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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, 2016 and the consolidated statements of change in net financial assets (debt), operations, changes in accumulated surplus 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, 2016 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

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Chartered Professional Accountants

Vegreville, Alberta April 11, 2017

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Year Ended December 31, 2016

ė	2016	2015
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 10,349,286	\$ 8,610,326
Taxes and grants in place of taxes receivable (Note 3)	681,003	569,585
Receivable from other governments	1,186,554	211,460
Trade and other receivables	1,333,238	1,659,565
Debt charges recoverable (Note 4)	1,732,468	1,844,882
Inventory of land held for resale	33,364	37,535
	15,315,913	12,933,353
LIABILITIES	*	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,491,291	1,371,905
Wages payable	164,449	127,829
Trust liabilities (Note 5)	64,022	70,039
Deferred revenue (Note 6)	966,071	260,297
Long term debt (Note 7)	11,424,950	11,373,971
	16,110,783	13,204,041
NET FINANCIAL LIABILITIES	(794,870)	(270,688)
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible capital assets (Note 8)	102,405,453	94,562,424
Inventory for consumption (Note 9)	3,089,049	1,593,005
Prepaid expenses	218,263	232,359
	105,712,765	96,387,788
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Note 10)	\$104,917,895	\$ 96,117,100

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 (Debt) Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Budget (Unaudited)	2016	2015
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ 11,413,653	\$ 8,800,795	\$ 5,055,292
Amortization of tangible capital assets	4,701,108	4,573,485	4,500,098
Amortization added to tangible capital assets	43,300	344,485	243,141
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	, 	2,069,653	345,491
Loss/(gain) on sale of tangible capital assets	150,680	(74,737)	69,487
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(16,136,588)	(14,755,915)	(5,947,066)
Change in inventories and prepaid expenses	=	(1,481,948)	139,709
Writedown of tangible capital assets	<u></u>	<u>-</u>	53,122
VITIGOGOVII OI LANGIBIO COPILAI COCCI	172,153	(524,182)	4,459,274
Net financial assets, beginning of year	-	(270,688)	(4,729,962)
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 172, 1 53	\$ (794,870)	\$ (270,688)

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19 Consolidated Statement of Operations Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Budget (Unaudited)	2016	2015
REVENUES			
Net municipal taxes (Schedule 1)	\$ 22,323,952	\$ 22,218,510	\$ 21,320,593
User fees and sales of goods	1,688,015	1,907,674	1,374,168
Government transfers for operating (Schedule 2)	1,191,025	1,049,569	1,353,249
Investment income	104,400	214,828	210,568
Penalties and costs of taxes	123,871	141,996	142,736
Licenses and permits	117,000	242,685	213,983
Rentals and leases	55,837	60,432	66,431
Other	515,203	728,230	1,036,041
	26,119,303	26,563,924	25,717,769
EXPENSES			
Legislative	506,279	474,704	510,986
Administration	3,292,033	2,853,489	2,694,396
Bylaws enforcement	1,241,327	1,196,506	855,707
Roads, streets, walks, lighting	15,997,871	15,173,086	14,888,655
Water supply and distribution	747,978	1,777,554	404,901
Wastewater treatment and disposal	238,636	200,317	183,271
Waste management	1,127,998	1,221,333	1,044,648
Family and community support	400,014	398,449	339,799
Agriculture services	778,928	732,690	737,953
Subdivision land development	449,171	487,088	663,846
Parks and recreation	934,148	966,330	869,522
Library	219,427	221,909	215,475
	25,933,810	25,703,455	23,409,159
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES			
BEFORE TRANSFERS FOR CAPITAL	185,493	860,469	2,308,610
Government transfers for capital (Schedule 3)	11,228,160	7,940,326	2,746,682
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 11,413,653	\$ 8,800,795	\$ 5,055,292

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19 Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended December 31, 2016

		2016		2015
ODEDATING ACTIVITIES				
OPERATING ACTIVITIES Excess of revenue over expenses	\$	8,800,795	\$	5,055,292
Items not affecting cash:	•	5,000,.00	*	4,444,444
Amortization of tangible capital assets		4,573,485		4,500,098
Amortization added to tangible capital assets		344,485		243,140
Loss/(gain) on sale of tangible capital assets		(74,737)		122,609
		13,644,028		9,921,139
Changes in non-cash working capital:				
Taxes and grants in place of taxes receivable		(111,418)		(5,160)
Receivable from other governments		(975,094)		1,058,803
Trade and other receivables		326,327		1,946,435
Inventory of land held for resale	*	4,171		8,342
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		2,119,387		442,185
Wages payable		36,620		2,770
Trust liabilities		(6,017)		(25,999)
Deferred revenue		705,774		139,158
Inventory for consumption		(1,496,044)		117,156
Prepaid expenses		14,096		22,553
		617,802		3,706,243
Cash flow from operating activities	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	14,261,830		13,627,382
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(14,755,916)		(5,947,066)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		2,069,653		345,491
Cash flow used by capital activities		(12,686,263)		(5,601,575)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Proceeds from long term financing		1,897,525		-
Repayment of long term debt		(1,846,546)		(3,754,825)
Repayment of loans receivable		112,414		106,628
Cash flow from (used by) financing activities		163,393		(3,648,197)
	•			•
INVESTING ACTIVITY Change in restricted cash or cash equivalents		(699,757)		(113,159)
		1,039,203		4,264,451
INCREASE IN CASH FLOW		1,039,203		4,204,401
Cash - beginning of year		8,279,990		4,015,539
CASH - END OF YEAR		9,319,193		8,279,990
CASH FLOWS SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION				
Interest paid	\$	(407,054)	\$	(456,463)
CASH CONSISTS OF:	•	40 940 000	ø	0.640.000
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$	10,349,286	\$	8,610,326
Restricted cash or cash equivalents (Note 2)		(1,030,093)		(330,336)

Consolidated Schedule of Property and Other Taxes

Year Ended December 31, 2016

(Schedule 1)

	Budget (Unaudited)	2016	2015
TAXATION	A 5004004	¢ = 202.270	\$ 5.074.522
Residential land and improvements	\$ 5,304,984	\$ 5,302,370	* =>=: ->=: ·
Farmland	1,201,810	1,201,964	1,207,705
Non-residential land and improvements	2,244,211	2,210,377	2,240,369
Machinery and equipment	7,788,896	7,718,936	7,248,381
Linear property	10,156,562	10,165,173	9,628,968
	26,696,463	26,598,820	25,399,945
REQUISITIONS			
Alberta School Foundation	4,107,423	4,115,222	3,819,420
M,D, of St. Paul Foundation	265,088	265,088	259,932
	4,372,511	4,380,310	4,079,352
	\$ 22,323,952	\$ 22,218,510	\$ 21,320,593

Consolidated Schedule of Government Transfers for Operating

(Schedule 2)

Year Ended December 31, 2016

	(t	Budget Jnaudited)		2016		2015
FRANSFERS FOR OPERATING Provincial grants-operating Local government grants-operating Federal grants-operating	\$	719,123 447,195 24,707	\$	893,623 131,239 24,707	\$	1,260,479 92,770 -
	\$	1,191,025	\$	1,049,569	\$	1,353,249
Consolidated Schedule of Government Trai	nsfers	for Capital			(S	chedule 3)
	(l	Budget Jnaudited)	<u></u>	2016		2015
Provincial grants-capital Federal grants-capital	\$	9,188,149 2,040,011	\$	6,654,492 1,232,186 53,648	\$	2,423,337 323,345 -
Local government grants-capital				33,040		····
Local government grants-capital	\$	11,228,160	\$	7,940,326	\$	2,746,682
Consolidated Schedule of Consolidated Ex		71111				
	pense	71111				2,746,682 chedule 4) 2015
	pense	s by Object		7,940,326		chedule 4

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19 Consolidated Schedule of Segmented Disclosures Year Ended December 31, 2016

(Schedule 5)

	General Government	Profective Services	Transportation Services	Planning & Development	Recreation, Culture & Family	Environmental Services	2016 Total
REVENUE Net municipal taxes User fees and sales of goods Government transfers Investment income Other revenues	\$ 22,218,510 19,212 73,365 214,828 291,537	\$ 50,380 282,345 151,161	\$ 1,238,188 2,565,310 415,231	\$ 17,459 168,359 315,414	\$ 231,510 493,278	\$ 350,925 5,407,238	\$ 22,218,510 1,907,674 8,989,895 214,828 1,173,343
- The state of the	22,817,452	483,886	4,218,729	501,232	724,788	5,758,163	34,504,250
EXPENSES	2000	077		1000	0	(6 6 6 7
Contract and wages	1,400,858	190,113	4,491,454	170,016	510,302	585,304	7,855,755
Contract and general services	1,300,002	137,022	500,/0/ 500,/62	220 022	304,033	055,540 404 048	3,238,180
Transfers to focal boards other covernments	303 845	340,511	24.745	con'oco	554 444	1 481 454	0,344,027
Long-term debt interest	1	65.997	196,051		100	20,634	282.682
Other expenses	151,433		(63,611)	(11,126)	-		76,696
The state of the s	3,270,867	1,021,620	11,224,839	1,165,178	1,522,686	2,924,780	21,129,970
	19,546,585	(537,734)	(7,006,110)	(663,946)	(797,898)	2,833,383	13,374,280
Amortization expense	57,326	174,886	3,948,247	54,600	64,002	274,424	4,573,485
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 19,489,259	\$ (712,620)	\$ (10,954,357)	\$ (718,546)	\$ (861,900)	\$ 2,558,959	\$ 8,800,795

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2016

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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Year Ended December 31, 2016

1. 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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Year Ended December 31, 2016

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:

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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.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2016

2. (CASH AND	CASH	EQUIVAL	ENTS
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	2016	2015
Cash	\$ 10,349,286	\$ 8,610,326

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, 2016 was NIL (2015 - NIL)

Council has designated funds of \$5,284,387 (2015 - \$4,310,299) included in the above amounts for reserves.

Included in cash is a restricted amount of \$1,030,093 (2015 - \$330,336) comprised of \$64,022 (2015 - \$70,039) of trust liabilities and \$966,071 (2015 - \$260,297) 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

	2016		2015
Current Arrears	\$ 546,294 203,416	\$	428,485 185,958
Subtotal Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	749,710 (68,707)		614,443 (44,858)
	\$ 681,003	· \$	569,585

4. DEBT CHARGES RECOVERABLE

	 2016	 2015
Current debt charges recoverable Non-current debt charges recoverable	\$ 118,516 1,613,952	\$ 112,414 1,732,468
	\$ 1,732,468	\$ 1,844,882

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Year Ended December 31, 2016

DEBT CHARGES RECOVERABLE (continued)

Principal and interest repayments are as follows:

	Pri	ncipal	Interest	 Total
2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 Thereafter		118,516 \$ 124,953 131,742 138,904 146,458 071,895	88,282 81,845 75,056 67,894 60,340 278,213	\$ 206,798 206,798 206,798 206,798 206,798 1,350,108
`	\$ 1	732,468 \$	651,630	\$ 2,384,098

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

	•	2016	 2015
Tax sale surplus	\$	64,022	\$ 70,039

Consists of surplus funds received from land sold at public auction. These funds are payable to the prévious 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.

		2016	 2015
WFLG - Ashmont/Spedden Line MSI - Capital MCS Net prepaid lease FCSS ECD Coalition grant 2017 Enbridge pipelines Subdivision warranty Bridges grant FCSS ECD Coalition grant 2016 FCSS 2016 funding - Town of Elk Point ACP - Municipal Intern	\$	440,911 393,761 79,625 22,500 15,000 10,000 3,514 760	\$ 64,241 57,218 91,000 - 10,000 3,514 22,500 733 11,091
	\$_	966,071	\$ 260,297

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 2017.

7.	LONG TERM DEBT		
		2016	2015
	Self supported debentures Utility supported debentures	\$ 10,521,154 903,796	\$ 11,248,863 125,108
		\$ 11,424,950	\$ 11,373,971

Principal and interest repayments are as follows:

	Principal Interest		Total		
2017 2018 2019 2020 2021	\$ 814,65 843,06 836,26 840,16 871,04	51 09 52 14	411,568 374,352 343,147 313,336 282,454	\$	1,226,224 1,217,413 1,179,356 1,153,498 1,153,498
Thereafter	7,219,8°	8	1,353,321		8,573,139
	\$ 11,424,9	50 \$	3,078,178	\$	14,503,128

Debenture debt is repayable to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority and the Toronto-Dominion Bank and bears interest at rates ranging from 1.45% to 5.875% per annum, matures in periods 2019 through 2046. The average annual interest rate is 3.60% (2015 - 3.68%).

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

Interest on long term debt amounted to \$391,998 (2015 - \$435,679).

The municipality's total cash payments for interest were \$407,054 (2015 - \$456,553).

8. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	Opening Balance	Additions / Amortization	Disposals / Adjustments	Closing Balance
COST			A (17 704)	A 7.040.000
Land	\$ 7,745,865	\$ 248,198	\$ (47,734)	
Land improvements	475,794	100,484		576,278
Buildings	8,238,105	669,763	(119,519)	8,788,349
Machinery and equipment	21,518,961	4,313,426	(2,712,610)	23,119,777
Vehicles	7,557,226	1,279,132	(630,092)	8,206,266
Engineered structures	112,932,182	248,012	_	113,180,194
Work in progress	657,607	7,896,900	(57,659)	8,496,848
	159,125,740	14,755,915	(3,567,614)	170,314,041
ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION				
Land improvements	175,212	26,460	-	201,672
Buildings	1,211,421	169,804	(35,509)	1,345,716
Machinery and equipment	7,177,753	1,320,921	(979,012)	7,519,662
Vehicles	3,580,254	513,922	(558,177)	3,535,999
Engineered structures	52,418,676	2,886,863		55,305,539
Angrico di de di d	64,563,316	4,917,970	(1,572,698)	67,908,588
	\$ 94,562,424	\$ 9,837,945	\$ (1,994,916)	\$102,405,453

9. INVENTORY FOR CONSUMPTION

	2016		2015	
Public Works gravel Public Works coldmix Public Works sand and salt Public Works miscellaneous Agricultural services	148 391	530 103	933,040 97,850 124,355 409,638 28,122	
	\$ 3,089	049 \$	1,593,005	

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.10. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

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

\$			
\$			
	6,050,585	\$	5,573,950
-	8,800,795		5,055,292
	(1,529,196)		(2,727,352)
			2,438,194
			-
			(3,553,772)
	(7,843,029)		(735,727)
	6,294,194		6,050,585
	4,310,299		4,021,141
			2,727,352
	(555,108)		(2,438,194)
	E 004 207		4 240 200
	5,204,367		4,310,299
	85,756,216		81,466,717
			5,947,066
	(2,069,653)		(345,491)
	74,737		(122,609)
	(4,917,970)		(4,743,239)
	(1,897,525)		_
-	1,637,594	_	3,553,772
	93,339,314		85,756,216
\$1	04,917,895	\$	96,117,100
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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:

	2016	2015
Total debt limit Total debt (including loan guarantees)	\$ 51,756,375 (9,814,185)	\$ 42,696,677 (9,636,530)
Amount of debt limit unused	\$ 41,942,190	\$ 33,060,147
Debt servicing limit Debt servicing	\$ 8,626,063 (1,019,426)	\$ 7,116,113 (2,190,076)
Amount of debt servicing limit unused	\$ 7,606,637	\$ 4,926,037

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:

					enefits &				
			Salary	Al	lowances		2016		2015
Reeve	Upham	\$	61,886	\$	6,233	\$	68,119	\$	70,177
Councilors	Amyotte	Ψ.	49,441	•	5,514	·	54,955	•	49,878
Oddiolois	Dach		58,951		4,210		63,161		68,064
	Fodness		49,666		5,547		55,213		56,110
•	Martin		50,336		5,597		55,933		59,060
	Ockerman		32,106		4,663		36,769		40,019
	Sloan		35,531		3,173		38,704		45,653
Administrator	Kitz		170,000		33,543		203,543		201,473
Assessor	1 Clans		-		<u>.</u>		_		104,733
Agriculture			37,793		8,532		46,325		45,860
Subdivision			38,938		8,790		47,728		47,250
Development			94,300		22,478		116,778		113,204
Deputy Development			70,807		18,893		89,700		87,792
Emergency Management			111,269		24,279		135,548		-

- 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.

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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 2016 were \$717,212 (2015 - \$681,284). Total current service contributions by the employees of the municipality to the Local Authorities Pension Plan in 2016 were \$660,510 (2015 - \$627,614).

At December 31, 2015, the LAPP disclosed an actuarial deficiency of \$923,416 million.

14. COMMITMENTS AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to year end, the County has committed to purchase equipment at a net cost of \$621,659.

The County has committed to completing a new water transmission line from Spedden to Ashmont. As of December 31, 2016, the project is estimated to be 90% complete. An additional \$440,000 in expenditures has been budgeted to complete the project. No further borrowing will be required.

The County has committed to completing a lagoon refurbishment. As of December 31, 2016, the project is estimated to be 85% complete. An additional \$450,000 in expenditures has been budgeted to complete the project. No further borrowing will be required.

The County has received a grant to complete a water transmission line from Ashmont to Mallaig. The County is currently working on the requirements for an inter-basin transfer as the water that currently comes to Ashmont is from the North Saskatchewan River Basin, and Mallaig is in the Beaver River Water Basin. The County has signed agreements for engineering the water line and consulting for the inter-basin transfer estimated at \$505,000 for 2017.

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, 2016, are as follows:

2017	\$	21,794
2018		19,239
2019		12,744
2020	_	11,520
2021		404
	\$	65,701

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, 2016, the line of credit balance was \$32,710 (2015 - \$214,883), therefore the County's guarantee would be limited to \$16,355.

The County has guaranteed one half of a prime plus 2.0% Servus Credit Union term loan for the Elk Point Regional Allied Arts Society. As at December 31, 2016, the loan balance was \$210,696, therefore the County's guarantee would be limited to \$105,348.

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.