MAYERTHORPE, ALBERTA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008



### The Town of Mayerthorpe

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### MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

To the Mayor and Council of the Town of Mayerthorpe Mayerthorpe, Alberta

The management of the Town of Mayerthorpe prepared these financial statements and is responsible for their reliability, completeness and integrity. They conform, in all material respects, with accounting principles for local governments established by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Management maintains the necessary accounting and internal control systems designed to ensure: the timely production of reliable and accurate financial information, the protection of assets (to a reasonable extent) against loss or unauthorized use, and the promotion of operational efficiency. The Mayor and Council oversee management's responsibilities for the financial reporting and internal control systems.

The auditors, appointed by the Mayor and Council, conducted an audit of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. The Chief Administrative Officer reviewed these financial statements with the auditors in detail before recommending their approval to the Mayor and Council.

Mayerthorpe, Alberta March 12, 2009

Karen St. Martin, Chief Administrative Officer

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

### AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2008

		<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
	<u>ASSETS</u>		
Financial Assets Cash and temporary investments Accounts receivable (Note 2) Inventory of supplies Prepaid expenses Land held for resale Long-term investments (Note 3)		\$ 2,323,372 497,795 99,270 10,547 173,133 2,650	\$ 1,477,591 266,962 93,710 28,303 173,133 
		3,106,767	2,042,349
Physical Assets (Note 4)		<u>14,593,138</u>	13,263,620
		\$ <u>17,699,905</u>	\$ <u>15,305,969</u>
<u>L</u>	IABILITIES		
Liabilities Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note Deferred revenue (Note 7) Long-term debt (Note 8)	6)	\$ 433,551 366,640 1,029,319 1,829,510	\$ 361,447 720,899 _1,014,232 _2,096,578
MUNI	CIPAL EQUITY		
Fund Balances Operating Fund (Schedule 1) Capital Fund (Schedule 2)		286,853	412,440
Reserves (Note 9) (Schedule 3)		<u>2,019,723</u>	<u>547,563</u>
		2,306,576	960,003
Equity in Physical Assets (Schedule 4)		<u>13,563,819</u>	12,249,388
		<u>15.870,395</u>	13,209,391
	2	\$ <u>17,699,905</u>	\$ <u>15.305.96</u> 9

Mayor

Deputy Mayor

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	<u>2008</u>	2007
Revenue Provincial government transfers Insurance proceeds Net taxes for general municipal purposes (Schedule 5) Sales and user charges Local government transfers Return on investments Penalties and costs on taxes Franchise and concession contracts Fines Licenses and permits Rentals Proceeds on disposal of physical assets Proceeds from sale of subdivision land	\$ 1,564,938 1,402,317 1,028,743 708,238 217,652 51,037 39,772 33,362 18,397 17,109 10,774 10,000	\$ 92,132 940,815 610,612 97,920 44,856 18,516 28,723 28,811 13,985 6,310 - 223,010
Expenditures Roads, streets, walks and lighting	<u>5,102,339</u> 1,519,279	<u>2,105,690</u> 435,672
General administration Waste management	487,760 367,941	301,215 160,505
Fire Parks and recreation	347,560 211,138	57,443 135,585
Water supply and distribution	206,935	279,496
Land use planning, zoning and development	184,582	68,129
Family and community support services	149,600	139,149
Council and other legislative	77,767	75,143
Disaster and emergency services	76,210	100,732
Bylaws enforcement	66,902	71,657
Wastewater treatment and disposal	45,962	64,153
Culture: libraries, museums and halls	15,891	17,451
Community and agricultural services	13,327	13,334
Subdivision land and development		54,000
	<u>3,770,854</u>	1,973,664
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	1,331,485	132,026
Debt Issued	108,156	_
Debt Principal Repayments	<u>(93,068)</u>	<u>(81,860</u> )
Best Timopal Repayments	(00,000)	101,000
Change in Fund Balances	1,346,573	50,166
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	<u>960,003</u>	909,837
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ <u>2,306,576</u>	\$ <u>960,003</u>

### **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Operating Activities		
Cash from operations		
Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ 1,331,485	\$ 132,026
Change in non-cash working capital		
balances related to operations:		
Accounts receivable	(230,833)	(82,235)
Inventory of supplies	(5,560)	5,814
Prepaid expenses	17,756	(18,762)
Land held for resale	-	(60,108)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	72,104	146,222
Deferred revenue	(354,259)	663,498
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	830,693	<u>786,455</u>
Financing Activities		
Proceeds on long-term debt	108,156	
Repayment of long-term debt	(93,068)	(81,860)
Repayment of long-term debt	<u>(95,000</u> )	(01,000)
	<u> 15,088</u>	(81,860)
Investing Activities		
Decrease (increase) in long-term investments	- <u>-</u>	(44)
Change in Cash and Temporary Investments for the Year	845,781	704,551
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Cash and Temporary Investments, Beginning of Year	_1,477,591	<u>773,040</u>
Cook and Tamparon Investments Fad of Vans	£ 0 000 070	<b>6</b> 4 477 504
Cash and Temporary Investments, End of Year	\$ <u>2,323,372</u>	\$ <u>1,477,591</u>

### **SCHEDULE 1**

### SCHEDULE OF OPERATING FUND ACTIVITIES

	2008 (Budget) (Note 18)	<u>2008</u> (Actual)	<u>2007</u> (Actual)
Revenue Insurance proceeds Net taxes for general municipal purposes (Schedule 5) Sales and user charges Provincial government transfers Local government transfers Return on investments Penalties and costs on taxes Franchise fees and concession contracts Fines Licenses and permits Rentals Proceeds from sale of subdivision land	\$ - 1,036,265 636,169 422,767 105,030 30,443 15,000 31,165 24,600 12,400 7,590 113,000	\$ 1,402,317 1,028,743 708,238 450,284 217,652 51,037 39,772 33,362 18,397 17,109 10,774	\$ - 940,815 610,612 81,369 97,920 44,856 18,516 28,723 28,811 13,985 6,310 223,010
Expenditures Roads, streets, walks and lighting General administration Waste management Parks and recreation Water supply and distribution Land use planning, zoning and development Family and community support services Council and other legislative Disaster and emergency services Bylaws enforcement Fire Wastewater treatment and disposal Culture: libraries, museums and halls Community and agricultural services Subdivision land and development	607,028 354,782 189,743 147,036 235,052 118,429 156,365 84,790 82,297 64,500 59,035 77,725 16,407 12,870	527,248 452,283 367,941 211,138 206,935 184,582 149,600 77,767 76,210 61,345 51,106 45,962 15,891 13,327	424,816 299,275 160,505 135,585 279,496 68,129 139,149 75,143 69,475 47,378 56,481 62,804 17,451 13,334 54,000
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	228,370	<u>1,536,350</u>	<u>191,906</u>
Transfer from (to) Reserves Transfer from (to) Capital Fund Debt Principal Repayments	(24,896) (114,109) (89,365)	(1,680,277) 111,408 (93,068)	(104,137) (5,909) (81,860)
Change in Operating Fund During the Year	<u>(228,370</u> ) \$	<u>(1,661,937)</u> (125,587)	<u>(191,906</u> ) -
Operating Fund, Beginning of Year		412,440	412,440
Operating Fund, End of Year		\$ <u>286,853</u>	\$ <u>412,440</u>

### **SCHEDULE 2**

### SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL FUND ACTIVITIES

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Revenue Provincial government transfers	\$ 1,114,654	\$ 10,763
Proceeds on disposal of physical assets	10,000	<u> </u>
	<u>1,124,654</u>	<u>10,763</u>
Expenditures		
Roads, streets, walks and lighting	992,031	10,856
Fire	296,454	962
General administration Bylaws enforcement	35,477 5,557	1,940 24,279
Wastewater treatment and disposal	5,557 -	1,349
Disaster and emergency services		31,257
	<u>1,329,519</u>	70,643
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditures	(204.865)	(59,880)
Additional Funding Provided by:		
Net transfers from (to) operating fund	(111,408)	5,909
Net transfers from reserve fund	208,117	53,971
Debt issued	<u>108,156</u>	
	<u>204,865</u>	59,880
Change in Unfunded Expenditures	-	-
Capital Fund, Beginning of Year		
Capital Fund, End of Year	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>

**SCHEDULE 3** 

### SCHEDULE OF RESERVES

	<u>2008</u>		<u>2007</u>
Reserve Fund, Beginning of Year	\$ 547,563	\$	497,397
Transfers from (to) Operating Fund Transfers from (to) Capital Fund	1,680,277 <u>(208,117</u> )	_	104,137 (53,97 <u>1</u> )
Reserve Fund, End of Year (Note 9)	\$ <u>2,019,723</u>	\$_	547,563

### **SCHEDULE 4**

### SCHEDULE OF EQUITY IN PHYSICAL ASSETS

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Physical Assets Acquired During the Year (Schedule 6)	\$ 1,329,519	\$ 70,643
Capital Financing Repayment of capital long-term debt from operating fund (Schedule 1) Proceeds of capital long-term debt (Schedule 2)	93,068 <u>(108,156</u> )	81,860 ————————————————————————————————————
Change in Equity in Physical Assets	1,314,431	152,503
Equity in Physical Assets, Beginning of Year	12.249,388	12,096,885
Equity in Physical Assets, End of Year	\$ <u>13,563,819</u>	\$ <u>12,249,388</u>
Equity in Physical Assets Comprised of the Following:		
Physical assets Long-term debt related to physical assets	\$14,593,138 (1,029, <u>319</u> )	\$13,263,620 (1,014,232)
	\$ <u>13,563,819</u>	\$ <u>12,249,388</u>

### **SCHEDULE 5**

### SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED

	<u>2008</u> (Budget) (Note 18)	<u>2008</u> (Actual)	<u>2007</u> (Actual)
Revenue			
Real property taxes	\$ 1,202,151	\$ 1,193,744	\$ 1,114,212
Power and pipeline taxes	58,000	56,575	57,851
Grants in lieu of taxes	23,000	23,713	22,488
Local improvement levies	23,108	24,705	<u>24.705</u>
	1,306,259	1,298,737	1,219,256
Deduct:			
Alberta School Foundation Fund	258,541	258,541	270,465
Lac Ste. Anne Foundation	<u>11,453</u>	11,453	<u>7,976</u>
	<u>269,994</u>	<u>269,994</u>	<u>278,441</u>
Net Taxes for General Municipal Purposes	\$ <u>1,036,265</u>	\$ <u>1,028,743</u>	\$ <u>940,815</u>

# CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF SEGMENTED INFORMATION

Totai	\$ 1,800,420 1,564,938 1,028,743 708,238	5,102,339	1,329,519 928,180 716,829 533,389 121,912 75,091 65,934 3,770,854
Other	86,938 ( 67,405 46,401 150,289	351,033	93,925 170,144 121,468 5,125 40,800 9,705 441,167
Parks and Recreation	\$ 1,424,162 153,735 17,112 18,445	1,613,454	130,548 52,047 8,543 20,000 211,138
Utilities	\$ 141,006 19,680 -	640,141	345,191 92,408 141,381 28,763 - 13,095 620,838
Roads, streets walks, lighting	\$ 4,446 1,055,047 455,993 3,79 <u>2</u>	1,519,278	992,031 157,552 162,357 119,756 61,114 26,468 1,519,278
Protective Services	\$ 30,485 119,626 311,108 29,453	490,672	302,011 53,095 54,775 54,775 73,811 3,295 3,685 
General Administration	\$ 113,383 149,445 198,129 26,804	487,761	35,477 147,869 185,098 76,973 15,072 10,606 16,666
	Revenue Other Provincial government transfers Net taxes for general municipal purposes Sales and user charges		Expenditures Physical assets acquired Materials, goods and supplies Salaries, wages and benefits Contracted and general services Utilities and telephone Other Interest and bank charges

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### **DECEMBER 31, 2008**

### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements of the Town are the representations of management prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. The precise determination of many assets and liabilities is dependent on future events. As a result, the preparation of financial statements for a period involves the use of estimates and approximations which have been made using careful judgment. Actual results could differ from those estimates and approximations. The financial statements have, in management's opinion, been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality and within the framework of the accounting policies summarized below:

### (a) Reporting Entity

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenditures, changes in fund balances and cash flows of the reporting entity. The entity is comprised of all the organizations that are owned or controlled by the Town and are, therefore, accountable to the Council for the administration of their financial affairs and resources.

The schedule of taxes levied also includes requisitions for education that are not part of the municipal reporting entity.

### (b) Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting followed in the financial statement presentation includes revenues recognized in the period in which the transactions or events occurred that gave rise to the revenues, and expenditures recognized in the period the goods and services are acquired and a liability is incurred or transfers are due with the exception of pension expenditures as disclosed in Note 1(m).

### (c) Fund Accounting

Management funds consist of the operating, capital and reserve funds. Transfers between funds are recorded as adjustments to the appropriate equity account. Capital fund interest payments and the cost of subdivision land sold are recorded as operating fund expenditures. The proceeds from the sale of subdivision land are recorded as operating fund revenue.

### (d) Investments

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

### (d) Inventory of Supplies

Inventory of supplies is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined primarily on a first in, first out basis.

### (e) Land Held for Resale

Land held for resale is recorded at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost includes costs for land acquisition and improvements required to prepare the land for servicing such as clearing, stripping and levelling charges. Related development costs incurred to provide infrastructure such as water and wastewater services, roads, sidewalks and street lighting are recorded as physical assets under their respective function.

### (f) Government Transfers

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

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

### **DECEMBER 31, 2008**

### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

### (g) Physical Assets

Physical assets are recorded as capital fund expenditures in the year they are acquired. Physical assets are recorded at cost except for donated assets, which are recorded at their estimated fair value when acquired. Government transfers for the acquisition of capital assets are recorded as capital revenue and do not reduce the related physical asset costs. Physical assets are currently not amortized. Amortization is expected to be presented in the financial statements in the 2009 fiscal year.

### (h) Prepaid Local Improvement Charges

Construction and borrowing costs associated with local improvement projects are recovered through annual special property assessments during the period of the related borrowing. These levies are collectible from property owners for work performed by the municipality.

Where a taxpayer has elected to prepay the outstanding local improvement charges, such amounts are recorded as a liability. The liability is amortized to revenue on a straight-line basis over the remaining term of the related borrowing.

In the event that the prepaid amounts are applied against the related borrowing, the liability is amortized to revenue by an amount equal to the debt repayment.

### (i) Reserves for Future Expenditures

Reserves are established at the discretion of Council to set aside funds for future operating and capital expenditures. Transfers to and/or from reserves are reflected as an adjustment to the respective fund.

### (j) Equity in Physical Assets

Equity in physical assets represents the Town's net investment in its total physical assets, after deducting the portion financed by third parties through debenture, bond, and mortgage debts, long-term capital borrowing, capitalized leases, and other capital liabilities.

### (k) Requisition of Over-Levies and Under-Levies

Over-levies and under-levies arise from the difference between the actual levy made to cover each requisition and the actual amount requisitioned.

If the actual levy exceeds the requisition, the over-levy is accrued as a liability and property tax revenue is reduced. In situations where the actual levy is less than the requisition amount, the under levy is accrued as a receivable and as property taxes.

Requisition tax rates in the subsequent year are adjusted for any over-levies or under-levies of the prior year.

### (I) Allowances for Operating and Physical Assets

Allowances for asset valuations are netted against the related asset and are segregated between operating and capital functions. Increases in allowances are recorded as expenditures, while decreases in allowances are recorded as revenues in the respective operating or capital fund.

### (m) Pension Expenditure

The Town participates in a multi-employer defined benefit plan. This plan is accounted for as a defined contribution plan.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

### **DECEMBER 31, 2008**

### 2. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

139,699 79,219 48,044
266,962
2007
2,650
Cost End of <u>Year</u>
69,851 790,861 2,191,874 969,081 571,471 4,593,138

### Public Sector Guideline 7 (PSG-7)

Effective January 1, 2007, the Town adopted PSG-7 of the Public Sector Accounting Handbook of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants with respect to the disclosure of tangible capital assets of local governments. PSG-7 provides transitional guidance on presenting information related to tangible capital assets until Section 3150 - Tangible Capital Assets of the Public Sector Accounting Handbook comes into effect on January 1, 2009.

As of December 31, 2008, the Town has compiled detailed information for all of their capital assets, including original cost and approximate year of acquisition and established a capital policy. The Town is in the processing of recording this information into the appropriate schedule. It is expected that the Town will be applying the new tangible capital asset recommendations contained in Section 3150 effective January 1, 2009.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

### **DECEMBER 31, 2008**

### 5. BANK OVERDRAFT

The bank overdraft is payable on demand with interest payable monthly at prime minus 0.25%. The Town has an authorized credit limit of \$800,000 at December 31, 2008. There is no balance outstanding at December 31, 2008.

6 ACCOUNTS DAVABLE AND ACCOURD LIABILITIES		
6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Trade Deposits Accrued interest on long-term debt	\$ 413,509 80 <u>19,962</u>	\$ 340,492 180 
	\$ <u>433,551</u>	\$ <u>361,447</u>
7. DEFERRED REVENUE	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Provincial grants received in advance Prepaid local improvement charges	\$ 344,618 22,022	\$ 697,433 23,466
	\$ <u>366,640</u>	\$720,899
8. LONG-TERM DEBT	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Debenture debt held by Alberta Capital Finance Authority, repayable in annual instalments of \$22,637 including interest at 5.75%; due October 1, 2018; issued on the credit and security of the municipality at large. Relates to 46th Avenue and Agriculture Resource Road (52nd Avenue) paving project.	168,603	180,842
Debenture debt held by Alberta Capital Finance Authority, repayable in annual instalments of \$35,451 including interest at 5.75%; due April 2, 2016; issued on the credit and security of the municipality at large. Relates to west water line project.	222,336	243,770
Debenture debt held by Alberta Capital Finance Authority, repayable in annual installments of \$19,855 including interest at 5.125%; due October 1, 2012; issued on the credit and security of the municipality at large. Relates to grader purchase.	70,200	85,665
Debenture debt held by Alberta Capital Finance Authority, repayable in semi-annual instalments of \$19,077 including interest at 4.264%; due March 16, 2015; issued on the credit and security of the municipality at large. Relates to extension of utilities	044.000	040.703
across Highway 43.	214,622	242,723

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

### **DECEMBER 31, 2008**

### 8. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONT'D)

LONG-TERM DEBT (CONT D)				<u>2008</u>		2007
Debenture debt held by Alberta Capital Finance Authority, repayable in semi-annual instalments of \$10,469 including interest at 4.699%; due September 15, 2026; issued on the credit and security of the municipality at large. Relates to 2006 paving project.	of er			252,467		261,232
Debenture debt held by Alberta Capital Finance Authority, repayable in semi-annual instalments of \$4,900 including interest at 4.057%; due September 15, 2018; issued on the credit and security of the municipality at large. Relates to 2008 paving project.	of er			79,897		-
Mayerthorpe Fire Department loan bearing interest a 0% per annum, repayable in annual blende instalments of \$7,065. The loan matures April 7, 201 and is unsecured.	d		_	21,194	_	<u> </u>
				1,029,319		1,014,232
Less: Current portion			_	(104,048)	_	(86,003)
			\$_	925,271	\$	928,229
Repayments of principal and interest over the next five	ye	ars are as fol	lows	<b>s</b> :		
		Principal		Interest		<u>Total</u>
2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 Thereafter	\$	104,048 108,901 113,999 112,293 98,069 492,009	\$	49,851 44,999 39,900 34,542 28,911 105,963	\$	153,899 153,900 153,899 146,835 126,980 597,972
	\$_	<u>1,029,319</u>	\$_	304,166	\$ <u>_</u> 1	<u>,333,485</u>

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

### **DECEMBER 31, 2008**

### 9. RESERVES

SERVES	<u>2007</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>2008</u>
Parks and recreation development	\$ 136,085	\$ 1,434,213	\$ -	\$ 1,570,298
Fire	94,000	80,400	94,000	80,400
Infrastructure program	39,360	-	-	39,360
Water infrastructure	31,241	9,063	-	40,304
Southeast water/sewer expansion	30,000	-	-	30,000
Land sales	20,000	125,587	-	145,587
West end bus	15,000	-	-	15,000
Administrative equipment	9,000	3,000	-	12,000
Cemetary	10,000	-	-	10,000
Street construction and improvement	9,520	-	-	9,520
Operating contingency	74,322	30,780	65,703	39,399
Public works equipment	59,480	-	53,480	6,000
Mural	6,000	-	-	6,000
ERC building maintenance	5,355	-	-	5,355
Subdivision land development	3,266	-	-	3,266
Bylaws enforcement	3,721	-	3,721	-
Airport	1,213	-	1,213	-
Disaster services		<u>7,234</u>		<u>7,234</u>
	\$ 547,563	\$ <u>1.690.277</u>	\$ <u>218,117</u>	\$ <u>2,019,723</u>

### 10. GRANT FACILITATION

During the year the Town assisted a new local not-for-profit society in receiving federal and provincial grants totalling \$94,086. These grants were paid to and are included in provincial government transfers revenue of the Town. These funds were then paid to the not-for-profit society and included in general administration expense.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

### **DECEMBER 31, 2008**

### 11. SALARIES AND BENEFITS DISCLOSURE

Disclosure of salaries and benefits for municipal officials, the Chief Administrative Officer and designated officers as required by Alberta Regulation 313/2000 is as follows:

	Salary (1)	Benefits (2)	2008 <u>Total</u>	2007 <u>Total</u>
Mayor - Albert Schalm	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,680
Mayor - Douglas McDermid	11,900	-	11,900	2,650
Councillors				
Glen Wilcox	8,600	-	8,600	8,550
Edie Hendrickson	· -	-	-	4,953
Jack Evarts	6,125	-	6,125	6,075
Kim Connell	8,050	-	8,050	8,000
Dan Richard	6,950	-	6,950	6,750
Cliff Wihlidal	_	-	-	4,903
Patricia Oliver	6,625	_	6,625	1,775
Kate Patrick	<u>8,475</u>		<u>8,475</u>	<u>1,775</u>
	\$ <u>56,725</u>	\$	\$ <u>56,725</u>	\$ <u>55,111</u>
Chief Administrative Officer	\$ <u>76,547</u>	\$ <u>13,899</u>	\$ <u>90,446</u>	\$ <u>70,855</u>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Benefits and allowances include the employer's share of the employee benefits and contributions made on behalf of employees including pension, health care, dental coverage, vision coverage, group life insurance, accidental disability and dismemberment insurance, long and short-term disability plans, professional memberships and tuition.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

### **DECEMBER 31, 2008**

### 12. DEBT LIMITS

Section 276(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* requires that debt and debt limits as defined by Alberta Regulation 255/2000 for the Town be disclosed as follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Total debt limit Total debt	\$ 5,981,528 (1,029,319)	\$ 3,142,391 (1,014,232)
Amount of total debt limit unused	\$ <u>4,952,209</u>	\$ <u>2,128,159</u>
Debt servicing limit Debt servicing	\$ 996,921 (153,899)	\$ 523,732 (137,035)
Amount of debt servicing limit unused	\$ <u>843,022</u>	\$386,697

The debt limit is calculated at 1.50 times revenue of the Town (as defined in the Alberta Regulation 255/2000) and the debt service limit is calculated as 0.25 times such revenue. Incurring debt beyond these limitations requires approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. These thresholds are a conservative guideline used by Alberta Municipal Affairs to identify municipalities that could be at a financial risk if further debt is acquired. The calculation taken alone does not represent the financial stability of the Town. Rather, the financial statements must be interpreted as a whole.

### 13. CONTINGENCIES

The Town is a member of the Alberta Municipal Insurance Exchange (MUNIX). Under the terms of membership, the Town could become liable for its proportionate share of any claim losses in excess of the funds held by the exchange. Any liability incurred would be accounted for as a current transaction in the year the losses are determined.

### 14. LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN

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

The Town is required to make current service contributions to the Plan of 8.46% of pensionable earnings up to the Canada Pension Plan year's maximum pensionable earnings and 11.66% for the excess. Employees of the Town are required to make current service contributions of 7.46% of pensionable earnings up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings and 10.66% on pensionable earnings above this amount.

Total current and past service contributions made by the Town to the LAPP in 2008 were \$27,101 (2007 - \$23,684). Total current and past service contributions made by the employees of the Town to the LAPP in 2008 were \$23,825 (2007 - \$20,751).

At December 31, 2007, the LAPP disclosed an actuarial deficit of \$1,183 million (2006 - \$746.7 million).

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

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### 15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Town's financial instruments consist of cash and temporary investments, accounts receivables, long-term investments, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and long-term debt. It is management's opinion that the Town is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risk arising from these financial instruments

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

### 16. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Town provides a range of services to its residents. For each reported segment, revenues and expenses represent both amounts that are directly attributable to the segment and amounts that are allocated on a reasonable basis. The accounting policies used in these segments are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements as disclosed in Note 1. For additional information see the Consolidated Schedule of Segment Disclosure (Schedule 6).

### 17. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These financial statements were approved by Council and Management.

### 18. BUDGET

The budget figures are provided for information purposes only, and have not been audited.