**COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19** 

Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2015
(audited)

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of County of St. Paul No. 19

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of County of St. Paul No. 19, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2015 statement of financial position as at December 31, 2015, and the consolidated statements of operations, changes in net financial assets 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 generally accepted 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 consolidated 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 County of St. Paul No. 19 as at December 31, 2015 and the results of its operations, change in net financial assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Vegreville, Alberta April 12, 2016 Synergy
Chartered Accountants

	2015	2014
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 8,610,326	\$ 4,232,716
Taxes and grants in place of taxes receivable (Note 3)	569,585	564,425
Receivable from other governments	211,460	1,270,263
Trade and other receivables	1,659,565	3,606,000
Debt charges recoverable (Note 4)	1,844,882	
Inventory of land held for resale	37,535	45,877
	12,933,353	11,670,791
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,371,905	929,721
Wages payable	127,829	
Trust liabilities (Note 5)	70,039	
Deferred revenue (Note 6)	260,297	121,139
Long term debt (Note 7)	11,373,971	15,128,796
	13,204,041	16,400,753
NET FINANCIAL LIABILITIES	(270,688)	(4,729,962)
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible capital assets (Note 8)	94,562,424	93,826,697
Inventory for consumption (Note 9)	1,593,005	
Prepaid expenses	232,359	254,912
	96,387,788	95,791,770
	AND STANCES OF BUTTON OFFICERS	
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Note 10)	\$ 96,117,100	\$ 91,061,808

Commitments and subsequent events, and contingencies (Note 14) and (Note 15)

ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer

# COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19 Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Budget (Unaudited)	2015	2014
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ 9,377,451	\$ 5,055,292	\$ 5,431,122
Amortization of tangible capital assets	3,648,455	4,500,098	4,126,040
Amortization added to tangible capital assets	250,000	243,141	248,582
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	267,855	345,491	571,677
Loss on sale of tangible capital assets	<u>.</u>	69,487	516,711
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(12,473,734)	(5,947,066)	(10,707,772)
Change in inventories and prepaid expenses		139,709	351,588
Writedown of tangible capital assets	-	53,122	-
	1,070,027	4,459,274	537,948
Net financial assets, beginning of year		(4,729,962)	(5,267,910)
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 1,070,027	\$ (270,688)	\$ (4,729,962)

# COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19 Consolidated Statement of Operations For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Budget (Unaudited)	2015	2014
REVENUE			
Net municipal taxes (Schedule 1)	\$ 20,284,699	\$ 21,320,593	\$ 16,851,511
User fees and sales of goods	1,846,020	1,374,168	2,823,180
Government transfers for operating (Schedule 2)	6,216,517	1,353,249	1,116,928
Investment income	118,774	210,568	274,173
Penalties and costs of taxes	120,829	142,736	123,061
Licenses and permits	298,996	213,983	515,403
Rentals and leases	45,048	66,431	44,070
Other	725,405	1,036,041	4,730,013
	29,656,288	25,717,769	26,478,339
FYBENGE			
EXPENSES	E00.004	E40.000	400 000
Legislative	500,361	510,986	483,300
Administration	3,010,092	2,694,396	2,762,815
Bylaws enforcement	876,781	855,707	872,483
Roads, streets, walks, lighting	14,516,851	14,888,655	15,155,998
Water supply and distribution	469,758	404,901	552,890
Wastewater treatment and disposal	196,357 1,027,099	183,271 1,044,648	423,803 1,075,276
Waste management	247,600	339,799	272,878
Family and community support Agriculture services	718,240	737,953	651,693
Subdivision land development	453,651	663,846	514,147
Parks and recreation	900,439	869,522	855,546
Library	208,805	215,475	272,421
	23,126,034	23,409,159	23,893,250
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES			
BEFORE TRANSFERS FOR CAPITAL	6,530,254	2,308,610	2,585,089
Government transfers for capital (Schedule 3)	2,847,197	2,746,682	2,846,033
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 9,377,451	\$ 5,055,292	\$ 5,431,122

# COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19 Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended December 31, 2015

		2015		2014
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	•	E 055 202	æ	E 404 400
Excess of revenue over expenses Items not affecting cash:	\$	5,055,292	\$	5,431,122
Amortization of tangible capital assets		4,500,098		4,126,040
		243,140		248,582
Amortization added to tangible capital assets				
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		9,921,139		10,322,455
Changes in non-cash working capital:				
Taxes and grants in place of taxes receivable		(5,160)		(47,753
Receivable from other governments		1,058,803		(464,409
Trade and other receivables		1,946,435		(3,249,262
Inventory of land held for resale		8,342		<del>-</del>
Wages payable		2,770		(21,981
Trust liabilities		(25,999)		25,054
Deferred revenue		139,158		(531,458
Inventory for consumption		117,156		368,658
Prepaid expenses		22,553		(17,070
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		442,185		(581,856
Accounts payable and accided liabilities				
		3,706,243		(4,520,077
Cash flow from operating activities		13,627,382		5,802,378
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES				
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES  Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(5.947.066)		(10.707.772)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(5,947,066) 345,491		
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# COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19 Consolidated Schedule of Property and Other Taxes Year Ended December 31, 2015

(Schedule 1)

	Budget (Unaudited)	2015	2014
TAXATION			
Residential land and improvements	\$ 5,080,640	\$ 5,074,522	\$ 4,816,934
Farmland	1,207,428	1,207,705	1,213,782
Non-residential land and improvements	2,209,708	2,240,369	1,586,735
Machinery and equipment	6,144,438	7,248,381	3,919,260
Linear property	9,721,837	9,628,968	9,227,526
	24,364,051	25,399,945	20,764,237
REQUISITIONS			
Alberta School Foundation	3,819,420	3,819,420	3,654,934
M.D. of St. Paul Foundation	259,932	259,932	257,792
	4,079,352	4,079,352	3,912,726
	\$ 20,284,699	\$ 21,320,593	\$ 16,851,511

Year Ended December 31, 2015

# **Consolidated Schedule of Government Transfers for Operating**

(Schedule 2)

	,	Budget Unaudited)		2015		2014
		Onaddited)		2013		2014
RANSFERS FOR OPERATING						
Provincial grants-operating	\$	6,111,190	\$	1,260,479	\$	1,037,00
Local government grants-operating	Ψ	105,327	Ψ	92,770	Ψ	53,24
Federal grants-operating		100,021		<b>52,::</b> 1		26,67
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		Budget				
<del>_</del>	(	Unaudited)		2015		2014
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RANSFERS FOR CAPITAL Provincial grants-capital	\$	2,512,001	\$	2,423,337	\$	2,510,83
Federal grants-capital	Ψ	335,196	Ψ	323,345	Ψ	335,20
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	\$	2,847,197	\$	2,746,682	\$	2,846,03
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\$ 23,409,159

\$ 23,126,034

\$ 23,893,250

(Schedule 5)

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19 Consolidated Schedule of Segmented Disclosures Year Ended December 31, 2015

\$ 5,055,292	(769,649)	\$ (733,778) \$	\$ (855,737)	\$ (10,789,870)	\$ (528,935)	\$ 18,733,261	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
(4,500,098)	(252,433)	(58,750)	(54,911)	(3,920,162)	(159,526)	(54,316)	Amortization expense
9,555,390	(517,216)	(675,028)	(800,826)	(6,869,708)	(369,409)	18,787,577	NET REVENUE, BEFORE AMORTIZATION
18,909,061	1,380,388	1,366,044	1,346,888	10,968,493	696,182	3,151,066	
278,824	(5,000)	(2,654)	-	130,263	- And Continues of	156,215	Other expenses
318,400	6,591	1	•	241,791	70,018	E	Long-term debt interest
1,270,356	132,618	513,480	•	40,057	377,899	206,302	Transfers to local boards
5,263,924	206,832	123,193	328,908	4,400,181	132,786	72,024	Goods and supplies
4,154,875	462,642	195,302	374,243	1,835,340	115,479	1,171,869	Contract and general services
7,622,682	576,705	536,723	643,737	4,320,861	r	1,544,656	EXPENSES Salaries and wages
28,464,451	863,172	691,016	546,062	4,098,785	326,773	21,938,643	
210,568 1,459,191		1 1	363,685	725,484	92,968	210,568 277,054	Investment income Other revenues
1,374,168 4,099,931	372,833 490,339	248,199 442,817	14,018 168,359	577,564 2,795,737	141,511 92,294	20,043 110,385	User fees and sales of goods Government transfers
\$ 21,320,593		<del>.</del>	· ·	··	· <del>•</del>	\$ 21,320,593	REVENUE Net municipal taxes
2015 Total	Environmental Services	Recreation, Culture & Family	Planning & Development	Transportation Services	Protective Services	General Government	

#### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements of the County of St. Paul No. 19 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 polices adopted by the municipality are as follows:

#### 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 the municipal operations plus all of the organizations that are owned or controlled by the municipality and are, therefore, accountable to the municipal Council for the administration of their financial affairs and resources.

The schedule of taxes levied also includes requisitions for education, 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.

#### Basis of accounting

The consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

#### Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada 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.

Internally constructed tangible capital assets, mainly consisting of roads, are costed by using internal documents to determine the costs of the various components of the construction. Such documents include costing reports for projects, machines, timesheets etc. Gravel inventory is costed by a similar method using internal documents to determine the cost of crushing. As uncertainty inherently exists in the accurateness of these documents, actual results could differ from the accumulated costs.

#### 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.

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#### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Debt charges recoverable

Debt charges recoverable consist of amounts that are recoverable from municipal agencies or other local governments with respect to outstanding debentures or other long term debt pursuant to annexation orders or joint capital undertakings. These recoveries are recorded at a value that equals the offsetting portion of the un-matured long term debt, less actuarial requirements for the retirement of any sinking fund debentures.

#### 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.

#### Inventory

Inventory of materials and supplies for consumption are valued at the lower of cost or replacement cost with the cost being determined by the average cost method. Gravel inventory is valued at the amount of royalty as well as the costs of crushing.

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 levelling 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 the respective function.

#### 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.

#### 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 for the year.

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#### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### a) 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:

VEARS

	TEARS
Land improvements	15-25
Buildings	10-50
Engineered structures	
Roads	20-40
Bridges	24-129
Water system	30-75
Wastewater system	45-75
Machinery and equipment	2-15
Vehicles	10-25

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.

#### b) 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.

#### c) Inventories

Inventory of materials and supplies for consumption are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value with the cost being determined by the average cost method.

#### d) 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.

#### **Budget figures**

Budget figures are included for information purposes only and are not audited.

#### 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

		2015	2014
Cash	\$	8,610,326	\$ 4,232,716

The County has an authorized revolving loan with a limit of \$7,000,000 and bears interest at prime less 0.5%. The balance outstanding at December 31, 2015 was NIL (2014 - NIL)

Council has designated funds of \$4,310,299 (2014 - \$4,021,141) included in the above amounts for reserves.

Included in cash is a restricted amount of \$330,336 (2014 - \$217,177) comprised of \$70,039 (2014 - \$96,038) of trust liabilities and \$260,297 (2014 - \$121,139) of deferred revenue received from various sources and held exclusively for approved projects (Note 5) and (Note 6) respectively.

#### 3. TAXES AND GRANTS IN PLACE OF TAXES RECEIVABLE

	2015	 2014
Current	\$ 428,485	\$ 402,097
Arrears	185,958	 201,171
Subtotal	614,443	603,268
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	(44,858)	 (38,843)
	\$ 569,585	\$ 564,425

#### 4. DEBT CHARGES RECOVERABLE

	2015	2014
Current debt charges recoverable  Non-current debt charges recoverable	\$ 112,414 1,732,468	\$ 106,628 1,844,882
	\$ 1,844,882	\$ 1,951,510

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#### 4. DEBT CHARGES RECOVERABLE (continued)

Principal and interest repayments are as follows:

	Princ	cipal	Interest	Total
2016	\$ 1	12,414 \$	94,405	\$ 206,819
2017	·	18,516	88,283	206,799
2018	1:	24,953	81,846	206,799
2019	1:	31,742	75,056	206,798
2020	1:	38,904	67,895	206,799
Thereafter	1,2	18,353	338,552	1,556,905
	\$ 1,8	44,882 \$	746,037	\$ 2,590,919

In prior years, the County has assumed debenture financing on behalf of the M.D. of St. Paul Foundation totalling \$3,016,983. However, \$3,016,983 plus interest is recoverable from the M.D. of St. Paul Foundation with respect to this financing. Amounts are recoverable in annual blended instalments and begin to mature on December 1, 2023.

#### 5. TRUST LIABILITIES

	2015	2014
Tax sale surplus	\$ 70,039	\$ 96,038

Consists of surplus funds received from land sold at public auction. These funds are payable to the previous ratepayer under the the guidelines set out in the Municipal Government Act.

#### 6. DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue is comprised of the funds noted below, the use of which are externally restricted. These funds are recognized as revenue in the period they are used for in the purpose specified.

	2015	 2014
RCP Joint Lagoon Feasibility Study	\$ -	\$ 5,250
MCS Net prepaid lease	91,000	102,375
Subdivision warranty	10,000	10,000
Bridges grant	3,514	3,514
FCSS ECD Coalition grant	22,500	_
FCSS 2016 funding - Town of Elk Point	733	_
ACP - Municipal Intern	11,091	_
WFLG - Ashmont/Spedden Line	64,241	-
MSI - Capital	57,218	-
	\$ 260,297	\$ 121,139

Funding from various grant programs, organizations and individuals 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 2016.

7.	LONG TERM DEBT		
,		2015	2014
	Self supported debentures Utility supported debentures	\$ 11,248,863 125,108	\$ 14,997,685 131,111
		\$ 11,373,971	\$ 15,128,796

#### Principal and interest repayments are as follows:

	Pri	Principal		Interest		Total
2016	\$ 1.	,993,857	\$	403,038	\$	2,396,895
2017		693,385		361,682		1,055,067
2018		719,362		326,869		1,046,231
2019		746,374		298,013		1,044,387
2020		774,463		269,923		1,044,386
Thereafter	6,	,446,530		1,151,114		7,597,644
	\$ 11,	,373,971	\$	2,810,639	\$	14,184,610

Debenture debt is repayable to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority and the Toronto-Dominion Bank and bears interest at rates ranging from 1.34% to 5.875% per annum, and matures in periods 2016 through 2032. The average annual interest rate is 3.68% (2014 - 3.94%).

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

Interest on long term debt amounted to \$435,679 (2014 - \$482,752).

The municipality's total cash payments for interest were \$456,553 (2014 - \$499,289).

#### 8. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

		Opening Balance	Additions / mortization	Disposals / \djustments		Closing Balance
COST				 		
Land	\$	7,745,865	\$ -	\$ -	\$	7,745,865
Land improvements		475,794	-	-		475,794
Buildings		8,239,023	65,088	(66,006)		8,238,105
Machinery and equipment		19,890,661	2,344,823	(716,523)		21,518,961
Vehicles		7,147,982	973,670	(564,426)		7,557,226
Engineered structures	•	110,473,067	1,945,943	513,172		112,932,182
Work in progress		750,893	617,542	(710,828)		657,607
		54,723,285	5,947,066	(1,544,611)	,	159,125,740
ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION	<u> </u>					
Land improvements		151,211	24,001	-		175,212
Buildings		1,086,556	160,770	(35,905)		1,211,421
Machinery and equipment		6,370,249	1,214,557	(407,053)		7,177,753
Vehicles		3,582,229	487,374	(489,349)		3,580,254
Engineered structures		49,706,343	2,856,537	(144,204)		52,418,676
		60,896,588	4,743,239	(1,076,511)		64,563,316
	\$	93,826,697	\$ 1,203,827	\$ (468,100)	\$	94,562,424

#### 9. INVENTORY FOR CONSUMPTION

	2015	 2014
Public Works gravel	\$ 933,040	\$ 993,817
Public Works coldmix	97,850	13,300
Public Works sand and salt	124,355	111,948
Public Works miscellaneous	409,638	568,297
Agricultural services	28,122	22,799
	\$ 1,593,005	\$ 1,710,161

#### 10. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

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

		2015		2014
Unrestricted surplus				
Unrestricted surplus, beginning of year	\$	5,573,950	\$	4,991,135
Excess of revenues and expenses	•	5,055,292		5,431,122
Unrestricted funds designated for future use		(2,727,352)		(3,795,665)
Funds contributed from restricted surplus		2,438,194	,	1,568,486
Capital debt proceeds				5,000,000
Repayment of capital debt		(3,553,772)		2,376,367)
Increase in tangible capital assets		(735,727)		<u>5,244,761)</u>
Unrestricted surplus, end of year		6,050,585		5,573,950
Restricted surplus				. =
Restricted surplus, beginning of year		4,021,141		1,793,962
Unrestricted funds designated for future use		2,727,352		3,795,665
Funds released for operating		(2,438,194)	(	1,568,486)
Restricted surplus, end of year		4,310,299		4,021,141
Equity in tangible capital assets  Equity in tangible capital assets, beginning of year  Current funds used for tangible capital assets  Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets  Loss on sale of tangible capital assets  Amortization of tangible capital assets  Proceeds from long term capital financing  Repayment of capital long term debt		81,466,717 5,947,066 (345,491) (122,609) (4,743,239) - 3,553,772	1 (	8,845,589 0,707,772 (571,677) (516,711) 4,374,622) 5,000,000) 2,376,366
Equity in tangible capital assets, end of year		85,756,216	8	1,466,717

#### 11. 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 County of St. Paul No. 19 be disclosed as follows:

	2015	2014
Total debt limit	\$ 42,696,677	\$ 43,986,558
Total debt (including loan guarantees)	(9,743,971)	(13,281,773)
Amount of debt limit unused	\$ 32,952,706	\$ 30,704,785
Debt servicing limit	\$ 7,116,113	\$ 7,335,593
Debt servicing	(2,190,076)	(1,907,089)
Amount of debt servicing limit unused	\$ 4,926,037	\$ 5,428,504

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.

#### 12. SALARY AND BENEFITS DISCLOSURE

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

			В	enefits &		
		Salary	Αl	lowances	2015	2014
Reeve	Upham	\$ 64,816	\$	5,361	\$ 70,177	\$ 69,121
Councilors	Amyotte	45,421		4,457	49,878	46,195
	Dach	64,281		3,783	68,064	66,305
	Fodness	51,386		4,724	56,110	54,156
	Martin	54,216		4,844	59,060	55,602
	Ockerman	35,976		4,043	40,019	38,839
	Sloan	42,836		2,817	45,653	44,335
Administrator	Kitz	170,000		31,473	201,473	185,164
Assessor		96,142		8,591	104,733	108,200
Agriculture		37,793		8,067	45,860	44,310
Subdivision		38,938		8,312	47,250	45,653
Development Deputy		92,400		20,804	113,204	107,423
Development		70,707		17,085	87,792	84,014

- 1. Salary includes regular base pay, bonuses, overtime, lump sum payments, gross honoraria and any other direct cash remuneration.
- 2. Employer's share of all employee benefits and contributions or payments made on behalf of employees including pension, health care, dental coverage, vision coverage, group life insurance, accidental disability and dismemberment insurance, long and short term disability plans, professional memberships and tuition.
- 3. If an automobile is provided, no amount is included in the benefits and allowances figure.
- 4. Benefits and allowances figures also include the employer's share of the costs of additional taxable benefits including special leave with pay, financial and retirement planning services, concessionary loans, travel allowances, car allowances and club memberships.

#### 13. LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN

Employees of the municipality participate in the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP), which is one of the plans covered by the *Public Sector Pension Plans Act*. The LAPP is financed by employer and employee contributions and by investment earnings of the LAPP Fund.

Contributions for current service are recorded as expenditures in the year in which they become due.

The municipality is required to make current service contributions to the LAPP of 11.39% of pensionable earnings up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings under the Canada Pension Plan and 15.84% on pensionable earnings above this amount.

Total current service contributions by the municipality to the LAPP in 2015 were \$681,284 (2014 - \$660,961). Total current service contributions by the employees of the municipality to the Local Authorities Pension Plan in 2015 were \$627,614 (2014 - \$617,703).

At December 31, 2014, the LAPP disclosed an actuarial deficiency of \$2.4 billion.

#### 14. COMMITMENTS AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to year end, the County has committed to purchase equipment at a net cost of \$1,073,915.

The County has committed to completing a new water transmission line from Spedden to Ashmont. The initial engineering costs committed are \$4.6 million. The County intends to borrow debenture debt up to \$963,201 to fund this project.

The County has committed to completing a lagoon refurbishment. The initial engineering costs committed are \$5 million. The County intends to borrow up to \$1,541,668 to fund this project.

The municipality has long term leases with respect to its office equipment. The leases contain renewal options and provides maintenance service & minor supplies. Future minimum lease payments as at December 31, 2015, are as follows:

2016	\$ 27,665
2017	21,794
2018	19,239
2019	12,744
2020	11,520
Thereafter	 404
	 93,366

#### 15. CONTINGENCIES

The County is a member of a reciprocal insurance exchange (GENESIS) to cover its liability insurance needs. GENESIS was previously referred to as Jubilee Reciprocal Insurance Exchange (JRIE). A Statement of Claim was filed in 2004 by some of the previous subscribers of JRIE. The statement of claim requests the return of surplus funds in the amount of \$3,820,516. Under the terms of the membership, the County of St. Paul No. 19 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 County has guaranteed one half of a prime plus 2.0% Servus Credit Union line of credit for the Elk Point Regional Allied Arts Society. As at December 31, 2015, the line of credit balance was \$214,883, therefore the County's guarantee would be limited to \$107,441.

#### 16. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The municipality's financial assets consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, investments, debt charges recoverable, and financial liabilities consisting of bank indebtedness, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, deposit liabilities, requisition over-levy, and long term debt. It is management's opinion that the municipality is not exposed to significant interest or currency risks arising from these financial instruments.

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

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

#### 17. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Council and Management have approved these financial statements.

#### 18. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.