TOWN OF MUNDARE

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

DECEMBER 31, 2012

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Council:

Report on the Consolidated Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Town of Mundare, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2012, and the consolidated statements of operations, changes in net financial assets (debt) and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Mundare as at December 31, 2012, 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.

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TOWN OF MUNDARE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2012

Financial assets		2012		2011
Cash Taxes receivable (note 3) Receivable from other governments Trade and other receivables Long-term investment (note 4) Inventory of land held for resale	\$	613,930 206,931 5,448 61,277 10 9,164	\$	312,617 148,626 38,365 57,409 10 9,164
	_	896,760	,	566,191
Liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 5)		109,347		92,291
Deposit liabilities		9,406		8,906
Deferred revenue (note 6)		493,098		276,683
Long-term debt (note 7)	_	1,565,135		1,614,004
		2,176,986	9-	1,991,884
Net financial assets (debt)	_(1,280,226)	_	(1,425,693)
Non-financial assets				
Tangible capital assets	11	2,957,998		13,320,987
Prepaid expenses		8,060		12,138
	12	2,966,058		13,333,125
Accumulated surplus (note 10)	\$ <u>1</u>	1,685,832	\$ _	11,907,432

Contingency (note 14)

Approved by:

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

TOWN OF MUNDARE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

	Budget (unaudited)	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Revenue			
Net municipal taxes (schedule 3)	832,500	\$ 838,999	\$ 823,331
Sales and user fees	428,800	445,361	432,030
Government transfers for operating (schedule 4)	265,900	215,366	103,559
Investment income	2,500	2,133	2,848
Penalties and costs of taxes	33,000	46,040	33,447
Licenses and permits	5,500	28,407	8,038
Fines issued	9,000	5,194	10,404
Franchise and concession contracts	53,000	51,105	53,280
Rentals and leases	25,500	29,355	25,133
Fundraising/donations	3,600	3,737	5,954
Local improvement charges	5,150	5,183	5,183
Insurance proceeds			5,132
	1,664,450	_1,670,880	1 500 220
Expenses	_1,004,430	_1,070,880	1,508,339
Legislative	51,900	50,013	42,092
Administration	305,927	291,488	269,644
Protective services	132,740	141,231	129,346
Roads, streets, walks, lighting	748,669	740,885	687,900
Water and wastewater	351,451	320,342	355,207
Waste management	114,700	122,017	118,360
Municipal planning, community	221,700	122,017	110,500
and economic development	10,000	20,597	5,379
Recreation and culture	273,965	<u>247,669</u>	<u>263,951</u>
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	1,989,352	_1,934,242	1,871,879
Shortfall of revenues over expenses before other	(324,902)	(263,362)	(363,540)
Other			
Fundraising/donations for capital	-		43,924
Government transfers for capital (schedule 4)	231,000	41,762	388,478
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(93,902)	(221,600)	68,862
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	11,907,432	11,907,432	11,838,570
Accumulated surplus, end of year \$	11,813,530	\$ 11,685,832	\$ <u>11,907,432</u>

TOWN OF MUNDARE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (DEBT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

	Budget (unaudited)	2012	<u>2011</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	\$ _(93,902)	\$ (221,600)	\$68,862
Acquisition of tangible capital assets Amortization of tangible capital assets	(347,000) 475,902 128,902	(112,912) 475,901 362,989	(441,402) _448,767 7,365
Acquisition of prepaid assets Use of prepaid assets		(8,060) 12,138 4,078	(12,138) <u>9,881</u> (2,257)
Decrease in net financial assets (debt)	35,000	145,467	73,970
Net financial assets (debt), beginning of year	(1,425,693)	(1,425,693)	(1,499,663)
Net financial assets (debt), end of year	\$ (<u>1,390,693</u>)	\$ (<u>1,280,226</u>)	\$ (1,425,693)

TOWN OF MUNDARE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

Net inflow (outflow) of cash related to the following activities:	2012	<u>2011</u>
Operating		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses Non-cash items included	\$ (221,600)	\$ 68,862
Amortization of tangible capital assets Non-cash charges to operations (net change): Decrease (increase) in	475,901	448,767
Taxes and grants in place receivable	(58,305)	(30,364)
Receivables from other governments	32,917	4,076
Trade and other receivables	(3,868)	57,897
Prepaid expenses Inventory of land held for resale	4,078	(2,257)
Increase (decrease) in		4,039
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	17,056	(50,485)
Deposit liabilities	500	(22,500)
Deferred revenue	216,415	(52,254)
	463,094	425,781
Capital		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(112,912)	(441,402)
Financing		
Long-term debt repaid	(48,869)	<u>(46,605</u>)
Change in cash and cash equivalents during the year	301,313	(62,226)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	312,617	374,843
Cash, end of year	\$ <u>613,930</u>	\$ 312,617

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SCHEDULE 1 – CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

2011	\$ 11,838,570	68,862	I	1	1		68,862	\$ 11,907,432
2012	\$ 11,907,432	(221,600)	1	1	1	5 5	(221,600)	\$ 11,685,832
Equity in Tangible Capital Assets	\$ 11,706,983	1	1	112,912	(475,901)	48,869	(314,120)	\$ 11,392,863
Restricted Surplus	\$ 200,109	ı	000'06	ı	I	3 8	000'06	\$ 290,109
Unrestricted Surplus	\$ 340	(221,600)	(000,000)	(112,912)	475,901	(48,869)	2,520	\$ 2,860
	Balance, beginning of year	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	Funds designated for future use	Current year funds used for tangible capital assets	Annual amortization expense	Long-term debt repaid	Change in accumulated surplus	Balance, end of year

SCHEDULE 2 – TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

Cost	Land	Land Improvements	Buildings	Engineered Structures	Machinery & Equipment	Vehicles	2012	2011
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 52,577	\$ 460,357	\$ 1,197,547	\$ 14,365,453	\$ 249,762	\$ 239,364	\$ 16,565,060	\$ 16,123,658
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	!	i	•	41,762	1	5,500	47,262	441,402
Construction-in-progress	I	1	1	65,650	1	1	65,650	1
Disposal of tangible capital assets	1		8			-	:	
Balance, end of year	52,577	460,357	1,197,547	14,472,865	249,762	244,864	16,677,972	16,565,060
Accumulated amortization								
Balance, beginning of year	1	60,489	460,964	2,506,565	123,073	92,982	3,244,073	2,795,306
Annual amortization	1	19,476	24,574	397,714	18,856	15,281	475,901	448,767
Accumulated amortization on disposals	1	!	1			I	1	!
Balance, end of year	1	79,965	485,538	2,904,279	141,929	108,263	3,719,974	3,244,073
Net book value of tangible capital assets	\$ 52,577	\$ 380,392	\$ 712,009	\$ 11,568,586	\$ 107,833	\$ 136,601	\$ 12,957,998	\$ 13,320,987
2011 Net book value of tangible capital assets	\$ 52,577	\$ 399,868	\$ 736,583	\$ 11,858,888	\$ 126,689	\$ 146,382	\$ 13,320,987	

TOWN OF MUNDARE SCHEDULE 3 – PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

Taxation	Budget (unaudited)	2012 Actual	2011 Actual		
Residential land and improvements Commercial property	\$ 907,000 <u>142,500</u>	\$ 911,390 	\$ 871,377 		
Requisitions Alberta School Foundation	1,049,500 180,000	1,055,265 179,871	1,012,515 160,599		
County of Lamont Foundation	<u>37,000</u> <u>217,000</u>	<u>36,395</u> <u>216,266</u>	28,585 189,184		
Net taxes for general municipal operations	\$ <u>832,500</u>	\$ 838,999	\$ <u>823,331</u>		
SCHEDULE 4 – GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS					
Transfers for operations			2		
Federal	\$	\$	\$ 3,600		
Provincial Other leads of the second of the	167,400	133,541	31,707		
Other local governments	98,500	81,825	68,252		
	265,900	215,366	103,559		
Transfers for capital					
Provincial	<u>231,000</u>	41,762	388,478		
Total government transfers	\$ <u>496,900</u>	\$ <u>257,128</u>	\$ <u>492,037</u>		
SCHEDULE 5 – CONSOLIDATED EXPENSES BY OBJECT					
Expenses					
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 468,700	\$ 436,810	\$ 433,091		
Contracted and general services	433,200	433,835	417,371		
Purchases from other governments	121,000	110,832	116,441		
Materials, goods, supplies and utilities	265,750	261,743	252,555		
Provision for allowances and bad debts	106000	1,500			
Transfers to local boards and organizations Bank charges & short-term interest	106,000	82,910	81,908		
Interest on long-term debt	1,700 75,900	1,633	1,692		
Shared cost agreement	29,700	76,216 29,607	78,505 29,607		
Other expenses	11,500	23,255	11,942		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	475,902	<u>475,901</u>	448,767		
Total expenses	\$ <u>1,989,352</u>	\$ <u>1,934,242</u>	\$ <u>1,871,879</u>		

SCHEDULE 6 – SEGMENTED DISCLOSURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

Revenue	Government	Protective Services	Transportation Services	Environmental Services	Planning and Development	Recreation and Culture	Total
Net municipal taxes	\$ 838,999	l ⇔	ا ج	1	₩	 \$	\$ 838,999
Government transfers	1	56,783	145,663	1	ı	54,682	257,128
User fees and sales of goods	7,300	2,400	1,220	396,919	20,000	17,522	445,361
Investment income	2,133	1	1	1	1		2,133
Other revenues	104,938	24,314		5,183	9,287	25,299	169,021
	953,370	83,497	146,883	402,102	29,287	97,503	1,712,642
Expenses							
Salaries, wages and benefits	175,890	22,357	142,156	53,596	1	42,811	436,810
Contracted and general services	93,976	69,113	91,719	91,723	20,597	66,707	433,835
Materials, goods, supplies and utilities	22,536	31,021	115,538	162,953	8	40,527	372,575
Transfers to others	4,351	1	1	29,607	1	78,559	112,517
Interest on long-term debt	}	1	61,754	14,462		ſ	76,216
Other expenses	24,921			1,467	-		26,388
	321,674	122,491	411,167	353,808	20,597	228,604	1,458,341
Net revenue before amortization	631,696	(38,994)	(264,284)	48,294	8,690	(131,101)	254,301
Amortization expense	(19,827)	(18,740)	(329,718)	(88,551)	1	(19,065)	(475,901)
Net revenue	\$ 611,869	\$ (57,734)	\$ (594,002)	\$ (40,257)	\$ 8,690	\$ (150,166)	\$ (221,600)

1. Significant Accounting Policies

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

(a) Reporting Entity

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, changes in fund balances, and change in financial position of the reporting entity. This entity is comprised 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.

The schedule of taxes levied also includes requisitions for education 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 public sector accounting standards 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 expenses 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.

1. Significant Accounting Policies - continued

(d) Cash

Cash is defined as petty cash, and cash in chequing and savings accounts.

(e) Investments

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

(f) Inventory of 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) 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 underlevy 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.

(h) Government Transfers

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

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

(i) Non-Financial Assets

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

1. Significant Accounting Policies - continued

(i) Non-Financial Assets (continued)

(i) Tangible Capital Assets

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

	Years
Buildings	50
Engineered structures	
Roadway system	20-30
Wastewater system	45-75
Water system	25-75
Lighting	50
Machinery and equipment	10-30
Vehicles	5-15
Land improvements	20-30

No amortization is charged in the year of acquisition. 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 of ownership 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.

2. Temporary Loans Payable

The town has a prime plus 1% authorized revolving loan limit of \$100,000 with the Servus Credit Union. No balance was outstanding as at December 31, 2012.

3.	Taxes Receivable	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
	Taxes receivable Current Arrears	\$ 133,705 _93,256	\$ 103,395 _63,762
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	226,961 (20,030)	167,157 (18,531)
		\$ <u>206,931</u>	\$ <u>148,626</u>

4.	Long-Term Investments	<u>2012</u>	2011
	AMFC share	\$ 10	\$_10

5. Employee Benefit Obligation

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is a vacation and overtime liability of \$14,869 (2012 - \$10,865). The vacation and overtime liability is comprised of the vacation and overtime that employees have earned and are entitled to within the next budgetary year.

6.	Deferred Revenue	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
	Offsite levies	\$ 257,000	\$ 257,000
	Waterpark		1,457
	Communities in bloom	10,458	11,725
	Transportation grant	34,131	
	Municipal Sustainability Initiative - Capital	191,509	6,501
		\$ <u>493,098</u>	\$ 276,683

Funding from various grant programs, organizations and individuals, in the amount of \$493,098 remained unspent at the end of the current year. The use of these funds is restricted to eligible operating and capital projects as approved under the funding agreements or as indicated by the donors. Most of the projects are scheduled for completion in 2013. Deferred revenue is supported by cash in the amount of \$493,098 held exclusively for these projects.

7.	Long-Term Debt	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
	Tax supported debentures	\$ 1,494,704	\$ 1,541,786
	Self-supported debentures	<u>70,431</u>	<u>72,218</u>
		\$ <u>1,565,135</u>	\$ 1,614,004

Principal and interest repayments for each of the next five years and to maturity are as follows:

	Principal	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2013	\$ 51,246	\$ 74,364	\$ 125,610
2014	53,739	71,871	125,610
2015	49,480	69,328	118,808
2016	51,930	66,878	118,808
2017	54,503	64,305	118,808
Thereafter	1,304,237	<u>597,050</u>	1,901,287
	\$ <u>1,565,135</u>	\$ <u>943,796</u>	\$ 2,508,931

Debenture debt is repayable to Alberta Capital Finance Authority and bears interest at rates ranging from 4.23% to 6.125% per annum and matures in periods 2014 through 2035. The average annual interest rate is 4.79% (4.79% for 2011).

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

Interest on long-term debt amounted to \$76,216 (2011 - \$78,505).

The town's cash payments for interest in 2012 were \$76,741 (2011 - \$79,006).

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 Mundare be disclosed as follows:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Total debt limit Total debt	\$ 2,506,320 (1,565,135)	\$ 2,328,394 (1,614,004)
Debt limit remaining	\$ <u>941,185</u>	\$ <u>714,390</u>
Debt servicing limit Debt servicing	\$ 417,720 (125,610)	\$ 388,066 (125,610)
Debt servicing limit remaining	\$ <u>292,110</u>	\$ _262,456

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.

9.	Equity in Tangible Capital Assets	<u>2012</u>	2011
	Tangible capital assets (schedule 2) Accumulated amortization (schedule 2) Long-term debt (note 7)	\$ 16,677,972 (3,719,974) (1,565,135)	\$ 16,565,060 (3,244,073) (1,614,004)
		\$ 11.392.863	\$ 11 706 983

10. Accumulated Surplus

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

	<u>2012</u>		2011
Unrestricted surplus	\$ 2,860	\$	340
Restricted surplus	,		
General capital	118,209		73,209
Fire	26,000		21,000
Common services	22,400		17,400
Streets	14,500		9,500
Water	33,000		28,000
Sewer	28,000		23,000
Garbage	14,500		9,500
Development	16,000		11,000
Parks and recreation	9,500		4,500
Ukraina Park	8,000		3,000
Equity in tangible capital assets (note 9)	11,392,863	<u>1</u>	1,706,983
	\$ 11,685,832	\$ <u>1</u>	1,907,432

11. Segmented Disclosure

The Town of Mundare 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 Schedule 6 – Segmented Disclosure.

12. Salary and Benefits Disclosure

Disclosure of salaries and benefits for municipal officials and the chief administrative officer as required by Alberta Regulation 313/2000 is as follows:

		2012						2011	
		1	Salary ⁽¹⁾		efits & wances ⁽²⁾		Total		Total
Mayor -	Saric	\$	9,610	\$	288	\$	9,898	\$	8,877
Councillors -	Rosypal		8,665				8,665		8,484
	Greening		6,750		175		6,925		6,470
	Gargus		7,285				7,285		6,635
	Burghardt		7,225		184		7,409		4,565
	Sprague								1,000
Chief Admini	strative Officer								
	Colin Zyla	13	59,151	6	,446		65,597	. (64,928

⁽¹⁾ Salary includes regular base pay, bonuses, overtime, lump sum payments, gross honoraria and any other direct cash remuneration.

13. Commitment

The town is committed to making quarterly payments of \$893 until March 2017 under a photocopier lease and monthly payments of \$871 until April 2014 under a skid steer lease.

⁽²⁾ Employer's 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.

14. Contingency

The Town of Mundare is a member of the Alberta Municipal Insurance Exchange (MUNIX). Under the terms of membership, the town 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.

15. Financial Instruments

The town's financial instruments consist of cash and temporary investments, receivables, long-term investments, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, deposit liabilities 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 services may experience financial difficulty and be unable to fulfill their obligations. The large number and diversity of taxpayers and customers minimizes the credit risk.

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

16. Approval of Financial Statements

Council and Management have approved these financial statements.