



# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61



## STATISTICS & HIGHLIGHTS

Under Alberta's Municipal Government Act, Council for the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 approves an annual operating and capital budget to guide municipal operations and long-term planning. The budget identifies anticipated revenues and the expenditures required to deliver municipal programs, services, and infrastructure.

As your local government, the M.D. provides accountable leadership, delivers services and facilities aligned with Council priorities and community needs, and supports a safe and sustainable municipality for our ratepayers.

The Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 is located in a region anchored by agriculture and the energy sector and benefits from a strong relationship with one of Canada's largest military training bases. This diverse economic base supports a stable municipal tax environment and helps the M.D. maintain service levels that residents expect. Council remains committed to maintaining competitive municipal tax rates while continuing to invest in essential services and infrastructure.



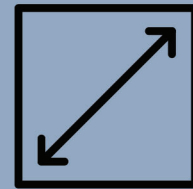
**4,276 POPULATION  
(2021 CENSUS)**



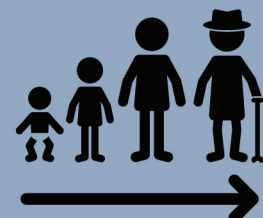
**-4.2% CHANGE  
FROM 2016**



**1,852 PRIVATE  
DWELLINGS**

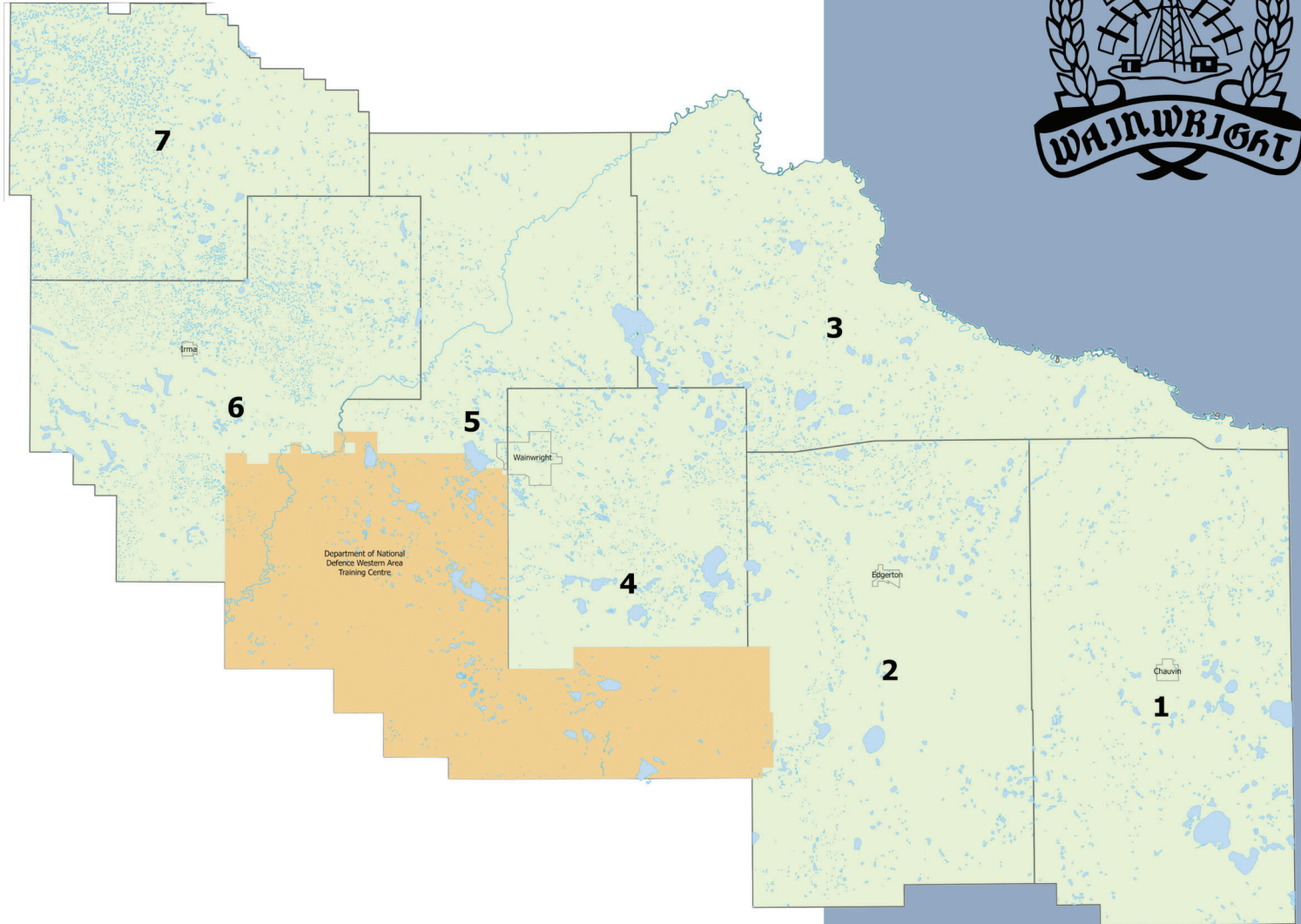


**4,095.29 LAND AREA  
IN SQUARE  
KILOMETRES**



**38.4 MEDIAN AGE**

## DIVISIONAL MAP



## COUNCILLORS - 2025 TO 2029 TERM

- Division 1 - Oscar Buck
- Division 2 – Mike Wildeboer (Reeve)
- Division 3 – Richard (Bill) Waddell
- Division 4 – Robin Leighton
- Division 5 – Bruce Cummins (Deputy Reeve)
- Division 6 – Garnet MacKay
- Division 7 – Shaun Rue



Back row (L-R): Oscar Buck, Shaun Rue, Robin Leighton, Richard Waddell and Garnet MacKay.  
Front row (L-R): Mike Wildeboer and Bruce Cummins.

## 2025 REEVE'S REPORT



On behalf of Council, I am pleased to provide you with the highlights of the M.D. of Wainwright's operations for the 2025 fiscal year.

In 2025, our construction crew improved approximately 8 miles of road, with projects focused primarily in the western and eastern areas of the M.D. Divisions 2, 3, and 7 benefited from construction work in their areas.

Our cementing and oiling crew worked on 6 miles of cement base stabilization on the M.D.'s key local road network. This resulted in a total of 114 miles of cement stabilized roads in the M.D. We continue to focus on maintaining our cement roads by re-chipping 11.5 miles of road last year. In addition, we provide a coat of fogging seal the year after the road is re-chipped, which seals the chip and prolongs its life. In 2025, we fogged 19 miles of road. The M.D. oiling crew focused its attention on dust controls in 2025 as it was another dry year, utilizing calcium and MC-250.

As part of its key local road network improvement strategy the M.D. continued its pilot project of pavement overlay on its cement stabilization roads. The project on Township Road 46-2 (Gilt Edge Road), from last year was extended another 5 miles to the intersection of the Gilt Edge Hall. In addition, a key cement stabilization route east of Wainwright from Highway 14 was also overlaid for a total of two miles. We are hopeful this layer of pavement will prolong the life of the road and save on chipseal resurfacing over the next number of years. We will continue to monitor the effectiveness of this process. These two projects bring the total miles of paving in the M.D. to 192 miles.

Regular road maintenance continued as usual, with nearly 107,372 metric tonnes of gravel applied to our gravel roads. We used both private and M.D. trucks to haul and spread the gravel. We maintain our road maintenance grader fleet at seven graders, with one additional grader being used to supplement divisional graders as needed. Also, to maintain our stockpiles of gravel, we hired a private contractor to crush 144,250 metric tonnes of gravel.

Riverdale Mini-Park, operated by M.D. of Wainwright staff, provided a valuable service for campers and golfers at a very reasonable rate. Arm Lake Recreation Area, operated by a contractor, also provided another valuable service for campers, boaters, and beach goers at very competitive rates as well. The year 2025 was the first year our new contractor operated Arm Lake and all involved, including the patrons, enjoyed another successful year at Arm Lake.

The M.D. Administration team worked hard in planning and organizing these projects to ensure that they were successful. On behalf of Council, I would like to thank them for their dedication to the M.D. over the course of the year.

The M.D. of Wainwright continues to work closely with its neighboring municipalities, the Town of Wainwright and the Villages of Irma, Chauvin and Edgerton (ICE). We are also pleased that our close relationship and partnership continues with our local military base, 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division Support Base Detachment Wainwright.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Council, Administration, and all M.D. employees for their continued support throughout this last year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Wildeboer  
Reeve

## 2025 DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES' REPORT



Development permit applications saw an 11% increase in the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 (M.D.) in 2025. The M.D. issued 51 permits in 2025 up from 46 permits in 2024 and 35 permits in 2023. Developments totaled \$8,977,384 in 2025, down from \$35,808,530 in 2024 and \$308,489,803 in 2023. Values in 2024 and 2023 are greatly attributed to commercial alternate energy projects whereas the vast majority in 2025 were accessory building developments and small scale individual solar arrays. Comparatively, in the last 5 years, development permits have averaged 47 per year valuing \$86,533,676.

The 2025 development permits included 28 buildings and uses accessory to permitted or discretionary uses valued at \$4,743,861. This accounts for 53% of the annual development value and included 20 shops and 6 garages. There were 16 permits issued for dwellings which included 8 manufactured homes. Five permits were issued for Individual Alternate Energy Systems. These were all private, ground-mounted solar arrays. One permit was issued for a Home Occupation which is defined as any business, occupation, trade, profession, or craft carried on by an occupant of a dwelling as a use secondary to the residential use of the parcel, and which does not significantly change the character thereof. A home occupation may include business conducted within accessory buildings developed on the parcel. Of note, in the Agriculture Land Use District, a permit was issued for a greenhouse and another for a rural commercial use.

The adoption of the Municipal Development Plan No. 1694 and Land Use Bylaw No. 1695 on June 20, 2023 introduced the requirement of development permits for demolition where offsite removal of a structure (for which a development permit would have been required for erection) occurs. In 2025, 4 development permits were issued for demolitions.

Eleven subdivision applications were received in 2025 down slightly from 12 last year. Ten applications were approved meaning that a decision was issued but the subdivisions are not yet realized. Applicants are working to meet the conditions required and, upon completion, the subdivisions shall be endorsed for registration. A further subdivision application received in 2024 was approved in 2025. The five-year average for subdivision applications is 12 per year with 10 approvals per annum.

Developments may also include a change of use of land or a building, or an activity undertaken in relation to land or a building that results in, or is likely to result in, such a change. Developments may further include a change in the intensity of use of land or a building, or an activity undertaken in relation to land or a building that results in, or is likely to result in, a change in the intensity. In these circumstances, it is likely that a development permit is required.

Should you have any questions regarding development, please contact our office at 780-842-4454. Development permit, demolition permit, and subdivision applications can be picked up at the M.D. Administration office or downloaded from our website at [www.mdwainwright.ca](http://www.mdwainwright.ca).

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Smith  
Director of Development Services



# 2025 AGRICULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT



## Administration

In 2025, the Agricultural Services Department received grants under all three funding streams of the Provincial ASB Grant from the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in the following amounts: Legislative Stream \$166,247, Resource Management Stream \$33,150, and the Rat Control Stream \$24,000. This was the first year of the grant cycle under the new five-year grant program which runs from 2025-2029. The municipality continued the closure process of the former Wainwright empty chemical container collection site. The remediation and reclamation phase of the project is anticipated to begin in spring 2026. The M.D. of Wainwright continues to operate four municipal tank loader facilities for agriculture, recreation, and other approved uses.

## Vegetation Management, Crop Pest Monitoring & Vertebrate Pest Control

2025 was year one in the three-year rotation of our robust roadside spray program and we continued to address a variety of prohibited noxious and noxious weeds on roadsides and private land. Ongoing control efforts against purple loosestrife at two locations have yielded positive results with very few plants being found through the season. Municipal gravel pits were monitored for regrowth after being treated by helicopter in 2024. Breakthrough began in mid-July and staff treated pits with ground equipment as best as possible; however, aerial treatment in 2026 is being considered. Gravel pits have a significant amount of Russian thistle present, and several more developed kochia infestations in 2025. Kochia continued to spread across the municipality and is being treated as noxious on roadsides. The contracted roadside mowing program went smoothly and addressed nearly 950 miles of municipal roadside. Several reclamation projects were completed including two H-Start Product trial locations. The 2024 hydro mulch project was monitored through 2025 as well. Overall, it was a challenging year for reclamation and establishment due to environmental conditions. The ASB continues to partner with the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in their pest surveillance program. Diamondback moths, bertha armyworms, grasshoppers, canola flower midge, swede midge and wheat midge were all surveyed in 2025. Soil samples were submitted for wheat midge and staff participated in a wheat head survey. Agricultural Services staff completed 87 clubroot inspections utilizing the Canola Rotation Risk Mapping (CRRM) program with LandView Drones with no new clubroot positive field being identified in 2025. The year 2025 marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rat Control Program. One confirmed rat was found early in the year; the site was monitored with no more found. Regular inspections were conducted in spring and fall with no suspicious locations identified. ASB staff also removed problem beavers that were affecting municipal roads, bridges, and culvert infrastructure. Dog control was conducted on an as needed basis.

## Resource Management Stream Section: Municipal Projects, Demonstrations & Extension Activities

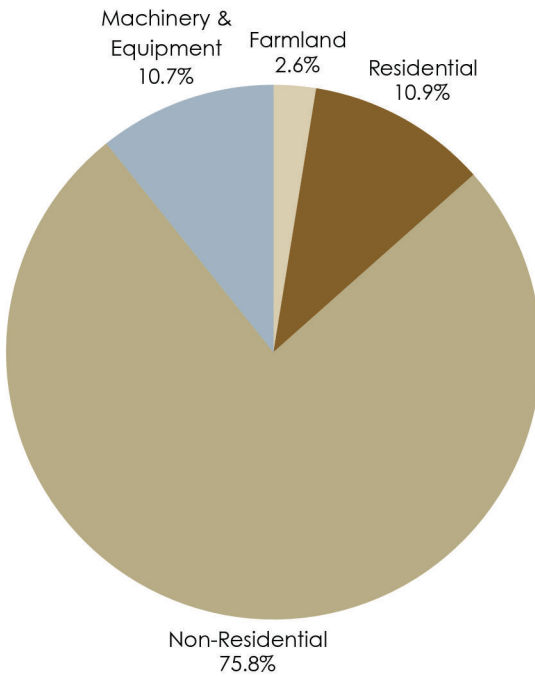
The focus of the resource management stream grant money is to provide information and programs within three priority areas: deliver, promote and manage the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP); deliver, promote and manage the Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership (S-CAP); and promote the sustainability of water, soil, air and biodiversity in the M.D. of Wainwright. The bi-monthly ASB newsletter, the *Municipal Connection*, continues to be a source of information for our rural ratepayers. The ASB hosted nine extension events between January and May, ranging in topics from farm transition planning to kochia management to renewables and passive solar greenhouses. These saw a total of 593 participants.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelby Oracheski  
Agricultural Fieldman



# COMPOSITION OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES



## Machinery & Equipment

Industrial equipment and machinery used in business operations that are assessed for property tax purposes.

## Farmland

Land used for farming or agricultural production, typically assessed at a regulated agricultural rate.

## Residential

Properties used as homes, cottages, acreages, and other places where people live.

## Non-Residential

Properties used for business, commercial, industrial, or other non-housing purposes.

- Municipal Tax - 81.2%
- Alberta School Foundation Fund - 17.6%
- Battle River Foundation - 1.0%
- Designated Industrial Property - 0.2%

# MUNICIPAL TAX RATES

## Municipal Tax

Property tax levied by the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 to fund municipal operations and services (e.g., fire protection and recreation) and to support capital projects and infrastructure. Council has the authority to set the municipal tax rate through the annual budget and tax bylaw.

## Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF)

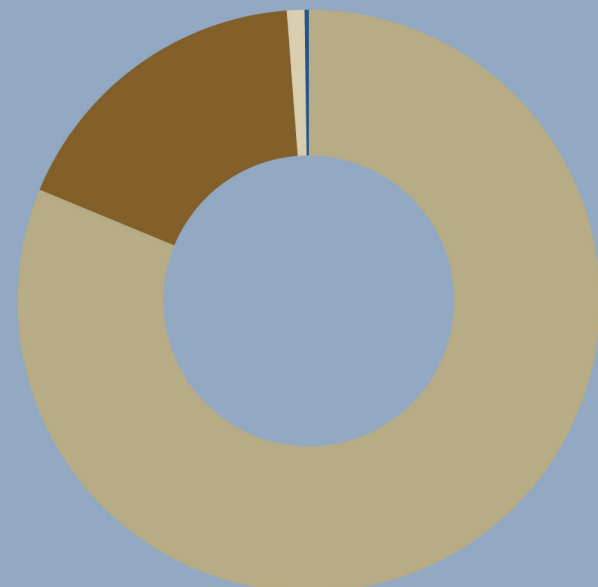
A provincial education property tax requisition that all municipalities are required to collect on behalf of Alberta Education. Amounts collected are remitted directly to the Province of Alberta and/or the applicable school jurisdiction. Council does not have the authority to set the ASFF tax rate.

## Battle River Foundation

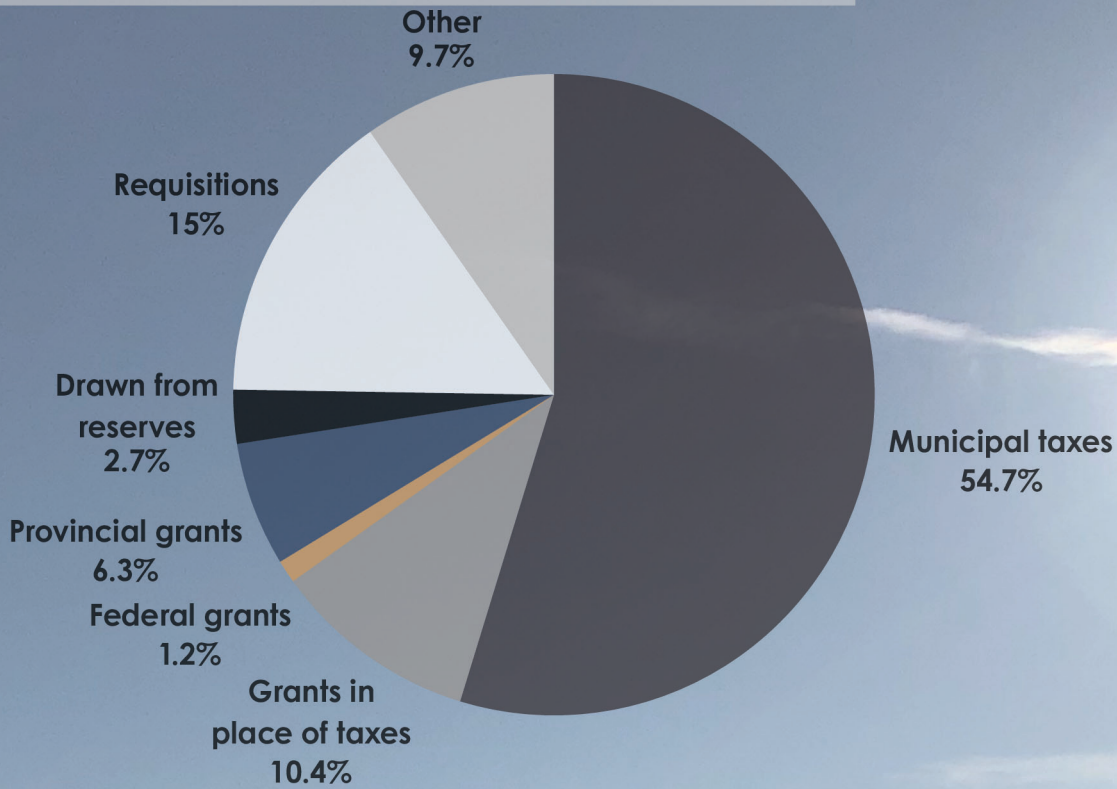
A requisition collected to fund seniors' housing services provided through the Battle River Foundation. The Foundation's Board, on which the M.D. of Wainwright has representation, approves the budget and establishes the requisition. Amounts collected are remitted directly to the Battle River Foundation.

## Designated Industrial Property Tax (DIP)

A requisition tax rate set by the Minister of Municipal Affairs that municipalities are required to apply to designated industrial properties. Municipalities must levy and collect this tax and remit the amounts collected as required.

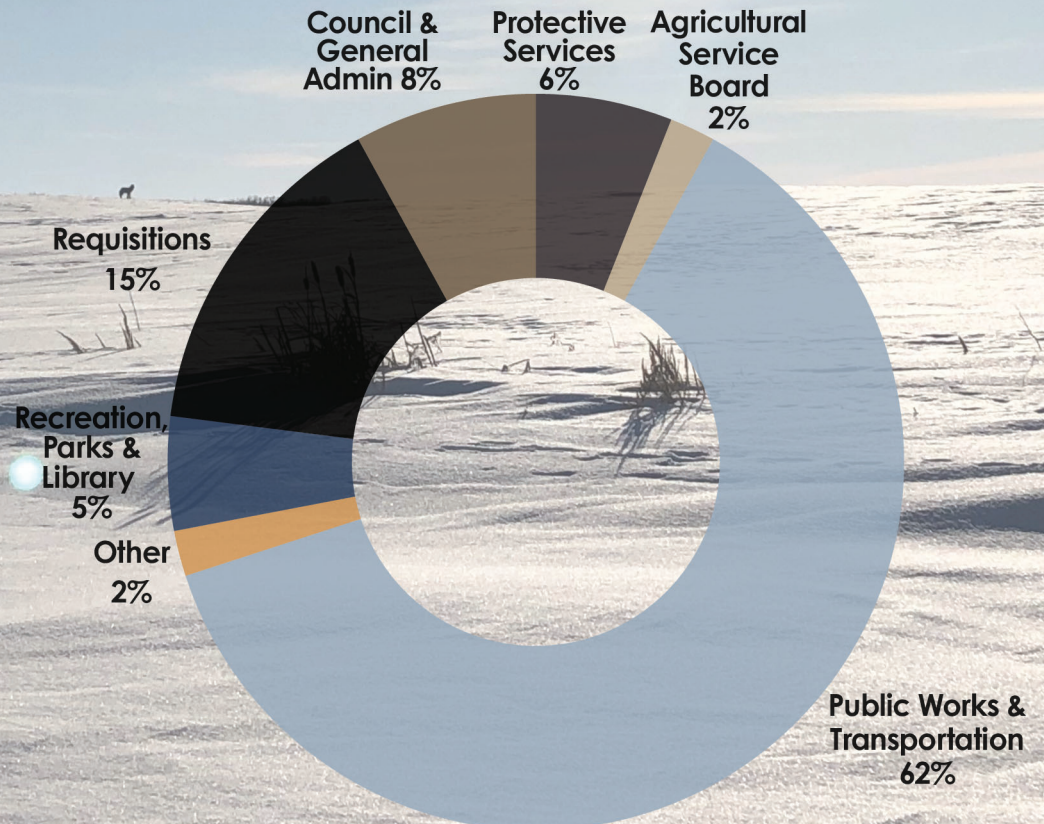


## MUNICIPAL REVENUE



The category "Other" includes the following: sale of goods and services, return on investments, proceeds from disposal of capital assets, rental revenue, penalties, licenses and permits, contributions from other functions, commissions and dividends, sales to other governments and other revenue.

## MUNICIPAL OPERATING EXPENSES



The category "Other" includes the following: Safety, Water, Sewer & Waste Disposal, Community Services and Planning & Development.

The category "Requisitions" includes the following: Alberta School Foundation Fund, East Central Alberta Catholic Separate Schools, Battle River Foundation and Designated Industrial Property.

## CAPITAL PURCHASES

Capital expenditures are defined in the Tangible Capital Assets (TCA) policy as non-financial assets including betterments having physical substance that:

- are in excess of capitalization thresholds set out in the TCA policy;
- are used on a continuing basis in the municipality's operations;
- are not held for resale in the ordinary course of operations; and
- have useful lives extending beyond one year.

### ROADS

CEMENT	\$1,700,539	<b>53.69%</b>
GRAVEL	\$3,720,151	
PAVEMENT	\$7,099,888	

### RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

\$127,006  
**0.54%**

### BRIDGES

\$1,497,524  
**6.42%**

### FIRE VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT

\$127,006  
**2.62%**

### VEHICLES

\$1,001,773  
**4.30%**

### CORPORATE SOFTWARE & TECHNOLOGY

\$127,006  
**0.33%**

### MACHINERY

\$7,347,900  
**31.51%**

### BUILDINGS

\$138,712  
**0.59%**

**2025 CAPITAL PURCHASES \$23,320,696 - 31% OF ALL MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES**

# OPERATING PLAN 2026 - 2028



	2026 PLAN	2027 PLAN	2028 PLAN
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>			
Taxes	34,632,122	34,632,122	34,632,122
Payments in lieu of taxes	5,143,389	5,143,389	5,143,389
Other revenue	2,502,500	2,502,500	2,502,500
Grazing leases in DND	7,341	7,341	7,341
General administration	236,498	203,165	203,165
Fire fighting & protective services	831,105	1,639,180	820,546
Disaster services	26,613	26,613	26,613
Public works	2,412,101	2,314,472	2,221,741
Water supply	45,700	45,700	45,700
Wastewater treatment & disposal	22,600	22,600	22,600
Municipal planning & zoning	21,000	21,000	21,000
Agricultural Service Board	228,397	228,397	228,397
Recreation & parks	997,881	991,303	985,065
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>47,107,247</b>	<b>47,777,782</b>	<b>46,860,178</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>			
Council & other	690,361	711,071	732,404
General administration	3,863,800	3,952,989	4,047,239
Fire fighting & protective services	1,599,018	1,609,370	1,610,959
Disaster services	40,943	30,943	30,943
Police	552,052	556,229	560,575
Public works	15,081,805	15,672,673	16,170,543
Safety	187,667	192,697	197,878
Water supply	103,397	107,131	111,028
Wastewater treatment & disposal	22,950	23,864	24,821
Garbage collection	431,521	450,667	470,841
Preventive social services	44,429	44,429	44,429
Cemeteries	10,000	-	-
Municipal planning & zoning	194,471	200,260	206,223
Agricultural Service Board	1,134,974	1,146,019	1,183,593
Recreation, parks, facilities	2,328,682	2,340,618	2,353,453
Library board	49,735	50,481	51,239
Requisitions	7,657,068	7,770,568	7,885,771
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>33,992,873</b>	<b>34,860,009</b>	<b>35,681,938</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<b>13,114,374</b>	<b>12,917,774</b>	<b>11,178,240</b>
<b>LESS: CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>15,087,374</b>	<b>13,787,774</b>	<b>12,244,240</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>(1,973,000)</b>	<b>(870,000)</b>	<b>(1,066,000)</b>
<b>MORE: DISPOSAL PROCEEDS</b>	<b>1,973,000</b>	<b>870,000</b>	<b>1,066,000</b>
<b>ANNUAL SURPLUS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

# CAPITAL PLAN 2026 - 2030



YEAR	DESCRIPTION	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	DISPOSAL PROCEEDS
<b>GENERAL ADMINISTRATION</b>							
		15,000	1,550,000	-	-	-	
<b>FIRE FIGHTING &amp; PROTECTIVE SERVICES</b>							
		22,500	880,224	-	100,000	-	
2026	Total disposal proceeds						
2027	Total disposal proceeds						60,000
2029	Total disposal proceeds						20,000
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>							
		15,027,874	11,080,000	12,200,000	11,830,000	12,427,500	
2026	Total disposal proceeds						1,965,000
2027	Total disposal proceeds						755,000
2028	Total disposal proceeds						1,060,000
2029	Total disposal proceeds						1,595,000
2030	Total disposal proceeds						1,900,000
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>							
		-	-	-	-	-	
<b>SANITARY SEWERAGE SERVICE</b>							
		-	-	-	-	-	
<b>AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD</b>							
		-	107,550	1,200	112,500	-	
2026	Total disposal proceeds						5,000
2027	Total disposal proceeds						5,000
<b>RECREATION, PARKS, FACILITIES</b>							
		22,000	170,000	43,040	-	-	
2026	Total disposal proceeds						3,000
2027	Total disposal proceeds						50,000
2028	Total disposal proceeds						6,000
2029	Total disposal proceeds						-
2030	Total disposal proceeds						-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>15,087,374</b>	<b>13,787,774</b>	<b>12,244,240</b>	<b>12,042,500</b>	<b>12,427,500</b>	<b>7,424,000</b>
<b>DISPOSAL PROCEEDS</b>		(1,973,000)	(870,000)	(1,066,000)	(1,615,000)	(1,900,000)	
<b>NET PURCHASE COST</b>		<b>13,114,374</b>	<b>12,917,774</b>	<b>11,178,240</b>	<b>10,427,500</b>	<b>10,527,500</b>	



# 2025 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61





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## MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 (M.D.) is responsible for the preparation, accuracy, objectivity and integrity of the accompanying consolidated financial statements and all other information contained within this Financial Report. Management believes that the consolidated financial statements present fairly the M.D.'s financial position as at December 31, 2025 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in compliance with legislation, and in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards (PSAS).

The consolidated financial statements include certain amounts based on estimates and judgements. Such amounts have been determined on a reasonable basis in order to ensure the consolidated financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects.

In fulfilling its responsibilities and recognizing the limits inherent in all systems, management has designed and maintains a system of internal controls to produce reliable information and to meet reporting requirements on a timely basis. The system is designed to provide management with reasonable assurance that transactions are properly authorized, and assets are properly accounted for and safeguarded.

These systems are monitored and evaluated by management and reliable financial information is available for preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

The M.D. Council carries out its responsibilities for review of the consolidated financial statements principally through its Finance Committee. This committee meets regularly with management and external auditors to discuss the results of audit examinations and financial reporting matters.

The external auditors have full access to the Finance Committee with and without the presence of management. The MD Council has approved the consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by Isaman Chopek LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, independent external auditors appointed by the M.D. The accompanying Independent Auditors' Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the MD's consolidated financial statements.

Kelly Buchinski  
Municipal Administrator  
April 21, 2026

Tyson Boomhower, CPA, CA  
Director of Finance  
April 21, 2026

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To the Reeve and Members of Council of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61:**

### Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 (the Entity), which comprise:

- the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2025;
- 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 cash flows for the year then ended; and
- supporting schedules for the year then ended; and
- notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 as at December 31, 2025, and its consolidated results of operations, its consolidated changes in net financial assets and its consolidated cash flows and supporting schedules 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 responsibilities 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 Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the 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 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 Entity'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 Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

### Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objective is 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 these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risks 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, 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 Entity'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 Entity'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 Entity 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 group Entity to express an opinion of the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

Wainwright, Alberta  
April 21, 2026

*Isamand Chopel LLP*

Chartered Professional Accountants



**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

*As at December 31, 2025*

	2025	2024
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Cash and temporary investments (Note 2)	\$ 33,451,019	\$ 28,664,637
Receivables		
Taxes and grants in lieu of taxes (Note 3)	4,365,053	3,239,198
Trade and other receivables (Note 4)	4,348,921	3,211,487
Inventory for resale (Note 5)	204	3,482
Investments (Note 6)	32,013,840	37,013,833
	<u>74,179,037</u>	<u>72,132,637</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 7)	2,674,390	2,177,435
Accrued wages and benefits (Note 8)	132,353	104,089
Deferred revenue (Note 9)	53,833	71,942
Employee benefit obligations (Note 10)	615,215	565,358
Reclamation liabilities (Note 11)	2,540,348	2,640,588
Trust funds (Note 12)	127,338	122,105
	<u>6,143,477</u>	<u>5,681,517</u>
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<u>68,035,560</u>	<u>66,451,120</u>
<b>NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Tangible capital assets (Schedule 2)	278,892,381	269,273,299
Inventory for consumption (Note 13)	11,544,587	11,319,510
Prepaid expenses	254,429	75,776
	<u>290,691,397</u>	<u>280,668,585</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Schedule 1, Note 16)</b>	<u>\$ 358,726,957</u>	<u>\$ 347,119,705</u>

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL:

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**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2025*

	Budget	2025	2024 <i>(Restated)</i>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Net municipal property taxes <i>(Schedule 3)</i>	\$ 31,048,518	\$ 31,099,052	\$ 29,251,923
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	-	52,236
User fees and sales of goods	923,030	1,078,622	1,101,606
Government transfers for operating <i>(Schedule 4)</i>	547,734	534,484	520,957
Investment income	2,150,000	2,411,452	2,668,795
Penalties on taxes and utilities	500,000	848,962	697,696
Licenses, permits and fees	-	-	350
Other	43,000	401,736	317,570
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>35,212,282</b>	<b>36,374,308</b>	<b>34,611,133</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Council and administration			
Council and other legislative	664,627	620,209	593,252
General administration	4,210,918	3,753,193	3,065,585
Protective services			
Fire & other emergency management	366,167	413,132	402,050
Police	523,297	540,235	542,261
Transportation services	24,868,989	19,153,393	18,601,109
Planning and development	213,010	166,613	142,039
Recreation, parks and culture	1,386,617	1,316,194	1,329,616
Environmental use and protection			
Water supply and distribution	149,799	166,700	121,335
Wastewater treatment and disposal	141,451	142,845	130,191
Waste disposal	443,056	401,505	399,516
Other			
Agricultural Services Board	1,211,227	1,009,939	970,989
Community services	44,429	44,429	44,429
Safety	181,936	189,275	151,041
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>34,405,523</b>	<b>27,917,662</b>	<b>26,493,413</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER- EXPENSES BEFORE CAPITAL REVENUE</b>	<b>806,759</b>	<b>8,456,646</b>	<b>8,117,720</b>
<b>CAPITAL REVENUE</b>			
Contributed assets	-	-	4,591,682
Government transfers for capital <i>(Schedule 4)</i>	2,798,820	3,150,606	6,759,842
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,798,820</b>	<b>3,150,606</b>	<b>11,351,524</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>3,605,579</b>	<b>11,607,252</b>	<b>19,469,244</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>347,119,705</b>	<b>347,119,705</b>	<b>327,650,461</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 350,725,284</b>	<b>\$ 358,726,957</b>	<b>\$ 347,119,705</b>

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**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2025*

	Budget	2025	2024
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	\$ 3,605,579	<b>\$ 11,607,252</b>	\$ 19,469,244
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(18,800,837)	<b>(23,320,697)</b>	(19,493,977)
Contributed tangible capital assets	-	-	(4,591,682)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	3,688,280	<b>2,447,756</b>	372,214
Amortization of tangible capital assets	11,095,064	<b>9,955,189</b>	9,377,448
Amortization capitalized on construction of assets	-	<b>1,295,914</b>	988,224
Net loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	<b>2,756</b>	10,819
	<u>(4,017,493)</u>	<u><b>(9,619,082)</b></u>	<u>(13,336,954)</u>
Acquisition of supplies inventories	-	<b>(1,588,243)</b>	(1,433,307)
Acquisition of prepaid assets	-	<b>(227,636)</b>	(30,165)
Use of supplies inventories	-	<b>1,363,167</b>	1,535,638
Use of prepaid assets	-	<b>48,982</b>	78,478
	<u>-</u>	<u><b>(403,730)</b></u>	<u>150,644</u>
<b>INCREASE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	(411,914)	<b>1,584,440</b>	6,282,934
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>66,451,120</u>	<u><b>66,451,120</b></u>	<u>60,168,186</u>
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 66,039,206</u>	<u><b>\$ 68,035,560</b></u>	<u>\$ 66,451,120</u>

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**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2025*

	2025	2024
<b>NET INFLOW (OUTFLOW) OF CASH RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING TRANSACTIONS:</b>		
<b>OPERATING</b>		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 11,607,252	\$ 19,469,244
Non-cash items included in excess of revenue over expenses:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	9,955,189	9,377,448
Net loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	2,756	10,819
Tangible capital assets received as contributions	-	(4,591,682)
Non-cash charges to operations (net change):		
Increase in taxes and grants in lieu of taxes receivable	(1,125,855)	(1,103,803)
Increase in trade and other receivables	(1,137,434)	(1,130,497)
Decrease (increase) in inventory for resale	3,278	(231)
(Increase) decrease in inventory for consumption	(225,077)	102,331
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	(178,653)	48,313
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	496,955	501,288
Increase in accrued wages and benefits	28,264	23,665
(Decrease) increase in reclamation liabilities	(100,240)	267,082
(Decrease) increase in deferred revenue	(18,109)	49,940
Increase (decrease) in employee benefit obligations	49,857	(23,563)
Increase in trust funds	5,233	7,886
Cash provided by operating transactions	19,363,416	23,008,240
<b>CAPITAL</b>		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(23,320,697)	(19,493,977)
Amortization capitalized on construction of assets	1,295,914	988,224
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	2,447,756	372,214
Cash applied to capital transactions	(19,577,027)	(18,133,539)
<b>INVESTING</b>		
(Increase) decrease in restricted cash or cash equivalents	(5,415,211)	7,075,963
Decrease (increase) in investments	4,999,993	(12,000,009)
Cash applied to investing transactions	(415,218)	(4,924,046)
<b>CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS DURING THE YEAR</b>	<b>(628,829)</b>	<b>(49,345)</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>2,738,557</b>	<b>2,787,902</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>2,109,728</b>	<b>2,738,557</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents is made up of:</b>		
Cash and temporary investments (Note 2)	33,451,019	28,664,637
Less: restricted portion of cash and temporary investments (Note 2)	(31,341,291)	(25,926,080)
	<b>\$ 2,109,728</b>	<b>\$ 2,738,557</b>

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**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61**  
**CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED SURPLUS**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2025*

	Unrestricted Surplus	Restricted Reserves	Equity in Tangible Capital Assets	2025	2024
<b>BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 15,114,372</b>	<b>\$ 62,732,034</b>	<b>\$ 269,273,299</b>	<b>\$ 347,119,705</b>	<b>\$ 327,650,461</b>
Excess of revenue over expenses	11,607,252	-	-	<b>11,607,252</b>	19,469,244
Unrestricted funds designated for future use	(1,813,433)	1,813,433	-	-	-
Restricted funds used for operations	1,125,355	(1,125,355)	-	-	-
Restricted funds used for tangible capital assets	-	(259,992)	259,992	-	-
Current year funds used for tangible capital assets	(23,060,705)	-	23,060,705	-	-
Disposal of tangible capital assets	2,450,512	-	(2,450,512)	-	-
Amortization capitalized on construction of assets	1,295,914	-	(1,295,914)	-	-
Annual amortization expense	9,955,189	-	(9,955,189)	-	-
Change in accumulated surplus	1,560,084	428,086	9,619,082	<b>11,607,252</b>	19,469,244
<b>BALANCE, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 16,674,456</b>	<b>\$ 63,160,120</b>	<b>\$ 278,892,381</b>	<b>\$ 358,726,957</b>	<b>\$ 347,119,705</b>

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**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61**  
**CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2025*

	Land	Land Improvements	Buildings	Engineered Structures	Machinery & Equipment	Vehicles	2025	2024
<b>COST</b>								
<b>BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	\$ 3,294,747	\$ 2,161,303	\$ 3,359,612	\$ 558,453,452	\$ 24,544,013	\$ 8,043,406	<b>\$ 599,856,533</b>	\$ 576,964,460
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	127,006	138,712	13,957,599	7,775,112	1,261,765	<b>23,260,194</b>	23,914,982
Construction-in-progress	-	-	-	60,503	-	-	<b>60,503</b>	170,677
Disposal of tangible capital assets	-	-	-	(6,802,595)	(4,482,990)	(65,196)	<b>(11,350,781)</b>	(1,193,586)
<b>BALANCE, END OF YEAR</b>	3,294,747	2,288,309	3,498,324	565,668,959	27,836,135	9,239,975	<b>611,826,449</b>	599,856,533
<b>ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION</b>								
<b>BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	-	1,207,230	1,589,629	313,244,800	10,373,468	4,168,107	<b>330,583,234</b>	321,028,115
Annual amortization	-	99,648	68,579	8,227,168	1,071,857	487,937	<b>9,955,189</b>	9,377,448
Amortization on equipment used in self-constructed assets	-	-	-	-	1,279,657	16,257	<b>1,295,914</b>	988,224
Accumulated amortization on disposals	-	-	-	(6,140,980)	(2,694,093)	(65,196)	<b>(8,900,269)</b>	(810,553)
<b>BALANCE, END OF YEAR</b>	-	1,306,878	1,658,208	315,330,988	10,030,889	4,607,105	<b>332,934,068</b>	330,583,234
<b>TOTAL NET BOOK VALUE</b>	<b>3,294,747</b>	<b>981,431</b>	<b>1,840,116</b>	<b>250,337,971</b>	<b>17,805,246</b>	<b>4,632,870</b>	<b>278,892,381</b>	269,273,299
2024 NET BOOK VALUE	\$ 3,294,747	\$ 954,073	\$ 1,769,983	\$ 245,208,652	\$ 14,170,545	\$ 3,875,299	\$ 269,273,299	

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**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61**  
**CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY TAXES**

*For the Year Ended December 31, 2025*

	Budget	2025	2024 (Restated)
<b>TAXATION</b>			
Real property taxes	\$ 11,122,586	\$ <b>11,100,942</b>	\$ 10,724,826
Linear property taxes	22,266,242	<b>22,264,964</b>	20,750,904
Local government grant in place of taxes	-	<b>2,761</b>	2,697
Provincial government grant in place of taxes	7,341	<b>11,770</b>	7,341
Federal government grant in place of taxes	6,406,844	<b>6,406,844</b>	5,756,066
	<u>39,803,013</u>	<u><b>39,787,281</b></u>	<u>37,241,834</u>
<b>REQUISITIONS AND TRANSFERS</b>			
Alberta School Foundation Fund	6,814,836	<b>6,760,325</b>	6,106,968
East Central Alberta Catholic Separate Schools	214,139	<b>214,139</b>	202,446
Battle River Foundation	390,262	<b>388,277</b>	372,451
Designated Industrial Properties	90,384	<b>89,997</b>	93,157
East Central 911	35,624	<b>58,729</b>	24,492
Rural fire	511,158	<b>478,811</b>	509,349
Rural recreation	698,092	<b>697,951</b>	681,048
	<u>8,754,495</u>	<u><b>8,688,229</b></u>	<u>7,989,911</u>
<b>NET MUNICIPAL TAXES</b>	<u>\$ 31,048,518</u>	<u><b>\$ 31,099,052</b></u>	<u>\$ 29,251,923</u>

Schedule 4

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61**  
**CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2025*

	Budget	2025	2024 <i>(Restated)</i>
<b>TRANSFERS FOR OPERATING</b>			
Provincial government	\$ 547,734	\$ 532,384	\$ 512,170
Federal government	-	2,100	8,787
	<u>547,734</u>	<u>534,484</u>	<u>520,957</u>
<b>TRANSFERS FOR CAPITAL</b>			
Provincial government	2,201,367	2,575,715	6,282,226
Federal government	597,453	574,891	477,616
	<u>2,798,820</u>	<u>3,150,606</u>	<u>6,759,842</u>
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<u>\$ 3,346,554</u>	<u>\$ 3,685,090</u>	<u>\$ 7,280,799</u>

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Schedule 5

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT NO. 61**  
**CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES BY OBJECT**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2025*

	Budget	2025	2024
<b>CONSOLIDATED EXPENSES BY OBJECT</b>			
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 8,188,278	\$ 7,001,978	\$ 6,453,500
Contracted and general services	7,214,024	<b>5,335,492</b>	5,607,373
Materials, goods and utilities	5,387,248	<b>3,379,981</b>	3,250,504
Provision for allowances	700,000	<b>450,190</b>	354,901
Transfers to local boards and agencies	1,797,409	<b>1,788,823</b>	1,385,067
Bank charges and short-term interest	23,500	<b>3,253</b>	1,565
Amortization of tangible capital assets	11,095,064	<b>9,955,189</b>	9,377,448
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	<b>2,756</b>	63,055
	<b>\$ 34,405,523</b>	<b>\$ 27,917,662</b>	<b>\$ 26,493,413</b>

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Schedule 6

**CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF SEGMENTED DISCLOSURE**

*For the Year Ended December 31, 2025*

	General Government	Protective Services	Transportation Services	Planning & Development	Recreation & Culture	Environmental Services	Other	2025 Total
<b>REVENUE</b>								
Net municipal taxes	\$ 31,099,052	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,099,052
Operating government transfers	\$ 26,667	\$ 143,260	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 141,160	\$ -	\$ 223,397	\$ 534,484
User fees and sales of goods	\$ 213,062	\$ 11,254	\$ 290,943	\$ 30,275	\$ 463,071	\$ 67,845	\$ 2,172	\$ 1,078,622
Investment income	\$ 2,411,452	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,411,452
Penalties on taxes and utilities	\$ 848,962	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 848,962
Other revenue	\$ 2,040	\$ 393,465	\$ -	\$ 1,606	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,625	\$ 401,736
	\$ 34,601,235	\$ 547,979	\$ 290,943	\$ 31,881	\$ 604,231	\$ 67,845	\$ 230,194	\$ 36,374,308
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
Contracted and general services	\$ 938,788	\$ 594,463	\$ 2,965,643	\$ 19,712	\$ 104,977	\$ 450,368	\$ 261,541	\$ 5,335,492
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 1,720,046	\$ 132,750	\$ 4,274,096	\$ 146,884	\$ 216,006	\$ 47,593	\$ 464,603	\$ 7,001,978
Materials, goods and utilities	\$ 188,993	\$ 6,443	\$ 2,581,127	\$ 17	\$ 176,574	\$ 47,267	\$ 379,560	\$ 3,379,981
Transfers to local boards and agencies	\$ 1,015,370	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 689,024	\$ -	\$ 84,429	\$ 1,788,823
Other expenses	\$ 453,443	\$ -	\$ 2,756	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 456,199
	\$ 4,316,640	\$ 733,656	\$ 9,823,622	\$ 166,613	\$ 1,186,581	\$ 545,228	\$ 1,190,133	\$ 17,962,473
<b>NET REVENUE (EXPENSE), BEFORE AMORTIZATION AND OTHER</b>								
	\$ 30,284,595	\$ (185,677)	\$ (9,532,679)	\$ (134,732)	\$ (582,350)	\$ (477,383)	\$ (959,939)	\$ 18,411,835
Capital government transfers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,776,258	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 374,348	\$ -	\$ 3,150,606
Amortization expense	\$ (56,762)	\$ (219,711)	\$ (9,329,771)	\$ -	\$ (129,613)	\$ (165,822)	\$ (53,510)	\$ (9,955,189)
<b>NET REVENUE (EXPENSE)</b>								
	\$ 30,227,833	\$ (405,388)	\$ (16,086,192)	\$ (134,732)	\$ (711,963)	\$ (268,857)	\$ (1,013,449)	\$ 11,607,252

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**1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The consolidated financial statements of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 (the Municipality) are the representations of management prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Municipality are as follows:

**a) Reporting Entity**

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenditures, changes in fund balances and change in financial position of the reporting entity.

The schedule of property taxes also includes requisitions for education, health, social and other external organizations that are not part of the municipal reporting entity.

The statements exclude trust assets that are administered for the benefit of external parties. Interdepartmental and organizational transactions and balances are eliminated.

**b) Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting records revenue as it is earned and measurable. Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable based upon receipt of goods or services and/or the legal obligation to pay.

Funds from external parties and earnings thereon restricted by agreement or legislation are accounted for as deferred revenue until used for the purpose specified.

Government transfers, contributions and other amounts are received from third parties pursuant to legislation, regulation or agreement and may only be used for certain programs, in the completion of specific work, or for the purchase of tangible capital assets. In addition, certain user charges and fees are collected for which the related services have yet to be performed.

Revenue is recognized in the period when the related expenses are incurred, services performed or the tangible capital assets are acquired.

**c) Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditure during the period. Where measurement uncertainty exists, the financial statements have been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

**d) Investments**

Investments are recorded at 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.

**1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**e) Requisition Over-levy and Under-levy**

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

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

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

**f) Tax Revenue**

Tax revenues are recognized when the tax has been authorized by bylaw and the taxable event has occurred. Requisitions operate as a flow through and are excluded from municipal revenue.

**g) Asset Retirement and Reclamation Liabilities**

A liability for an asset retirement obligation or reclamation liability is recognized at the best estimate of the amount required to retire a tangible capital asset or reclaim mining activity at the financial statement date when there is a legal obligation for the Municipality to incur retirement costs, the past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred, it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up, and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made. The best estimate of the liability includes all costs directly attributable to asset retirement or reclamation activities, based on information available at year-end. The best estimate of an asset retirement obligation or reclamation liability incorporates a present value technique, when the cash flows required to settle or otherwise extinguish an asset retirement obligation or reclamation liability are expected to occur over extended future periods.

When a liability for an asset retirement obligation or reclamation liability is initially recognized, a corresponding asset retirement cost is capitalized to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset or inventory. The asset retirement cost is amortized over the useful life of the related asset. Asset retirement obligations and reclamation liabilities which are incurred incrementally with use of the asset or inventory are recognized in the period incurred with a corresponding asset retirement or reclamation cost expensed in the period.

At each financial reporting date, the Municipality reviews the carrying amount of the liability. The Municipality recognizes period-to-period changes to the liability due to the passage of time as accretion expense. Changes to the liability arising from revisions to either the timing, the amount of the original estimate of undiscounted cash flows or the discount rate are recognized as an increase or decrease to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset. The Municipality continues to recognize the liability until it is settled or otherwise extinguished. Disbursements made to settle the liability are deducted from the reported liability when they are made.

**1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**h) Revenue Recognition**

Government transfers are the transfer of assets from senior levels of government that are not the result of an exchange transaction, are not expected to be repaid in the future, or the result of a direct financial return.

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

**i) Government Transfers**

Government transfers are the transfer of assets from senior levels of government that are not the result of an exchange transaction, are not expected to be repaid in the future, or the result of a direct financial return.

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

**j) Non-Financial Assets**

Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for use in the provision of services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year and are not intended for sale in the normal course of operations. The change in non-financial assets during the year, together with the excess of revenue over expenses, provides the consolidated Change in Net Financial Assets for the year.

**i. Tangible Capital Assets**

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

	<u>Years</u>
Land improvements	10-45
Buildings	25-50
Engineered structures	
Water systems	30-75
Wastewater systems	30-75
Roadway systems	10-75
Machinery and equipment	5-20
Vehicles	10-20

One-half of the annual amortization is charged in the year of acquisition and in the year of disposal. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

After this year's budget, the estimated useful life for some road bases and surfaces were adjusted to better reflect their actual useful life.

**1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**ii. Contributions of Tangible Capital Assets**

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

**iii. Leases**

Leases are classified as capital or operating leases. Leases which transfer substantially all of the benefits and risks incidental to ownership of property are accounted for as capital leases. All other leases are accounted for as operating leases and the related lease payments are charged to expenses as incurred.

**iv. Inventories**

Inventories held for consumption or resale are recorded at the lower of cost and net realizable value.

**k) Financial Instruments**

The Municipality initially measures all its financial assets and liabilities at fair value.

The Municipality subsequently measures all its financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include receivables.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include bank indebtedness, accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Financial assets measured at cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of the write-down is recognized in the excess of revenue over expenses. The previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of reversal is recognized in the excess of revenue over expenses.

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**2. CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS**

	<b>2025</b>	2024
Cash	<b><u>\$ 33,451,019</u></b>	<u>\$ 28,664,637</u>

Cash includes cash on hand and balances with financial institutions.

Included in cash and temporary investments is \$31,341,291 (2024 - \$25,926,080) of funds internally restricted in use.

**3. TAXES AND GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES RECEIVABLES**

	<b>2025</b>	2024
Current taxes and grants in lieu of taxes	<b>\$ 1,803,520</b>	\$ 1,648,572
Arrears taxes and grants in lieu of taxes	<b>5,838,878</b>	4,501,923
	<b><u>7,642,398</u></b>	<u>6,150,495</u>
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	<b><u>(3,277,345)</u></b>	<u>(2,911,297)</u>
	<b><u>\$ 4,365,053</u></b>	<u>\$ 3,239,198</u>

**4. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES**

	<b>2025</b>	2024
Due from federal government	<b>\$ 543,360</b>	\$ 221,899
Due from provincial government	<b>3,761,642</b>	2,693,269
Due from local government	<b>19,350</b>	217,098
Requisition under-levies	<b>3,108</b>	-
All other receivables	<b>21,461</b>	79,221
	<b><u>\$ 4,348,921</u></b>	<u>\$ 3,211,487</u>

**5. INVENTORY FOR RESALE**

	<b>2025</b>	2024
Bundles of firewood	<b><u>\$ 204</u></b>	<u>\$ 3,482</u>

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**6. INVESTMENTS**

	<u>2025 Cost</u>	<u>2025 Market Value</u>	<u>2024 Cost</u>	<u>2024 Market Value</u>
<b>Short-term</b>				
ATB Guaranteed Investment Certificates	<u>\$ 7,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,000,000</u>
<b>Long-term</b>				
ATB Guaranteed Investment Certificates	<u>24,500,000</u>	<u>24,500,000</u>	32,000,000	32,000,000
Equity in Cornerstone Co-operative	<u>8,818</u>	<u>8,818</u>	8,811	8,811
Equity in Irma Co-op Association Ltd.	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	5,000	5,000
Vision Credit Union common shares	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	22	22
Total long-term investments	<u>24,513,840</u>	<u>24,513,840</u>	<u>32,013,833</u>	<u>32,013,833</u>
Total investments	<u>\$ 32,013,840</u>	<u>\$ 32,013,840</u>	<u>\$ 37,013,833</u>	<u>\$ 37,013,833</u>

ATB GIC's mature at various dates between November 29, 2026 and December 6, 2029 and have an average effective annual yield of 4.55% (2024 - 4.73%).

Included in investments is \$32,000,000 (2024 - \$37,000,000) of funds internally restricted in use.

**7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Due to provincial government	<u>337,220</u>	336,172
Due to local government	<u>628,888</u>	409,768
All other payables	<u>1,708,282</u>	1,431,495
	<u>\$ 2,674,390</u>	<u>\$ 2,177,435</u>

**8. ACCRUED WAGES AND BENEFITS**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Accrued wages and benefits	<u>131,330</u>	102,673
Due to federal government	<u>1,023</u>	1,416
	<u>\$ 132,353</u>	<u>\$ 104,089</u>

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**9. DEFERRED REVENUE**

	<b>2025</b>	2024
Emergency Management Preparedness Program	\$ 8,500	\$ -
Alberta Community Partnership - Municipal Intern Program	33,333	-
Subdivision Road Construction and Oiling	12,000	12,000
Alberta Strategic Infrastructure Program	-	15,685
Education Requisition Over-Levy	-	42,548
Battle River Foundation Requisition Over-Levy	-	1,709
	<b>\$ 53,833</b>	<b>\$ 71,942</b>

**Emergency Management Preparedness Program**

Funding in the amount of \$8,500 was received for emergency management preparedness training that was not completed during the year. Training is scheduled for 2026.

**Alberta Community Partnership - Municipal Intern Program**

Funding in the amount of \$60,000 was received to assist with the salary and expenses of a municipal administrator intern over an eighteen month period. Eight of eighteen months were recognized in 2025 with the remainder to be recognized in 2026.

**Subdivision Road Construction and Oiling**

This funding has been collected for the future construction and oiling of roads within rural subdivisions. The road construction and oiling will take place once residences are first built in each subdivision.

**10. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS**

	<b>2025</b>	2024
Vacation	\$ 129,824	\$ 131,032
Sick time	485,391	434,326
	<b>\$ 615,215</b>	<b>\$ 565,358</b>

The vacation liability is comprised of the vacation that employees have earned and are deferring to the following year, in accordance with Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 Policy 1.1.9. The sick time liability is a grant to eligible employees for accumulated sick time upon leaving employment, in accordance with Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 Policy 1.1.8.

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**11. RECLAMATION LIABILITIES**

The Municipality is responsible for reclamation costs, under the Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, RSA 2000, c.E-12, related to gravel pits it mines within and outside of Municipal boundaries. These costs are accrued over the life of the pit and recognized as the gravel is utilized.

Significant estimates and assumptions were made to determine the total amount of the reclamation liability, including, but not limited to, gravel remaining to be crushed, gravel utilization, size of disturbed area and overburden volume. Third party engineering estimates were used for a number of these values.

	<b>2025</b>	2024
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 2,640,588	\$ 2,373,506
Change in estimated cash flows	(332,209)	(15,960)
Accretion expense	231,969	283,042
Estimated total liability	\$ 2,540,348	\$ 2,640,588

**12. TRUST FUNDS**

A summary of trust fund activities by the Municipality is as follows:

	2025			2024
	Increases	Decreases	Balance	Balance
Tax sale surplus trust	\$ -	\$ 329	\$ -	\$ 329
Reserve trust	6,871	1,309	127,338	121,776
	\$ 6,871	\$ 1,638	\$ 127,338	\$ 122,105

**13. INVENTORY FOR CONSUMPTION**

	2025	2024
Blades, bits and ripper teeth	\$ 107,407	\$ 105,591
Culverts and couplers	139,565	186,131
Gravel and sand	11,192,458	10,965,549
Fence posts and wire	72,225	29,307
Tires	32,932	32,932
	\$ 11,544,587	\$ 11,319,510

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**14. BANK INDEBTEDNESS**

The Municipality has arranged \$15,000,000 in bank credit facilities bearing interest at prime rate plus 1.00%. The effective rate at year end 2025 was 5.45% (2024 - 6.45%). The credit facilities are secured by the taxes levied by the Municipality and Borrowing Bylaw No. 1708. The credit facilities were not used during 2025 or 2024.

**15. EQUITY IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS**

	<b>2025</b>	2024
Tangible capital assets ( <i>Schedule 2</i> )	<b>\$ 611,826,449</b>	\$ 599,856,533
Accumulated amortization ( <i>Schedule 2</i> )	<b>(332,934,068)</b>	(330,583,234)
	<b>\$ 278,892,381</b>	\$ 269,273,299

**16. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS**

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

	<b>2025</b>	2024
Unrestricted surplus	<b>\$ 16,674,456</b>	\$ 15,114,372
Restricted surplus ( <i>Note 17</i> )	<b>63,160,120</b>	62,732,034
Equity in tangible capital assets ( <i>Note 15</i> )	<b>278,892,381</b>	269,273,299
	<b>\$ 358,726,957</b>	\$ 347,119,705

**17. RESTRICTED SURPLUS**

Restricted surplus activities changed as follows:

	<b>2025</b>			2024
	<b>Increases</b>	<b>Decreases</b>	<b>Balance</b>	Balance
General	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 998,438	\$ 998,438
Fire – Edgerton	191,922	209,729	620,357	638,164
Fire – Irma	233,622	111,358	731,902	609,638
Fire – Chauvin	169,918	107,024	459,483	396,589
Fire – Wainwright	834,108	597,161	715,266	478,319
Transportation	-	-	55,672,718	55,672,718
Water well	-	-	192,678	192,678
Wastewater	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
Recreation	383,863	360,075	456,775	432,987
Debt reduction	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
Agricultural Service Board	-	-	207,599	207,599
Development	-	-	104,904	104,904
	<b>\$ 1,813,433</b>	<b>\$ 1,385,347</b>	<b>\$ 63,160,120</b>	<b>\$ 62,732,034</b>

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**18. 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 Municipality be disclosed as follows:

	<b>2025</b>	2024
Total debt limit	<b>\$ 56,414,698</b>	\$ 53,739,033
Total debt	-	-
Amount of debt limit unused	<b>56,414,698</b>	53,739,033
Debt servicing limit	<b>9,402,450</b>	8,956,506
Debt servicing	-	-
Amount of debt servicing limit unused	<b>\$ 9,402,450</b>	\$ 8,956,506

The debt limit is calculated at 1.5 times revenue of the Municipality (as defined in 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 guidelines used by Alberta Municipal Affairs to identify municipalities that could be at financial risk if further debt is acquired. The calculation taken alone does not represent the financial stability of the municipality. Rather, the financial statements must be interpreted as a whole.

**19. LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN**

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

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

The Municipality is required to make current service contributions to the LAPP of 8.45% (2024 – 8.45%) of pensionable earnings up to the year’s maximum pensionable earnings under the Canada Pension Plan and 11.65% (2024 – 11.65%) on pensionable earnings above this amount. Employees of the Municipality are required to make current service contributions of 7.45% (2024 – 7.45%) of pensionable salary up to the year’s maximum pensionable earnings and 10.65% (2024 – 10.65%) on pensionable earnings above this amount.

Total current service contributions by the Municipality to the LAPP in 2025 were \$324,857 (2024 - \$319,553). Total current service contributions by the employees of the Municipality to the LAPP in 2025 were \$289,448 (2024 - \$285,067).

At December 31, 2024, the LAPP disclosed an actuarial surplus of \$19.6 billion.

For further information of the amount of LAPP surplus see: [www.lapp.ca/page/annual-reports](http://www.lapp.ca/page/annual-reports)

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**20. SALARY AND BENEFITS DISCLOSURE**

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

	2025			2024
	Salary <sup>1</sup> / Contract	Benefits & Allowances <sup>2</sup>	Total	Total
Reeve				
Bob Barss	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 89,779
Michael Wildeboer	82,853	14,864	97,717	16,036
Councillors				
Bob Barss	60,555	11,955	72,510	15,796
Oscar Buck	67,676	10,221	77,897	75,347
Bruce Cummins	61,616	3,619	65,235	63,689
William Lawson	59,149	8,731	67,880	71,170
Robin Leighton	68,765	7,050	75,815	78,748
Garnet MacKay	7,844	1,783	9,627	-
Shaun Rue	8,890	1,897	10,787	-
Richard Waddell	56,969	10,176	67,145	63,930
Michael Wildeboer	-	-	-	56,267
Municipal Administrator				
Kelly Buchinski	254,583	27,367	281,950	277,523
Designated Officers (3) <sup>3</sup>	\$ 328,215	\$ 48,403	\$ 376,618	\$ 480,236

<sup>1</sup> Salary includes regular pay, gross honoraria, and any other direct cash remuneration.

<sup>2</sup> Employer's share of all employee benefits and contributions or payments made on behalf of employees including pension, health care, dental coverage, vision coverage, group life insurance, accidental disability and dismemberment insurance, and long-term disability plans.

<sup>3</sup> An automobile is provided and a taxable benefit has been included in the benefits and allowances figure.

**21. SEGMENTED DISCLOSURE**

The Municipality provides a range of services to its ratepayers. 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. The accounting policies used in these segments are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the financial statements as disclosed in *Note 1*.

**22. CONTINGENCIES**

The Municipality is a member of the Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange. Under the terms of the membership, the Municipality 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.

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**23. COMMITMENTS**

As at December 31, 2025 the Municipality has committed funds on various operating and capital projects in progress and capital assets. The funds committed by contract and the estimated costs to complete those projects are as follows:

	<b>Funds Committed</b>	<b>Estimated Cost to Complete</b>
<u>Operating</u>		
Extended Warranty on 14-6-21	14,060	14,060
Extended Warranty RM500B-15-19	13,880	13,880
Extended Warranty on 627K-1-20 & 627K-2-20	\$ 110,020	\$ 110,020
	137,960	137,960
<u>Infrastructure</u>		
Oakwood Road Engineering	365,377	304,874
Clear Lake Shoreline Stabilization	24,000	23,669
BF 70948 & 70949	135,652	18,536
	525,029	347,079
<u>Equipment &amp; Vehicles</u>		
Transportation Services - 627K Scrapers (2)	4,176,160	4,176,160
	4,176,160	4,176,160
<u>Equipment &amp; Vehicles</u>		
Transportation Services - Warranty Credit	(130,000)	(130,000)
	(130,000)	(130,000)
<u>Protective Services</u>		
Fire - AFRRCS	359,341	21,488
Fire - Rescue Truck	479,235	351,439
Fire - Water Tender Truck	652,980	520,784
	1,491,556	893,711
	\$ 6,200,705	\$ 5,424,910

**24. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Municipality's financial instruments consist of cash and temporary investments, accounts receivable, investments, bank indebtedness, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities. It is management's opinion that the Municipality is not exposed to significant interest or currency risks arising from these financial instruments.

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

**25. ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITIES**

Under Provincial legislation, the Municipality is required to remediate land with contamination in excess of Provincial Environmental Standards.

In 2024, a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment was completed on the Municipality's chemical waste container collection site located at SW 28-44-06 W4M. Laboratory tests of the site's soil and groundwater samples have confirmed that chemical concentrations exceed acceptable environmental standards.

The Municipality has accrued the estimated costs of remediation of \$27,867 in Accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

**26. COMPARATIVE FIGURES**

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

**27. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Council and Management have approved these financial statements.