

**TOWN OF STETTLER
COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETING**

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025

4:00 PM AT THE TOWN OFFICE

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Agenda Approval/Additions
3. 2024 Financial Statements 2 - 60
4. In-Camera
 - (a) FOIP – Section 24 Advice from Officials – 2024 Financial Statements
5. Adjournment

AUDIT FINDINGS

April 29, 2025

Council
Town of Stettler
Box 280
Stettler, AB
T0C 2L0

Dear Council:

The purpose of this report is to summarize certain aspects of the audit that we believe would be of interest to Council.

We performed an audit of the financial statements of Town of Stettler for the year ended December 31, 2024. The financial statements are the responsibility of the municipality's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. Canadian auditing standards require that we communicate the following information with you in relation to our audit.

Our audit included:

- Assessing the risk that the financial statements may contain material misstatements;
- Examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements;
- Assessing the accounting principles used, and their application;
- Assessing the significant estimates made by management; and
- Gaining a sufficient understanding of internal controls in order to plan the audit and determine the level of control risk. Where control risk was assessed at below maximum, a combined audit approach was used. Where control risk was assessed at maximum or where it is determined that it would be more cost-efficient, a substantive audit approach was used. It should be noted that we have not expressed an opinion about the operating effectiveness of internal controls.

The engagement team undertook a documented planning process prior to commencement of the audit in order to identify concerns, address independence considerations, assess the engagement team requirements, and plan the nature, timing and extent of audit work required.

Management is responsible for the fair presentation of the financial statements and for the design, and implementation of internal controls to prevent and detect fraud and error.

Audit Status

We have completed the audit of the financial statements, with the exception of the following items:

1. Receipt of a signed representation letter;
2. Completing our discussions with Council;
3. Obtaining evidence of approval of the financial statements;

Once these item(s) have been completed, we will date and sign our report.

We would like to communicate the following:

1. We will be submitting a letter to management regarding any significant deficiencies in internal control and other matters that we feel should be brought to their attention.
2. We accumulated uncorrected misstatements that we identified during the engagement and communicated them to management. All uncorrected misstatements for the current period have been corrected with the exception of the items summarized on the attached form "Unadjusted Misstatement Schedule."
3. Misstatements resulting from error that were material and were corrected are included in our adjusting journal entries. Please see attached.
4. Management is responsible for the appropriate selection and application of accounting policies. Our role is to review the appropriateness and application as part of our audit. The accounting policies used by Town of Stettler are described in Note 1, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, in the financial statements.

This report is intended solely for the use of Council, management and others within the municipality and should not be used for any other purposes. We accept no responsibility to a third party who uses this communication.

The matters identified above are a by-product of the financial statement audit. The audit would not necessarily identify all matters that may be of interest to communicate to you.

We look forward to discussing with you the matters addressed in this letter.

To ensure there is a clear understanding and record of the matters discussed, we ask that a member of Council sign their acknowledgement in the space provided below. Should any member of Council wish to discuss or review any matter addressed in this letter or any other matters related to financial reporting, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Yours very truly,

Gitzel & Company

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Acknowledgement of Council:

I have read and reviewed the above disclosures and understand and agree with the comments therein:

_____ (Date)

Town of Stettler

Year End: December 31, 2024

Adjusting journal entries

Date: 01/01/2024 To 12/31/2024

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TOWN OF STETTLER
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	b) Effects of unadjusted misstatements from previous years			30,276	-	-	-
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Conclusion:

The proposed adjustments noted above do not affect the fair presentation of the financial statements.



*Scott St. Arnaud, CPA, CA *Jolene P. Kobi, CPA, CA *Justin J. Tanner, CPA, CA

*Peggy Weinzierl, CPA, CA (Associate)

April 29, 2025

Council
Town of Stettler
Box 280
Stettler, AB
T0C 2L0

Dear Council:

We have been engaged to audit the financial statements of Town of Stettler for the year ended December 31, 2024. Canadian generally accepted auditing standards require that we communicate at least annually with you regarding all relationships between the municipality and us that, in our professional judgment, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence.

In determining which relationships to report, these standards require us to consider relevant rules and related interpretations prescribed by the appropriate provincial institute and applicable legislation, covering such matters as:

- a. holding a financial interest, either directly or indirectly, in a client;
- b. holding a position, either directly or indirectly, that gives the right or responsibility to exert significant influence over the financial or accounting policies of a client;
- c. personal or business relationships of immediate family, close relatives, partners or retired partners, either directly or indirectly, with a client;
- d. economic dependence on a client; and
- e. provision of services in addition to the audit engagement.

We have prepared the following comments to facilitate our discussion with you regarding independence matters.

We are aware of the following relationships between the municipality and us that, in our professional judgment, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence.

The financial statements will be prepared by our firm in consultation with management. We will prepare journal entries and determine the classification of transactions with the approval of management.

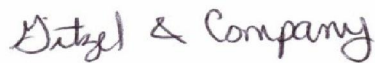
For a portion of the year, the partner of the firm on this audit was a volunteer firefighter for the Stettler Regional Fire Department and was compensated for the time he put in to fulfill this role.

He had no authority or oversight over any financial matters of the fire department and as such we believe there to be no independence issues

Canadian generally accepted auditing standards require that we confirm our independence to the Council in the context of the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta. Accordingly, we hereby confirm that we are independent with respect to the municipality within the meaning of the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta as of April 29, 2025.

This report is intended solely for the use of the board of directors, management and council and others within the municipality and should not be used for any other purposes.

Yours very truly,



GITZEL & COMPANY
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

Acknowledgement of Council:

I have read, reviewed and understand the above independence matters:

_____ (Date)

**TOWN OF STETTLER
BOX 280**

**Stettler, AB
T0C 2L0**

April 29, 2025

Gitzel & Company
Chartered Professional Accountants
Box 460
STETTLER, AB T0C 2L0

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are providing this letter in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Town of Stettler as of December 31, 2024 and for the period then ended for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of financial activities, and cash resources in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. We acknowledge that we are responsible for the fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for the design and implementation of internal control to prevent and detect fraud and error.

We understand that your examination was planned and conducted in accordance with Canadian auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements. While your work includes an examination of the accounting system, internal control and related data to the extent you considered necessary in the circumstances, it is not designed to identify, nor can it necessarily be expected to disclose, fraud, shortages, errors and other irregularities, should any exist.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. An item is considered material, regardless of monetary value, if it is probable that its omission from or misstatement in the financial statements would influence the decision of a reasonable person relying on the financial statements.

We hereby confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief as of the date of this letter, the following representations made to you during your audit.

A. Financial statements and financial records

1. Significant accounting policies and any changes in these policies, have been disclosed.
2. All information relevant to use of the going concern assumption in the financial statements, has been disclosed.
3. We are not aware of any items that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial statements, except as noted in the summary of uncorrected items attached to this letter.
4. We believe the effects of those uncorrected financial statement misstatements aggregated by you during the audit are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate to the financial statements taken as a whole. Attached to this letter is a summary of such items.

5. All liabilities, contingencies, unusual contractual obligations or substantial commitments which would materially affect the financial statements have been recorded or disclosed in the financial statements.
6. Material non-monetary transactions or transactions for no consideration undertaken by the municipality in the financial reporting period under consideration have been disclosed to you.
7. All known related parties have been disclosed to you as well related party balances and transactions, including guarantees, non-monetary transactions and transactions for no consideration. They have been properly measured, recorded and disclosed in the financial statements.
8. Where appropriate, all transactions between the municipality and its councillors occurring throughout the year have been segregated.
9. None of the councillors were indebted to the municipality at year end, other than in the ordinary course of business, except as disclosed in the accounting records.
10. Information regarding the terms and conditions of interest rate risk, credit risk and foreign exchange risk of financial instruments has been disclosed. There were no derivative or off-balance sheet financial instruments held at period end.
11. Fair value of financial instruments has been disclosed. We believe that the significant assumptions used in arriving at the fair values of financial instruments as measured and disclosed in the financial statements are reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances.
12. Business transacted at council meetings requiring disclosure has been disclosed correctly in the financial statements.
13. We have reviewed, approve and accept full responsibility for the year-end adjusting entries which you prepared or changed, and account codes you determined or changed, which form a part of the municipality's books-of-account.
14. We have read and approve the issue of the financial statements referred to above. They present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the municipality as at December 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.
15. We have responded fully to all inquiries made to us and have made available to you all financial records and related data and all minutes of the meetings of council.

B. Ownership

1. The municipality has satisfactory title to (or lease interest in,) all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the municipality's assets.
2. All assets which are owned by the municipality are recorded in the accounts.

C. Valuation

1. Our present plans and intentions are appropriately reflected by the carrying value and classification of the municipality's assets and liabilities.
2. Where the value of any asset has been impaired, an appropriate provision has been made in the financial statements. This includes:
 - (a) appropriate provisions for idle, abandoned, destroyed or obsolete assets or where site restoration costs will be necessary.
 - (b) impairments in the value of goodwill or intangible assets.
3. Adequate provisions have been recorded in the accounts for all anticipated losses related to obsolete, slow-moving and defective inventories and all known or anticipated losses from uncollectible accounts receivable.
4. All donations received in the year (including property and equipment) have been appropriately measured and disclosed in the financial statements.
5. The nature of all material measurement uncertainty has been appropriately disclosed in the financial statements, including all estimates where it is possible that the estimate will change in the near term and the effect of the change could be material to the financial statements. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.

D. Completeness

1. All goods shipped or services rendered prior to the year-end have been recorded as sales of this year except that no amount has been included in sales and accounts receivable for goods shipped on consignment, on approval, or subject to repurchase agreements.
2. Inventory does not include:
 - (a) items not paid for or for which no liability has been recorded in the accounts at year-end
 - (b) goods on consignment from others
 - (c) goods invoiced to customers.
3. All additions to property and equipment during the year represent actual additions and no expenditures of a capital nature have been charged to expense during the year.
4. All property and equipment sold or dismantled (and all capital lease terminations) during the year have been properly accounted for in the accounts.
5. Capital and other assets with a limited life are being depreciated, amortized, or otherwise written off as a charge to income over their estimated useful lives in a systematic and rational manner.
6. All liabilities and contingencies, including those associated with guarantees, whether written or oral, have been disclosed to you and are appropriately reflected in the financial statements.

E. Fraud and illegal acts

1. Management has assessed the risk as low, that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
2. We have no knowledge of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the municipality involving management;

or employees who have significant roles in the system of internal control; or others where the fraud could have a non-trivial effect on the financial statements.

3. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design and implementation of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
4. Management is not aware of any fraud, possible fraud, suspected fraud, illegal or possibly illegal acts the effects of which should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as the basis of recording a contingent loss.

F. General

1. The minute books of the municipality contain a true record of all councillors' meetings and all the business transacted to date.
2. We have disclosed to you all significant customers and/or suppliers of the municipality who individually represent a significant volume of transactions with our municipality. We are of the opinion that the volume of transactions done by the municipality with any one party is not of sufficient magnitude that discontinuance would have a material effect on the ongoing operations of the municipality.
3. We are aware of the environmental laws and regulations that impact on our municipality and we are in compliance.
4. Any pledge or assignment of municipality assets as security for liabilities has been disclosed to you.
5. All provisions for personal use of the business assets or expenses have been fairly ascertained and recognized.
6. All transactions of the municipality which were not at arm's length have been disclosed to you.
7. We are not aware of any known or probable instances of non-compliance with the requirements of regulatory or governmental authorities, including their financial reporting requirements.
8. We are not aware of any violations or possible violations of laws or regulations, the effects of which should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as the basis of recording a contingent loss.
9. We have informed you of all outstanding and possible claims, whether or not they have been discussed with legal counsel.
10. We have disclosed to you, and the municipality has complied with, all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance.
11. The nature and amount of any restrictions on funds received or held by the municipality have been disclosed in the financial statements.
12. We are aware of the positive, negative and financial covenants included in our loan agreements and we are in compliance, except as noted in the financial statements.

G. Events subsequent to the year-end

1. There have been no events subsequent to the balance sheet date up to the date of this letter that would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. Further, there have been no events subsequent to the date of the comparative financial statements that would require adjustment of those financial statements and related notes.

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TOWN OF STETTLER

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Conclusion:

The proposed adjustments noted above do not affect the fair presentation of the financial statements.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION RETURN

Choose your Municipality from the list

For the Year Ending December 31, 2024

The information contained in this
Financial Information Return is presented
fairly to the best of my knowledge.

Leann Graham

Name

Date



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION RETURN

TO: The Mayor and Council
Town of Stettler

Opinion

We have audited the municipal financial information return of the Town of Stettler, which comprises schedules 9A through 9D, 9Q, 9E through 9M, 9AA, 9P as the statement of financial position for the year ended December 31, 2024.

In our opinion, the accompanying municipal financial information return statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the town as at December 31, 2024, the results of its operations, change in its net financial assets (debt) and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

It is understood that this report, as requested by the Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs, is to be used primarily for statistical purposes. We have issued an independent auditors' report dated April 29, 2025 on the financial statements of the Town of Stettler for the year ended December 31, 2024 and reference should be made to those audited financial statements for complete information.

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 *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Municipal Financial Information Return* section of our report. We are independent of the town in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial information return 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.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

The financial information return is prepared to assist the town to meet the requirements of the Municipal Government Act (Section 277(1)). As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Municipal Financial Information Return

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

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Municipal Financial Information Return

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the municipal financial information return as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' 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 this financial information return. 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 financial information return, 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 controls.
- 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 purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the town'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 town's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report and to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the town to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the municipal financial information return, and whether the municipal financial information return represents 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.

Stettler, Alberta
April 29, 2025

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

Audited Schedules

FINANCIAL POSITION

Schedule 9A

	Total 1
Assets	0010
Cash and Temporary Investments	0020 13,082,352
Taxes and Grants in Place of Taxes Receivable	0030
. Current	0040 176,891
. Arrears	0050 107,629
. Allowance	0060 -12,511
Receivable From Other Governments	0070 2,046,669
Loans Receivable	0080
Trade and Other Receivables	0090 1,093,577
Debt Charges Recoverable	0095
Inventories Held for Resale	0130
. Land	0140
. Other	0150
Long Term Investments	0170
. Federal Government	0180
. Provincial Government	0190
. Local Governments	0200
. Other	0210 359,690
Other Current Assets	0230 42,532
Other Long Term Assets	0240 724,509
	0250
Total Financial Assets	0260 17,621,338
Liabilities	0270
Temporary Loans Payable	0280
Payable To Other Governments	0290 58,507
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	0300 1,934,772
Deposit Liabilities	0310 36,325
Deferred Revenue	0340 1,642,878
Long Term Debt	0350 3,030,702
Other Current Liabilities	0360
Asset Retirement Obligations	0365 2,267,083
Other Long Term Liabilities	0370 105,359
	0380
Total Liabilities	0390 9,075,626
Net Financial Assets (Net Debt)	0395 8,545,712
Non Financial Assets	
Tangible Capital Assets	0400 83,466,268
Intangible Equity	0402
Inventory for Consumption	0410
Prepaid Expenses	0420 11,861
Other	0430 463,882
Total Non-Financial Assets	0440 83,942,011
Accumulated Surplus	0450 92,487,723

CHANGE IN ACCUMULATED OPERATING SURPLUS

Schedule 9B

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Equity in TCA	Total
		1	2	3	4
Accumulated Operating Surplus - Beginning of Year	0500	2,493,292	11,134,062	78,860,700	92,488,054
Net Revenue (Expense)	0505	-331			-331
Funds Designated For Future Use.....	0511	-2,766,621	2,766,621		
Restricted Funds - Used for Operations.....	0512	1,507,416	-1,507,416		
Restricted Funds - Used for TCA.....	0513		-473,102	473,102	
Current Year Funds Used for TCA	0514	-3,488,537		3,488,537	
Donated and Contributed TCA.....	0516	-205,393		205,393	
Disposals of TCA.....	0517	72,745		-72,745	
Annual Amortization Expense.....	0518	5,167,107		-5,167,107	
Asset retirement obligation accretion expense	0515	102,386		-102,386	
Long Term Debt - Issued.....	0519				
Long Term Debt - Repaid.....	0521	-482,989		482,989	
Capital Debt - Used for TCA.....	0522				
	0523				
Other Adjustments.....	0524				
Accumulated Operating Surplus - End of Year.....	0525	2,399,075	11,920,165	78,168,483	92,487,723

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES BY FUNCTION

Schedule 9C

	Revenue	Expense
	1	2
Total General	0700 9,574,828	
Function	0710	1150
General Government	0720	1160
Council and Other Legislative	0730	1170 220,826
General Administration	0740 78,512	1180 1,284,220
Other General Government.....	0750	1190
Protective Services	0760	1200
Police	0770 647,683	1210 1,327,156
Fire	0780 142,740	1220 1,076,823
Disaster and Emergency Measures	0790	1230 40,092
Ambulance and First Aid	0800	1240
Bylaws Enforcement	0810 125,204	1250 236,565
Other Protective Services.....	0820	1260
Transportation	0830	1270
Common and Equipment Pool	0840	1280 880,729
Roads, Streets, Walks, Lighting	0850 740,066	1290 4,425,280
Airport	0860 1,723,896	1300 90,338
Public Transit	0870	1310
Storm Sewers and Drainage	0880	1320 120,142
Other Transportation	0890	1330
Environmental Use and Protection	0900	1340
Water Supply and Distribution	0910 3,859,781	1350 3,639,827
Wastewater Treatment and Disposal	0920 1,192,548	1360 908,821
Waste Management	0930 876,966	1370 752,984
Other Environmental Use and Protection	0940	1380
Public Health and Welfare	0950	1390
Family and Community Support	0960 161,576	1400 205,275
Day Care	0970	1410
Cemeteries and Crematoriums	0980 27,293	1420 49,336
Other Public Health and Welfare	0990	1430
Planning and Development	1000	1440
Land Use Planning, Zoning and Development	1010 70,854	1450 515,599
Economic/Agricultural Development	1020 171,739	1460 604,021
Subdivision Land and Development	1030 1,200	1470 54,206
Public Housing Operations	1040	1480 85,967
Land, Housing and Building Rentals	1050 295,647	1490 133,466
Other Planning and Development.....	1060	1500
Recreation and Culture	1070	1510
Recreation Boards	1080	1520
Parks and Recreation	1090 1,612,868	1530 4,156,956
Culture: Libraries, Museums, Halls	1100 64,819	1540 559,922
Convention Centres	1110	1550
Other Recreation and Culture.....	1120	1560
Other Utilities	1125	1565
Gas	1126	1566
Electric	1127	1567
Other Utilities.....	1128	1568
Other	1130	1570
Total Revenue/Expense	1140 21,368,220	1580 21,368,551
Net Revenue/Expense		1590 -331

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES BY TYPE / OBJECT

Schedule 9D

		Total
		1
Revenues	1700	
Taxation and Grants in Place	1710	
. Property (net municipal, excluding requisitions).....	1720	6,631,883
. Business	1730	5,709
. Business Revitalization Zone	1740	
. Special	1750	
. Well Drilling	1760	
. Local Improvement	1770	
Sales To Other Governments	1790	
Sales and User Charges	1800	5,811,207
Penalties and Costs on Taxes	1810	131,182
Licenses and Permits	1820	175,666
Fines	1830	65,561
Franchise and Concession Contracts	1840	1,980,180
Returns on Investments (incl. Portfolio Investments)	1850	890,426
Rentals	1860	909,505
Insurance Proceeds	1870	
Net Gain on Sale of Tangible Capital Assets	1880	
Contributed and Donated Assets	1885	205,393
Federal Government Operating Transfers	1892	
Federal Government Capital Transfers	1902	22,520
Provincial Government Operating Transfers	1912	668,924
Provincial Government Capital Transfers	1922	2,858,357
Local Government Operating Transfers	1931	981,725
Local Government Capital Transfers	1932	
Transfers From Local Boards and Agencies	1940	
Developer Agreements	1960	
Offsite Levies	1962	
Other Revenues	1970	29,982
Total Revenue	1980	21,368,220
Expenses	1990	
Salaries, Wages, Benefits, and Contracts of Employment	2000	6,632,686
Contracted and General Services	2010	3,393,175
Purchases from Other Governments	2020	1,206,673
Materials, Goods, Supplies, and Utilities	2030	3,700,103
Provision For Allowances	2040	21,150
Transfers to Other Governments	2050	350
Transfers to Local Boards and Agencies	2060	924,874
Transfers to Individuals and Organizations	2070	34,705
Bank Charges and Short Term Interest	2080	21,955
Interest on Operating Long Term Debt	2090	
Interest on Capital Long Term Debt	2100	129,845
Accretion of Asset Retirement Obligations.....	2105	102,386
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	2110	5,167,107
Net Loss on Sale of Tangible Capital Assets.....	2125	2,189
Write Down of Tangible Capital Assets.....	2127	
Other Expenditures	2130	31,353
Total Expenses	2140	21,368,551
Net Revenue (Expense)	2150	-331

REMEASUREMENT GAINS AND LOSSES

Schedule 9Q

Accumulated remeasurement gains (losses) at beginning of year	2171	
Gains	2172	
Losses	2174	
Amounts reclassified to Statement of Operations	2176	
Net Remeasurement gains (losses) for the year	2178	
Accumulated remeasurement gains (losses) at end of year	2180	

REVENUE AND EXPENSE SUPPLEMENTARY DETAIL

Schedule 9E

		Revenue		Expenses	
		Sales and User Charges	Provincial Capital Transfers	Annual Amortization Expense	Capital Long Term Debt Interest Expense
		1	2	3	4
General Government	2200				
Council and Other Legislative	2210				
General Administration	2220	77,217		84,770	16,991
Other General Government.....	2230				
Protective Services	2240				
Police	2250	6,134			
Fire	2260	17,585		187,292	
Disaster and Emergency Measures	2270				
Ambulance and First Aid	2280				
Bylaws Enforcement	2290				
Other Protective Services.....	2300				
Transportation	2310				
Common and Equipment Pool	2320			462,693	
Roads, Streets, Walks, Lighting	2330	13,043	701,495	2,320,022	19,097
Airport	2340		1,480,663	43,324	
Public Transit	2350				
Storm Sewers and Drainage	2360			65,968	
Other Transportation	2370				
Environmental Use and Protection	2380				
Water Supply and Distribution	2390	3,421,312	394,930	771,958	52,025
Wastewater Treatment and Disposal	2400	911,278	281,269	294,184	30,673
Waste Management	2410	876,966		989	
Other Environmental Use and Protection	2420				
Public Health and Welfare	2430				
Family and Community Support	2440				
Day Care	2450				
Cemeteries and Crematoriums	2460	23,106		5,717	
Other Public Health and Welfare	2470				
Planning and Development	2480				
Land Use Planning, Zoning and Development	2490			1,361	
Economic/Agricultural Development	2500	128,948			
Subdivision Land and Development	2510			2,587	
Public Housing Operations	2520			85,967	
Land, Housing and Building Rentals	2530				
Other Planning and Development.....	2540				
Recreation and Culture	2550				
Recreation Boards	2560	14,490		64,588	
Parks and Recreation	2570	306,052		703,281	11,059
Culture: Libraries, Museums, Halls	2580	15,076		72,406	
Convention Centres	2590				
Other Recreation and Culture.....	2600				
Utilities	2605				
Gas	2606				
Electric	2607				
Other Utilities.....	2608				
Other	2610				
Total	2620	5,811,207	2,858,357	5,167,107	129,845

TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS SUPPLEMENTARY DETAIL

Schedule 9F

		Tangible Capital Assets		Capital Long Term Debt	
		Purchased	Donated or Contributed	Principal Additions	Principal Reductions
		1	2	3	4
General Government	2700				
Council and Other Legislative	2710				
General Administration	2720				56,861
Other General Government.....	2730				
Protective Services	2740				
Police	2750				
Fire	2760	207,305			
Disaster and Emergency Measures	2770				
Ambulance and First Aid	2780				
Bylaws Enforcement	2790				
Other Protective Services.....	2800				
Transportation	2810				
Common and Equipment Pool	2820	374,309			
Roads, Streets, Walks, Lighting	2830	2,337,239			58,760
Airport	2840	233,435			
Public Transit	2850				
Storm Sewers and Drainage	2860				
Other Transportation	2870				
Environmental Use and Protection	2880				
Water Supply and Distribution	2890	402,318			153,997
Wastewater Treatment and Disposal	2900	281,270			122,796
Waste Management	2910				
Other Environmental Use and Protection	2920				
Public Health and Welfare	2930				
Family and Community Support	2940				
Day Care	2950				
Cemeteries and Crematoriums	2960	23,444			
Other Public Health and Welfare	2970				
Planning and Development	2980				
Land Use Planning, Zoning and Development	2990				
Economic/Agricultural Development	3000				
Subdivision Land and Development	3010				
Public Housing Operations	3020				
Land, Housing and Building Rentals	3030				
Other Planning and Development.....	3040				
Recreation and Culture	3050				
Recreation Boards	3060				
Parks and Recreation	3070	102,316	205,393		90,575
Culture: Libraries, Museums, Halls	3080				
Convention Centres	3090				
Other Recreation and Culture.....	3100				
Utilities	3105				
Gas	3106				
Electric	3107				
Other Utilities.....	3108				
Other	3110				
Total	3120	3,961,636	205,393		482,989

CHANGE IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

Schedule 9G

		Balance at Beginning of Year 1	Additions 2	Reductions 3	Balance at End of Year 4
Tangible Capital Assets - Cost					
Engineered Structures	3200				
Roadway Systems.....	3201	73,770,482	2,570,673		76,341,155
Light Rail Transit Systems.....	3202				
Water Systems.....	3203	17,111,432	327,547	90	17,438,889
Wastewater Systems.....	3204	17,605,146	281,270		17,886,416
Storm Systems.....	3205	4,729,560			4,729,560
Fibre Optics.....	3206				
Electricity Systems.....	3207				
Gas Distribution Systems.....	3208				
Total Engineered Structures	3210	113,216,620	3,179,490	90	116,396,020
Construction In Progress.....	3219				
Buildings	3220	58,184,951	211,520		58,396,471
Machinery and Equipment	3230	9,139,660	188,105	83,935	9,243,830
Land	3240	1,775,999			1,775,999
Land Improvements.....	3245	6,735,696	259,662		6,995,358
Vehicles	3250	4,555,230	328,252		4,883,482
Total Capital Property Cost	3260	193,608,156	4,167,029	84,025	197,691,160
Accumulated Amortization					
Engineered Structures	3270				
Roadway Systems	3271	63,036,711	2,209,542		65,246,253
Light Rail Transit Systems	3272				
Water Systems	3273	6,101,029	202,199	90	6,303,138
Wastewater Systems	3274	6,334,978	260,036		6,595,014
Storm Systems	3275	1,461,434	65,967		1,527,401
Fibre Optics	3276				
Electricity Systems	3277				
Gas Distribution Systems	3278				
Total Engineered Structures	3280	76,934,152	2,737,744	90	79,671,806
Buildings	3290	21,103,555	1,360,630		22,464,185
Machinery and Equipment	3300	4,475,919	546,741	11,191	5,011,469
Land	3310				
Land Improvements.....	3315	3,508,089	291,498		3,799,587
Vehicles	3320	3,047,353	230,492		3,277,845
Total Accumulated Amortization	3330	109,069,068	5,167,105	11,281	114,224,892
Net Book Value of Capital Property	3340	84,539,088			83,466,268
Capital Long Term Debt (Net)	3350	3,513,691			3,030,702
Asset Retirement Obligation	3355	2,164,697			2,267,083
Equity in Tangible Capital Assets	3400	78,860,700			78,168,483
Intangible Equity	3402				

LONG TERM DEBT SUPPORT

Schedule 9H

Long Term Debt Support

Supported by General Tax Levies
Supported by Special Levies
Supported by Utility Rates
Other

	Operating Purposes 1	Capital Purposes 2	Total 3
3405			
3410		553,609	553,609
3420		913,245	913,245
3430		1,563,848	1,563,848
3440			
3450		3,030,702	3,030,702

Total Long Term Debt Principal Balance

LONG TERM DEBT SOURCES

Schedule 9I

Loans to Local Authorities
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
Mortgage Borrowing
Other

	Operating Purposes 1	Capital Purposes 2	Total 3
3500		3,030,702	3,030,702
3520			
3600			
3610			
3620		3,030,702	3,030,702

Total Long Term Debt Principal Balance

FUTURE LONG TERM DEBT REPAYMENTS

Schedule 9J

Principal Repayments by Year

Current + 1
Current + 2
Current + 3
Current + 4
Current + 5
Thereafter

Total Principal

	Operating Purposes 1	Capital Purposes 2	Total 3
3700			
3710		461,768	461,768
3720		481,157	481,157
3730		374,369	374,369
3740		389,490	389,490
3750		405,232	405,232
3760		918,686	918,686
3770		3,030,702	3,030,702

Interest by Year

Current + 1
Current + 2
Current + 3
Current + 4
Current + 5
Thereafter

Total Interest

	Operating Purposes 1	Capital Purposes 2	Total 3
3780			
3790		114,161	114,161
3800		94,772	94,772
3810		76,011	76,011
3820		60,890	60,890
3830		45,148	45,148
3840		64,191	64,191
3850		455,173	455,173

PROPERTY TAXES AND GRANTS IN PLACE
Schedule 9K

		Property Taxes 1	Grants - in Place 2	Total 3
Net Municipal Property Taxes				
Residential Land and Improvements	3910	4,158,543	30,580	4,189,123
Non-Residential				
Land and Improvements (Excluding M & E).....	3935	2,294,380	7,621	2,302,001
Machinery and Equipment	3950			
Linear Property	3960	135,395		135,395
Small Business Tax	3965			
Farm Land	3980	5,364		5,364
Adjustments to Property Taxes	3990			
Net Total Municipal Property Taxes	4000	6,593,682	38,201	6,631,883

Provincial and Seniors Foundation Requisitions

Education			
Residential/Farm Land	4031		1,456,021
Non-Residential	4035		903,555
Seniors Lodges	4090		371,968
Designated Industrial Property	4099		921
Other	4100		
Adjustments to Requisition Transfers	4100		
Total Requisition Transfers	4120		2,732,465

GRANTS IN PLACE OF TAXES
Schedule 9L

		Property Taxes 1	Business Taxes 2	Other Taxes 3	Total 4
Federal Government	4200	7,621			7,621
Provincial Government	4210	30,580			30,580
Local Government	4220				
Other	4230				
Total	4240	38,201			38,201

SALARIES AND BENEFITS
Schedule 9M

		Salaries 1	Benefits Allowances 2	Severance 3	Total 4
Elected Officials	4300	186,550	10,461		197,011
Chief Administrative Officer	4310	167,771	31,373		199,144
Designated Officer(s)	4320	185,524			185,524
Total	4340	539,845	41,834		581,679

DEBT LIMIT
Schedule 9AA

Debt Limit	5700	24,820,568	27,422,925
Total Debt	5710	3,030,702	
Debt Service Limit	5720	4,641,878	4,570,488
Total Debt Service Costs	5730	575,929	

Enter prior year Line 3450 Column 2 balance here:

3,513,691.0 #N/A

GRANT AND DEFERRED GRANT REVENUE SCHEDULE

Schedule 9P

Cash and Temporary Investments

8820 13,082,352

Restricted Cash by Grant

Municipal Sustainability Initiative Capital	8825	
Municipal Sustainability Initiative Operating	8826	
Canada Community-Building Fund	8827	376,787
Alberta Community Partnership- Intermunicipal Collaboration	8828	
Alberta Community Partnership- Municipal Restructuring	8829	121,449
Alberta Community Partnership- Mediation and Cooperative Processes	8830	
Alberta Community Partnership- Municipal Internship	8831	
Alberta Community Partnership- Strategic Initiative	8833	
Local Government Fiscal Framework	8836	627,459
Other Grants	8835	319,429

Total Restricted Cash

8865 1,445,124

Unrestricted Cash

8870 11,637,228

Accounts Receivable - Grants

8872

Deferred Revenue

8875 1,642,878

Deferred Revenue by Grant

Municipal Sustainability Initiative Capital	8880	
Municipal Sustainability Initiative Operating	8881	
Canada Community-Building Fund	8882	376,787
Alberta Community Partnership- Intermunicipal Collaboration	8883	
Alberta Community Partnership- Municipal Restructuring	8884	121,449
Alberta Community Partnership- Mediation and Cooperative Processes	8885	
Alberta Community Partnership- Municipal Internship	8886	
Alberta Community Partnership- Strategic Initiative	8888	
Local Government Fiscal Framework	8891	627,459
Other Grants	8890	319,429

Total Deferred Revenue by Grant

8898 1,445,124

Other Deferred Revenue

8899 197,754

2024 Municipal Statistics: Choose your Municipality from the list

Schedule ST

Total Full-time Positions.....	5500	54.0
Length of all Open Roads Maintained (km)	5520	94.0
Length of Water Mains (km)		
Municipality Owned Systems	5555	66.3
Service Providers	5556	
Co-ops	5557	
Regional Systems	5558	
Other	5559	
	Total	5560 66.3
Length of Wastewater Mains (km)		
Municipality Owned Systems	5565	59.8
Service Providers	5566	
Co-ops	5567	
Regional Systems	5568	
Other	5569	
	Total	5570 59.8
Length of Storm Drainage Mains (km)	5580	26.1
Number of Residences (for Summer Villages only)	5590	
Number of Private Dwelling Units	5595	2,390
Number of Bridges	5591	#N/A

2024 ASSESSMENT STATISTICS

Total Assessment Services Costs (\$)	5596	85,415
Assessment Complaints to the Local Assessment Review Board (LARB)		
Number of LARB residential (three or fewer dwelling units) or farm land complaints filed	5602	
Number of LARB residential (three or fewer dwelling units) or farm land complaints withdrawn	5604	
Number of residential (three or fewer dwelling units) or farm land complaints heard by the LARB	5606	
Number of assessment adjustments made by the LARB	5608	
Assessment Complaints to the Composite Assessment Review Board (CARB)		
Number of CARB residential and non-residential complaints filed	5623	
Number of CARB residential and non-residential complaints withdrawn	5625	
Number of residential and non-residential complaints heard by the CARB	5627	
Number of residential and non-residential assessment adjustments made by the CARB	5629	

2024 PLANNING STATISTICS

When was your Municipal Development Plan last approved (date)?	5658	09/03/2013
Number of development permit applications received.....	5660	72
Number of development permits issued.....	5661	72
Average number of days from a development permit application to approval?	5669	30
Number of building permit applications received.....	5677	51
Number of building permits issued.....	5668	51
Average number of days from a building permit application to approval?	5676	15
Estimated value of construction from development/building permit (\$)		
Residential.....	5663	3,612,349
Commercial.....	5664	1,446,601
Industrial.....	5665	978,000
Institutional.....	5666	1,042,720
	Total	5667 7,079,670.00
Does your municipality issue business licences?	5671	Yes
Number of new business licences issued in 2024?	5672	63
Average number of days from a new business licence application to approval?	5673	1
Number of business licences renewed in 2024?	5678	572
Number of subdivision applications received in 2024?	5670	4
Number of subdivision applications approved in 2024?	5674	4
Average number of days from subdivision application to approval?	5675	50.0
Number of land use bylaw amendment applications.....	5680	4
Number of Subdivision and Development Appeal Board appeals heard.....	5690	
Does your municipality have a Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) established by bylaw?.....	5581	Yes
How many SDAB members are appointed?.....	5582	4
How many SDAB members are trained?.....	5583	3
Is the SDAB clerk a designated officer of your municipality?.....	5584	Yes
Has the SDAB clerk completed the SDAB Training?	5585	Yes
Is your municipality a member of an intermunicipal SDAB?.....	5586	No
How many municipalities are members of the intermunicipal SDAB?.....	5587	

Does your municipality have a Community Aggregate Payment Levy (CAPL) bylaw?	5541	<div>No</div>
What is the CAPL rate established by bylaw ? (\$ per tonne)	5542	
How much CAPL revenue (\$) was collected in 2024?	5543	
CAPL revenue in 2024 was allocated to: (select all that apply)	5544	
	General Government	
	Protective Services	
	Transportation	
	Environmental	
	Recreation	
	Other	
Does your municipality provide transit service?	5546	<div>No</div>
Has there been a new municipal facility constructed, or has the status/location of an existing municipal facility changed in the past year?	5547	<div>No</div>
if so, select all that apply	5548	
	Municipal Hall	
	Wastewater Treatment Plant	
	Water Treatment Plant	
	Fire Hall	
	Public Works Building/Operations Yard	
	Transit Yard	

TOWN OF STETTLER
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

MANAGEMENTS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management of the Town of Stettler is responsible for the preparation, accuracy, objectivity and integrity of the accompanying financial statements and all other information contained within this Financial Report. Management believes that the financial statements present fairly the town's financial position as at December 31, 2024 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

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

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

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

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

The town council carries out its responsibilities for review of the financial statements principally through council meetings. They meet with management and the external auditors to discuss the results of audit examinations and financial reporting matters.

The external auditors have full access to Council with and without the presence of management. The town council has approved the financial statements.

The financial statements have been audited by Gitzel & Company, Chartered Professional Accountants, independent external auditors appointed by the town. The accompanying Independent Auditors' Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the town's financial statements.

Chief Administrative Officer

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

Date

Date

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO: The Mayor and Council
The Town of Stettler

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Town of Stettler, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024 and the statements of operations, changes in net financial assets (debt) and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes schedules 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 town as at December 31, 2024, the results of its operations, change in its net financial assets (debt) and 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 *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Municipal Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the town in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the 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.

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 ability of the town to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 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 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 controls.
- 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 purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the town'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 town's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' 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 the auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the town 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.

Stettler, Alberta
April 29, 2025

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

TOWN OF STETTLER
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and Temporary Investments (Note 2)	\$ 13,082,352	\$ 13,448,113
Taxes and Grants-in-lieu Receivables (Note 3)	272,009	362,529
Local Improvement Taxes Receivable	724,509	844,436
Trade and Other Receivables	1,093,577	953,370
Receivable from Governments	2,046,669	1,037,412
Long-term Investments (Note 4)	359,690	197,055
Other Assets	<u>42,532</u>	<u>12,706</u>
 TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 17,621,338</u>	 <u>\$ 16,855,621</u>
 LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 1,993,279	\$ 1,802,291
Deposit Liabilities	36,325	28,625
Deferred Revenue (Note 5)	1,642,878	1,781,106
Public Land Trust (Note 13)	105,359	105,359
Asset Retirement Obligation	2,267,083	2,164,697
Long- term Debt (Note 7)	<u>3,030,702</u>	<u>3,513,691</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 <u>\$ 9,075,626</u>	 <u>\$ 9,395,769</u>
 NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (DEBT)	 <u>\$ 8,545,712</u>	 <u>\$ 7,459,852</u>
 NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 10)	83,466,268	84,539,088
Land Held for Resale	463,882	463,882
Prepaid Expenses	<u>11,861</u>	<u>25,232</u>
 TOTAL NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 83,942,011</u>	 <u>\$ 85,028,202</u>
 ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Note 12)	 <u>\$ 92,487,723</u>	 <u>\$ 92,488,054</u>

CONTINGENCIES (NOTE 16)

Mayor

Date

TOWN OF STETTLER
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>2024</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>(Unaudited)</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Actual</u>
REVENUES			
Net Taxes (Schedule 3)	\$ 6,688,824	\$ 6,637,592	\$ 6,289,221
Sales and User Fees	5,720,929	5,811,207	5,997,980
Government Transfers (Schedule 4)	1,458,652	1,673,169	1,552,905
Investment Income	601,600	890,426	900,406
Penalties and Costs on Taxes	87,950	131,182	114,623
Licenses and Permits	156,150	175,666	164,774
Fines	62,700	65,561	94,355
Franchise and Concession Contracts	2,039,282	1,980,180	1,822,708
Rentals	856,419	909,505	899,748
Contributed and Donated Asset	-	205,393	
Gain on sale of Tangible Capital Assets	-	-	99,225
Other	242,500	29,982	18,107
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 17,915,006</u>	<u>\$ 18,509,863</u>	<u>\$ 17,954,052</u>
EXPENDITURES (Schedule 5)			
Legislative	246,427	220,826	210,876
Administration	1,071,438	1,199,450	1,218,028
Protective Services	2,937,865	2,479,817	2,745,767
Transportation	2,814,440	2,606,869	2,469,979
Water Supply and Distribution	3,251,594	2,824,891	2,756,968
Wastewater Treatment and Disposal	711,957	610,367	491,381
Waste Management	802,932	751,994	726,308
Public Health and Welfare	272,631	248,894	247,652
Subdivision Land Development	1,357,028	1,219,645	1,420,238
Recreation, Culture and Parks	4,202,467	3,936,305	4,005,612
Amortization (Note 20)	-	5,167,107	5,137,378
Accretion Expense	-	102,386	100,378
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 17,668,779</u>	<u>\$ 21,368,551</u>	<u>\$ 21,530,565</u>
EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE			
EXPENSES - BEFORE OTHER	\$ 246,227	\$ (2,858,688)	\$ (3,576,513)
OTHER			
Government Transfers for Capital (Schedule 4)	4,165,243	2,858,357	1,633,954
EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	4,411,470	(331)	(1,942,559)
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>94,430,613</u>	<u>92,488,054</u>	<u>94,430,613</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 98,842,083</u>	<u>\$ 92,487,723</u>	<u>\$ 92,488,054</u>

TOWN OF STETTLER
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (DEBT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>2024</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Actual</u>
EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (331)	\$ (1,942,559)
Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets	(4,167,029)	(3,645,373)
Proceeds on Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	-	272,000
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	5,167,105	5,137,378
(Gain) Loss on Sale of Tangible Capital Assets	<u>72,744</u>	<u>(99,225)</u>
	\$ 1,072,820	\$ 1,664,780
Acquisition of Prepaid Assets	(11,861)	(25,232)
Use of Prepaid Assets	25,232	92,799
Reduction of land held for resale	<u>-</u>	<u>270,000</u>
	\$ 13,371	\$ 337,567
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	\$ 1,085,860	\$ 59,788
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (DEBT), BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 7,459,852	\$ 7,400,064
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (DEBT), END OF YEAR	\$ 8,545,712	\$ 7,459,852

**TOWN OF STETTLER
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	<u>2024</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Actual</u>
NET INFLOW (OUTFLOW) OF CASH RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:		
OPERATING		
Excess (Shortfall) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (331)	\$ (1,942,559)
Non-cash items included in excess (shortfall) of revenues over expenditures:		
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets (Note 19)	5,167,107	5,137,378
(Gain) Loss on Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	72,745	(99,225)
Accretion Expense	102,386	100,378
Non-cash changes to Operations (net change):		
Taxes and Grants-in-lieu Receivables	90,520	(26,312)
Local Improvement Taxes Receivables	119,927	119,927
Government Trade and Other Receivables	(1,149,462)	794,582
Other Financial Assets	(29,826)	(12,706)
Prepaid Expenses	13,371	67,567
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	190,988	430,861
Land Held for Resale	-	270,000
Deferred Revenue	(144,568)	(443,964)
Other Current Liabilities	6,340	(6,340)
Deposit Liabilities	7,700	(275)
Net Cash Provided by (used in) Operating Activities	<u>4,446,897</u>	<u>4,389,312</u>
CAPITAL		
Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets	(4,167,029)	(3,504,007)
Sale of Tangible Capital Assets	-	272,000
Cash Applied to Capital Transactions	<u>(4,167,029)</u>	<u>(3,232,007)</u>
INVESTING		
Acquisition of long term investments	\$ (162,635)	(164,044)
Decrease (increase) in Restricted Cash or Cash Equivalents	152,740	464,172
Cash Provided by (Applied to) Investing Transactions	<u>(9,895)</u>	<u>300,128</u>
FINANCING		
Long-Term Debt Repaid	(482,989)	(502,626)
Cash Provided by (Applied to) Financing Transactions	<u>(482,989)</u>	<u>(502,626)</u>
CHANGE IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS DURING THE YEAR	\$ (213,016)	\$ 954,807
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>11,850,244</u>	<u>10,895,437</u>
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 11,637,228</u>	<u>\$ 11,850,244</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents is Made up of:		
Cash and Temporary Investments (Note 2)	\$ 13,082,352	\$ 13,448,113
Less: Restricted Portion of Cash and Temporary Investments (Note 2)	<u>(1,445,124)</u>	<u>(1,597,869)</u>
	<u>\$ 11,637,228</u>	<u>\$ 11,850,244</u>

TOWN OF STETTLER					
SCHEDULE 1 - CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED SURPLUS					
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024					
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Equity in Tangible	2024	2023
	Surplus	Surplus	Capital Assets	Actual	Actual
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,493,292	11,134,062	78,860,700	92,488,054	94,430,613
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expense	(331)	-	-	(331)	(1,942,559)
Unrestricted Funds Designated for Future Use	(2,766,621)	2,766,621		-	-
Restricted Funds Used for Operations	1,507,416	(1,507,416)		-	-
Restricted Funds Used for TCA		(473,102)	473,102	-	-
Current Year Funds Used for TCA	(3,488,537)		3,488,537	-	-
Donated and Contributed TCA	(205,393)		205,393	-	-
Disposal of TCA	72,745		(72,745)	-	-
Annual Amortization Expense	5,167,107		(5,167,107)	-	-
Asset Retirement Obligation accretion expense	102,386		(102,386)	-	
Long Term Debt Repaid	(482,989)		482,989	-	-
Long Term Debt Used for TCA			-		
Long Term Debt Issued			-		
Other Adjustments	-		-	-	-
Change in Accumulated Surplus	(94,217)	786,103	(692,217)	(331)	(1,942,559)
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	2,399,075	11,920,165	78,168,483	92,487,723	92,488,054

TOWN OF STETTLER
SCHEDULE 2 - TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Land	Land Improvements	Buildings	Engineered Structures	Machinery and Equipment	Vehicles	2024 Actual	2023 Actual
COST:								
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,775,999	6,735,696	58,184,951	113,216,620	9,139,660	4,555,230	193,608,156	190,943,711
Acquistition of Tangible Capital Assets	-	259,662	211,520	3,179,490	188,105	328,252	4,167,029	3,645,373
Construction-in-Progress						-		
Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	-	-	-	(90)	(83,935)	-	(84,025)	(980,928)
Write Down of Tangible Capital Assets								
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	1,775,999	6,995,358	58,396,471	116,396,020	9,243,830	4,883,482	197,691,160	193,608,156
ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION:								
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	3,508,089	21,103,555	76,934,152	4,475,919	3,047,353	109,069,068	104,739,843
Annual Amortization		291,498	1,360,630	2,737,744	546,741	230,492	5,167,105	5,137,378
Accumulated Amortization on Disposals			-	(90)	(11,191)	-	(11,281)	(808,153)
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	-	3,799,587	22,464,185	79,671,806	5,011,469	3,277,845	114,224,892	109,069,068
2024 NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	1,775,999	3,195,771	35,932,286	36,724,214	4,232,361	1,605,637	83,466,268	84,539,088
2023 NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	1,775,999	3,227,608	37,081,395	36,282,468	4,663,741	1,507,877	84,539,088	

TOWN OF STETTLE
SCHEDULE 3 - PROPERTY AND OTHER TAXES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>2024</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>(Unaudited)</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Actual</u>
TAXATION			
Real Property Taxes	\$ 8,572,108	\$ 9,117,155	\$ 8,783,211
Linear Property Taxes	166,939	192,275	171,401
Government Grants-in-lieu of Property Taxes	39,054	53,996	40,355
Special Assessments and Local Improvement Taxes	-	-	-
Business Taxes	<u>6,400</u>	<u>5,709</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$ 8,784,501</u>	<u>\$ 9,369,135</u>	<u>\$ 9,000,967</u>
REQUISITIONS			
Alberta School Foundation Fund - Basic	2,359,576	2,359,575	2,338,446
Seniors Foundation	371,968	371,968	373,300
Designated Industrial Property	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$ 2,731,544</u>	<u>\$ 2,731,543</u>	<u>\$ 2,711,746</u>
NET MUNICIPAL TAXES	<u>\$ 6,052,957</u>	<u>\$ 6,637,592</u>	<u>\$ 6,289,221</u>

TOWN OF STETTLER
SCHEDULE 4 - GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>2024</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>(Unaudited)</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Actual</u>
TRANSFERS FOR OPERATING			
Federal Government	\$ 1,800	\$ 22,520	\$ 1,800
Provincial Government	616,732	668,924	893,046
Other Local Government	840,120	981,725	658,059
Subtotal	<u>\$ 1,458,652</u>	<u>\$ 1,673,169</u>	<u>\$ 1,552,905</u>
TRANSFERS FOR CAPITAL:			
Provincial Government	\$ 4,165,243	\$ 2,858,357	\$ 1,633,954
Other Local Government	-	-	-
Subtotal	<u>\$ 4,165,243</u>	<u>\$ 2,858,357</u>	<u>\$ 1,633,954</u>
TOTAL GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	<u>\$ 5,623,895</u>	<u>\$ 4,531,526</u>	<u>\$ 3,186,859</u>

TOWN OF STETTLER
SCHEDULE 5 - CONSOLIDATED EXPENDITURES BY OBJECT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>2024</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>(Unaudited)</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Actual</u>
CONSOLIDATED EXPENSES BY OBJECT			
Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$ 6,717,999	\$ 6,632,686	\$ 6,211,176
Contracted and General Services	4,061,245	3,393,175	3,391,745
Materials, Goods, Supplies and Utilities	3,773,493	3,700,103	3,487,315
Provision for Allowances	25,283	21,150	173,246
Purchases and Transfers from Other Governments	1,675,655	1,207,023	1,680,472
Transfers to Local Boards and Agencies	924,874	924,874	958,871
Transfers to Individuals and Organizations	38,260	34,705	51,215
Bank Charges and Short-term Interest	24,000	21,955	24,420
Interest on Long-term Debt	129,840	129,845	150,721
Other Expenditures	298,130	33,542	163,628
Accretion Expense	-	102,386	100,378
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	-	5,167,107	5,137,378
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 17,668,779</u>	<u>\$ 21,368,551</u>	<u>\$ 21,530,565</u>

TOWN OF STETTTLER								
SCHEDULE 6 - SEGMENTED DISCLOSURE								
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024								
	General Government	Protective Services	Transporation	Environmental Use & Protection	Public Health & Welfare	Planning & Development	Recreation & Culture	2024 Actual
REVENUE:								
Net Municipal Taxes	6,637,592							6,637,592
Sales to Other Governments	-							-
Sales and User Charges	77,217	23,718	13,042	5,209,557	23,105	128,948	335,620	5,811,207
Penalties and Costs on Taxes	95,032			36,150				131,182
Licenses and Permits		122,754				52,912		175,666
Fines		65,561						65,561
Franchise and Concession Contracts	1,980,180							1,980,180
Returns on Investments	833,492	14,896	25,528	7,389	4,188	4,933	-	890,426
Rentals			5,298			296,130	608,077	909,505
Federal Government Transfers						20,000	2,520	22,520
Provincial Government Transfers		450,456	2,182,158	676,199	161,576	34,017	22,875	3,527,281
Local Government Transfers	-	295,885	471,379		-	2,499	211,962	981,725
Contributed and Donated Assets			-				205,393	205,393
Other Revenues	29,982				-	-	-	29,982
Total Revenue	9,653,495	973,270	2,697,405	5,929,295	188,869	539,439	1,386,447	21,368,220
EXPENSES:								
Salaries , Wages and Benefits	902,158	606,116	1,019,187	1,463,280	36,502	552,950	2,052,493	6,632,686
Contracted and General Services	406,252	439,746	629,978	968,644	279	361,819	586,457	3,393,175
Purchases from Other Governments		1,206,673						1,206,673
Materials, Goods, Supplies and Utilities	61,084	227,282	961,020	1,196,744	6,837	263,180	983,956	3,700,103
Provision for Allowance	14,283			6,867	-		-	21,150
Transfer to Other Governments						350	-	350
Transfer to Local Boards and Agencies				432,820	205,275		286,779	924,874
Transfer to Individuals and Organizations	3,255			300	-	25,150	6,000	34,705
Bank Charges	5,678			438		2,816	13,023	21,955
Interest on Capital Long Term Debt	16,992		19,097	82,697			11,059	129,845
Other Expenditures				2,189			31,353	33,542
Accretion Expense		13,527	17,612	47,248		19,112	4,887	102,386
Total Expense	1,409,702	2,493,344	2,646,894	4,201,227	248,893	1,225,377	3,976,007	16,201,444
NET REVENUE, BEFORE AMORTIZATION	8,243,793	(1,520,074)	50,511	1,728,068	(60,024)	(685,938)	(2,589,560)	5,166,776
Amortization	84,771	187,292	2,892,007	1,067,131	5,717	154,503	775,686	5,167,107
NET REVENUE	8,159,022	(1,707,366)	(2,841,496)	660,937	(65,741)	(840,441)	(3,365,246)	(331)

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements of the Town of Stettler are the representations of management prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Town are as follows:

(a) Reporting Entity

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures, changes in fund balances and change in financial position of the reporting entity. This entity is comprised of all of the municipal operations plus all of the organizations that are owned or controlled by the Town and are, therefore, accountable to the Town Council for the administration of their financial affairs and resources. Included with the municipality are the following:

Town of Stettler Fire Department
Stettler Regional Board of Trade and Community Development

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

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

(b) Basis of Accounting

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

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

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

(c) Use of Estimates

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

Amortization is based on the estimated useful lives of property and equipment. 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.

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There is measurement uncertainty related to asset retirement obligations. Determining settlement amounts, discount rates and timing of settlement involves estimation. Changes to any of these estimates and assumptions may result in a change to the obligation.

(d) Investments

Investments are recorded at amortized cost. Investment premiums and discounts are amortized on the net present value basis over the term of the respective investments. When there has been a loss in value that is other than a temporary decline, the respective investment is written down to recognize the loss.

(e) Requisition Over-levy and Under-levy

Over-levies and under-levies arise from the difference between the actual property tax levy made to cover each requisition and the actual amount requisitioned.

If the actual levy exceeds the requisition, the over-levy is accrued as a liability and property tax revenue is reduced. Where the actual levy is less than the requisition amount, the under-levy is accrued as a receivable and as property tax revenue.

Requisition tax rates in the subsequent year are adjusted for any over-levies or under-levies of the prior year.

(f) Land Held For Resale

Land held for resale is recorded at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost includes costs for land acquisition and improvements required to prepare the land for servicing such as clearing, stripping and leveling charges. Related development costs incurred to provide infrastructure such as water and wastewater services, roads, sidewalks and street lighting are recorded as physical assets under their respective function.

(g) Government Transfers

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

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

(h) Non-Financial Assets

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

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i) Tangible Capital Assets

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

	YEARS
Land Improvements	15 - 45
Buildings	25 - 50
Engineered Structures	
Roadway System	5 - 60
Water System	45 - 75
Wastewater System	45 - 75
Storm System	45 - 75
Machinery and Equipment	5 - 40
Vehicles	7 - 25

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

ii) Contributions of Tangible Capital Assets

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

iii) Leases

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

(i) Cash & Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, accounts with banks and short-term, highly liquid investments with maturity dates not in excess of 1 year at the date of purchase.

(j) Pensions

Pension cost included in these statements comprise the cost of employer contributions for current service of employees during the year. The municipality participates in the multi-employer Local Authorities Pension Plan.

(k) Tax Revenue

Tax revenues are recognized when the tax has been authorized by bylaw and the taxable event has occurred.

Requisitions operate as a flow through and are excluded from municipal revenue.

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(l) Revenue Recognition

Revenue from transactions with no performance obligation is recognized at realizable value when the town has the authority to claim or retain an inflow of economic resources and identifies a past transaction or event giving rise to an asset.

Revenue from transactions with performance obligations is recognized as the performance obligations are satisfied by providing the promised goods or services to the payor. User fees are recognized over the period of use, sales of goods are recognized when goods are delivered. Licenses and permits with a single performance obligation at a point in time are recognized as revenue on issuance, those which result in a continued performance obligation over time are recognized over the period of the license or permit as the performance obligations are satisfied.

(m) Asset retirement obligation

Asset retirement obligations are legal obligations associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset. A liability for an asset retirement obligation is recognized at the best estimate of the amount required to retire a tangible capital asset at the financial statement date when there is a legal obligation for the town to incur retirement costs, the past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred, it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up, and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

The best estimate of the liability includes all costs directly attributable to asset retirement activities, based on information available at year-end. These may include, but are not limited to, decommissioning, or dismantling a tangible capital asset that was acquired, constructed or developed; remediation of contamination of a tangible capital asset created by its normal use; post-retirement activities such as monitoring; and constructing other tangible capital assets to perform post-retirement activities.

The best estimate of an asset retirement obligation incorporates a present value technique, when the cash flows required to settle or otherwise extinguish an asset retirement obligation are expected to occur over extended future periods.

When a liability for an asset retirement obligation is initially recognized, a corresponding asset retirement cost is capitalized to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset. The asset retirement cost is amortized over the useful life of the related asset. Asset retirement obligations which are incurred incrementally with use of the asset are recognized in the period incurred with a corresponding asset retirement cost expensed in the period.

At each financial reporting date, the town reviews the carrying amount of the liability. The town recognizes period-to-period changes to the liability due to the passage of time as accretion expense. Changes to the liability arising from revisions to either the timing, the amount of the original estimate of undiscounted cash flows or the discount rate are recognized as an increase or decrease to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset. The town continues to recognize the liability until it is settled or otherwise extinguished. Disbursements made to settle the liability are deducted from the reported liability when they are made.

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2. CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash	\$ 13,082,352	\$ 13,448,113
Temporary Investments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,082,352</u>	<u>\$ 13,448,113</u>

Interest is earned on the General Account at Prime Rate less 1.60%. Included in Cash and Temporary Investments is a restricted amount of \$1,445,124 (2023 - \$1,597,869) received from various Provincial Programs and related to deferred grant funding (Note 5).

Included in cash is a restricted balance of \$105,359 (2023 - \$105,359) related to public land trust funds held at year end (Note 13).

3. TAXES AND GRANTS IN LIEU RECEIVABLES

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Current and Grants-in-lieu	\$ 176,891	\$ 215,395
Arrears Taxes	107,629	159,645
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	<u>(12,511)</u>	<u>(12,511)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 272,009</u>	<u>\$ 362,529</u>

4. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Credit Union Common Shares	\$ 359,690	\$ 197,055
Total	<u>\$ 359,690</u>	<u>\$ 197,055</u>

5. DEFERRED REVENUE

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Local Government Fiscal Framework (Formerly MSI Cap)	\$ 627,459	\$ 420,692
Canada Community-Building Fund (Formerly FGTF)	376,787	597,729
Police Assistance	-	86,929
Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP)	169,525	169,525
Alberta Community Partnership Grant	121,449	140,742
Other	149,904	182,252
Other - P&L	14,687	19,191
Other - BOT	<u>183,067</u>	<u>164,046</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,642,878</u>	<u>\$ 1,781,106</u>

Conditional grants are deferred until the prescribed expenditures are made.

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6. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Reserves for operating and capital activities changed as follows:

<u>Operating Reserves</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>2024</u>
RCMP (Records Check)	78,630	6,134	435	84,329
Rescue Van	287,565	14,896	-	302,461
Land Farmed Site	7,650			7,650
Landfill Site Maintenance	3,000			3,000
Perpetual Care	80,844	8,688		89,532
West Stettler Planning	3,747			3,747
BOT Community Event	47,610		45,629	1,981
Building Maintenance	44,000	2,200		46,200
SRC Building Maintenance	9,211			9,211
Culture	45,464	15,000	8,498	51,966
Office Automation	2,825			2,825
RCMP Contract	532,087			532,087
Street Light Replacement	97,900	31,539		129,439
Mun 2000 Beautification	13,139			13,139
Coat Exterior Reservoir	587			587
Sewer Offsite	286,919			286,919
Land Development	1,071,555			1,071,555
Health Unit	12,500			12,500
Playground Program	3,000			3,000
Tree Maintenance	5,950			5,950
Senior HUB	9,119	6,000	6,000	9,119
Gravel	35,300			35,300
Cold Lake Survey	13,250			13,250
Physician Recruit	5,491			5,491
SRC Projection System	2,712			2,712
Community Orchard	25,922			25,922
ARB	6,946			6,946
WTS Operations	129			129
Planning	72,937			72,937
Memorial Park	4,864			4,864
Slurrey Seal	3,942			3,942
Trade Show	95,007			95,007
In Memorium	23,361			23,361
Succession Planning	188,653			188,653
Water Well Building	50,000			50,000
Vacation Accrual	163,058			163,058
WTP Waste Pond	350,000	70,000		420,000
BOT Events	3,478		3,478	-
Economic Development	40,000			40,000
WTP Valve/Small Capital	171,375	75,000	102,905	143,470
General Reserve	4,296,021	736,246	669,518	4,362,749
Available for Capital	176,616	610,610	476,905	310,321
Utilities - Other	707,376	363,887	309,433	761,830
Utilities - Water	306,270	222,620	232,064	296,826
Total Operating Reserves	\$ 9,386,010	\$ 2,162,820	\$ 1,854,865	\$ 9,693,965

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<u>Capital Reserves</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>2024</u>
Admin Equipment/Computer	63,867	26,900	14,875	75,892
Disaster Services	-			-
Chainlink Fence	9,646		8,560	1,086
Compost Bins/Pads	2,880			2,880
Cemetery	2,497			2,497
GIS System	-		-	-
Fire Equipment	265,349	185,000	-	450,349
Common Services Equipment	11,853		-	11,853
Drainage	54,582			54,582
Sewer	13,900			13,900
Street Improvement	10,200			10,200
Airport Capital	1,128		-	1,128
Parks Donation	-	25,000		25,000
Campground Expansion	20,986			20,986
WTP	150,000	50,000	-	200,000
Senior Centre	15,250		-	15,250
ML Sports Park	16,419			16,419
Cemetery Road	148,343			148,343
Water Dispensing System	3,220			3,220
Recreation Agreement	945,258	266,900	102,216	1,109,942
Spray Park	-	50,000		50,000
Fishing Pier	8,780			8,780
East Industrial Loop	3,894			3,894
Total Capital Reserves	\$ 1,748,052	\$ 603,800	\$ 125,651	\$ 2,226,201
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$ 11,134,062	\$ 2,766,620	\$ 1,980,516	\$ 11,920,166

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7. LONG-TERM DEBT

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Tax Supported Debentures	\$ 553,609	\$ 701,044
Self Supported Debentures	<u>2,477,093</u>	<u>2,812,647</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,030,702</u>	<u>\$ 3,513,691</u>

Principal and interest repayments are due as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 461,768	\$ 114,161	\$ 575,929
2026	481,157	94,772	575,929
2027	374,369	76,011	450,380
2028	389,490	60,890	450,380
2029	405,232	45,148	450,380
Thereafter	<u>918,686</u>	<u>64,191</u>	<u>982,877</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,030,702</u>	<u>\$ 455,173</u>	<u>\$ 3,485,875</u>

Debenture debt is repayable to Alberta Capital Finance Authority and bears interest at rates ranging from 2.306% to 6.000% per annum, and mature in periods 2025 through 2036. The average annual interest rate is 4.49% for 2024 (4.49% for 2023).

Debenture debt is issued on the credit and security of the Town at large.

Future interest repayment annual amounts have been calculated using the accrual method. The Town's total cash payments for interest in 2024 were \$134,233 (2023 - \$156,230)

8. DEBT LIMITS

Section 276(2) of the Municipal Government Act requires that debt and debt limits as defined by Alberta Regulation 255/00 for the Town of Stettler be disclosed as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Total Debt Limit	\$ 27,851,270	\$ 26,556,078
Total Debt	<u>3,030,702</u>	<u>3,513,691</u>
Amount of Debt Limit Unused	<u>\$ 24,820,568</u>	<u>\$ 23,042,387</u>
Service on Debt Limit	\$ 4,641,878	\$ 4,426,013
Service on Debt	<u>575,929</u>	<u>617,222</u>
Amount of Debt Servicing Limit Unused	<u>\$ 4,065,949</u>	<u>\$ 3,808,791</u>

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

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9. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION

The town owns certain buildings which contain asbestos and, therefore, the town is legally required to perform abatement activities upon renovation or demolition of these buildings. Abatement activities include handling and disposing of the asbestos in a prescribed manner when it is disturbed. Undiscounted future cash flows expected for abatement costs in 2025 - 2045 are expected to be \$3,284,308. The estimated total liability of \$2,267,083 (2023 - \$2,164,697) is based on the sum of discounted future cash flows for abatement activities using a discount rate of 4.99% and assuming annual inflation of 2.00%. The town has not designated assets for settling the abatement activities.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 2,164,697	\$ 1,922,953
Change in estimated cash flows	0	141,366
Accretion expense	<u>102,386</u>	<u>100,378</u>
	<u>\$ 2,267,083</u>	<u>\$ 2,164,697</u>

10. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net Book Value		
Land	\$ 1,775,999	\$ 1,775,999
Land Improvements	3,195,771	3,227,608
Buildings	35,932,286	37,081,395
Engineered Structures		
Distribution Systems - Roads	11,094,902	10,733,769
Distribution Systems - Water	11,135,751	11,010,403
Distribution Systems - Wastewater	11,291,402	11,270,170
Distribution Systems - Storm	3,202,159	3,268,126
Machinery & Equipment & Furnishings	4,232,361	4,663,741
Vehicles	<u>1,605,637</u>	<u>1,507,877</u>
Total	<u>\$ 83,466,268</u>	<u>\$ 84,539,088</u>

11. EQUITY IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Tangible Capital Assets (Schedule 2)	\$ 197,691,160	\$ 193,608,156
Accumulated Amortization (Schedule 2)	(114,224,892)	(109,069,068)
Asset Retirement Obligation	(2,267,083)	(2,164,697)
Long Term Debt (Note 8)	<u>(3,030,702)</u>	<u>(3,513,691)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 78,168,483</u>	<u>\$ 78,860,700</u>

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12. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

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

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Unrestricted Surplus (deficit)	\$ 2,165,640	\$ 2,493,292
Restricted Funds (Note 7)	11,920,165	11,134,062
Equity in Tangible Capital Assets (Note 12)	<u>78,168,483</u>	<u>78,860,700</u>
Total	<u>\$ 92,254,288</u>	<u>\$ 92,488,054</u>

13. PUBLIC LAND TRUST FUNDS

The Town of Stettler administers the following trust:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Reserve for public lands	<u>\$ 105,359</u>	<u>\$ 105,359</u>

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14. SALARY & BENEFITS DISCLOSURE

Disclosure of salaries and benefits for elected municipal officials, the chief administrative officer and designated officers as required by provincial regulation is as follows:

	2024					2023
	<u>#of</u> <u>Persons</u>	<u>Salary (1)</u>	<u>Benefits &</u> <u>Allowances (2&3)</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u># of</u> <u>Persons</u>	<u>Total</u>
Councillor C. Barros	1	23,628	1,363	24,991	1	24,175
Councillor G. Lawlor	1	25,058	1,112	26,170	1	25,514
Councillor S. Pfeiffer	1	22,718	1,308	24,026	1	24,412
Mayor S. Nolls	1	44,915	2,629	47,544	1	45,314
Councillor W. Smith	1	22,458	1,293	23,751	1	23,035
Councillor K. Baker	1	24,018	1,386	25,404	1	25,377
Councillor T. Randall	1	23,758	1,370	25,128		23,861
CAO. G. Switenky	1	-	-	-	1	224,394
CAO. L. Graham	1	167,771	31,373	199,144	1	55,617
Other Designated Officers	2	185,524	-	133,575	2	133,575

- (1) Salary includes regular base pay, bonuses, overtime, lump sum payments, gross honoraria and any other direct cash remuneration.
- (2) Employers share of all employee benefits and contributions or payments made on behalf of employees including pension, health care, dental coverage, group life insurance, accidental disability and dismemberment insurance, long and short term disability plans, professional memberships and tuition
- (3) Benefits and allowances figures also include the Employer's share of the costs of additional taxable benefits including special leave with pay, financial planning services, retirement planning services, concessionary loans and club memberships.

15. LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN

- Employees of the Town of Stettler participate in the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP), which is covered by the Public Sector Pension Plans Act. The Plan serves about 291,259 people and 444 employers. It is financed by employer and employee contributions and investment earnings of the LAPP Fund.
- Contributions for current service are recorded as expenditures in the year in which they become due.
- The Town of Stettler is required to make current service contributions to the Plan of 8.45% of pensionable earnings up to the Canada Pension Plan Year's Maximum Pensionable Earnings and 11.65% for the excess.
- Employees of the Town of Stettler are required to make current service contributions of 7.45% of pensionable salary up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings under the Canada Pension Plan, and 10.65% on pensionable salary above this amount.
- Total current and past service contributions by the Town of Stettler to the Local Authorities Pension Plan in 2024 were \$433,744 (2023 - \$427,920) Total current and past service contributions by the employees of the Town of Stettler to the Local Authorities Pension Plan in 2024 were \$385,842 (2023 - \$383,617)
- At December 31, 2023 the Plan disclosed an actuarial surplus of \$15.057 billion for the Plan.

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16. CONTINGENCIES

The Town of Stettler is a member of the Alberta Local Authorities Reciprocal Insurance Exchange. Under the terms of membership, the Town of Stettler could become liable for its proportionate share of any claim losses in excess of the funds held by the exchange. Any liability incurred would be accounted for as a current transaction in the year the losses are determined.

The Town of Stettler, the County of Stettler, and all other incorporated municipalities within the geographical boundaries of the County of Stettler provide funds for the operation of the Stettler Waste Management Authority. The Authority is accumulating reserves to fund future estimated site cleanup obligations. The member municipalities may be liable for future costs in excess of the reserves.

The Town of Stettler and the County of Stettler through joint agreement provide funds for the operation of the Stettler Family and Community Support Services. The amounts noted in this financial statement represent only the Town of Stettler portion of contributions made to F.C.S.S.

17. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Town's financial instruments consist of cash and temporary investments, accounts receivables, a line of credit, investments, accounts payable, accrued liabilities, deposit liabilities, requisition over-levy and long-term debt. It is management's opinion that the Town is not exposed to significant interest or currency risks arising from these financial instruments.

The Town is subject to credit risk with respect to taxes and grants in place of taxes receivable, and trade and other receivables. Credit risk arises from the possibility that taxpayers and entities to which the Town provides service may experience financial difficulty and may be unable to fulfill their obligations. The large number and diversity of taxpayers and customers minimizes the credit risk.

Unless otherwise noted, the fair value of these financial instruments approximates their carrying values.

The Town is exposed to interest rate risk on temporary bank indebtedness, as the interest rate will fluctuate with change in the prime lending rate.

The fixed rate debentures are subject to interest rate risk, as the value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market rates.

18. SEGMENTED DISCLOSURE

The Town provides a range of services to its ratepayers. For each reported segment, revenues and expenses represent both amounts that are directly attributable to the segment and amounts that are allocated on a reasonable basis. The accounting policies used in these segments are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the financial statements as disclosed in Note 1.

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

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19. AMORTIZATION

Amortization is a non-cash expense and is allocated to the different functions as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
General Administration	\$ 84,770	\$ 112,206
Police Protective Services	-	-
Fire Protective Services	187,292	169,022
Common and Equipment Pool	462,693	353,573
Roads, Streets, Walks, Lighting	2,320,022	2,542,409
Airport	43,324	31,617
Storm Sewers and Drainage	65,968	65,968
Water Supply and Distribution	771,958	704,566
Wastewater Treatment and Disposal	294,184	275,114
Waste Management	989	989
Cemeteries	5,717	5,248
Land Use Planning	1,361	6,435
Economic Development	2,587	2,587
Public Housing Operations	85,967	85,967
Land, Housing and Building Rentals	64,588	39,479
Parks and Recreation	703,281	684,546
Culture	72,406	57,652
Total	\$ 5,167,107	\$ 5,137,378

20. OPERATING LINE OF CREDIT

At December 31, 2024 the Town had a short-term line of credit for \$100,000 (2023 - \$100,000) of which nothing had been drawn down. The interest rate on advances would be Prime minus 1/4%.

21. RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS PUBLISHED BUT NOT YET ADOPTED

The following standards have been issued by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada but are not yet effective. The municipality is currently evaluating the effect of these standards on their financial statements.

(a) Section PS3160 - Public Private Partnerships

This section establishes standards on accounting for public private partnerships between public and private sector entities where the public sector entity procures infrastructure using a private sector partner. Effective for the fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2023.

(b) Section PS 3400 - Revenue

This new section establishes standards on how to account for and report on revenue. Specifically, it differentiates between revenue arising from transactions that include performance obligations and transactions that do not have performance obligations. Effective for the fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2023.

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(c) Section PSG-8- Purchased Intangibles

This section establishes standards on how to recognize and record purchased intangibles that meet the definition of an asset. Effective for the fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2023.

(d) The Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting in the Public Sector

The Conceptual Framework is a coherent set of interrelated concepts underlying accounting and financial reporting standards, prescribes the nature, function and limits of financial accounting and reporting, and is the foundation on which standards are developed and professional judgement is applied. Effective for the fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2026.

(e) Section PS 1202 - Financial Statement Presentation

This section sets out general and specific requirements for the presentation of information in general purpose financial statements. This new standard will effectively replace PS 1201 - Financial Statement Presentation. Effective for the fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2026.

22. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Council and Management have approved these financial statements.

23. BUDGET AMOUNTS

Budget figures for the year ended December 31, 2024 were approved as May 20, 2024 and are for information purposes. These amounts have not been audited.



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SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES IN INTERNAL CONTROL

April 29, 2025

Council
Town of Stettler
Box 280
Stettler, AB
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Re: Audit of the Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2024

Dear Sir or Madam:

The objective of our audit was to express an opinion on the financial statements. Included in our audit was the consideration of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements. This consideration of internal control was for the purpose of designing audit procedures that were appropriate in the circumstances and was not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control or for identifying all significant control deficiencies that might exist. The responsibility for internal control belongs to management.

During the course of our audit for the year ended December 31, 2024 we did not identify any of the following matters: misstatements, other than trivial errors; fraud; misstatements that may cause future financial statements to be materially misstated; illegal or possibly illegal acts; or significant weaknesses in internal control.

We would like to congratulate your accounting staff on their attention to accounting procedures and internal controls.

This letter has been prepared for management and those charged with governance in fulfilling their oversight responsibilities, and is not intended for any other purpose.

There are certain other areas within the accounting system that have not been examined by us. We will comment on these areas, if necessary.

We appreciate the co-operation and assistance of your staff during this audit. Should you require any further information or explanations, please do not hesitate to call.

Yours very truly,

GITZEL & COMPANY CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Justin Tanner", is written over the printed name.

Justin Tanner, CPA, CA