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**The Corporation of the  
Village of Slocan  
Memo**

**DATE:** June 10, 2024  
**TO:** Mayor and Village Council  
**FROM:** M. Gordon, CAO  
**SUBJECT:** Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) 2023

**ANALYSIS SUMMARY:**

The 2023 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) has been prepared by the CFO with input from the CAO. Part 4 Division 5 of the *Community Charter* requires that the Statement of Financial Information be made available for public viewing by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, and that Council must consider the report at a public meeting. All local governments must prepare the SOFI report in accordance with the *Financial Information Act*.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:**

The Statement of Financial Information must be reviewed and approved by Council, and submitted to the Province by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Section 2(3) of the Financial Information Act requires that the Village submit the SOFI annually. Section 9(2) of the Financial Information Regulation requires Council approval prior to submission. The SOFI contains the following requirements:

- 2023 Audited Financial Statements
- Schedule of employee remuneration for 2023
- Schedule of Council remuneration for 2023
- Schedule of payments to suppliers for 2023
- Approval by CFO and Council
- Management letter

**COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACT - REVENUE GENERATION:**

There is no cost associated to the SOFI other than staff time to prepare the report.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the 2023 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) be approved as presented, and be available for public viewing.

  
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Michelle Gordon  
Chief Administrative Officer

**The Corporation of the Village of Slocan**

**2023 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)**  
**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023**

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**Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**

**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023**

**Statement of Financial Information Approval**

We, the undersigned, approve the attached statements and schedules included in this Statement of Financial Information, produced under the Financial Information Act.

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Jessica Lunn  
Mayor

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Nathan Russ, CPA, CMA  
Chief Financial Officer

Prepared as required by *Financial Information Regulation*, Schedule 1, section 9

**Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**

**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023**

**Management Report**

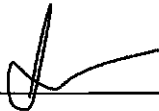
The Financial Statements contained in this Statement of Financial Information under the *Financial Information Act* have been prepared by management in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and the integrity and objectivity of these statements are management's responsibility.

Management is also responsible for all other schedules of financial information and for ensuring this information is consistent, where appropriate, with the information contained in the financial statements and for implementing and maintaining a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that reliable financial information is produced.

The Mayor and Council are responsible for ensuring that management fulfils its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control and for approving the financial information included in the Statement of Financial Information.

The external auditors, Childs Chanton, Chartered Professional Accountants, conduct an independent examination, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and express their opinion on the financial statements. Their examination does not relate to the other schedules of financial information required by the *Financial Information Act*. Their examination includes a review and evaluation of the Village's system of internal control and appropriate tests and procedures to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements are presented fairly.

On behalf of The Corporation of the Village of Slocan



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Nathan Russ, CPA, CMA  
Chief Financial Officer  
June 5, 2024

**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
DECEMBER 31, 2023

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# THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

## MANAGEMENT REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

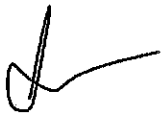
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### RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management is responsible for the preparation of the accompanying financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting principles disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements and include amounts that are based on estimates and judgments. Management believes that the financial statements fairly present The Corporation of the Village of Slocan's financial position and results of operations. The integrity of the information presented in the financial statements, including estimates and judgments relating to matters not concluded by fiscal year-end, is the responsibility of management. The financial statements have been approved by Council.

Management has established and maintained appropriate systems of internal control including policies and procedures, which are designed to provide reasonable assurance that The Corporation of the Village of Slocan's assets are safeguarded and that reliable financial records are maintained to form a proper basis for preparation of the financial statements.

The independent external auditors, Childs Chanton Chartered Professional Accountants, have been appointed by Council to express an opinion as to whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, The Corporation of the Village of Slocan's financial position, results of operations, and changes in financial position in conformity with the accounting principles disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements. The report of Childs Chanton Chartered Professional Accountants, follows and outlines the scope of their examination and their opinion on the financial statements.



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Nathan Russ, CPA, CMA  
Financial Officer



# CHILDS CHANTON

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS\*

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Mayor and Council of  
The Corporation of the Village of Slocan

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the The Corporation of the Village of Slocan (the Village), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and the statements of operations, change in net debt and cash flow for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the The Corporation of the Village of Slocan as at December 31, 2023 and the results of its operations, changes in net debt, and its cash flow 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 report. We are independent of the Village in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of 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.

### Other Matter

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. Exhibit 1 is presented for the purposes of additional information and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has not been subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly we express no opinion thereon.

### 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 Village'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 Village or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users make on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 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 Village'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 Village'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 Village 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.
- Obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the Village to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit. We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.



May 13, 2024

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS  
Castlegar, BC

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

As at December 31, 2023

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	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>Financial Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 2,491,976	\$ 1,845,376
Restricted cash (Note 3)	-	60,000
Accounts receivable (Note 4)	<u>161,499</u>	<u>220,087</u>
	<u>2,653,475</u>	<u>2,125,463</u>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 5)	95,161	124,393
Funds held in trust (Note 3)	-	60,000
Deferred revenue (Note 6)	357,620	167,963
Debt (Note 7)	700,000	845,000
Asset retirement obligations (Note 8)	<u>201,042</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,353,823</u>	<u>1,197,356</u>
<b>Net Financial Assets</b>	1,299,652	928,107
<b>Non-Financial Assets</b>		
Tangible capital assets (Note 9)	5,526,766	5,328,560
Prepaid expenses	<u>32,521</u>	<u>29,170</u>
	<u>5,559,287</u>	<u>5,357,730</u>
<b>Accumulated Surplus (Note 10)</b>	<u>\$ 6,858,939</u>	<u>\$ 6,285,837</u>

Commitments and Contingencies (Note 14)



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Nathan Russ, CPA, CMA  
Financial Officer

**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>2023 Budget</u> (Note 17)	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Taxes	\$ 219,563	\$ 224,592	\$ 206,810
Sale of services	133,377	125,183	131,502
Other revenue from own sources	156,560	33,028	30,824
Investment income	20,000	36,164	19,505
Government transfers - unconditional (Note 15)	363,000	341,000	463,000
Government transfers - conditional (Note 15)	1,315,810	972,641	410,650
Water user fees	133,973	134,648	130,692
Gain on disposal tangible capital assets	-	1,190	-
	<u>2,342,283</u>	<u>1,868,446</u>	<u>1,392,983</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
General government	335,997	435,896	362,675
Protective services	4,500	4,400	501
Transportation services	381,925	238,948	222,634
Environmental health services	29,250	26,383	25,184
Public health and welfare services	10,660	11,426	4,477
Parks, recreation and cultural services	142,017	281,349	140,141
Interest and other debt charges	40,000	40,940	18,495
Water utility operations	123,275	84,034	102,604
Amortization	105,967	162,888	142,802
Accretion	-	9,080	-
	<u>1,173,591</u>	<u>1,295,344</u>	<u>1,019,513</u>
Annual surplus	1,168,692	573,102	373,470
Accumulated surplus, beginning of the year	<u>6,285,837</u>	<u>6,285,837</u>	<u>5,912,367</u>
<b>Accumulated surplus, end of the year</b>	<u>7,454,529</u>	<u>6,858,939</u>	<u>6,285,837</u>

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

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	<u>2023 Budget</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Annual surplus	\$ 1,168,692	\$ 573,102	\$ 373,470
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(1,548,241)	(377,208)	(399,195)
Amortization of capital assets	105,967	162,888	142,802
Proceeds on sale tangible capital assets	-	17,304	-
Loss on disposal tangible capital assets	-	(1,190)	-
	<u>(273,582)</u>	<u>374,896</u>	<u>117,077</u>
Acquisition of prepaid expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,351)</u>	<u>5,946</u>
Increase (decrease) in net financial assets	(273,582)	371,545	123,023
Net financial assets, beginning of year	<u>928,107</u>	<u>928,107</u>	<u>805,084</u>
<b>Net financial assets, end of the year</b>	<u>\$ 654,525</u>	<u>\$ 1,299,652</u>	<u>\$ 928,107</u>

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>Cash Provided by (Used In)</b>		
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Annual surplus	\$ 573,102	\$ 373,470
<b>Items not involving cash:</b>		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	162,888	142,802
Accretion	9,080	-
Initial recognition of asset retirement obligation	191,962	-
Loss on disposal tangible capital assets	<u>(1,190)</u>	<u>-</u>
	935,842	516,272
<b>Increase (decrease) in non-cash operating items:</b>		
Accounts receivable	58,588	14,413
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(29,232)	16,348
Deferred revenue & deposits	189,657	78,840
Prepaid expenses	<u>(3,351)</u>	<u>5,946</u>
	<u>1,151,504</u>	<u>631,819</u>
<b>Financing Activities</b>		
Long-term debt repayment	(145,000)	-
<b>Capital Activities</b>		
Proceeds from disposal of tangible capital assets	17,304	-
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	<u>(377,208)</u>	<u>(399,195)</u>
<b>Net increase in Cash</b>	646,600	172,624
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year</b>	<u>1,845,376</u>	<u>1,672,752</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 2,491,976</u>	<u>\$ 1,845,376</u>

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements

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# THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2023

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### 1. Significant Accounting Policies

The Corporation of the Village of Slocan (the "Village") is a local government in the Province of British Columbia. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

The following is a summary of the Village's significant accounting policies:

(a) Revenue Recognition

Sources of revenue are recorded on the accrual basis and include revenue in the period in which the transactions or events occurred that give rise to the revenues. Taxation revenues are recognized at the time of issuing the property tax notices for the fiscal year. Sale of services and user fee revenues are recognized when the service or product is rendered by the Village.

Grant revenues are recognized when the funding becomes receivable. Revenue unearned in the current period is recorded as deferred revenue.

(b) Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue represents funds received for specific purposes which are externally restricted by legislation, regulation or agreement and are not available for general municipal purposes as well as licenses, permits, other fees and grants which have been collected, but for which the related services have not been performed and or projects have not been constructed. These amounts will be recognized as revenues in the fiscal year in which they are used for the specified purpose, the services are performed and or the projects are constructed.

(c) Government Transfers

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 can be made.

(d) Financial Instruments

The Village's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, debt, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. It is management's opinion that the Village is not exposed to significant interest, currency, liquidity, or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values.

(e) Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets, comprised of capital assets and capital assets under construction, are recorded at cost and are classified according to their functional use. Amortization is recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset commencing the year the asset is put into service. Donated tangible capital assets are reported at fair value at the time of donation. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Land Improvements	15 to 20 years
Buildings	40 years
Fixtures, Furniture, Equipment & Vehicles	6 to 10 years
Engineering Infrastructure	5 to 40 years
Roads and Paving	20 to 40 years
Bridges and Other Transportation Structures	40 to 50 years
Water Infrastructure	20 to 60 years

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# THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2023

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### 1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(f) 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 ordinary course of operations.

(g) Statutory Reserves

Statutory reserves are funds that have been restricted by Council. Formal establishing bylaws have been adopted pursuant to the Community Charter, which define how these reserves are to be used.

(h) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant areas requiring estimates include the useful lives of tangible capital assets for amortization, future employee benefits, allowance for doubtful accounts, provision for contingencies, and timing and extent of future asset retirement obligations. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

(i) Budget

Budget data presented in these financial statements is based on the Village's Five Year Financial Plan for the years 2023-2027, adopted by Council on April 17, 2023.

(j) Liability for Contaminated Sites

Contaminated sites are a result of contamination being introduced into air, soil, water or sediment of a chemical, organic, or radioactive material or live organism that exceeds an environmental standard. The liability is recorded net of any expected recoveries. A liability for remediation of contaminated sites is recognized when a site is not in productive use and all of the following criteria are met:

- an environmental standard exists;
- contamination exceeds the environmental standard;
- the Village is directly responsible, or accepts responsibility;
- it is expected that a future economic benefit will be given up; and
- a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

The liability is recognized as management's estimate of the cost of post-remediation including operation, maintenance, and monitoring that are an integral part of the remediation strategy for a contaminated site.

There are no liabilities to be recorded as at December 31, 2023.

(k) Segments

The Village conducts its business through a number of reportable segments. These operating segments are established by senior management to facilitate the achievement of the Village's long-term objectives to aid in resource allocation decisions, and to assess operational performance.



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# THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2023

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### 1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### (l) Asset retirement obligations

An asset retirement obligation is a legal obligation associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset that the Village will be required to settle. The Village recognizes asset retirement obligations when there is a legal obligation to incur retirement costs in relation to a tangible capital asset, 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.

Asset retirement obligations are initially measured at the best estimate of the amount required to retire a tangible capital asset at the financial statement date. The estimate of a liability includes costs directly attributable to asset retirement activities.

Asset retirement obligations are recorded as liabilities with a corresponding increase to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset. The obligation is adjusted to reflect period-to-period changes in the liability resulting from the passage of time and for revisions to either the timing or the amount of the original estimate of the undiscounted cash flows or the discount rate.

### 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position are comprised of:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash	\$ 2,345,696	\$ 1,762,633
MFA bond and money market funds	<u>146,280</u>	<u>142,743</u>
	<u>\$ 2,491,976</u>	<u>\$ 1,905,376</u>

Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) pooled investment funds are considered equivalent to cash because of their liquidity.

### 3. Restricted Cash and Funds Held in Trust

During the prior year, two parcels of land with overdue property taxes were sold for \$60,000 and held in trust by the Village. During the current year, the overdue taxes were paid to the Village by September 26, 2023 and the original funds held in trust were returned to the purchaser.

### 4. Accounts Receivable

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Property taxes	\$ 89,022	\$ 65,706
Utility billings	11,652	14,552
Other governments	-	32,093
Trade & other receivables	<u>60,825</u>	<u>104,935</u>
	<u>\$ 161,499</u>	<u>\$ 217,286</u>

**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

December 31, 2023

**5. Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Trades payable	\$ 60,018	\$ 75,909
Due to other government	17,953	1,599
Accrued wages and benefits	<u>17,190</u>	<u>46,885</u>
	<u>\$ 95,161</u>	<u>\$ 244,393</u>

**6. Deferred Revenue**

	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Contributions Received (Returned)</u>	<u>Revenue Recognized</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Federal Gas tax grant *	\$ -	\$ 73,359	\$ (73,359)	\$ -
Growing Communities Fund *	-	624,000	(624,000)	-
Other grants and contributions	149,457	241,582	(54,436)	336,603
Prepaid licenses and fees	<u>18,506</u>	<u>21,017</u>	<u>(18,506)</u>	<u>21,017</u>
	<u>\$ 167,963</u>	<u>\$ 959,958</u>	<u>\$ (770,301)</u>	<u>\$ 357,620</u>

\* The Federal Gas tax grant and the Growing Communities Fund is recognized into revenue and immediately transferred into the Community Works fund and the Growing Communities Fund reserve, respectively.

**7. Debt**

In the year ended December 31, 2020, the Village undertook short-term financing from the Municipal Finance Authority in the amount \$845,000 to acquire the Slocan Mill Site. This loan is interest only with a requirement that the balance be repaid by December 18, 2025. During the year, the Village made principal payments of \$145,000 against the loan. As at December 31, 2023, the variable rate of interest on the loan was 5.61% (2022 - 4.77%) per annum.

**8. Asset Retirement Obligations**

Existing laws and regulations require the Village to take specific actions regarding the removal and disposal of certain capital assets at the end of their useful life. Following the adoption of the Public Sector accounting standard PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations, the Village recognized an obligation relating to the removal of these assets as estimated at January 1, 2023. The transition and recognition of asset retirement obligations involved an accompanying increase to the buildings, sewer, and storm sewer infrastructure capital assets. The increase in capital assets is amortized on a straight-line basis over the remaining expected useful life of the related assets.

The Village has adopted the standard prospectively. Under the prospective method, the discount rate and assumptions used on initial recognition are those as of the date of adoption of the standard. Estimated costs totaling \$533,234 using an inflation rate of 3.5% have been discounted using a present value calculation with a discount rate of 4.73%. The discount rate used was based on borrowing rate for liabilities with similar risks and maturity. The timing of these expenditures is estimated to occur between 2024 and 2062 with the regular replacement, renovation, or disposal of assets. No recoveries are expected at this time.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

December 31, 2023

**8. Asset Retirement Obligations (continued)**

The following is a summary of asset retirement obligation transactions for the year:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Opening asset retirement obligation	\$ -	\$ -
Initial recognition of expected discounted cash flows	191,962	-
Increase due to accretion	<u>9,080</u>	<u>-</u>
Closing asset retirement obligation	<u>\$ 201,042</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**9. Tangible Capital Assets**

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>2023 Net Book Value</u>	<u>2022 Net Book Value</u>
Land	\$ 2,301,088	\$ -	\$ 2,301,088	\$ 2,301,088
Buildings	952,136	395,667	556,469	469,769
Engineering infrastructure	1,578,999	557,843	1,021,156	957,984
Machinery & equipment	589,780	452,708	137,072	116,811
Transportation infrastructure	556,055	206,764	349,291	360,924
Water infrastructure	<u>1,975,167</u>	<u>813,477</u>	<u>1,161,690</u>	<u>1,121,984</u>
	<u>\$ 7,953,225</u>	<u>\$ 2,426,459</u>	<u>\$ 5,526,766</u>	<u>\$ 5,328,560</u>

See Schedule A - Statement of tangible capital assets for more information.

Included in the engineering infrastructure balance above is \$91,446 (2022 - \$311,878) of costs not placed into use and therefore had no amortization taken in the current year.

**10. Accumulated Surplus**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Capital equipment	\$ 240,064	\$ 212,059
Community works fund	180,024	131,832
Growing communities	484,094	-
Land sales	12,585	12,337
Water infrastructure	<u>35,502</u>	<u>34,800</u>
	<u>952,269</u>	<u>391,028</u>
<b>Operating</b>		
General	1,006,426	1,320,000
Water	<u>295,858</u>	<u>91,246</u>
	<u>1,302,284</u>	<u>1,411,246</u>
<b>Invested in tangible assets</b>	<u>4,604,386</u>	<u>4,483,563</u>
<b>Total Accumulated Surplus</b>	<u>\$ 6,858,939</u>	<u>\$ 6,285,837</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

December 31, 2023

**11. Trust Funds**

The Cemetery Care Trust Fund is not reported in these financial statements. The following is a summary of Trust Fund transactions for the year:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Balances, beginning of year	\$ 19,302	\$ 19,086
Contributions received	145	145
Interest earned	<u>218</u>	<u>71</u>
	19,665	19,302
Expenses, transfers	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balances, end of year	<u>\$ 19,665</u>	<u>\$ 19,302</u>

**12. Taxes Levied For Other Paid Authorities**

In addition to taxes levied for municipal purposes, the Village is legally obligated to collect and remit taxes levied for the following authorities. These collections and remittances are not recorded as revenue and expenses.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Provincial Government - School taxes	\$ 162,041	\$ 133,791
Provincial Government - Police taxes	24,795	19,645
Regional District of Central Kootenay	190,852	160,175
West Kootenay Boundary Hospital District	16,473	14,697
British Columbia Assessment Authority	3,753	3,094
Municipal Finance Authority	<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>
	<u>\$ 397,934</u>	<u>\$ 331,418</u>

**13. Pension Plan**

The Village of Slocan and its employees contribute to the Municipal Pension Plan (a jointly trustee pension plan). The board of trustees, representing plan members and employers, is responsible for administering the plan, including investment of the assets and administration of benefits. The plan is a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. Basic pension benefits provided are based on a formula. As at December 31, 2022, the plan has about 240,000 active members and approximately 124,000 retired members. Active members include approximately 43,000 contributors from local governments.

Every three years, an actuarial valuation is performed to assess the financial position of the plan and adequacy of plan funding. The actuary determines an appropriate combined employer and member contribution rate to fund the plan. The actuary's calculated contribution rate is based on the entry-age normal cost method, which produces the long-term rate of member and employer contributions sufficient to provide benefits for average future entrants to the plan. This rate may be adjusted for the amortization of any actuarial funding surplus and will be adjusted for the amortization of any unfunded actuarial liability.

The most recent valuation of the Municipal Pension Plan at December 31, 2021, indicated a \$3,761 million funding surplus for basic pension benefits on a going concern basis.

The Village of Slocan paid \$21,921 (2022 - \$17,874) for employer contributions to the plan in fiscal 2023.

The next valuation will be as at December 31, 2024 with results available in 2025.

# THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

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### 13. Pension Plan (continued)

Employers participating in the plan record their pension expense as the amount of employer contributions made during the fiscal year (defined contribution pension plan accounting). This is because the plan records accrued liabilities and accrued assets for the Plan in aggregate with the result that there is no consistent and reliable basis for allocating the obligation, assets and cost to individual employers participating in the plan.

### 14. Commitments and Contingencies

#### Regional District debt

Regional District debt is, under the provisions of the Community Charter of B.C., a direct, joint and several liability of the District and each member municipality within the District including the Village of Slocan.

#### Reciprocal Insurance Exchange Agreement

The Village is a subscribed member of the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia (The "Exchange") as provided by Section 3.02 of the Insurance Act of British Columbia. The main purpose of the exchange is to pool the risks of liability so as to lessen the impact upon any subscriber. Under the Reciprocal Insurance Exchange agreement, the Village is assessed a premium and specific deductible based on population and claims experience. The obligation of the Village with respect to the Exchange and/or contracts and obligations entered into by the Exchange on behalf of its subscribers in connection with the Exchange are in every case several and not joint and several. The Village irrevocably and unconditionally undertakes and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the other subscribers against liability losses and costs which the other Subscriber may suffer.

#### Contaminated Sites

In the year ended December 31, 2020, the Village acquired the "Slocan Mill Site" lands, a decommissioned sawmill with all former structures substantially removed. A third party investigation of the site identified areas of potential environmental concern that would require remediation prior to any development of the lands. Estimated costs for remediation are between \$350,000 and \$500,000, depending on the scope of work required.

The Village is currently discussing options for the Mill Site lands, including consultation with residents and other stakeholders. To date, no decision has been made as to the future of the property, and no action has been taken that would precipitate a requirement to initiate remediation, per provincial regulations. A liability for contaminated sites has not been recorded since it cannot be determined at this time whether future economic benefits will be given up to remediate the contamination

### 15. Government Transfers

Government transfers received during the year were composed of the following:

	2023	2023	2022	2022
	Unconditional	Conditional	Unconditional	Conditional
Federal government	\$ -	\$ 2,347	\$ -	\$ 2,083
Provincial government	341,000	73,359	463,000	69,851
Regional/other	-	896,935	-	338,716
	<u>\$ 341,000</u>	<u>\$ 972,641</u>	<u>\$ 463,000</u>	<u>\$ 410,650</u>

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**  
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**16. Segments**

The Village provides a range of services to its citizens. For each reported segment, the 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.

Refer to Schedule B - Schedule of Segmented Information.

**17. Budget Data**

The reconciliation of the approved budget for the current year to the budget figures reported in these financial statement is as follows:

	<u>2023</u>
Budget surplus per Statement of Operations	\$ 1,168,692
Less: Capital expenditures	1,548,241
Debt principal repayments	-
Budgeted transfers to reserves	90,079
Add: Budgeted transfers from surplus & reserves	363,661
Amortization	105,967
Debt proceeds	-
Net annual budget	<u>\$ -</u>

**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**  
**SCHEDULE A - STATEMENT OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Opening Balance	Additions & Reallocation of Assets Under Construction			Closing Balance	Accumulated Amortization		Reduction on Disposals	Accumulated Amortization		Net Carrying Amount End of Year
		Disposals	Balance	Expense		Balance	Balance				
<b>Tangible Capital Assets</b>											
Land	\$ 2,301,088	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,301,088	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,301,088	
Buildings	872,725	117,210	(37,799)	952,136	402,956	24,978	(32,267)	395,667	556,469		
Engineering infrastructure	1,480,622	98,377	-	1,578,999	522,638	35,205	-	557,843	1,021,156		
Machinery & equipment	558,793	59,848	(28,861)	589,780	441,982	29,005	(18,279)	452,708	137,072		
Transportation infrastructure	556,055	-	-	556,055	195,131	11,633	-	206,764	349,291		
Water infrastructure	1,873,394	101,773	-	1,975,167	751,410	62,067	-	813,477	1,161,690		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,642,677</b>	<b>\$ 377,208</b>	<b>\$ (66,660)</b>	<b>\$ 7,953,225</b>	<b>\$ 2,314,117</b>	<b>\$ 162,888</b>	<b>\$ (50,546)</b>	<b>\$ 2,426,459</b>	<b>\$ 5,526,766</b>		

**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**  
**SCHEDULE B - SCHEDULE OF SEGMENTED INFORMATION**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	General Government	Protective Services	Transportation Services	Environmental Health Services	Public Health & Welfare Services	Parks & Recreation	Water Utility	2023 Total
<b>Revenues</b>								
Taxes	\$ 224,592	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 224,592
Sales of Service	1,904	-	-	31,973	925	90,381	-	125,183
Other revenue from own services	14,655	-	-	-	-	16,813	1,560	33,028
Investment income	36,164	-	-	-	-	-	-	36,164
Grants - unconditional	341,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	341,000
Grants - conditional	99,032	-	11,718	-	861,557	334	-	972,641
Water user fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	134,648	134,648
Gain on sale of assets	1,190	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,190
	<u>718,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,718</u>	<u>31,973</u>	<u>862,482</u>	<u>107,528</u>	<u>136,208</u>	<u>1,868,446</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>								
Wages and benefits	165,155	-	94,763	9,144	4,228	23,172	43,328	339,790
Supplies and services	270,741	4,400	144,185	17,239	7,198	258,177	40,706	742,646
Interest and other debt charges	-	-	-	-	-	40,940	-	40,940
Amortization	15,695	-	39,525	-	447	45,154	62,067	162,888
Accretion	5,544	-	-	-	-	-	3,536	9,080
	<u>457,135</u>	<u>4,400</u>	<u>278,473</u>	<u>26,383</u>	<u>11,873</u>	<u>367,443</u>	<u>149,637</u>	<u>1,295,344</u>
<b>Annual Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<u>\$ 261,402</u>	<u>\$ (4,400)</u>	<u>\$ (266,755)</u>	<u>\$ 5,590</u>	<u>\$ 850,609</u>	<u>\$ (259,915)</u>	<u>\$ (13,429)</u>	<u>\$ 573,102</u>



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**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**  
**SCHEDULE C - GROWING COMMUNITIES FUND RECONCILIATION**  
December 31, 2023

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**Province of BC Growing Communities Fund reconciliation**

The following is a summary of fund transactions for the current year:

	<u>2023</u>
Growing Communities Fund opening balance	\$ -
Initial funds	624,000
Interest earned during the year	4,824
Less: Eligible use of funds	144,730
Remaining grant	<u>\$ 484,094</u>

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**  
**EXHIBIT 1 - PROVINCE OF BC GRANT RECONCILIATIONS (UNAUDITED)**  
December 31, 2023

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**Province of BC COVID-19 Restart Grant reconciliation**

The following is a summary of grant transactions for the current year:

	<u>2023</u>
COVID-19 Restart Grant opening balance	\$ 93,442
Less grant recognition:	
Facility reopening & operating costs	<u>45,995</u>
Remaining grant	<u>\$ 47,447</u>

**Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**

**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023**

**Schedule of Debt**

Information on all long term debt is included in the Audited Financial Statements of The Corporation of the Village of Slocan.

Prepared as required by *Financial Information Regulation*, Schedule 1, section 4

**Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**

**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023**

**Schedule of Guarantee and Indemnity Agreements**

The Corporation of the Village of Slocan has not given any guarantees or indemnities under the Guarantees and Indemnities Regulation.

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, section 5

**Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**

**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023**

**Statement of Severance Agreements**

There was no severance agreements made between The Corporation of the Village of Slocan and its non-unionized employees during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, subsection 6(8)

Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

Schedule of Remuneration and Expenses

NAME		REMUNERATION	EXPENSE
<b>ELECTED OFFICIALS</b>	<b>POSITION</b>		
Buller, Ezra	Councillor	\$ 3,501	\$ 5,648
Knott, Jordan	Councillor	\$ 3,501	\$ 7,358
Lunn, Jessica	Mayor	\$ 5,677	\$ 1,792
Perriere, Madeleine	Councillor	\$ 3,501	\$ 1,502
Van Bynen, Joanna	Councillor	\$ 3,501	\$ 1,920
<b>TOTAL ELECTED OFFICIALS</b>		<u>19,681</u>	<u>18,220</u>
<b>DETAILED EMPLOYEES &gt; \$75,000</b>			
McGreal, Lachlan		\$ 91,636	\$ -
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEES &lt;= \$75,000</b>		<u>155,483</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>\$ 266,800</u>	<u>\$ 18,220</u>
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYER PREMIUM FOR CPP/EI</b>			\$ 19,500

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, section 6 to subsection 6(6)

Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

Schedule of Payments for the Provision of Goods and Services

**DETAILED SUPPLIERS >\$25,000**

<u>SUPPLIER NAME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>
Fortis BC Inc	\$ 36,506
Lawson Engineering Ltd	44,583
Rollins Machinery Ltd	27,259
Sullivan Motor Products	62,942
Sutherland Excavating	117,914
Sutton Road Marking Ltd	41,748
TGM contractors Ltd	29,531
Western Financial Group	25,835

**TOTAL DETAILED SUPPLIERS >\$25,000** 386,318

**TOTAL SUPPLIERS <= \$25,000** 924,285

**TOTAL SUPPLIERS** 1,310,604

**DETAILED GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS >\$25,000**

Community Futures Central Kootenay \$ 100,000

**GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS <= \$25,000** -

**TOTAL PAYMENTS, GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS** \$ 1,410,604

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, section 7(1) and (2)

**Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**

**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023**

**Payments to Financial Statement Reconciliation**

**S.O.F.I. Report Scheduled Payments**

Remuneration	\$ 266,800	
Employer CPP/EI	<u>19,500</u>	286,299
Payments for Goods and Services		<u>1,410,604</u>
<b>Total of Scheduled Payments</b>		<b>1,696,903</b>
Total of Financial Statement Expenditures		1,295,344

The difference between the Total of Scheduled Payments and the Total Financial Statements Expenditures are due to:

- Adjustments to account for the difference between payments made on a cash basis, and the audited financial statements reporting expenditures on an accrual basis of accounting. This would include adjustments for opening and closing balances of inventories, prepaid expenses, and accrued liabilities.
- List of payments to suppliers include 100% GST while the expenditures in the financial statements are net of the applicable GST rebate.
- Capital expenditures are shown as payments to the vendor in this report. However, the total financial statement expenditures do not reflect these payments as they report amortization of all the capital assets.
- The Schedule of Payments of Goods and Services includes payments made on behalf of third parties, which are recovered from these parties and the expense is excluded from the Financial Statements.
- Payments to some suppliers may be reported directly to the Balance Sheet and therefore are not reported as expenditures

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, subsection 6(2d) and subsection 7(1b)