to 15 years
Machinery and equipment	5 to 30 years
Infrastructure Assets	
Infrastructure Assets	20 to 100 years
Road network and bridges	30 to 100 years
Water and sewer	20 years
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#### **Government Contributions**

Government contributions for the acquisition of capital assets are reported as capital revenue and do not reduce the cost of the related asset.

#### Works of Art and Other Unrecognized Assets

Assets that have a historical or cultural significance, which include works of art, monuments and other cultural artifacts are not recognized as tangible capital assets because a reasonable estimate of future benefits associated with this property cannot be made.

#### **Capitalization of Interest**

The Municipality does not capitalize interest incurred while a tangible capital asset is under construction.

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# 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Leases

All leases are recorded on the financial statement as either a capital or operating lease. Any lease that transfers the majority of benefits and risk associated with the leased asset is classified as a capital lease. At the inception of a capital lease, an asset and a payment obligation are recorded at an amount equal to the lesser of the present value of the minimum lease payments and the asset's fair market value. Assets under capital leases are amortized on a straight-line basis, over their estimated useful lives (lease term). Any other lease not meeting the before mentioned criteria is classified as an operating lease and rental payments are expensed as incurred.

#### **Landfill Liability**

The Rural Municipality of Fertile Belt #183 does not maintain a waste disposal site and utilizes the waste disposal sites of the Village of Stockholm and the Town of Esterhazy.

#### **Trust Funds**

Funds held in trust for other organizations are not included in the Municipality's assets or equity.

#### **Employee Benefit Plans**

Contributions to the Municipality's defined benefit plans are expensed when contributions are due and payable. Under the defined benefit multi-employer plans, the Municipality's obligations are limited to their contributions.

#### **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. The liability is recorded net of any expected recoveries. A liability for remediation of contaminated sites is recognized when all the following criteria are met:

- a) an environmental standard exists;
- b) contamination exceeds the environmental standard:
- c) The Municipality:
  - i. is directly responsible; or
  - ii. accepts responsibility;
- d) it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up; and
- e) a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

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#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### **Measurement Uncertainty**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with 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 expenditures during the period. Accounts receivable are stated after evaluation as to their collectibility and an appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts is provided where considered necessary.

The measurement of materials and supplies are based on estimates of volume and quality. The 'Opening Asset costs' of tangible capital assets have been estimated where actual costs were not available. Amortization is based on the estimated useful lives of tangible capital assets.

These estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary they are reported in earnings in the periods in which they become known.

#### **Basis of Segmentation/Segment Report**

The Municipality has adopted the new Public Sector Accounting Board's recommendations requiring financial information to be provided on a segmented basis. Municipal services have been segmented by grouping activities that have similar service objectives (by function). Revenues that are directly attributable to the costs of the function have been attributed to each segment. Interest is allocated to functions based on the purpose of specific borrowings.

The segments (functions) are as follows:

General government: Provides administration of the Municipality.

Protective services: Is comprised of expenses for police and fire protection.

**Transportation services:** Is responsible for the delivery of public works services related to the development and maintenance of roadway systems and street lighting.

**Environmental and public health:** Environmental segment provides waste disposal and other environmental services and the public health segment provides for expenses related to public health services in the Municipality.

Planning and development: Provides for neighbourhood development and sustainability.

**Recreation and culture:** Provides for community services through provision of recreation and leisure services.

**Utility:** Provides for delivery of water, collecting and treating of wastewater and providing collection and disposal of solid waste.

#### **Budget Information**

Budget information is presented on a basis consistent with that used for actual results. The Budget was approved by Council on July 14, 2020.

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#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

**New Standards and Amendments to Standards** 

Effective for Fiscal Years Beginning On or After April 1 2022:

PS 1201 Financial Statement Presentation, replaces PS 1200 with revised general reporting principles and standards of presentation and disclosure in government financial statements. Requires a new statement of re-measurement gains and losses separate from the statement of operations arising from the re-measurement of financial instruments and items denominated in foreign currencies, as well as the government's proportionate share of other comprehensive income that arises when a government includes the results of government business enterprises and partnerships. Effective in the period PS 3450 and PS 2601 are adopted.

PS 2601 Foreign Currency Translation, replaces PS 2600 with revised guidance on the recognition, presentation and disclosure of transactions that are denominated in a foreign currency. Requires that monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency and non-monetary items included in the fair value category, denominated in a foreign currency, be adjusted to reflect the exchange rates in effect at the financial statement date. Unrealized gains and losses are to be presented in the statement of re-measurement gains and losses.

PS 3041 Portfolio Investments, replaces PS 3040 with revised guidance on accounting for, and presentation and disclosure of, portfolio investments. Removes the distinction between temporary and portfolio investments. Upon adoption of PS 3450 and PS 3041, PS 3030, Temporary Investments, will no longer apply. Effective in the period PS 3450, PS 2601, and PS 1201 are adopted.

**PS 3450 Financial Instruments**, a new standard establishing guidance on the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of financial instruments, including derivatives. This standard requires fair value measurement of derivatives and equity instruments that are quoted in an active market; all other financial instruments can be measured at cost/amortized cost or fair value at the election of the government. Unrealized gains and losses are presented in a new statement of remeasurement gains and losses. There is the requirement to disclose the nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments and clarification is given for the de-recognition of financial liabilities.

PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations, a new standard establishing guidance on the accounting and reporting of legal obligations associated with the retirement of tangible capital assets controlled by a government or a government organization. A liability for a retirement obligation can apply to tangible capital assets either in productive use or no longer in productive use. As this standard includes solid waste landfill sites active and post-closing obligations, upon adoption of this new standard, existing Solid Waste Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Liability section PS 3270 will be withdrawn.

#### Effective On or After April 1, 2023:

**PS 3400 Revenue**, a new standard establishing guidance on how to account for and report on revenue. The standard provides a framework for recognizing, measuring, and reporting revenues that arise from transactions that include the performance obligations and transactions that do not have performance obligations. Performance obligations are enforceable promises to provide specific goods or services to a specific payer.

The extent of the impact on adoption of these future standards is not known at this time.

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#### 2. CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS

Cash and temporary investments are comprised of the following:

	\$ ===	1,949,771	\$ 1,080,093
Cash Temporary investments	\$ —	1,794,771 155,000	\$ 925,093 155,000
Cash and temporary investments are comprised of the following.		2020	2019

Cash and temporary investments include balances with banks and term deposits. Temporary investments represent investments in term deposits held at North Valley Credit Union Ltd. and earn interest at 0.60% - 1.50% (2019 - 1.25% - 1.40%) and have maturity dates ranging from February 2021 - March 2024.

3.	TAXES AND GRANT	S IN LIEU RECEIVABLE	2020	2019
	Municipal	- Current - Arrears	\$ 55,921 93,917	\$ 95,568 76,666
	Total municipal ta	axes receivable	 149,838	172,234
	School	- Current - Arrears	33,715 49,842	46,039 39,464
	Total school taxe	s receivable	 83,557	 85,503
	Municipal hail ins	urance	2,954	1,040
	Total taxes and g	grants in lieu receivable	236,349	258,777
	Deduct taxes rec	eivable to be collected on behalf of other organizations	 (86,511)	(86,543)
	Municipal and gr	ants in lieu taxes receivable	\$ 149,838	\$ 172,234

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#### 4. AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Amounts receivable are valued at their net realized value.

	\$ 155,658	\$ 241,376
Organizations and individuals Accrued interest	 11,890 1,369	11,272 1,303
Federal Government Provincial Government Utility	\$ 64,159 60,740 17,500	\$ 109,242 119,559
	2020	2019

#### 5. PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS

Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities - Self Insurance Fund \$80,803 \$77,229

The portfolio investments in the Saskatchewan Rural - Self Insurance Fund are accounted for on the equity basis.

#### 6. LONG-TERM DEBT

The debt limit of the Municipality is \$1,400,081. The debt limit for a Municipality is the total amount of the Municipality's own source revenues for the preceding year (Municipalities Act Section 161).

#### 7. CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS

The Municipality is contingently liable under terms of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities Self-Insurance Plan for its proportionate share of claims and future claims in excess of the plan's reserve fund.

In November of 2017, the Municipality committed \$1,000,000 in funding to the Esterhazy Hospital, payable over ten years once construction of the hospital begins. The Municipality will raise the funds through a special levy on taxes. As of the audit date, no amounts have been raised and forwarded to the Esterhazy Hospital.

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#### 8. PENSION PLAN

The Municipality is an employer member of the Municipal Employee Pension Plan (MEPP), which is a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. The Commission of MEPP, representing plan member employers, is responsible for overseeing the management of the pension plan, including investment of assets and administration of benefits. The Municipality's pension expense in 2020 was \$66,729 (2019 - \$65,097). The benefits accrued to the Municipality's employees from MEPP are calculated using the following: Pensionable Years of Service, Highest Average Salary, and the plan accrual rate. The costs of the retirement plan are not allocated to the individual entities within the related group. As a result, individual entities within the related group are not able to identify their share of the underlying assets and liabilities. Therefore, the plan is accounted for as a defined contribution plan in accordance with the requirements of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada Handbook Section PS3250.

#### 9. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

In response to the pandemic, the Provincial and Federal governments have provided funds to municipalities in order to stimulate economic recovery and enhance infection protection and control measures in their operations. Through the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program (MEEP), the Municipality received funds of \$112,252 and these funds were approved to be spent on the purchase of a new tractor. As of December 31, 2020, the Municipality spent \$124,550 on the purchase of a tractor. In addition, the Safe Restart Program provided \$46,590 of unconditional funds to the Municipality.

#### 10. OTHER MATTERS

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a worldwide pandemic. Subsequently, on March 18, 2020, the Province of Saskatchewan declared a province-wide state of emergency to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. The Municipality has not suffered any significant disruptions throughout the year as a result from the outbreak.

While the disruption is currently expected to be temporary, there is considerable uncertainty about the duration of this disruption. As a result, the related financial impact and duration cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

# SCHEDULE 1 - SCHEDULE OF TAXES AND OTHER UNCONDITIONAL REVENUES

		2020 Budget Unaudited (Note 1)	2020 Actual	2019 Actual
TAXES  General municipal tax levy Abatements and adjustments Discount on current year taxes	\$	1,324,187 \$ (10,000) (58,000)	1,329,690 (4,858) (62,868)	\$ 1,323,692 (12,272) (58,132)
Net Municipal Taxes		1,256,187	1,261,964	1,253,288
Potash tax share Penalties on tax arrears Tax enforcement	•	1,112,592 7,000	1,112,593 14,766 406	847,153 13,120 375
Total Taxes		2,375,779	2,389,729	2,113,936
UNCONDITIONAL GRANTS Equalization (Revenue Sharing) Equalization (Revenue Sharing) - Organized Hamlet Safe Restart Program		324,752 1,894	324,830 1,894 46,590	280,239 1,827
Total Unconditional Grants		326,646	373,314	282,066
GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES Provincial Transgas		500	544	500
Local/Other Treaty Land Entitlement			494	1,247
Total Grants in Lieu of Taxes		500	1,038	1,747
TOTAL TAXES AND OTHER UNCONDITIONAL REVENUE	\$_	2,702,925 \$	2,764,081	\$ 2,397,749

	2020 Budget Unaudited (Note 1)	2020 Actual	2019 Actual
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES Operating Other Segmented Revenue Fees and Charges - Sales of supplies - Tax certificates and photocopies/faxes	\$ 2,500 \$ 200	1,371 486	\$ 1,945 174
Total Fees and Charges	 2,700	1,857	 2,119
<ul><li>Investment income and commissions</li><li>Administration services</li><li>SARM - short-term disability</li></ul>	 9,900 115,509	35,340 40,000 5,911	24,536 43,845
Total Other Segmented Revenue	 128,109	83,108	70,500
Total Operating	 128,109	83,108	 70,500
Total General Government Services	 128,109	83,108	 70,500

		2020 Budget Unaudited (Note 1)	2020 Actual		2019 Actual
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES Operating Other Segmented Revenue					
Fees and Charges				_	
- Custom work	\$	2,500 \$	360	\$	2,052
<ul> <li>Sales of supplies</li> <li>Road maintenance and restoration agreements</li> </ul>		1,000 45,220	58,220		6,199 64,198
Total Fees and Charges		48,720	58,580		72,449
- Tangible capital asset sales - gain (loss) - Other - (Canada National Railway)		,	(3,322)		848 700,420
- SARM - short-term disability - PST refund			11,972 39,015		
Total Other Segmented Revenue		48,720	106,245		773,717
Conditional Grants - Municipal Economic Enhancement Program - CN Rail Safety Improvement Program		112,252	112,252 75,000		
Total Conditional Grants		112,252	187,252		
Total Operating		160,972	293,497		773,717
Capital Conditional Grants					
- Federal Gas Tax		44,588	69,119		97,536
<ul><li>- RIRG (CTP)</li><li>- Provincial Disaster Assistance</li></ul>		61,300	60,740		61,300 349,873
Total Capital	_	105,888	129,859		508,709
Total Transportation Services		266,860	423,356		1,282,426

		2020 Budget Unaudited (Note 1)	2020 Actual		2019 Actual
ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES Operating					
Other Segmented Revenue Fees and Charges					
- Scavenging fees	\$	\$	137	\$	18
- Sale of pest control products	<del></del>	3,000	1,118		3,087
Total Fees and Charges		3,000	1,255		3,105
Total Other Segmented Revenue		3,000	1,255		3,105
Conditional Grants - Provincial Rat Eradication Program - Saskatchewan Agriculture		4,000	4,144 27,900		5,490
Total Conditional Grants		4,000	32,044		5,490
Total Operating		7,000	33,299		8,595
Total Environmental and Public Health Services		7,000	33,299	·	8,595
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES Operating Other Segmented Revenue Fees and Charges		202	<b></b>		420
- Licenses and permits		200	677		120
Total Fees and Charges		200	677		120
Total Other Segmented Revenue		200	677		120
Conditional Grants - Federation of Canadian Municipalities					39,984
Total Conditional Grants				<del></del>	39,984
Total Operating		200	677		40,104
Total Planning and Development Services		200	677		40,104

	2020 Budget Unaudited (Note 1)		2020 Actual		2019 Actual
RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES Operating Other Segmented Revenue Fees and Charges					
- History book sales	\$	300 \$	171	\$	241
Total Fees and Charges		300	171	·	241
Total Other Segmented Revenue	_	300	171		241
Total Operating		300	171	,	241
Total Recreation and Cultural Services		300	171		241
TOTAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL REVENUE BY FUNCTION	<u>\$</u>	402,469 \$	540,611	\$	1,401,866
SUMMARY Total Other Segmented Revenue Total Conditional Grants Total Capital Grants and Contributions	\$	180,329 \$ 116,252 105,888	191,456 219,296 129,859	\$	847,683 45,474 508,709
TOTAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL REVENUE BY FUNCTION	\$	402,469 \$	540,611	\$	1,401,866

# SCHEDULE 3 - SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES BY FUNCTION

	2020 Budget Unaudited (Note 1)	2020 Actual	2019 Actual
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES Council remuneration and travel Wages and benefits Professional/Contractual services Utilities Maintenance, materials and supplies Amortization Interest Allowance for uncollectibles Other	\$ 72,250 \$ 188,037 106,150 5,220 20,000 160 100	53,446 186,240 78,376 5,551 27,013 152 7,548 2,647	\$ 70,479 179,622 101,324 4,648 19,059 153 115
Total General Government Services	391,917	360,973	378,261
PROTECTIVE SERVICES Police protection Wages and benefits Other	36,350	37,617 200	36,309
Fire protection Professional/Contractual services Grants and contributions	600	584	583
- Capital Amortization	45,000 3,700	37,905 3,565	43,569 3,566
Total Protective Services	85,650	79,871	84,027
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES Wages and benefits Professional/Contractual services Utilities Maintenance, materials, and supplies Gravel Amortization	753,800 225,000 13,925 488,500 500,000 342,500	738,650 90,271 13,218 648,711 394,130 302,068	728,938 28,072 13,344 1,618,270 638,172 322,443
Total Transportation Services	2,323,725	2,187,048	3,349,239

# SCHEDULE 3 - SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES BY FUNCTION

		2020 Budget Unaudited (Note 1)	2020 Actual	2019 Actual
ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES Professional/Contractual services Utilities Grants and contributions	\$	41,000 \$ 15,550	58,191 17,486	\$ 39,739 15,067
- Operating ● Public Health Other		5,000	5,000 167	5,000
Total Environmental and Public Health Services		61,550	80,844	59,806
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES Professional/Contractual services		20,000	500	900
Total Planning and Development Services		20,000	500	900
RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES Grants and contributions - Operating		13,500	12,235	12,339
Total Recreation and Cultural Services		13,500	12,235	12,339
UTILITY SERVICES  Maintenance, materials, and supplies Amortization			15,419	1,357 15,285
Total Utility Services			15,419	16,642
TOTAL EXPENSES BY FUNCTION	<u>\$</u>	2,896,342 \$	2,736,890	\$ 3,901,214

# SCHEDULE 4 - SCHEDULE OF SEGMENT DISCLOSURE BY FUNCTION

	General Government	 rotective Services	nsportation Services	Environment & Public Hea		ing and opment	Re	creation and Culture	Utility S	ervices	 Total
Revenues (Schedule 2)											
Fees and Charges Tangible Capital Asset Sale - Gain (Loss)	\$ 1,857	\$	\$ 58,580 (3,322)	\$ 1,2	55	\$ 677	\$	171	\$		\$ 62,540 (3,322
Land Sales - Gain (Loss) Investment Income & Commissions	35,340										35,340
Other Revenues Grants - Conditional - Capital	45,911		50,987 187,252 129,859	32,0	14						 96,898 219,296 129,859
- Capital Total revenues	83,108	 	 423,356	33,2	9	677		171			540,611
Expenses (Schedule 3)											
Wages & Benefits	239,686	37,617	738,650								1,015,953
Professional/Contractual Services	78,376	584	90,271	58,1		500					227,922 36,255
Utilities	5,551		13,218	17,4	36						1,069,854
Maintenance, Materials, Supplies	27,013		1,042,841	5.0				12,235			55,140
Grants and Contributions	450	37,905	202.000	5,0	30			12,233		15,419	321,204
Amortization	152	3,565	302,068							,	<b>,</b>
Interest	7 540										7,548
Allowance for Uncollectibles	7,548 2.647	200		1	67						3,014
Other	360,973	79,871	2,187,048	80,8		500		12,235		15,419	2,736,890
Total expenses	300,973	 73,071	 2,107,040								
Surplus (Deficit) by Function	(277,865)	 (79,871)	(1,763,692)	(47,5	45)	177		(12,064)		(15,419)	 (2,196,279
Faxation and other unconditional revenue (S	Schedule 1)										 2,764,081
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Net Surplus											\$ 567,802

# RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FERTILE BELT #183 SCHEDULE 5 - SCHEDULE OF SEGMENT DISCLOSURE BY FUNCTION

	General Government	Protective Services	T	ransportation Services	Environmental & Public Health	Planning and Development	Recreation and Culture	Utility Services	Total
evenues (Schedule 2)									
Fees and Charges Tangible Capital Asset Sale - Gain (Loss)	\$ 2,119	\$	\$	72,449 848	\$ 3,105	\$ 120	\$ 241	\$	\$ 78,034 848
Land Sales - Gain (Loss) Investment Income & Commissions	24,536								24,536
Other Revenues	43,845			700,420					744,265
Grants - Conditional	10,010				5,490	39,984			45,474
- Capital				508,709					508,709
otal revenues	70,500			1,282,426	8,595	40,104	241		1,401,866
xpenses (Schedule 3)									
Wages & Benefits	250,101	36,309	9	728,938					1,015,348
Professional/Contractual Services	101,324	583	3	28,072	39,739	900			170,618
Utilities	4,648			13,344	15,067			1,357	33,059 2,276,858
Maintenance, Materials, Supplies	19,059		_	2,256,442	5 000		12,339	1,307	60.908
Grants and Contributions		43,569		000 440	5,000		12,339	15,285	341,447
Amortization	153	3,56	b	322,443				10,200	115
Interest	115								
Allowance for Uncollectibles	2,861								2,861
Other	378,261	84.02	7	3,349,239	59,806	900	12,339	16,642	3,901,214
otal expenses	370,201	04,02		0,010,200					
urplus (Deficit) by Function	(307,761)	(84,02	7)	(2,066,813)	(51,211)	39,204	(12,098)	(16,642)	(2,499,348
axation and other unconditional revenue (S	chedule 1)							_	2,397,749
axation and other uncontuitional revenue (S	Chedule 1)								

# RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FERTILE BELT #183 SCHEDULE 6 - SCHEDULE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS BY OBJECT

		Ger	neral Assets			Infrastructure Assets	General/ Infrastructure	To	tals
Cost	Land	Land Improvements	Buildings	Vehicles	Machinery & Equipment	Linear Assets	Assets Under Construction	2020	2019
Opening costs	\$ 129,067		484,993	399,845	1,947,484	8,738,985	8,480	\$ 11,708,854	\$11,686,598
Additions during the year				37,865	162,050		22,997	222,912	51,039
Disposals and write downs				(71,610)				(71,610)	(28,783)
Closing costs	 129,067		484,993	366,100	2,109,534	8,738,985	31,477	11,860,156	11,708,854
Accumulated Amortization									
Opening accumulated amortization			128,667	267,694	821,269	6,451,581		7,669,211	7,342,395
Amortization			11,668	40,671	130,753	138,112		321,204	341,447
Disposals and write downs				(57,288)				(57,288)	(14,631)
Closing accumulated amortization			140,335	251,077	952,022	6,589,693		7,933,127	7,669,211
Net Book Value	\$ 129,067		344,658	115,023	1,157,512	2,149,292	31,477	\$ 3,927,029	\$ 4,039,643

# RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FERTILE BELT #183 SCHEDULE 7 - SCHEDULE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS BY FUNCTION For the year ended December 31, 2020

									To	tals
Cost	G	General overnment	Protective Services	Transportation Services	Environmental & Public Health	Planning & Development	Recreation & Culture	Water & Sewer	2020	2019
Opening costs	\$	5,214	92,854	11,282,263	11,667			316,856	\$ 11,708,854	\$ 11,686,598
Additions during the year				199,915				22,997	222,912	51,039
Disposals and write downs				(71,610)					(71,610)	(28,783)
Closing costs		5,214	92,854	11,410,568	11,667			339,853	11,860,156	11,708,854
Accumulated Amortization										
Opening accumulated amortization		4,072	62,214	7,465,894				137,031	7,669,211	7,342,395
Amortization		152	3,566	302,067				15,419	321,204	341,447
Disposals and write downs				(57,288)					(57,288)	(14,631)
Closing accumulated amortization		4,224	65,780	7,710,673				152,450	7,933,127	7,669,211
Net Book Value	\$_	990	27,074	3,699,895	11,667			187,403	\$ 3,927,029	\$ 4,039,643

# RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FERTILE BELT #183 SCHEDULE 8 - SCHEDULE OF ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

<u>-</u>	2019	Changes	2020
UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS	1,871,046	679,542 \$	2,550,588
APPROPRIATED RESERVES			
Capital trust	40.000		40,000
Public reserve	9,700	1,000	10,700
Total appropriated	49,700	1,000	50,700
ORGANIZED HAMLETS			
Organized Hamlet of Pelican Shores	3,989	(126)	3,863
Total Hamlets	3,989	(126)	3,863
NET INVESTMENT IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSE	TS		
Tangible capital assets (Schedule 6)	4,039,643	(112,614)	3,927,029
Net Investment in Tangible capital assets	4,039,643	(112,614)	3,927,029
Total Accumulated Surplus	5,964,378	567,802 \$	6,532,180

SCHEDULE 9 - SCHEDULE OF MILL RATES AND ASSESSMENTS

			PROPERT	Y CLASS			.,
	Agriculture	Residential	Residential Condominium	Seasonal Residential	Commercial & Industrial	Potash Mine(s)	Total
Taxable assessment	119,230,785	52,961,954			13,138,100		185,330,839
Regional Park Assessment							185,330,839
Total Assessment Mill Rate Factor(s)	1.00	0.50			0.80		
Total Base/Minimum Tax		3,360					3,360
Total Municipal Tax Levy	1,013,462	226,889			89,339		1,329,690

MILL RATES:	MILLS				
Average Municipal	7.1747				
Average School	2.5418				
Potash Mill Rate					
Uniform Municipal Mill Rate	8.5000				

# SCHEDULE 10 - SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL REMUNERATION

	Re	F muneration	Reimbursed <u>Costs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Reeve - Arlynn Kurtz	\$	13,918 \$	\$	13,918
Councilor - Joseph Tomolak		10,125		10,125
Councilor - Patrick Landine		6,386		6,386
Councilor - Eric Bergstorm		5,778		5,778
Councilor - Neil Bomboir		5,373		5,373
Councilor - Blake Duchek		5,059		5,059
Councilor - Brett Johanson		3,563		3,563
	\$	50,202 \$	\$	50,202