

Consolidated Financial Statements

Municipality of the District of Clare

March 31, 2020

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Independent Auditor's Report

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To the Warden and Members of the Council Municipality of the District of Clare

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Municipality of the District of Clare (the "Municipality"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2020, and the consolidated statements of operations, changes in net financial assets and cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Municipality of the District of Clare as at March 31, 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards.

Our audit was conducted for the purposes of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole. The consolidated schedules of statements of operations on pages 23 to 27 are presented for purposes of additional information and are not a required part of the consolidated financial statements. Such information has been subjected to auditing procedures applied, only to the extent necessary to express an opinion, in the audit of the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

Basis for Opinion

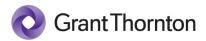
We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Municipality in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated 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 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.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Municipality's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to a going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Municipality or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative to do so.

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



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal 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 Municipality'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 Municipality'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 consolidated 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 Municipality to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including
 the disclosures, and whether the consolidated 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.

Cract Thornton LLP

Yarmouth, Canada September 16, 2020 **Chartered Professional Accountants**

Municipality of the District of Clare Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

March 31, 2020

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and the integrity and objectivity of these statements are management's responsibility. Management is also responsible for all of the notes to the consolidated financial statements and schedules, and for ensuring that this information is consistent, where appropriate, with the information contained in the consolidated financial statements. A summary of the significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements. The preparation of financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgment, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods

Management is also responsible for implementing and maintaining a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that reliable financial information is produced. The internal controls are designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and recorded in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements, and reliable financial information is available on a timely basis for preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

The Municipal Councilors are responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control, and exercises these responsibilities through the Council. The Council reviews external audited consolidated financial statements yearly. The Council also discusses any significant financial reporting or internal control matters prior to their approval of the consolidated financial statements.

The external auditors, Grant Thornton LLP, conduct an independent examination, in accordance with Canadian auditing standards, and express their opinion on the consolidated financial statements. The external auditors have full and free access to financial management of the Municipality of the District of Clare and meet when required. The accompanying Auditor's Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the consolidated financial statements.

On behalf of The Municipality of the District of Clare

Ronnie LeBlanc

Warden

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Chief Admir istrative Officer

Municipality of the District of Clare Consolidated Statement of Operations

Year Ended March 31		2020	2019
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenue			
Taxes	\$ 5,375,607	\$ 5,560,393	\$ 5,254,063
Grants in lieu of taxes	138,799	138,801	139,168
Services provided to other governments	321,636	308,461	337,041
Other revenue from own sources	587,856	575,311	688,019
Unconditional transfers from other			0.50.500
governments	451,884	399,450	352,593
Conditional transfers from federal and provincial governments and agencies	125,000	667,450	718,984
Interest	128,500	231,496	185,645
Other	-	<u>375,650</u>	132,235
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	<u>7,129,282</u>	<u>8,257,012</u>	7,807,748
Expenses			
General government services	1,408,989	1,865,451	1,332,379
Protective services	1,819,035	1,797,792	1,791,586
Transportation services	102,111	114,347	95,890
Environmental health services	1,789,567	1,786,891	1,679,911
Public health and welfare services	713,347	659,230	647,091
Environmental development services Recreational and cultural services	269,856 045,356	226,105	241,566
Recreational and cultural services	<u>945,356</u>	<u>950,015</u>	977,633
	<u>7,048,261</u>	<u>7,399,831</u>	<u>6,766,056</u>
Annual surplus before the undernoted	81,021	857,181	1,041,692
Gain on disposal of			
tangible capital assets			83,966
Annual surplus	\$ 81,021	857,181	1,125,658
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year		14,778,340	13,652,682
Accumulated surplus, end of year		<u>\$15,635,521</u>	\$14,778,340

Municipality of the District of Clare Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

March 31		2020		2019
Financial Assets				
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Cash – restricted (Note 7)	\$	363,320	\$	307,830
Cash – unrestricted		6,283,785		5,650,330
Receivables				440 550
Taxes (Note 3)		365,046		416,550
Special assessments (Note 4)		7,781		7,670
Due from Federal Government and its agencies		43,715		180,907
Due from own agencies - Fire Department (Note 14)		215,070		272,340
Other receivables (Note 5)		481,322		52,704
Assets held for resale		30,000		30,000
Pension asset (Note 12)	_		_	24,701
		7,790,039		6,943,032
Financial Liabilities				
Payables and accruals		430,806		551,031
Prepayment of taxes		110,037		77,268
Landfill closure (Note 15)		303,336		303,336
Long-term debt (Note 16)		2,153,169		2,360,353
Deferred revenue		1,158,994		982,062
Other – tax sale surplus (Note 7)		316,750	_	261,596
	_	4,473,092	_	4,535,646
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	_	3,316,947	_	2,407,386
Non-Financial Assets				
Tangible capital assets (Note 17)		12,318,574	_	12,370,954
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ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	<u>a</u>	15,635,521	<u> </u>	14,778,340

Commitments (Note 8) Subsequent event (Note 20)

On behalf of the Municipality of the District of Clare

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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Municipality of the District of Clare Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets

Year Ended March 31	Budget		2020	2019
Annual surplus	\$ 81,021	\$	857,181	\$ 1,125,658
Acquisition of tangible capital assets Proceeds on disposal of	(820,927)		(463,883)	(1,625,774)
tangible capital assets	-		-	209,113
Amortization of tangible capital assets	516,263		516,263	454,607
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	 -	_		(83,966)
(Decrease) increase in net financial assets	\$ (223,643)		909,561	79,638
Net financial assets, beginning of year			2,407,386	2,327,748
Net financial assets, end of year		<u>\$</u>	3,316,947	\$ 2,407,386

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Municipality of the District of Clare Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow

Year Ended March 31		2020	2019
Increase in cash and cash equivalents			
Operating activities			
Annual surplus	\$	857,181	\$ 1,125,658
Change in non-cash items			
Amortization		516,263	454,607
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets		-	(83,966)
Taxes receivable		51,504	128,428
Special assessments		(111)	15,375
Due from Federal Government and its agencies		137,192	(42,421)
Due from own agencies – Fire Department		57,270	103,453
Other receivables		(428,618)	42,946
Assets held for resale		-	(30,000)
Pension asset		24,701	-
Payables and accruals		(120,225)	(119,188)
Prepayment of taxes		32,769	6,783
Deferred revenue		176,932	134,259
Other - tax sale surplus		55,154	13,287
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Capital activities	_	1,360,012	1,749,221
Purchase of tangible capital assets		(463,883)	(1,625,774)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets		(403,003)	209,113
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	_	(463,883)	(1,416,661)
Financing activities			
Proceeds on issuance of long-term debt		_	1,827,018
Repayment of long-term debt		(207,184)	(1,428,333)
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		(207,184)	<u>398,685</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		688,945	731,245
Cash and cash equivalents			
Beginning of year	_	5,958,160	5,226,915
End of year	\$	6,647,105	\$ 5,958,160
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Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of:			
Restricted cash	\$	363,320	\$ 307,830
Unrestricted cash	_	6,283,785	5,650,330
	\$	6,647,105	\$ 5,958,160
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1. Summary of significant accounting policies

The consolidated financial statements of the Municipality of the District of Clare (the "Municipality") are the representations of management prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for local governments, as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board ("PSAB") of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada.

The focus of PSAB financial statements is on the financial position of the Municipality and the changes thereto. The Consolidated Statement of Financial Position includes all of the assets and liabilities of the Municipality.

Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Municipality are as follows:

Reporting entity

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances and in financial position of the reporting entity. The reporting entity is comprised of all organizations and enterprises accountable for the administration of their affairs and resources to the Municipality and which are owned or controlled by the Municipality.

Interdepartmental and organizational transactions and balances are eliminated.

Basis of accounting

The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues as they become available and measurable. Expenditures are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation.

Budget figures

The budget figures contained in these consolidated financial statements were approved by Council on April 17, 2019 in its original fiscal plan; they also have recorded additional adjustments in accordance with PSAB requirements. Note 19 outlines the original fiscal plan and the adjustments made to come to the budget figures shown in these consolidated financial statements.

Revenue recognition

(a) Tax revenue is property tax billings which are prepared by the Municipality based on assessment rolls issued by the Province of Nova Scotia. Tax rates are established annually by Municipal Council. Taxation revenues are recorded at the time tax billings are issued. Assessments and the related property taxes are subject to appeal. Any supplementary billing adjustments made necessary by the determination of such changes will be recognized in the fiscal year they are determined.

The Municipality is entitled to collect interest and penalties on overdue taxes. These revenues are recorded in the period the interest and penalties are levied.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Revenue recognition (continued)

- (b) Government transfers are transfers of monetary assets or tangible capital assets from a government to an individual, an organization or another government that are not the result of an exchange transaction, expected to be repaid in the future or expected to produce a direct financial return. Government transfers received are recognized in the financial statements as revenue when the transfers are authorized and all eligibility criteria have been met except when there is a stipulation that gives rise to an obligation that meets the definition of a liability. In that case, the transfer is recorded as a liability and recognized as revenue as the stipulations are met.
- (c) Landfill and recycling center tipping fees Revenue is recorded when the service is rendered and therefore no further obligations exist.
- (d) Other revenue is recorded when it is earned.

Expenses

- (a) Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation.
- (b) Government transfers made to a recipient by the Municipality are recorded as an expense when they are authorized and the recipient meets all eligibility criteria.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, balances with banks and short term deposits with original maturities of three months or less. Bank borrowings are considered to be financing activities.

Valuation allowance

The Municipality provides a valuation allowance for estimated losses that will be incurred in collecting taxes, rates outstanding, and other receivables.

Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets and projects in progress are recorded at cost which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. Funds received through capital assistance programs, cost-sharing arrangements or loan forgiveness are treated as revenue in the year they are earned.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Tangible capital assets (continued)

Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use. Funding related to the purchase of capital assets is recorded as revenue when received. Donated assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at time of acquisition. The Municipality does not capitalize interest as part of the costs of its capital assets.

Amortization for capital assets is presented in the financial statements and is calculated on a straight-line basis over an asset's estimated useful life less any residual value as follows:

Land improvements	25 years
Buildings	40 years
Plants	25 years
Machinery and equipment	5-15 years
Vehicles	5 years
Streets, roads and curbs	30 years
Sidewalks	20 years
Sewer lines	50 years
Leasehold improvements	5 years
Computer software	5 years

Use of estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards requires management to make estimates that effect the amounts recorded in the financial statements. Management reviews the carrying amounts of items in the financial statements at each fiscal year end date to assess the need for revisions. Items in preparation of these consolidated financial statements require management's best estimate based on assumptions that reflect the most probably set of economic conditions and planned courses of action.

These estimates are reviewed periodically and adjustments are made to annual surplus as appropriate in the year they become known.

Significant items subject to management estimates include:

Financial statement element
Taxes receivable
Payables and accruals
Tangible capital assets
Landfill closure

Management estimate
Allowance for doubtful accounts
Accrued liability
Useful lives
Landfill liability

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Liability for contaminated sites

Contaminated sites are a result of contamination being introduced into air, soil, water or sediment of a chemical, organic or radioactive material or live organism that exceeds an environmental standard. The liability is recorded net of any expected recoveries. A liability for remediation of contaminated sites is recognized when all of the following criteria are met:

- an environmental standard exists;
- contamination exceeds the environmental standard;
- the Municipality is directly responsible and accepts responsibility;
- it is expected that the 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 remediation activities including post remediation operations, maintenance and monitoring.

Segmented information

The Municipality of the District of Clare is a diversified municipal unit that provides a wide range of services to its citizens. For management reporting purposes the Municipality's operations and activities are organized and reported by fund. Funds were created for the purpose of recording specific activities to attain certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations.

Municipal services are provided by departments and their activity is reported in these funds. The services provided by these departments are as follows.

General Government Services

This department is responsible for the overall financial and local government administration. Its tasks include tax billings and payments, accounts payable and receivables, budgets and financial statements, the Municipal Government Act, administration and maintenance of bylaws and change of address.

Protective Services

This department is responsible for ensuring the safety of the residents. Its tasks include bylaw enforcement, animal control, emergency measures and maintaining the radio dispatch system.

Transportation Services

This department is responsible for transportation services within the Municipality. Its tasks include maintaining sidewalks and street lighting.

Environmental Health Services

This department is responsible for the maintenance and operations of waste and sewer services provided to residents and other customers. Its tasks include recycling, composting and sewer hook-up.

Public Health and Welfare Services

This department is responsible for recruiting doctors and maintaining a consistent level of medical services within the Municipality.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Segmented information (continued)

Environmental Development Services

This department is responsible for the planning and development within the Municipality. Its tasks include developing strategies and planning reports, issuing development permits and approving subdivision applications.

Recreation and Cultural Services

This department is responsible for promoting and offering recreation opportunities and activities to the Municipality's residents.

2. Contributions to Boards and Commissions

Boards in which the Municipality has less than a vested interest

The Municipality of the District of Clare is required to finance the operations of various Boards and Commissions, along with other Municipal Units based on assessment or population formula.

In addition to any budgeted contributions, the Municipal Units share in the deficits or surpluses of these Boards based on their sharing percentages. A Municipal Unit's share of the deficit is to be paid in the next fiscal year while a surplus is to be taken into the next year's estimates.

Regional Housing Authority - 10% Interest

During the year, the Municipality of the District of Clare has accrued \$38,841 (2019 - \$30,498) as owing to the Regional Housing Authority to fund its share of the deficit.

Regional Library - 14.7% Interest

During the year, the Municipality of the District of Clare paid \$53,377 (2019 - \$53,377) to the Regional Library. Grants from the provincial government pertaining to the Regional Library are received directly by the Library commencing in 1988.

Western Regional Solid Waste Resource Management Authority (Waste Check)

During the year, the Municipality contributed \$23,386 (2019 - \$23,433) as its share of the operation of The Western Regional Solid Waste Resource Management Authority.

Western Regional Enterprise Network – 16.67% Interest

During the year, the Municipality contributed \$45,621 (2019 - \$45,621) as its share of the operation of the Western Regional Enterprise Network.

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3. Taxes receivable	Current year	Prior years	<u>2020</u> Total	<u>2019</u> Total
Balance, beginning of year Current year's tax levy	\$ - 6,811,464	\$ 416,550	\$ 416,550 6,811,464	\$ 544,978 6,702,408
Interest	106,346	446.550	106,346	83,253
Deduct	6,917,810	416,550	7,334,360	7,330,639
Current year's collections Reduced taxes	6,454,662 127,325	327,327 60,000	6,781,989 <u>187,325</u>	6,760,528 <u>93,561</u>
Dalanca hafara allawanaa	6,581,987	387,327	6,969,314	6,854,089
Balance, before allowance Less: valuation allowance	335,823 	29,223 	365,046 	476,550 <u>60,000</u>
Balance, end of year	\$ 335,823	\$ 29,223	\$ 365,046	\$ 416,550
4. Special assessments			<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Meteghan sewer Frontage			\$ 1,620	\$ 1,606
Service			<u>5,348</u> 6,968	<u>4,909</u> 6,515
Belliveau's Cove sewer Service				600
Church Point sewer Service			<u>735</u>	<u>555</u>
			<u>\$ 7,781</u>	\$ 7,670

User fees are assessed to ratepayers connected to the sewer systems. Revenue is included in income when collected. Capital fees are assessed to ratepayers in Meteghan, Church Point and Belliveau's Cove. As capital fees on the sewer system are received, they will be transferred to the Capital Reserve of the Municipality.

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5. Other receivables	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Landfill tipping fees Deed transfer tax Other	\$ 34,345 5,367 <u>441,610</u>	\$ 25,181 2,807 24,716
	\$ 481,322	\$ 52,704

6. School capital fund

On January 1, 1982, the Municipality of the District of Clare joined with the Municipality of the District of Argyle to form the Conseil Scolaire-Clare Argyle-School Board. During the 1996-1997 year, these schools came under the operational control of either the Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial or the Southwestern Regional School Board. Under agreements with these school boards, all school buildings on hand at December 31, 1981 remain assets of the Municipality, but will be under the operational control of the district school boards until such time as the board no longer requires the assets for school purposes.

Under the Public Sector Accounting policies for Tangible Capital Assets these schools are not considered property of the Municipality and therefore have not been recorded in their accounting records.

7. Tax sale surplus

Cash proceeds from tax sales in excess of the arrears taxes receivable are deposited in a separate bank account and are restricted for a period of 20 years.

8. Commitments

Organic waste collection and disposal contract

On May 30, 2016 the Municipality accepted a five year tender with Waste Co Ltd. to provide refuse collection and disposal services. There is one year left in this contract and the fees for the service are \$546,150.

Internet contract

On February 7, 2020 the Municipality accepted a 4 year agreement to provide funding to Mainland Telecom Inc. to aide in the implementation and execution of their high-speed internet project. The funding to be provided over the next 3 years is as follows:

Year ending March 31, 2021	\$1,000,000
Year ending March 31, 2022	\$ 450,000
Year ending March 31, 2023	\$ 400,000

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8. Commitments (continued)

Belliveau Cove wharf repairs

The Belliveau Cove wharf has suffered damage as a result of winter storm surges. The wharf will be encapsulated with armor stone to serve as a breakwater. The total repair cost is estimated at \$394,125 plus HST by B & G Lombard Ltd. The insurance is covering \$297,500 plus HST of the repair costs, with the remaining balance being paid 50% by the Municipality and 50% by a grant from the Province of Nova Scotia. No contract has been signed, however the Municipality's council has approved the project. The work is estimated to begin in October 2020.

9. Remuneration and expense reimbursements

The total remuneration and expense reimbursements paid to councilors and the Chief Administrative Officer during the year ended March 31, 2020 were as follows:

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Ronnie LeBlanc - Warden Nil Doucet - Deputy Warden Daniel Hill - Councilor Hector Thibault - Councilor Eric Pothier - Councilor Yvon LeBlanc - Councilor Brian Comeau - Councilor Carl Deveau - Councilor	\$ 	35,448 25,118 22,277 22,277 22,277 22,277 22,277 22,277	\$	4,248 4,052 1,491 537 2,759 2,388 240 2,855
	\$	194,228	\$	18,570
Administrative employee Stéphane Cyr - Chief Administrative Officer	\$	<u>Salaries</u> 113,846	<u>E</u> : \$	xpenses 6,032

10. Uncollectible taxes

The Municipal policy on uncollectible taxes requires management to provide a reasonable estimate of amounts considered as uncollectible. Current year valuation allowances for taxes receivable were estimated at \$nil (2019 - \$60,000) and have been applied against taxes.

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11. Defined contribution pension plan

During the year the Municipality contributed \$70,387 (2019 - \$61,383) to their employees defined contribution pension plans. As of March 31, 2020, there were no required future contributions in respect of past service and all contributions required under the plan had been funded.

12. Defined benefit pension plan

The Municipality of the District of Clare sponsored a contributory defined benefit pension plan for a retired Municipal Clerk. The plan provided pension benefits for services after August 1, 1975, with benefits determined using a final average salary formula in which the benefit was calculated as a specified percentage of the member's average salary over the last five years of membership in the plans.

Actuarial valuations for accounting purposes were performed triennially using the projected unit credit method. The most recent actuarial valuation was prepared at March 31, 2017 and at that time the pension plan had an accrued benefit asset of \$24,701.

During the year, the retired Municipal Clerk passed away with no living spouse and the plan was wound up.

As at March 31, 2020, the Municipality is no longer obligated to the pension plan. The Municipality received a payout of \$400,351, subsequent to year end, equal to the market value of the pension plan assets at the date of expiry of the Municipality's obligation to the pension plan. The Municipality has recorded the recovery as revenue and removed the \$24,701 pension plan asset, resulting in a net recovery of \$375,650, which is recorded in other revenue.

13. Line of credit

The Municipality has an operating line of credit at the Caisse populaire de Clare in the amount of \$800,000. As of March 31, 2020 it was not drawn on (2019 – \$nil).

14. Due from fire departments

The annual area rates collected in excess of capital expenditures can be used to reduce the balance owing from the fire departments, while capital expenditure in excess of the area rates increase the debt. During the year, the Municipality's area rate collections were in excess of capital expenditures and \$57,270 was applied against the receivable. The ending balance for March 31, 2020 is \$215,070 (2019 - \$272,340). The debt does not bear interest.

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15. Reserves

The following are the balances of the non-consolidated reserves at the end of the year:

Capital	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Landfill Other	\$ 25,403 	\$ 20,498 <u>3,129,099</u>
	3,092,678	3,149,597
Operating	2,334,456	1,306,557
	<u>\$ 5,427,134</u>	<u>\$ 4,456,154</u>

The reserves funds represent accumulated monies set aside for future use of the Municipality. Expenditures by the operating and landfill reserves are subject to approval by council. Expenditures made by the capital reserve are restricted to items that are capital in nature.

The Municipality operated a landfill which closed on December 31, 2005. As of March 31, 2020, the Municipality has a recorded liability in the amount of \$303,336 and the funds required to fulfill this commitment have been set aside. A determination of the cost to complete this closure was based on information obtained by management which includes the final capping of the site, as well as, annual maintenance costs. As the site is closed the expenditures will reduce the landfill liability as appropriate.

16. Long-term debt		ance oril 1,			Balance March 31,	
		<u>2019</u>	<u>Issued</u>	(Repaid)	2020	<u>Interest</u>
Municipal Finance Corporation, 2.266% to 3.489%, due 2029	\$ 533	3,335 \$	-	\$ (53,333)	\$ 480,002	\$ 15,166
Municipal Finance Corporation, 2.49% to 3.389%, due 2029	577	7 ,018	-	(28,851)	548,167	37,521
Municipal Finance Corporation, 2.49% to 3.389%, due 2029	1,25(0,00 <u>0</u>	<u>-</u>	 (125,000)	_1,125,000	 18,982
	\$ 2,360),353 \$	_	\$ (207,184)	\$2,153,169	\$ 71,669

Principal payments on long-term debt required during the next five years are as follows:

Year ending March 31, 2021	\$ 207,184
Year ending March 31, 2022	207,184
Year ending March 31, 2023	207,184
Year ending March 31, 2024	207,184
Year ending March 31, 2025	207,184

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17. Tangible capital assets

	<u>Land</u>	Land <u>Improvements</u>	Buildings	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Sidewalk</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
Cost Balance, beginning of year Acquisition of tangible capital assets Disposal of tangible capital assets	\$ 205,065 131,606	\$ 968,658 28,533	\$ 8,232,760 54,359	\$ 1,434,665 - 	\$ 322,815 - 	\$ 7,515,132 103,791
Balance, end of year	336,671	<u>997,191</u>	8,287,119	1,434,665	<u>322,815</u>	7,618,923
Accumulated amortization Balance, beginning of year Annual amortization Disposal of tangible capital assets	- - 	518,527 38,890 	2,395,714 206,499 	1,434,665 - 	322,815 - 	2,248,708 149,448
Balance, end of year		557,417	2,602,213	<u>1,434,665</u>	322,815	2,398,156
Net book value of tangible capital assets	\$ 336,671	\$ 439,774	\$ 5,684,906	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,220,767

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17. Tangible capital assets (continued)

	Equipment <u>& Machinery</u>	Computer <u>Software</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Leaseholds</u>	2020 <u>Total</u>	2019 <u>Total</u>
Cost Balance, beginning of year Acquisition of tangible capital assets Disposal of tangible capital assets	\$ 1,731,209 52,167	\$ 58,996 93,427	\$ 175,904 - 	\$ 1,593,294 - 	\$ 22,238,498 463,883 	\$ 20,847,376 1,625,774 (234,652)
Balance, end of year	1,783,376	<u> 152,423</u>	175,904	1,593,294	22,702,381	22,238,498
Accumulated amortization Balance, beginning of year Annual amortization Disposal of tangible capital assets	1,147,014 98,913 	57,117 10,595 	149,690 11,918 	1,593,294 - 	9,867,544 516,263 	9,522,442 454,607 (109,515)
Balance, end of year	1,245,927	67,712	<u> 161,608</u>	1,593,294	10,383,807	9,867,544
Net book value of tangible capital assets	\$ 537,449	\$ 84,711	\$ 14,296	<u> </u>	<u>\$ 12,318,574</u>	\$ 12,370,954

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18. Segment disclosure

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	General <u>Government</u>	<u>Protective</u>	<u>Transport.</u>	Environ. <u>Health</u>	Public Health <u>& Welfare</u>	Environ. <u>Develop.</u>	Recreation & Culture	2020 <u>Total</u>	2019 <u>Total</u>
Revenue									
Taxes	\$1,401,741	\$1,350,899	\$ 85,923	\$1,342,709	\$ 495,360	\$ 169,900	\$ 713,861	\$5,560,393	\$5,254,063
Grants in lieu of taxes	34,991	33,722	2,145	33,517	12,365	4,241	17,820	138,801	139,168
Services provided to other governments	-	-	-	308,461	-	-	-	308,461	337,041
Other revenue from own sources	395,980	-	-	-	-	-	179,331	575,311	688,019
Unconditional transfers from									
other governments	278,191	-	-	-	84,016	-	37,243	399,450	352,593
Conditional transfers from federal and									
provincial governments and agencies	667,450	-	-	-	-	-	-	667,450	718,984
Interest	231,496	-	-	-	-	-	-	231,496	185,645
Other	<u>375,650</u>				-			<u>375,650</u>	<u>132,235</u>
	_3,385,499	1,384,621	88,068	1,684,687	591,741	<u>174,141</u>	948,255	8,257,012	7,807,748
Expenses									
Salaries and benefits	636,082	137,986	-	254,323	355,785	160,018	207,828	1,752,022	1,709,623
Goods and services	1,165,426	1,643,502	114,347	1,240,693	180,318	66,087	649,504	5,059,877	4,510,993
Amortization	63,943	1,138	-	291,875	104,146	-	55,161	516,263	454,607
Interest	-	15,166			18,981		37,522	71,669	90,833
	<u>1,865,451</u>	1,797,792	114,347	1,786,891	659,230	226,105	950,015	7,399,831	6,766,056
Annual surplus (deficit)									
before the undernoted	1,520,048	(413,171)	(26,279)	(102,204)	(67,489)	(51,964)	(1,760)	857,181	1,041,692
Gain (loss) on disposal of tangible capital assets					<u>-</u>		-		<u>83,966</u>
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$1,520,048	\$ (413,171)	\$ (26,279)	\$ (102,204)	\$ (67,489)	\$ (51,964)	\$ (1,760)	\$ 857,181	\$1,125,658

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19. Budget figures

Public Sector Accounting Standards require a comparison of the results for the period with those originally planned on the same basis as that used for actual results. The fiscal plan in the statement of operations and statement of changes in net assets has been adjusted to be on a consistent basis as actual results. Below is a reconciliation of the figures from the approved fiscal plan to the fiscal plan per the financial statements:

			Fiscal Plan
	Approved	A P	Per Financial
	<u>Fiscal Plan</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statements</u>
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 7,789,061	\$ (2,413,454)	\$ 5,375,607
Grants in lieu of taxes	138,799	-	138,799
Services provided to other governments	321,636	-	321,636
Other revenue from own sources	716,356	(128,500)	587,856
Unconditional transfers from other			
governments	451,884	-	451,884
Conditional transfers from federal and			
provincial governments and agencies	-	125,000	125,000
Interest		128,500	128,500
	9,417,736	(2,288,454)	7,129,282
Expenditures			
General government services	1,570,046	(161,057)	1,408,989
Protective services	2,208,387	(389,352)	1,819,035
Transportation services	102,111	-	102,111
Environmental health services	1,497,692	291,875	1,789,567
Public health and welfare services	561,330	152,017	713,347
Environmental development services	269,856	-	269,856
Recreational and cultural services	862,380	82,976	945,356
Education	1,785,321	(1,785,321)	-
Transfers to other agencies	560,613	(560,613)	
	9,417,736	(2,369,475)	7,048,261
Annual surplus before the undernoted	-	81,021	81,021
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	_	_	
Annual surplus	<u> -</u>	\$ 81,021	\$ 81,021

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20. Subsequent event

Since March 31, 2020, the spread of COVID-19 has severely impacted many local economies around the globe. In many countries, including Canada, businesses are being forced to cease or limit operations for long or indefinite periods of time. Measures taken to contain the spread of the virus, including travel bans, quarantines, social distancing, and closures of nonessential services have triggered significant disruptions to businesses worldwide, resulting in an economic slowdown. Global stock markets have also experienced great volatility and a significant weakening. Governments and central banks have responded with monetary and fiscal interventions to stabilize economic conditions.

As a result of COVID-19, Council has opted to provide property tax relief options for residents, including an extension on the payment deadlines and reduction of interest. Management and Council also delayed bringing eligible properties to tax sale. Options for controlling expenditures where available are being examined. Thus, revenue and expenditures for March 31, 2021 could be less than 2020, however, an exact impact cannot be estimated at this time.

The Municipality has determined that any events related to COVID-19 are non-adjusting subsequent events. Accordingly, the financial position and results of operations as of and for the year ended March 31, 2020 have not been adjusted to reflect their impact. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the effectiveness of government and central bank responses, remains unclear at this time. It is not possible to reliably estimate the duration and severity of these consequences, as well as their impact on the financial position and results of the Municipality for future periods.

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Ye	ar Ended March 31		2019	
1.	Taxes	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
1.	Assessable property Residential	\$ 4,903,47 <u>5</u>	\$ 4,903,47 <u>5</u>	<u>\$ 4,787,712</u>
	Commercial	1,416,203	1,416,680	1,409,087
	Resource Taxable assessments Forest property tax	456,467	456,467	470,826
	Less than 50,000 acres 50,000 acres or more	24,980 <u>8,462</u> 489,909	24,980 <u>8,462</u> 489,909	25,030 8,458 504,314
	Area rates	400,000		
	Fire – capital equipment Fire – trucks Street lights Sewer	291,742 350,050 22,700 162,000	292,191 350,050 22,732 162,000	286,681 - 22,279 149,050
	Sewei	<u>826,492</u>	826,973	<u>458,010</u>
	Special Assessments Frontage – Belliveau Cove Frontage – Meteghan sewer	6,459 6,459	4,000 8,659 12,659	6,459 6,459
	Business property Based on revenue (Aliant) Nova Scotia Power Corporation Power Corporation (HST rebate)	32,000 5,123 13,000 50,123	29,901 5,123 <u>13,488</u> <u>48,512</u>	34,786 5,925 12,366 53,077
	Other Deed transfer tax	95,000	111,082	101,61 <u>3</u>
	Reduction of tax revenues School board appropriation Reduced taxes Fire Fighting – area rate	(1,785,321) (225,000) (401,733) (2,412,054)	(1,785,321) (127,325) (336,251) (2,248,897)	(1,759,896) (93,561) (212,752) (2,066,209)
		\$ 5,375,607	\$ 5,560,39 <u>3</u>	\$ 5,254,063
2.	Grants in lieu of taxes Federal government Provincial government Property of supported institutions	\$ 21,633	\$ 23,694	\$ 22,112 <u>117,056</u> \$ 139,168

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Ye	ar Ended March 31		2019	
		Budget	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
3.	Services provided to other governments Landfill tipping fees	\$ 321,636	\$ 308,461	\$ 337,041
4.	Other revenue from own sources Fines Rentals Building permits Tourism Registration fees Recreation services Gran Fondo Clare 250 Congrès mondial acadien Miscellaneous	\$ 30,000 284,815 30,000 36,130 50 37,100 154,000	\$ 28,525 302,484 26,844 26,009 180 23,858 139,969 - 13,173 14,269 \$ 575,311	\$ 28,856 309,781 28,592 30,498 100 18,548 145,864 91,130 25,000 9,650 \$ 688,019
5.	Unconditional transfers from other government Provincial government Other grants Tourism Municipal Grants Act (operating) Nova Scotia Health Authority operating grant	\$ 144,783 - 223,087 - 84,014 \$ 451,884	\$ 55,104 37,243 223,087 <u>84,016</u> \$ 399,450	\$ 50,123 10,500 223,087 68,883 \$ 352,593
6.	Conditional transfers from federal and provincial governments and agencies Sewer extensions / upgrades Provincial Gas Tax	\$ - 125,000 \$ 125,000	\$ 85,279 582,171 \$ 667,450	\$ 471,505 247,479 \$ 718,984
7.	Interest Penalties and interest on taxes Return on investments - Operating Return on investments - Reserves and capital	\$ 92,500 36,000 	\$ 112,796 41,012	\$ 91,238 36,576 57,831 \$ 185,645
8.	Other Transfer of Belliveau Cove Firehall Transfer of St. Albert School Pension plan recovery (Note 12)	\$ - - - \$ -	\$ - 375,650 \$ 375,650	\$ 102,235 30,000
То	tal revenues	\$ 7,129,282	\$ 8,257,012	\$ 7,807,748

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	ar Ended March 31		2020	2019
		Budget	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
9.	General government services Legislative			
	Council and committee Conventions	\$ 194,228 30,000	\$ 194,228 18,566	\$ 171,352 <u>25,258</u>
		224,228	212,794	196,610
	General administrative			
	Administrative	737,130	616,712	657,565
	Amortization Taxation	63,943	63,943	53,088
	Administration	28,000	25,976	29,383
	Write-offs Property valuation	-	-	58,400
	assessment services	255,932	255,932	252,765
		1,085,005	962,563	1,051,201
	Other general government services			
	Conventions Grants to other organizations and	23,000	19,295	16,447
	individuals	45,000	39,043	31,332
	General and liability insurance Fiber internet network	31,756	31,756	36,789
	Other	-	600,000 -	-
		99,756	690,094	84,568
		\$ 1,408,989	\$ 1,865,451	\$ 1,332,379
10.	Protective services			
	Law enforcement R.C.M.P. administration	\$ 1,136,453	\$ 1,125,686	\$ 1,116,359
	By-law enforcement	1,000	ў 1,125,000 -	φ 1,110,339 -
	Unsightly premises Correction centres	1,000	440.005	730
	Correction centres	<u>119,885</u>	<u>119,885</u>	120,586
		<u>1,258,338</u>	<u>1,245,571</u>	<u>1,237,675</u>
	Fire protection Fire Fighting Force	301,599	<u>313,843</u>	319,883
	Emergency Measures EMO	15,000	12,286	9,858
	Senior security	37,869	37,869	37,054
	Civic numbering	6,500	834	939
		<u>59,369</u>	<u>50,989</u>	47,851
	Other			
	Amortization Animal and pest control	1,138 21,600	1,138 21,715	443 21,600
	Building inspector	<u> 176,991</u>	<u> 164,536</u>	164,134
		199,729	187,389	186,177
		\$ 1,819,035	\$ 1,797,792	\$ 1,791,586

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Year Ended March 31			2020	2019
11. Transportation services		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Sidewalk maintenance Street lighting Public transit Engineering roads	\$	54,411 22,700 25,000	\$ 60,750 19,842 25,000 8,755	\$ 51,189 21,701 23,000
	\$	102,111	\$ 114,347	\$ 95,890
12. Environmental health services Public works Treatment plant operations - Meteghan Treatment plant operations - Church Poir Treatment plant operations - Belliveau Co Amortization Garbage and waste collection and dispos	ove	22,853 137,969 18,150 17,950 291,875	\$ 22,694 153,539 19,348 16,576 291,875	\$ 16,674 135,837 17,452 18,695 262,405 438,543
Blue bag sorting Dump operation Queens tipping fees Regional solid waste management Organic processing Landfill closure costs Western Regional Solid Waste Resource Management Authority		105,000 229,166 355,000 10,000 70,000 47,700 23,433 1,789,567	104,099 224,777 354,854 11,934 68,104 35,234 23,386 \$ 1,786,891	103,930 194,421 347,368 12,309 65,961 42,883 23,433 \$ 1,679,911
13. Public health and welfare services Deficit of Tri-County Housing Authority Interest expense Other health Amortization Clare Health Centre Doctor recruitment	\$ 	35,200 12,671 104,146 546,330 15,000 713,347	\$ 38,841 17,581 104,146 492,119 6,543 \$ 659,230	\$ 30,498 - 104,146 510,447 2,000 \$ 647,091
14. Environmental development services Planning and zoning Regional Development Authority Sub-division regulations Economic/community development By-law planning	\$ 	4,000 45,621 2,000 213,235 5,000 269,856	\$ 2,844 45,621 3,765 171,276 2,599 \$ 226,105	\$ 438 45,621 1,875 189,488 4,144 \$ 241,566

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Year Ended March 31 2019 **Budget** <u>Actual</u> Actual 15. Recreation and cultural services 216,091 210,536 195,430 Administration Amortization 55,161 55,161 34,525 Cultural sponsorships 43,897 43,897 27,000 Congrès mondial acadien 10,000 19,926 29,134 Gran Fondo 169,000 141,563 150,591 Clare 250 116,876 Société Historique 823 823 805 198.751 Tourism 213.915 219.677 Transfers to regional libraries 53,377 53,377 53,377 Veteran Centre 40,661 37,372 43,261 Municipal parks 14.568 16,571 19,911 Meteghan Library 32,825 33,768 32,191 Havelock Community Centre 1,539 4,300 2,486 Former schools 7,132 13,214 7,310 **Cultural Hub** 22,102 16,338 22,500 Eco park 44,585 36,131 25,206 St. Bernard Community Hall **27,815** 37,521 19,984 \$ 945,356 \$ 950,015 \$ 977,633 Total expenses \$ 7,048,261 \$ 7,399,831 \$ 6,766,056