

**North Red Deer River Water Services
Commission
Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2020**

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Board of the
North Red Deer River Water Services Commission

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the North Red Deer River Water Services Commission (the Commission), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2020, and the statement of operations, statement of changes in net debt, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Commission as at December 31, 2020 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Commission 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 these financial statements in accordance with 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 Commission's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Commission or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian 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

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a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission'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 Commission's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Commission 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.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants
Red Deer, Alberta
March 29, 2021

North Red Deer River Water Services Commission
Statement of Financial Position

December 31	2020	2019
Financial assets		
Cash	\$ 487,510	\$ 2,879,881
Investments (Note 3)	7,543,779	5,198,236
Trade and Other Receivables	860,480	677,955
	<u>8,891,769</u>	<u>8,756,072</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	487,937	573,585
Current Portion of Long-term Debt (Note 4)	805,389	770,264
	<u>1,293,326</u>	<u>1,343,849</u>
Long-term Debt, Net of Current Portion (Note 4)	9,806,426	10,611,814
	<u>11,099,752</u>	<u>11,955,663</u>
Net debt	(2,207,983)	(3,199,591)
Non-financial assets		
Tangible capital assets (Note 6)	27,504,615	27,822,604
Inventory of Supplies (Note 7)	75,484	75,596
	<u>27,580,099</u>	<u>27,898,200</u>
Accumulated surplus (Note 9)	\$25,372,116	\$ 24,698,609

Commitments (Note 11)

North Red Deer River Water Services Commission
Statement of Operations

For the year ended December 31	Budget 2020	2020	2019
Revenue			
Water Sales to Commission Members (Note 10) \$	6,103,756	\$ 6,046,380	\$ 4,977,872
Service Fees to Commission Members (Note 10)	148,124	145,360	144,220
Interest income	75,000	174,065	167,581
Rebates & Dividends (Note 12)	30	-	34
Other Revenue	1,500	1,500	250
Provincial grants	-	-	50,000
Total revenue	6,328,410	6,367,305	5,339,957
Expenses			
Accounting and Audit Fees	8,300	9,060	7,293
Board Remuneration	3,800	6,000	5,250
Board Travel	1,350	524	668
Communication	17,672	5,588	7,725
General Material and Supplies	1,450	7,516	298
Insurance	3,889	4,878	4,749
Interest Long-Term Debt	504,636	502,231	535,929
Legal	500	-	4,751
Management Fees	60,876	60,956	57,984
Office	150	-	-
Operator Costs	130,069	102,376	102,070
Other Expenses	25	1,487	48
Other Professional Fees	23,152	20,009	68,636
Purchase of Water	4,501,414	4,495,849	4,387,473
Repairs and Maintenance	9,500	7,727	5,332
SCADA Maintenance	6,500	22,171	8,628
Utilities	3,500	5,322	4,735
Valves	5,000	1	526
Amortization of Capital Assets	465,610	442,103	422,437
Loss on disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	1,237,498
Total expenses	5,747,393	5,693,798	6,862,030
Excess of revenue over expenses	581,017	673,507	(1,522,073)
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	24,698,609	24,698,609	26,220,682
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$ 25,279,626	\$25,372,116	\$ 24,698,609

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes are an integral part of these financial statements

North Red Deer River Water Services Commission
Statement of Change in Net Debt

For the year ended December 31	Budget 2020	2020	2019
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 581,017	\$ 673,507	\$ (1,522,073)
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	(124,114)	(178,131)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	465,610	442,103	422,436
Loss on sale of tangible capital assets	-	-	1,237,498
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	-	-	1,506,032
	<u>1,046,627</u>	<u>991,496</u>	<u>1,465,762</u>
Decrease (increase) in Inventory of Supplies	-	112	(755)
Net change in net debt	1,046,627	991,608	1,465,007
Net debt, beginning of year	<u>(3,199,591)</u>	<u>(3,199,591)</u>	<u>(4,664,598)</u>
Net debt, end of year	<u>\$ (2,152,964)</u>	<u>\$ (2,207,983)</u>	<u>\$ (3,199,591)</u>

North Red Deer River Water Services Commission
Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31	2020	2019
Operating transactions		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 673,507	\$ (1,522,073)
Items not involving cash		
Amortization	442,103	422,436
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	1,237,498
Changes in non-cash operating balances		
Accounts receivable	(182,525)	192,350
Inventories of supplies	112	(755)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(85,648)	160,410
	<u>847,549</u>	<u>489,866</u>
Capital transactions		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(124,113)	(178,131)
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	-	1,506,032
Investing transactions		
Acquisition of investments	<u>(2,345,543)</u>	<u>(198,236)</u>
Financing transactions		
Repayment of long-term debt	<u>(770,264)</u>	<u>(736,671)</u>
Net change in cash and bank indebtedness	(2,392,371)	882,860
Cash, beginning of year	<u>2,879,881</u>	<u>1,997,021</u>
Cash, end of year	\$ 487,510	\$ 2,879,881

North Red Deer River Water Services Commission Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

December 31, 2020

**Management's
Responsibility for the
Financial Statements**

The financial statements of the Commission are the responsibility of management. They have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. The North Red Deer River Water Services Commission (the "Commission") was established for the purposes of constructing and operating a water supply system. The Commission is made up of member municipalities and requisitions funds from its members. The members of the Commission are City of Lacombe, Lacombe County, Ponoka County, Town of Blackfalds, and the Town of Ponoka.

Investments

Investments are recorded at cost unless there has been a decline in the market value which is other than temporary in nature in which case the investments are written down to market value.

Budget Amounts

The budget amounts presented on the statement of financial activities are taken from the commission's annual budget.

Inventories

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

**Tangible Capital
Assets**

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Cost includes all costs directly attributable to acquisition or construction of the tangible capital asset including transportation costs, installation costs, design and engineering fees, legal fees and site preparation costs. Contributed tangible capital assets are recorded at fair value at the time of the donation, with a corresponding amount recorded as revenue. Amortization is recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated life of the tangible capital asset commencing once the asset is available for productive use as follows:

Engineered Structures - Water System	45 to 75 years
Equipment	5 to 45 years

Revenue Recognition

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting records revenue as it is earned and measurable. Funds received for specific purposes which are externally restricted by legislation, regulation or agreement and are not available for general purposes are accounted for as deferred revenue. The revenue is recognized in the statement of operations in the year in which it is used for the specified purpose.

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Liability for

Contaminated Sites

A contaminated site is a site at which substances occur in concentrations that exceed the maximum acceptable amounts under an environmental standard. Sites that are currently in productive use are only considered a contaminated site if an unexpected event results in contamination. A liability for remediation of contaminated sites is recognized when the organization is directly responsible or accepts responsibility; it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up; and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made. The liability includes all costs directly attributable to the remediation activities including post remediation operations, maintenance and monitoring. The liability is recorded at net of any expected recoveries.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

1. Financial Instruments

The Commission utilizes various financial instruments. It is management's opinion that the Commission is not exposed to significant interest or currency risks arising from these financial instruments.

The carrying value of these financial instruments approximates their fair value

2. Bank Overdraft

The Commission has an unused overdraft protection agreement with a maximum overdraft of \$1 million and interest charged at lender prime less 0.25%. Collateral is comprised of a general security agreement specifically pledging all grant proceeds and debenture products. As at year end December 31, 2020 the prime rate was 2.45%.

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3. Investments

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Short-term & medium-term Canadian bank paper notes, Principal protected notes yielding effective annual rates of 2.09% to 3.45% to maturity at cost.	<u>\$ 7,543,779</u>	<u>\$ 5,198,236</u>

The market value of the Commission's investments was \$7,697,137 (2019 - \$5,231,259)

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4. Long-term Debt

Long-term debt reported on the statement of financial position is comprised of the following:

	2020	2019
4.46% debenture, repayable \$66,762, semi-annually, due September 15, 2031	\$ 1,150,920	\$ 1,230,442
4.515% debenture, repayable \$570,688 semi-annually, due June 15, 2031	9,460,895	10,151,636
	10,611,815	11,382,078

Principal and interest repayments are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 805,389	\$ 469,512	\$ 1,274,901
2022	842,116	432,785	1,274,901
2023	880,518	394,383	1,274,901
2024	920,671	354,230	1,274,901
2025	962,655	312,246	1,274,901
Thereafter	6,200,466	878,254	7,078,720
	\$ 10,611,815	\$ 2,841,410	\$ 13,453,225

Debenture debt is issued on the credit of the Commission at large. The Commission has agreed to levy upon the member municipalities, a cubic meter water service fee based on actual use sufficient to provide for annual funds to pay principal and interest due each year on debentures and annual operating costs.

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5. Debt Limits

Section 3 Alberta Regulation No. 76/2000 requires that debt and debt limits for the Commission to be disclosed. The Commission has received approval to borrow up to \$27 million under ministerial order L:043/05 (\$22,000,000) and L:148/05 (\$5,000,000) to complete the project and as such, has not exceeded its debt limit at December 31, 2020. The debt limit and debt service limit otherwise determined are as follows:

	2020	2019
Total debt limit	\$12,735,377	\$ 10,679,914
Total debt	<u>(10,611,815)</u>	<u>(11,382,078)</u>
Total debt limit (exceeded)	<u>2,123,562</u>	<u>(702,164)</u>
Debt servicing limit	2,228,691	1,868,985
Debt servicing	<u>(1,274,901)</u>	<u>(1,274,901)</u>
Total debt servicing limit	<u>953,790</u>	<u>594,084</u>

The debt limit is calculated at two times the revenue of the Commission (as defined in Alberta Regulation No. 76/2000) and the debt service limit is calculated at 0.35 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 Commissions that could be at financial risk if further debt is acquired. The calculation alone does not represent the financial stability of the Commission. Rather, the financial statements must be interpreted as a whole.

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6. Tangible Capital Assets

	2020			
	Engineered Structures	Land	Equipment	Total
Cost,				
beginning of year	\$ 31,538,802	\$ 1,821,692	\$ 188,767	\$ 33,549,261
Additions		-	124,114	124,114
Disposals				-
Cost, end of year	<u>\$ 31,538,802</u>	<u>\$ 1,821,692</u>	<u>\$ 312,881</u>	<u>\$ 33,673,375</u>
Accumulated amortization,, beginning of year	\$ 5,721,859	-	\$ 4,798	\$ 5,726,657
Amortization	417,638	-	24,465	442,103
Disposals				-
Accumulated amortization, end of year	<u>\$ 6,139,497</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 29,263</u>	<u>\$ 6,168,760</u>
Net carrying amount, end of year	<u>\$ 25,399,305</u>	<u>\$ 1,821,692</u>	<u>\$ 283,618</u>	<u>\$ 27,504,615</u>

	2019			
	Engineered Structures	Land	Equipment	Total
Cost,				
beginning of year	\$ 34,776,820	\$ 1,821,692	\$ 10,636	\$ 36,609,148
Additions	-	-	178,131	178,131
Disposals	(3,238,018)	-	-	(3,238,018)
Cost, end of year	<u>\$ 31,538,802</u>	<u>\$ 1,821,692</u>	<u>\$ 188,767</u>	<u>\$ 33,549,261</u>
Accumulated amortization, beginning of year	\$ 5,798,709	-	-	\$ 5,798,709
Amortization	417,638	-	4,798	422,436
Disposals	494,488	-	-	(494,488)
Accumulated amortization, end of year	<u>\$ 5,721,859</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,798</u>	<u>\$ 5,726,657</u>
Net carrying amount, end of year	<u>\$ 25,816,943</u>	<u>\$ 1,821,692</u>	<u>\$ 183,969</u>	<u>\$ 27,822,604</u>

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7. Inventories of Supplies

	2020	2019
Valves	\$ 41,321	\$ 42,601
Materials and supplies	8,660	8,523
Pipe	8,513	8,512
Couplings	5,484	4,266
Miscellaneous	11,506	11,694
	\$ 75,484	\$ 75,596

8. Equity in Tangible Capital Assets

	2020	2019
Tangible capital assets	\$ 33,673,375	\$ 33,549,261
Accumulated amortization	(6,168,760)	(5,726,657)
Total Long-Term Debt	(10,611,815)	(11,382,078)
	\$ 16,892,800	\$ 16,440,526

9. Accumulated Surplus

The Commission segregates its accumulated surplus in the following categories:

	2020	2019
Unrestricted Operating Surplus	3,300,191	3,521,063
Unrestricted Capital Surplus	233,104	233,104
Operating Reserve	763,543	763,543
Capital Reserve	4,182,478	3,740,374
Equity in tangible capital assets	\$16,892,800	\$ 16,440,526
	\$25,372,116	\$ 24,698,609

The Capital Reserve is used to provide funds for specific capital equipment purchases to enhance or improve service delivery. Operating Reserves are funds for emergency situations. Both are funded out of year-end surplus and allocated based on Board Policy.

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10. Related Party Transactions

City of Lacombe, Town of Blackfalds, Town of Ponoka, Lacombe County and Ponoka County are members of the Commission and, as such, have been identified as related parties.

Water sales charged to Commission members are as follows:

	2020	2019
City of Lacombe	\$ 2,725,920	\$ 2,282,836
Town of Ponoka	1,409,615	1,173,221
Town of Blackfalds	1,890,937	1,492,183
Ponoka County	19,908	27,154
City of Red Deer	-	2,478
	<u>\$ 6,046,380</u>	<u>\$ 4,977,872</u>

During the year the Town of Blackfalds purchased 37,722 m3 (2019 - 36,109 m3) of water from the Commission and resold the water to Lacombe County to service the Aspelund Business Park. The cost of water attributed to the Town of Blackfalds, above, includes the water it resold to Lacombe County.

Service fees are based on the actual net operating costs of the Commission and are allocated among various Commission members based on earlier agreement. Service fees charged to Commission members are as follows:

	2020	2019
Lacombe County	72,680	72,110
Ponoka County	72,680	72,110
	<u>\$ 145,360</u>	<u>\$ 144,220</u>

The Commission is provided accounting, management and operations services by the City of Lacombe for a total cost of \$163,228 (2019 - \$159,981).

Included in accounts receivable are \$803,008 (2019- \$621,828) due from various members municipalities.

Included in accounts payable is \$12,443 (2019 - \$16,686) due to various member Municipalities.

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11. Commitments

a) City of Red Deer

The Commission has entered into a 25 year agreement with the City of Red Deer, expiring August 31, 2030 to purchase water. The agreement may be terminated by either party by giving five year's written notice. Under the agreement, the Commission is obligated to purchase an annual quantity of water to be determined by negotiation between the parties at a rate calculated on a cost of service basis utilizing the principles set out in the American Water Works Association manual or practice dealing with water rates and charges.

b) Related Parties

The Commission has entered into agreements with the City of Lacombe, Town of Ponoka, Town of Blackfalds, and Ponoka County to supply water. Under the agreement, the Commission is obligated to provide a maximum allocation of water to each municipality for a price determined annually by October 31st of the prior year.

12. Rebates

Based on the terms of the water supply agreement with the City of Red Deer effective September 1, 2005, annual water rates are based on forecasted consumption volume and costs which are subject to annual reconciliation. A "true-up" transactions, where one party compensates the other for variance in consumption and/or costs results in an actual cost per cubic metre variance greater than 10%. The Commission may receive a rebate as a result of the reconciliation of actual annual costs and volumes to annual budgeted costs and volumes completed by the City of Red Deer. The reconciled amount and resulting rebate or payable is not calculated until subsequent to year end and as a result is recognized in the financial statements when known or received. There was no rebate recognized or receivable for the 2019 or 2020 fiscal years.

13. UNCERTAINTY DUE TO COVID-19

In March of 2020, the impact of COVID-19 in Canada and on the global economy increased significantly. The economic slowdown as a result of COVID-19 has resulted in a great deal of uncertainty as to the health of the global economy. At this time, the full potential impact of COVID-19 to the entity is not known.

14. Approval of Financial Statements

The Board and Management approved these financial statements.
