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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Council, Inhabitants and Ratepayers of The Corporation of the County of Essex

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of the Corporation of the County of Essex (the Corporation), which comprise:

- the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022
- the consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of changes in net financial assets for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of remeasurement gains and losses for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and the notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(Hereinafter referred to as the “financial statements”)

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as at December 31, 2022, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibility under those standards are further described in the “***Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***” section of our auditor’s report.

We are independent of the Corporation in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other 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.



Responsibility of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the 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 risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, internal 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 purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control.



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- 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 the events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Corporation's to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- 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.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Corporation to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Windsor, Canada

June 21, 2023

CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF ESSEX
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2022
WITH COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR 2021

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Financial Assets		
Cash	109,385,438	90,482,468
Accounts receivable	16,379,772	16,776,230
Investments	193,951,204	178,952,976
Total Financial Assets	319,716,414	286,211,674
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	29,533,226	21,684,792
Deferred revenue (Note 5)	5,883,473	6,343,324
Regional landfill post closure costs (Note 6)	8,406,116	9,121,114
Employee benefits payable (Note 7)	5,929,511	5,609,722
Long-term debt (Note 8)	26,244,038	27,867,707
Total Liabilities	75,996,364	70,626,659
Net Financial Assets	243,720,050	215,585,015
Non-Financial Assets		
Tangible capital assets (Note 9)	225,088,411	222,277,384
Inventory of supplies	2,933,969	1,608,054
Prepaid expenses	2,039,307	2,048,508
Total Non-Financial Assets	230,061,687	225,933,946
Commitments and contingency (Notes 2, 12 and 15)		
Accumulated Surplus (Note 10)	473,781,737	441,518,961

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF ESSEX
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND ACCUMULATED SURPLUS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
WITH COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR 2021

	<u>2022</u> \$	<u>Budget</u> \$	<u>2021</u> \$
Revenue			
Requisition on local municipalities	119,862,597	116,476,170	115,089,672
Fees, service charges and donations	36,800,071	30,115,897	33,808,633
Government transfers	52,066,480	47,780,500	56,279,747
Investment earnings - realized	12,111,901	3,149,235	5,409,146
Investment (loss) earnings - unrealized	(14,634,864)	-	6,626,102
Other	4,408,623	2,850,825	3,566,562
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	197,082	2,000	126,933
Total Revenue	<u>210,811,890</u>	<u>200,374,627</u>	<u>220,906,795</u>
Expenses			
General government	7,720,683	7,560,199	7,089,572
Protection to persons and property	534,739	531,936	256,220
Transportation services	35,617,890	46,079,586	36,734,133
Environmental services	17,686,701	15,904,179	15,458,087
Health services	53,740,538	52,749,130	50,873,139
Social and family services	41,085,205	43,432,839	39,047,221
Social housing	13,124,900	13,294,000	10,727,003
Recreational and cultural services	6,472,854	7,278,561	6,364,222
Planning and development	2,565,604	3,466,163	2,403,868
Total Expenses	<u>178,549,114</u>	<u>190,296,593</u>	<u>168,953,465</u>
Annual Surplus	32,262,776	10,078,034	51,953,330
Accumulated Surplus, beginning of year	<u>441,518,961</u>	<u>441,518,961</u>	<u>389,565,631</u>
Accumulated Surplus, end of year	<u><u>473,781,737</u></u>	<u><u>451,596,995</u></u>	<u><u>441,518,961</u></u>

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CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF ESSEX
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
WITH COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR 2021

	<u>2022</u> \$	<u>BUDGET</u> \$	<u>2021</u> \$
Annual Surplus	32,262,776	10,078,034	51,953,330
Net acquisition of tangible capital assets	(25,873,014)	(40,899,650)	(28,384,877)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	22,435,471	23,474,644	21,210,321
Loss (gain) on disposal of tangible capital assets	225,567	-	(180,549)
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	400,949	-	224,358
	<u>29,451,749</u>	<u>(7,346,972)</u>	<u>44,822,583</u>
Net acquisition and consumption of inventories	(1,325,915)	-	251,570
Net acquisition and consumption of prepaid expenses	9,201	-	(538,996)
	<u>28,135,035</u>	<u>(7,346,972)</u>	<u>44,535,157</u>
Change in Net Financial Assets	28,135,035	(7,346,972)	44,535,157
Net Financial Assets, beginning of year	<u>215,585,015</u>	<u>215,585,015</u>	<u>171,049,858</u>
Net Financial Assets, end of year	<u>243,720,050</u>	<u>208,238,043</u>	<u>215,585,015</u>

CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF ESSEX
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
WITH COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR 2021

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating Activities		
Annual surplus	32,262,776	51,953,330
Items not involving cash:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	22,435,471	21,210,321
Gain (loss) on disposal of tangible capital assets	225,567	(180,549)
Change in employee benefits payable	319,789	246,045
Change in regional landfill post closure costs	(714,998)	(354,625)
Change in non-cash assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	396,458	496,234
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	7,848,434	1,852,059
Deferred revenue	(459,851)	143,659
Inventory of supplies	(1,325,915)	251,570
Prepaid expenses	9,201	(538,996)
Net change in cash from operating activities	60,996,932	75,079,048
Capital Activities		
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	400,949	224,358
Cash used to acquire tangible capital assets	(25,873,014)	(28,384,877)
Net change in cash from capital activities	(25,472,065)	(28,160,519)
Investing Activities		
Change in investments	(14,998,228)	(28,487,493)
Net change in cash from investing activities	(14,998,228)	(28,487,493)
Financing Activities		
Long-term debt repaid	(1,623,669)	(1,397,737)
Net change in cash from financing activities	(1,623,669)	(1,397,737)
Net change in cash	18,902,970	17,033,299
Cash, beginning of year	90,482,468	73,449,169
Cash, end of year	109,385,438	90,482,468

CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF ESSEX
STATEMENT OF REMEASUREMENT GAINS AND LOSSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
WITH COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR 2021

	2022	2021
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Accumulated remeasurement gains (losses) at beginning of year	-	-
Unrealized gains (losses) attributable to:		
Foreign exchange	(2,453)	6,926
Portfolio investments	(14,632,411)	6,619,176
Amounts reclassified to the Statement of Operations		
Foreign exchange	2,453	(6,926)
Portfolio investments	14,632,411	(6,619,176)
Net remeasurement gains (losses) for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Accumulated remeasurement gains (losses) at end of year	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF ESSEX

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements of the Corporation of the County of Essex (the "Corporation") are prepared in accordance with the Canadian public sector accounting standards by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants Canada. Significant accounting policies adopted by the Corporation are as follows:

(a) Basis of Consolidation

(i) Consolidated Entities

The consolidated financial statements of the Corporation reflect the assets, liabilities, sources of financing and expenses of the reporting entity.

The consolidated financial statements reflect the activities of the following entities:

Essex County Library Board
Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority

All inter-fund assets, liabilities, sources of financing and expenses have been eliminated.

(ii) Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority

The Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (the "Authority") is jointly controlled by the Corporation and the City of Windsor.

By agreement between the Corporation and the City of Windsor, the Authority is authorized to conduct studies, to develop alternative waste management methods, and to establish and operate waste management facilities.

In accordance with the PSAB recommendations governing consolidation, the financial assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses of the Authority are proportionately consolidated within the Corporation's accounts to the extent of the Corporation's 50% pro rata interest in the Authority.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(iii) Non-Consolidated Entities

The operations of the following entity are not consolidated in these financial statements:

Windsor-Essex County Health Unit

(iv) Trust Fund

The Sun Parlor Home Residents' Trust Fund is administered by the Corporation but is not consolidated in these financial statements.

The operations of the Fund are reported separately on the Trust Fund Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Continuity.

(b) Basis of Accounting

The Corporation follows the accrual method of accounting for revenues and expenses. The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenue as it becomes available and is measurable. Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and are measurable as a result of the receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation to pay.

The Corporation is funded by government transfers relating to the administration of various municipal services from the Province of Ontario and the Federal Government of Canada. 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 made. Government transfers received but not spent are accounted for as deferred revenue.

(c) Non-Financial Assets

Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for use in the provision of services. They generally have useful lives extending beyond the current year and are not intended for sale in the ordinary course of operations.

CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF ESSEX
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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(i) Tangible Capital Assets

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

Asset	Useful Life - Years
Land	Infinite
Land improvements	15-30
Buildings and building improvements	10-50
Vehicles	5-8
Machinery and equipment	5-20
Road and bridge infrastructure	12-80
Computer Systems	3
Furniture & Fixtures	15
Aerial photography	2

(ii) Amortization

Tangible capital assets are recorded at historical cost which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. Where historical cost is not available, the Corporation uses deflated replacement values. The cost of the tangible capital assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the above noted useful lives. The only exception, per the above, is for Land and Landfill, (Land is considered to have an infinite life, and the Regional Landfill has an estimated service capacity of 8,000,000 tonnes and is being amortized using the units of production method based on capacity used during the year). One half of the annual amortization shall be 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. Gains and/or losses on the disposal of an asset shall be recorded on the consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus as "Gain/Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets."

(iii) Contributions of Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets received as contributions are recorded at their fair market value at the date of receipt and are also recorded as revenue.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(iv) Leased Assets

Leases are classified as either operating or capital leases. Lease agreements which substantially transfer all the risks and rewards of ownership to the Corporation are accounted for as a capital lease and will be capitalized. All other leases are considered operating leases and the related payments are charged to operating expense as incurred.

(v) Works of Art and Historical Treasures

The Corporation owns both works of art and historical treasures at various Corporation-owned facilities. These assets are deemed worthy of preservation because of the social rather than financial benefits provided to the community. Although the existence of the assets are recorded, the historical cost of the art and treasures are neither determinable nor relevant in significance; hence, a valuation is neither assigned to these assets nor disclosed in the consolidated financial statements.

(d) Employee Future Benefit Obligations

The Corporation has adopted the accrued method of accounting for employee future benefits. The cost of future benefits earned by employees is actuarially determined using the projected benefit method prorated on service and assumptions of mortality and termination rates, retirement age and expected inflation rate.

Actuarial gains (losses) on the accrued benefit obligation arise from differences between actual and expected experience and from changes in the actuarial assumptions used to determine the accrued benefit obligation. The accumulated actuarial gain (loss) of the accrued benefit obligation is amortized over the average remaining service period of active employees, which is 13 years.

Gains and losses determined upon a plan settlement or curtailment are accounted for in the period of the settlement or curtailment.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(e) Use of Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the valuation of accounts receivable, the valuation of employee future benefits, the carrying value of tangible capital assets and the carrying value of Regional Landfill post-closure costs.

(f) Contaminated Sites

Contaminated sites are defined as the result of contamination being introduced in air, soil, water or sediment of a chemical, organic, or radioactive material or live organism that exceeds an environmental standard. This standard relates to sites that are not in productive use and sites in productive use where an unexpected event resulted in contamination.

2. CONTRIBUTIONS TO NON-CONSOLIDATED ENTITIES

The Corporation made contributions to the following non-consolidated entity:

	2022	2021
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	\$2,668,743	\$1,984,720

The Corporation is contingently liable for its share of the accumulated surplus (deficits), which may exist at the end of the year for this non-consolidated entity.

3. TRUST FUND

The Sun Parlor Home Residents' Trust Fund administered by the Corporation amounting to \$65,629 (2021 - \$70,208) is not reported on the consolidated statement of financial position, and the nature and extent of its activity is not reported on the consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

4. PENSION AGREEMENTS

The Corporation contributes to the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) on behalf of 760 (2021 - 720) employees. OMERS is a multi-employer, defined benefit plan which specifies the amount of the retirement benefit to be received by employees based on their length of service and earnings. The amount contributed to OMERS for 2022 was \$4,896,950 (2021 - \$4,837,950) for current service. Contributions in the current year have been included as an expense within the consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus. At December 31, 2022, the OMERS plan is in a deficit position, which will be addressed through benefit adjustments, contribution rate changes and a long-term investment approach.

5. DEFERRED REVENUE

	2022	2021
COVID-19 Safe Restart Funding	\$5,883,473	\$6,343,324

6. REGIONAL LANDFILL POST CLOSURE COSTS

The consolidated statement of financial position reflects a balance of \$8,406,116 (2021 - \$9,121,114) for Regional Landfill closure and post closure costs. This amount represents an estimate of costs that would be incurred should the Regional Landfill ceased receiving waste as of December 31, 2022. This liability for perpetual care is to be recognized over the term of the Regional Landfill operation, the balance of which is currently estimated to be an additional 14 years, based on past and projected waste levels. The site has an approximate capacity of 12.2 million cubic metres, of which 7.24 million has been consumed to December 31, 2022.

The nature of post-closure expenses will relate to monitoring, hauling and treating leachate; monitoring ground and surface water; monitoring gas and maintenance of drainage system and final cover.

It is being estimated that by the time the Regional Landfill ceases operating in 2036, \$127 million will be required for post-closure care for a period of 40 years subsequent to its closure, which is management's current best estimate of the period such care will be necessary.

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7. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND OTHER LIABILITIES

The employee benefit and other liabilities, reported on the statement of financial position, are made up of the following:

	2022	2021
Post employment benefits	\$ -	\$2,003
Post retirement benefits	5,428,770	5,248,272
WSIB	500,741	359,447
Total	\$5,929,511	\$5,609,722

Information about the Corporation's future obligation with respect to post employment, post retirement and WSIB benefits is as follows:

	2022	2021
Accrued benefit obligations:		
Balance, beginning of year	\$5,609,722	\$5,363,677
Current service cost	407,597	397,546
Interest	265,698	260,710
Amortization of actuarial loss	159,297	98,250
Expected benefit payments	(512,803)	(510,461)
Balance, end of year	5,929,511	5,609,722
Unamortized net actuarial loss	270,476	260,608
Obligation for benefits	\$6,199,987	\$5,870,330

(a) Retiree and post-employment benefits

The Corporation pays certain extended health and dental benefits for early retirees to age 65. The Corporation recognizes these post-retirement costs in the period in which the employees rendered the services. The most recent actuarial valuation was performed as at December 31, 2019. The accrued benefit liability and the expense for the 12 months ended December 31, 2022, were based on the following significant actuarial assumptions:

	2022	2021
Discount rate	3.75%	3.75%
Medical costs		
Initial	6.09%	6.42%
Ultimate	3.75%	3.75%
Year of ultimate level	2029	2029
Dental	3.75%	3.75%

The medical trend rate has an initial rate of 6.75% but reduces by 0.3333% per year to 3.75% in 2029.

CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF ESSEX
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8. LONG-TERM DEBT

- (a) The balance of the net long-term liabilities reported on the consolidated statement of financial position is comprised of the following:

	2022	2021
Corporation's share of long-term liabilities incurred by EWSWA (50%)	\$25,485,638	\$27,062,387
Corporation's share of accrued interest incurred by EWSWA (50%)	758,400	805,320
Total Net Long Term Liability	\$26,244,038	\$27,867,707

- (b) The Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (the "Authority") is a Joint Board of Management created by The Corporation of the County of Essex (the "County") and The Corporation of the City of Windsor (the "City") pursuant to an Agreement dated May 18, 1994 (the "EWSWA Agreement") to establish, operate and manage, among other things, the Regional Landfill (the "Landfill"). The County holds title to the Landfill in accordance with the provisions of the EWSWA Agreement.

In July 2005, the County, City and Authority (the "Plaintiffs") settled a legal action commenced in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice against MFP Financial Services, Leasing-Infrastructure Financing Trust I ("LIFT") and others in which the Plaintiffs had alleged that certain of the defendants had fraudulently and negligently misrepresented the rate of interest payable by the Plaintiffs in respect of a head lease and sublease intended to be a loan to finance certain costs incurred by the Authority to develop the Regional Landfill and pay the costs of future landfill expansions.

Under the terms of the mediated and Court approved settlement, LIFT assigned its rights under the original head lease which the Court ruled was a loan from LIFT to the County and City, to Sun Life Assurance Company Limited ("Sun Life"). Sun Life restructured the loan, in favour of a debenture in the amount of \$62,808,331 (County obligation \$31,404,166), bearing interest at 6.427% per annum, issued by the County, on behalf of the County and the City. The County and the City are jointly liable for the debenture, which provides for principal and interest payments on January 15 and July 15 of each year, commencing January 15, 2006 and maturing on July 31, 2031. Total interest over the term of the debenture will aggregate \$88,454,959 (County obligation \$44,227,480).

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8. LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

Other significant terms and conditions of the settlement are as follows:

- I. Cash proceeds of \$5,728,000 held by LIFT on account of a payment previously owing under the head lease were distributed to the County and City and used to retire certain indebtedness incurred in prior years by the Authority with respect to Regional Landfill expenses.
- II. Investments held by another defendant with a book value of \$10,195,743 at the date of settlement were distributed to the County and the City. At their respective maturity dates, these investments will be considered as further advances by LIFT as provided under the original head lease agreement.
- III. Payment of \$7,146,880 by LIFT to the County and City, which was used, along with interest earned thereon, towards payments otherwise due with respect to the Sun Life debenture during the period commencing January 15, 2006 and ended on January 15, 2008. Those proceeds were intended to effectively reduce the original cost of borrowing included in the head lease and sub-lease during this period.
- IV. As part of the agreement, no other payments with respect to the debenture are payable during this timeframe.
- V. Payment of \$2,400,000 by MFP Financial Services Limited on account of costs of the legal action incurred by the Plaintiffs.

Under the terms of the debenture agreement, principal repayments commenced in July 2013.

- (c) The principal amounts to be paid from general municipal revenues for the retirement of the net long-term liabilities, which are the responsibility of the Corporation, are as follows:

2023	\$1,810,577
2024	1,969,088
2025	1,846,339
2026	1,749,421
2027	1,884,390
2028 and thereafter	\$16,225,823

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8. LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

(d) The Corporation's share (50%) of the total charges in the year for the retirement of the net long-term liabilities are as follows:

	2022	2021
Principal	\$1,623,669	\$1,397,737
Interest	1,715,296	1,806,095
	\$3,338,965	\$3,203,832

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9. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

Cost	Balance at December 31, 2021	Additions	Disposals	Balance at December 31, 2022
Land	\$ 15,850,664	\$ 1,056,665	\$ -	\$ 16,907,329
Landfill and land improvements	\$ 28,582,105	\$ 172,007	\$ -	\$ 28,754,112
Buildings and building improvements	\$ 54,920,023	\$ 166,031	\$ -	\$ 55,086,054
Machinery and equipment	\$ 29,503,722	\$ 3,438,784	\$ (1,742,506)	\$ 31,200,000
Vehicles	\$ 17,287,273	\$ 285,057	\$ (1,595,180)	\$ 15,977,150
Water and wastewater infrastructure	\$ 3,826,912	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,826,912
Roads infrastructure	\$ 298,375,845	\$ 15,789,091	\$ (35,475,421)	\$ 278,689,515
Assets under construction	\$ 4,406,292	\$ 5,559,585	\$ (594,206)	\$ 9,371,671
Total	\$ 452,752,836	\$ 26,467,220	\$ (39,407,313)	\$ 439,812,743

Accumulated amortization	Balance at December 31, 2021	Disposals	Amortization expense	Balance at December 31, 2022
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Landfill and land improvements	\$ 17,903,638	\$ -	\$ 1,385,462	\$ 19,289,100
Buildings and building improvements	\$ 30,223,381	\$ -	\$ 1,940,404	\$ 32,163,785
Machinery and equipment	\$ 17,819,993	\$ (1,530,315)	\$ 2,923,050	\$ 19,212,728
Vehicles	\$ 10,979,458	\$ (1,595,181)	\$ 1,979,460	\$ 11,363,737
Water and wastewater infrastructure	\$ 929,072	\$ -	\$ 95,673	\$ 1,024,745
Roads infrastructure	\$ 152,619,910	\$ (35,061,095)	\$ 14,111,422	\$ 131,670,237
Total	\$ 230,475,452	\$ (38,186,591)	\$ 22,435,471	\$ 214,724,332

Net book value	Balance at December 31, 2021	Balance at December 31, 2022
Land	\$ 15,850,664	\$ 16,907,329
Landfill and land improvements	\$ 10,678,467	\$ 9,465,012
Buildings and building improvements	\$ 24,696,642	\$ 22,922,269
Machinery and equipment	\$ 11,683,729	\$ 11,987,272
Vehicles	\$ 6,307,815	\$ 4,613,413
Water and wastewater infrastructure	\$ 2,897,840	\$ 2,802,167
Roads infrastructure	\$ 145,755,935	\$ 147,019,278
Assets under construction	\$ 4,406,292	\$ 9,371,671
Total	\$ 222,277,384	\$ 225,088,411

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9. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

Cost	Balance at December 31, 2020	Additions	Disposals	Balance at December 31, 2021
Land	\$ 13,232,354	\$ 2,618,310	\$ -	\$ 15,850,664
Landfill and land improvements	\$ 28,551,759	\$ 30,346	\$ -	\$ 28,582,105
Buildings and building improvements	\$ 54,793,535	\$ 130,862	\$ (4,374)	\$ 54,920,023
Machinery and equipment	\$ 26,943,709	\$ 3,696,515	\$ (1,136,502)	\$ 29,503,722
Vehicles	\$ 16,053,209	\$ 2,131,908	\$ (897,844)	\$ 17,287,273
Water and wastewater infrastructure	\$ 3,826,912	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,826,912
Roads infrastructure	\$ 276,031,358	\$ 22,552,003	\$ (207,516)	\$ 298,375,845
Assets under construction	\$ 7,181,359	\$ 2,058,623	\$ (4,833,690)	\$ 4,406,292
Total	\$ 426,614,195	\$ 33,218,567	\$ (7,079,926)	\$ 452,752,836

Accumulated amortization	Balance at December 31, 2020	Disposals	Amortization expense	Balance at December 31, 2021
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Landfill and land improvements	\$ 16,929,413	\$ -	\$ 974,225	\$ 17,903,638
Buildings and building improvements	\$ 28,241,236	\$ (4,374)	\$ 1,986,519	\$ 30,223,381
Machinery and equipment	\$ 16,296,023	\$ (1,122,889)	\$ 2,646,859	\$ 17,819,993
Vehicles	\$ 9,782,521	\$ (867,648)	\$ 2,064,585	\$ 10,979,458
Water and wastewater infrastructure	\$ 833,399	\$ -	\$ 95,673	\$ 929,072
Roads infrastructure	\$ 139,384,966	\$ (207,516)	\$ 13,442,460	\$ 152,619,910
Total	\$ 211,467,558	\$ (2,202,427)	\$ 21,210,321	\$ 230,475,452

Net book value	Balance at December 31, 2020	Balance at December 31, 2021
Land	\$ 13,232,354	\$ 15,850,664
Landfill and land improvements	\$ 11,622,346	\$ 10,678,467
Buildings and building improvements	\$ 26,552,299	\$ 24,696,642
Machinery and equipment	\$ 10,647,686	\$ 11,683,729
Vehicles	\$ 6,270,688	\$ 6,307,815
Water and wastewater infrastructure	\$ 2,993,513	\$ 2,897,840
Roads infrastructure	\$ 136,646,392	\$ 145,755,935
Assets under construction	\$ 7,181,359	\$ 4,406,292
Total	\$ 215,146,637	\$ 222,277,384

(a) Assets Under Construction

Assets under construction having a value of \$9,371,671 (2021 - \$4,406,292) have not been amortized. Amortization of these assets will commence when the asset is put into service.

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10. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

Accumulated surplus consists of individual fund surplus and reserve funds as itemized:

	2022	2021
Surplus:		
Invested in tangible capital assets	\$ 221,815,314	\$ 218,480,698
Long term debt	(26,244,038)	(27,867,707)
Unfunded		
Employee benefits	(5,929,511)	(5,609,722)
Landfill closure costs	(8,406,116)	(9,121,114)
Total Surplus	181,235,649	175,882,155
Reserves		
Capital asset acquisition or replacement	84,239,725	85,451,206
Working funds	4,500,000	4,500,000
Insurance and health benefit claims	3,848,339	3,545,823
W.S.I.B. claims	4,436,885	3,506,134
Contingencies	18,009,242	15,207,603
Roadway and active transportation expansion	117,812,800	101,583,454
New Windsor-Essex Hospital System (NWEHS)	34,825,000	27,305,000
Land ambulance staff severance	330,153	330,153
Total reserves	268,002,144	241,429,373
Reserve funds set aside for specific purpose by agreement:		
EWSWA reserves	24,543,960	24,207,433
Total reserve funds	292,546,104	265,636,806
Total accumulated surplus	\$ 473,781,753	\$ 441,518,961

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11. CORPORATION EXPENSES

The consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus presents expenses for the Corporation by functions. The following is a summary of expenses by object.

	2022	2021
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	\$77,462,008	\$74,661,180
Materials, goods, supplies and utilities	21,735,656	22,855,070
Contracted services	42,315,896	33,586,511
Rents and financial expenses	749,157	214,664
Long term debt (interest)	1,715,296	1,806,095
External transfers	6,323,097	8,974,837
Program support	5,812,533	5,644,787
Amortization	22,435,471	21,210,321
	\$178,549,114	\$168,953,465

12. COMMITMENTS

The Corporation has long term commitments of \$55,175,000 (2021 - \$63,095,000) which can be summarized as follows:

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027 & beyond
New Windsor-Essex Hospital System	\$6,360,000	\$6,980,000	\$7,610,000	\$8,250,000	\$25,975,000
Hospice – Erie Shores	200,000		-	-	-
	\$6,560,000	\$6,980,000	\$7,610,000	\$8,250,000	\$25,975,000

Included in the commitment estimates is the accumulation of funds related to a future contribution to the proposed New Windsor-Essex Hospital System (NWEHS), estimated at \$90,000,000 to be paid no sooner than 2026, approved by County Council in 2016. Included in reserves at December 31, 2022 for NWEHS is \$34,825,000.

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13. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

Segmented information has been identified based upon various operating departments within the County and their activities are reported by functional area in the body of the financial statements.

Certain operating departments along with the services they provide have been separately disclosed in the segmented information are as follows:

- (a) General Government - Warden and Council, Council Services, Administrative Services, Corporate Services/Treasury and Human Resources:

The departments within General Government are responsible for the general management and control of the County, including adoption of bylaws, adopting administrative policy, levying taxes, providing administrative, technical and financial services. They also ensure quality services are provided to the community and that the services provided are aligned with Council approved actions.

- (b) Protection to Persons and Property - Emergency Management Coordination Services:

This department is responsible for activities undertaken in advance of a large-scale emergency to minimize, through the existence of effective, up-to-date and proven emergency management programs the risk to the life and health of residents and to reduce damage to property. This department also provides coordination of the County Mutual Aid Firefighting System.

- (c) Transportation Services - Planning, Engineering, Construction and Maintenance activities required to manage the County Road Network:

This department is responsible for operations, infrastructure management (roads, bridges, culverts and active transportation segments), traffic control, winter maintenance, street lights and development engineering.

- (d) Environmental Services - Solid Waste Disposal, Waste Diversion and Rural Storm Water Management:

The Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority is a jointly controlled Authority between the County and the City of Windsor (see Note 1 (a) (ii)). The Authority is authorized to conduct studies, to develop alternative waste management methods, and to establish and operate waste management facilities. Transportation Services is responsible for rural storm water management.

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13. SEGMENTED INFORMATION (continued)

- (e) Health Services - Emergency Medical Services, Public Health and Physician Recruitment:

The Emergency Medical Services Department is responsible for the operation of the public ambulance services for the County, the City of Windsor and the Township of Pelee. The County is financially responsible for its share of the regional public health Services provide by the Windsor Essex County Health Unit. The County provides support for the attraction and retention of physicians within the greater Windsor-Essex County region.

- (f) Social and Family Services - Social Assistance, Assistance to Aged Persons and Child Care:

Social Assistance and Child Care are provided through the City of Windsor as the designated delivery agent for the Windsor-Essex region. Net cost of services are shared based on an arbitrated formula of 60% weighted assessment and 40% actual cost. The County's Sun Parlor Home provides supportive, resident-focused care that promotes quality of life to its 206 residents.

- (g) Social Housing:

Social Housing is provided through the City of Windsor, as the designated delivery agent for the Windsor-Essex region. Net cost of services are shared based on an arbitrated formula of 60% weighted assessment and 40% actual cost.

- (h) Recreation and Cultural Services - Essex County Library Board:

The Essex County Library Board's Mission is to "welcome you to a world of discovery, creativity and lifelong learning through accessible resources, programs and innovative services".

- (i) Planning and Development- County Planning Services, Economic Development and Tourism:

This department provides planning advisory services to County Council on matters related to County-wide land use planning, economic development, and strategic planning matters. Economic Development and Tourism services are provided regionally through the Windsor Essex Economic Development Corporation and the Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island, respectively.

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13. SEGMENTED INFORMATION (continued)

For each reported segment, revenue and expenses represent both amounts that are directly attributable to the segment and amounts that are allocated on a reasonable basis. Certain allocation methodologies are employed in the preparation of segmented financial information. Taxation is allocated to the segments based on the segment's budget net expenditure. User charges and other revenue have been allocated to the segments based upon the segment that generated the revenue. Government transfers have been allocated to the segment based upon the purpose for which the transfer was made.

The accounting policies used in these segments are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements as disclosed in Note 1.

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2022										
	General Government	Protection to Persons	Transportation	Environmental	Health Services	Social & Family Services	Social Housing	Recreational & Culture	Planning & Development	Total
Revenue										
Requisition on local municipalities	11,613,427	228,200	44,038,000	24,000	23,110,030	19,963,900	12,508,000	6,026,700	2,350,340	119,862,597
Fees & service charges	635,265	-	1,532,816	15,119,919	12,493,235	6,917,817	-	39,019	62,000	36,800,071
Government transfers	253,320	51,664	7,862,412	-	27,502,561	16,015,533	-	380,990	-	52,066,480
Other	(2,604,541)	-	36,308	3,232,308	994,119	199,715	23,760	3,991	-	1,885,660
Gain on disposal of assets	-	-	77,950	75,132	44,000	-	-	-	-	197,082
Total revenue	9,897,471	279,864	53,547,486	18,451,359	64,143,945	43,096,965	12,531,760	6,450,700	2,412,340	210,811,890
Expenses										
Salaries, wages and benefits	1,784,625	117,141	5,292,846	1,617,580	37,549,091	26,894,011	-	3,909,023	297,691	77,462,008
Materials, goods and supplies	1,356,664	44,717	4,488,854	4,613,358	5,699,146	4,461,368	-	1,057,154	14,395	21,735,656
Contracted services	3,008,270	92,654	5,354,072	7,354,066	3,009,524	7,826,277	13,124,900	340,298	2,205,835	42,315,896
Rents and financial expenses	-	-	421,649	22,191	296,993	-	-	8,324	-	749,157
Long term debt (interest)	-	-	-	1,715,296	-	-	-	-	-	1,715,296
External transfers	-	-	3,454,354	-	2,868,743	-	-	-	-	6,323,097
Program support	591,543	280,227	1,259,880	339,872	1,500,401	1,281,489	-	511,438	47,683	5,812,533
Amortization	979,581	-	15,346,235	2,024,338	2,816,640	622,060	-	646,617	-	22,435,471
Total expenses	7,720,683	534,739	35,617,890	17,686,701	53,740,538	41,085,205	13,124,900	6,472,854	2,565,604	178,549,114
Surplus (deficit)	2,176,788	(254,875)	17,929,596	764,658	10,403,407	2,011,760	(593,140)	(22,154)	(153,264)	32,262,776
2021										
	General Government	Protection to Persons	Transportation	Environmental	Health Services	Social & Family Services	Social Housing	Recreational & Culture	Planning & Development	Total
Revenue										
Requisition on local municipalities	10,539,222	214,190	43,690,890	24,000	21,561,150	18,441,860	12,187,600	5,870,350	2,560,410	115,089,671
Fees & service charges	671,130	-	427,511	14,146,687	12,004,773	6,541,255	-	17,277	-	33,808,633
Government transfers	2,260,393	49,496	12,164,112	-	25,710,983	15,691,620	-	403,143	-	56,279,747
Other	11,948,554	-	95,633	3,004,501	261,531	289,559	-	2,032	-	15,601,810
Gain on disposal of assets	-	-	123,255	-	272	3,406	-	-	-	126,933
Total revenue	25,419,299	263,686	56,501,401	17,175,188	59,538,709	40,967,700	12,187,600	6,292,802	2,560,410	220,906,794
Expenses										
Salaries, wages and benefits	1,609,481	114,603	5,446,626	1,485,345	36,858,095	25,159,190	-	3,709,741	278,109	74,661,190
Materials, goods and supplies	1,698,212	41,787	6,031,819	3,377,344	4,199,318	4,993,507	-	1,014,445	7,894	21,364,326
Contracted services	2,618,386	84,375	2,479,877	6,637,551	2,671,738	6,090,884	10,727,003	229,158	2,047,609	33,586,581
Rents and financial expenses	-	-	7,625	15,088	191,951	-	-	-	-	214,664
Long term debt (interest)	-	-	-	1,806,095	-	-	-	-	-	1,806,095
External transfers	-	-	6,775,117	-	2,184,720	-	-	-	15,000	8,974,837
Program support	158,887	15,455	1,402,115	536,553	2,027,791	2,171,796	-	767,675	55,256	7,135,529
Amortization	1,004,606	-	14,590,954	1,600,111	2,739,526	631,844	-	643,203	-	21,210,245
Total expenses	7,089,572	256,220	36,734,133	15,458,087	50,873,139	39,047,221	10,727,003	6,364,222	2,403,868	168,953,464
Surplus (deficit)	18,329,727	7,466	19,767,268	1,717,101	8,665,570	1,920,479	1,460,597	(71,420)	156,542	51,953,330

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14. BUDGET DATA

The budget data presented in these financial statements is based upon the 2022 Budget approved by Council on December 1, 2021. Amortization was not contemplated in the development of the budget, and, as such, has been estimated based on 2021 tangible capital asset data and budgeted capital expenses. The chart below reconciles the approved budget to the budget figures reported in these financial statements.

	Budget Amount
Revenues:	
Operating budget	\$201,853,386
Capital budget	19,500,804
Less:	
Transfers from other funds	(20,979,563)
Total revenue	200,374,627
Expenses:	
Operating budget	236,913,344
Capital budget	19,500,804
Less:	
Transfers to other funds	(46,616,751)
Capital expenses	(19,500,804)
Total expenses	190,296,593
Annual surplus	\$10,078,034

15. CONTINGENCY

During the normal course of operations, the Corporation is subject to various legal actions. The settlement of these actions is not expected to have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements of the Corporation.