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REGIONAL DISTRICT

OF BULKLEY ON NECHAKO

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Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

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

The Board of Directors are responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control, and exercises these responsibilities through the Board. The Board reviews internal financial statements on a quarterly basis and external audited financial statements yearly. The Board also discuss any significant financial reporting or internal control matters prior to their approval of the financial statements.

The external auditors, Beswick Hildebrandt Lund Chartered Professional Accountants, conduct an independent examination, in accordance with Canadian auditing standards, and express their opinion on the financial statements. The external auditors have full and free access to financial management of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and meet when required. The accompanying Auditor's Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the financial statements.

On behalf of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

Chief Financial Officer

Gerry Thiessen Chairperson



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (the Entity), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2021, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at December 31, 2021, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standard.

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 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 PSAS, 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.



CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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.



CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

Beswick Hildebrandt Lund

Chartered Professional Accountants

Prince George, British Columbia May 12, 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 21,973,326	\$ 19,344,017
Accounts receivable	731,917	1,327,815
Grants receivable	493,912	251,685
Investments (Note 3)	89	89
Debt Reserve Fund - Municipal Finance Authority (Note 4)	164,364	146,857
Debentures recoverable from municipalities (Note 5)	7,927,385	8,505,713
	31,290,993	29,576,176
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 6, 10 and 11)	6,278,759	4,761,746
Deferred revenue (Note 7)	10,370,653	10,629,300
Debt Reserve Fund - Municipal Finance Authority (Note 4)	164,364	146,857
Debentures issued for municipalities (Note 5)	7,927,385	8,505,713
Debentures issued for the Regional District (Note 9)	366,535	385,720
	25,107,696	24,429,336
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	6,183,297	5,146,840
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible capital assets (Schedule 3)	20,357,779	19,062,399
Prepaid expenses	141,488	90,109
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	20,499,267	19,152,508
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Note 13)	\$ 26,682,564	\$ 24,299,348

CONTINGENCIES (Note 10)

Approved by the Board:

Chairperson

Chief Financial Officer

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	2021			2020	
		Budget (Note 14)		Actual	Actual
REVENUE (Schedule 4)		` ,			
Property tax requisition					
Electoral area	\$	8,428,952	\$	8,432,249	\$ 6,719,252
Municipal		2,652,588		2,654,173	 4,138,189
		11,081,540		11,086,422	 10,857,441
		11,001,040		11,000,422	10,007,441
Grants-in-lieu of taxes		1,087,532		1,193,141	1,123,533
Federal grants - conditional		858,116		676,477	699,720
Fees and permits		1,138,258		1,960,061	1,239,094
Municipal debt payments (Note 5)		797,885		757,399	782,716
Provincial grants - northern capital		1,337,628		1,334,843	1,780,841
Provincial grants - unconditional		185,000		185,000	185,000
Other grants - conditional		1,838,396		1,274,950	726,021
Emergency expenditure recoveries		600,000		115,264	(101)
Provincial grants - conditional		, -		· -	-
Interest		30,500		249,321	304,272
Municipal cost sharing		183,986		214,305	183,986
Sundry		73,861		290,619	1,086,416
Administration recoveries		(138,780)		16,788	16,770
Donations		40,000		21,799	260,600
Debt sinking fund actuarial earnings (Note 9)		, <u>-</u>		4,384	29,621
Investment income		12,719		89,600	 12,680
		19,126,641		19,470,373	 19,288,610
EXPENSES (Schedule 1) (Schedule 4)					
Environmental services		5,094,125		6,176,468	5,107,855
Government - general, rural and					
local commission		3,300,905		3,041,810	2,906,884
Recreation and culture		2,818,627		2,654,502	2,557,440
Fire protection and emergency response Building inspection, building numbering,		3,373,042		2,276,228	2,108,826
planning and development services		1,272,005		1,135,998	1,188,886
Economic development		827,203		559,629	374,803
Municipal debt payments (Note 5)		797,885		757,399	772,885
Street lighting and transportation		308,356		299,898	293,409
Sewer and water		279,051		185,225	 154,861
		18,071,199		17,087,157	 15,465,849
ANNUAL SURPLUS		1,055,442		2,383,216	3,822,761
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - BEGINNING OF YEAR		24,299,348		24,299,348	 20,476,587
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - END OF YEAR (Note 13)	\$	25,354,790	\$	26,682,564	\$ 24,299,348

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS

	20	2020	
	Budget (Note 14)	<u>Actual</u>	Actual
ANNUAL SURPLUS	\$ 1,055,442	\$ 2,383,216	\$ 3,822,761
Acquisition of tangible capital assets Loss on sale of tangible capital assets Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets Amortization of tangible capital assets	(4,626,759) - - - 1,179,685 (2,391,632)	(2,662,270) 638 - 1,366,252 1,087,836	(2,457,417) 2,832 156,708 1,255,477 2,780,361
Net use of (addition to) prepaid expenses	<u> </u>	(51,379)	(3,251)
CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	(2,391,632)	1,036,457	2,777,110
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	5,146,840	5,146,840	2,369,730
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS AT END OF THE YEAR	\$ 2,755,208	\$ 6,183,297	\$ 5,146,840

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	2021	2020	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES Annual surplus	\$ 2,383,216	\$ 3,822,761	
Add: Non-cash items Debt sinking fund actuarial earnings (Note 9) Amortization of tangible capital assets Loss (gain) on sale of tangible capital assets	(4,384) 1,366,252 638	(29,621) 1,255,477 2,832	
Changes in non-cash working capital:	3,745,722	5,051,449	
Accounts receivable Grants receivable	595,898 (242,227)	(867,082) 141,986	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Deferred revenue Prepaid expenses	1,517,013 (258,647) (51,379)	604,648 641,471 (3,232)	
	5,306,380	5,569,240	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES Repayments from Debt Reserve Fund -			
Municipal Finance Authority Debt repayments	(14,801)	(406,075)	
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES	(14,801)	(406,075)	
Purchase of tangible capital assets Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	(2,662,270)	(2,457,417) 156,678	
	(2,662,270)	(2,300,739)	
INCREASE (DECREASE) DURING THE YEAR CASH AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	2,629,309	2,862,426	
CASH AT END OF THE YEAR	19,344,017 \$ 21,973,326	16,481,591 \$ 19,344,017	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended December 31, 2021

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako ("the Regional District") was incorporated as a Regional District on February 1, 1966 under the Municipal Act (replaced by the Local Government Act) of British Columbia. The Regional District provides a political and administrative framework for region-wide, inter-municipal and sub-regional services and acts as the local government for electoral areas.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards (PSAS).

Funds and reserves

Certain amounts, as approved by the Board of Directors, through a bylaw, are set aside in accumulated surplus for future operating and capital purposes. Transfers to/from funds and reserves are an adjustment to the respective fund when approved.

Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development improvement or betterment of the asset. Costs include overhead directly attributable to construction and development but exclude interest costs directly attributable to the acquisition or construction of the asset.

Contributed tangible capital assets are recorded into revenues at their fair market value on the date of donation, except in circumstances where there are stipulations on their use or where fair value cannot be reasonably determined, in which case they are recognized at a nominal value.

The cost, less residual value, or the tangible capital assets, excluding land, is amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset.

Buildings	40-50 years
Water and waste systems	50 years
Heavy vehicles	10-20 years
Passenger vehicles	6-10 years
Other equipment	5-10 vears

Tangible capital assets are written down when conditions indicate that they no longer contribute to the Regional District's ability to provide goods and services, or when the value of future economic benefits associated with the tangible capital assets are less than their net book value. The net write-downs are accounted for as expenses in the statement of operations.

Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended December 31, 2021

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

Revenue recognition

Revenues are recognized in the period in which the transactions or events occurred that gave rise to the revenues. All revenues are recorded on an accrual basis

Tax revenue from local government requisitions are recognized in the year levied, provided that the effective date of tax has passed and the related bylaws have been approved by the Board of Directors.

Government transfers are recognized as revenues when the transfer is authorized and any eligibility criteria are met, except to the extent that transfer stipulations give rise to an obligation that meets the definition of a liability. Transfers are recognized as deferred revenue when transfer stipulations give rise to a liability. Transfer revenue is recognized in the statement of operations as the stipulation liabilities are settled.

Contributions from other sources are deferred when restrictions are placed on their use by the contributor and are recognized as revenue when used for the specific purpose. Restricted contributions that must be maintained in perpetuity are recorded as revenue when received or receivable and are presented as non-financial assets in the statement of financial position.

Grants received from the Federal Gas Tax Agreement and Northern Capital Planning Grant Agreement are each contributed to a designated reserve and recorded as revenue in the year amounts are expended on qualifying projects.

Revenue related to fees or services received in advance of the fee being earned or the service is performed is deferred and recognized when the fee is earned or service performed.

Unfunded landfill liability

The landfill for closure of operational sites and post-closure care has been recognized based on estimated future expenses, estimated for inflation and the usage of the sites capacity during the year. The change in this liability during the year is recorded as a charge to operations. These estimates are reviewed and adjusted annually.

Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian PSAS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the year. These estimates and assumptions are based on management's judgement and the best information available at the time of preparation and may differ significantly from actual results. Estimates are reviewed periodically or as new information becomes available, by management, and as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Significant estimates include the determination of the useful life of tangible capital assets, valuation of the landfill closure and post-closure obligation, and provisions for contingencies.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended December 31, 2021

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

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.

Financial instruments

Measurement of financial instruments

The Regional District initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. The Regional District subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at cost.

Financial assets measured at cost include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, cash deposits included in the debt reserve fund – Municipal Finance Authority, investments, and debentures recoverable from municipalities.

Financial liabilities measured at cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities, debentures issued for municipalities, debentures issued for the Regional District, and financial liabilities included in the debt reserve fund –Municipal Finance Authority.

Impairment

Financial assets measured at cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of write-down is recognized in net income. 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 the reversal is recognized in net income.

Transaction costs

The Regional District recognizes its transaction costs in net income in the period incurred. However, the carrying amount of the financial instruments that will not be subsequently measured at fair value is reflected in the transaction costs that are directly attributable to their origination, issuance or assumption.

Investments

Investments are reported at cost or amortized cost less any write-downs associated with a loss in value that is other than a temporary decline.

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2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2021	2020
Bank accounts Petty cash Guaranteed investment certificates	\$ 5,890,025 400 16,082,901	\$ 8,930,982 400 10,412,635
	\$ 21,973,326	\$ 19,344,017

Cash and cash equivalents consist unrestricted cash and fixed income guaranteed investment certificates, which have a maturity of one year or less, and are carried at market value which approximates cost. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the guaranteed investment certificate interest rates ranged between 1.10% to 1.80% (2020 – ranged between 1.15% to 2.54%).

3. INVESTMENTS

The Regional District has a 9% interest in the Chinook Comfor Limited Partnership and Chinook Comfor Ltd.

4. DEBT RESERVE FUND – MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

The Regional District issues debt instruments through the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia ("MFA"), and as a condition of borrowing, one percent of the debenture proceeds is withheld as a debt reserve fund. The Regional District also executes demand notes in connection with each debenture whereby the Regional District could be required to pay certain amounts to MFA in excess of the debt borrowed. The demand notes are contingent in nature, and it is unlikely that they will be called; therefore, a liability has not been reported in the financial statements (see note 10).

The Regional District reports the debt reserve fund balances for both debts issued on its behalf, and on behalf of member municipalities, as a financial asset. Because all debt reserve fund refunds received on behalf of Municipal borrowing are repayable to those Municipalities, the Municipal portion of the Debt Reserve Fund balances are also reported as a financial liability.

5. DEBT RECOVERABLE FROM MUNICIPALITIES

When a member Municipality within the Regional District wishes to issue debenture debt through the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia ("MFA"), the borrowing is done through the Regional District. The Regional District is therefore responsible for repayment of the debt to MFA. When payments (interest and sinking fund or principal) are made on this debt, the Regional District pays MFA and is in turn reimbursed by the Municipality.

The Regional District therefore reports the net outstanding debt borrowed on behalf of Municipalities as both a financial liability and a financial asset.

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5. DEBT RECOVERABLE FROM MUNICIPALITIES, continued

	O	riginally		Current	Net I	Debt
Service borrowing	В	orrowed	Year of	Rate of	Outsta	anding
was incurred for:	Year	Amount	Maturity	Interest	2021	2020
Vanderhoof Issue 145	2018	1,000,000	2038	3.15%	884,970	924,452
Smithers Issue 142	2017	3,000,000	2037	3.15%	2,532,910	2,654,910
Vanderhoof Issue 142	2017	2,000,000	2037	3.15%	1,688,607	1,769,940
Smithers Issue 127	2013	650,000	2034	3.30%	477,595	505,215
Fort St. James Issue 124	2013	304,879	2033	3.15%	210,540	224,013
Smithers Issue 124	2012	147,639	2033	3.15%	101,955	108,480
Fort St. James Issue 124	2013	121,952	2028	3.15%	65,834	73,848
Smithers Issue 116	2011	800,000	2026	1.45%	320,321	377,187
Houston Issue 99	2006	2,407,125	2032	1.75%	1,249,766	1,349,856
Smithers Issue 81	2004	500,000	2024	2.85%	109,260	142,268
Smithers Issue 79	2003	500,000	2023	2.25%	74,602	109,260
Smithers Issue 77	2002	500,000	2022	0.65%	38,211	74,602
Granisle 149	2019	210,000	2029	2.24%	172,814	191,682
	<u>:</u>	\$ 12,141,595	:	:	\$ 7,927,385	\$ 8,505,713

Scheduled debt repayments may be suspended in the event of excess sinking fund earnings within the MFA.

Principal paid during 2021 was \$427,844 (2020 - \$429,474). Interest paid during 2021 was \$329,555 (2020 - \$343,610).

The MFA performs a rate reset on long-term loans each 5 year period beginning after the first 10 year term; therefore, interest rates on long-term debt are subject to change.

Actuarial earnings received during 2021 was \$150,483 (2020 - \$130,336). Future principal payments, including sinking fund additions, on existing debt are as follows:

2022	\$ 600,479
2023	582,475
2024	563,314
2025	542,928
2026	561,368
Thereafter	 5,076,821
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	\$ 7,927,385

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6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

		2021	 2020
Trade payables	\$	982,240	\$ 812,797
Vacation accrual		203,055	175,355
Sick leave accrual (Note 10)		253,385	316,353
Retirement accrual (Note 10)		144,407	184,245
Accrued debenture interest		-	2,384
Landfill closure cost accrual (Note 12)	4	,695,672	 3,270,612
	\$ 6	,278,759	\$ 4,761,746

7. DEFERRED REVENUE

	2021	2020
Government transfers - Northern Capital Planning Grant	\$ 3,612,795	\$ 4,888,510
Government transfers - Federal Gas Tax Reserve	6,395,443	5,229,104
Government transfers - COVID Restart Grant	351,470	482,628
Government transfers - Provincial	-	1,989
Government transfers - Municipal	-	17,069
Other	10,945	10,000
	\$ 10,370,653	\$ 10,629,300

<u>Government transfers – Federal Gas Tax Reserve</u>

Gas Tax funding is provided by the Government of Canada. The use of the funding is established by funding agreement between the Regional District and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. Gas Tax funding may be used towards qualifying expenditures as specified in the funding agreement. The Regional District maintains the amounts in a statutory reserve.

	2021	2020
Opening balance	\$ 5,229,104	\$ 4,969,789
Add: Amounts received in the year Interest earned	1,755,216 87,600	858,116 100,919
	1,842,816	959,035
Less: Amounts spent in the year	(676,477)	(699,720)
Closing balance	\$ 6,395,443	\$ 5,229,104

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7. DEFERRED REVENUE, continued

Government transfers - Northern Capital Planning Grant

Northern Capital and Planning funding is provided by the Province of British Columbia. The Northern Capital and Planning funding may be used towards infrastructure and eligible projects include engineering, infrastructure planning, pipes, wells, treatment facilities, building, roads, machinery, equipment, vehicles, and other associated capital that are owned and controlled by the Regional District. This can also include the cost of land associated with developing the above capital investment.

	2021	2020
Opening balance	\$ 4,888,510	\$ 4,996,102
Add: Amounts received in the year Interest earned	59,128	1,565,000 108,249
	59,128	1,673,249
Less: Amounts spent in the year	(1,334,843)	(1,780,841)
Closing balance	\$ 3,612,795	\$ 4,888,510

The Northern Capital Planning Grant is broken into the following reserves:

Reserve		al Allocation	lanning xpenses	 Capital Expenses	Tot	al Interest	December 31, 2021 Balance			
General Administration	\$	1,019,248	\$ 397,004	\$ 128,019	\$	24,449	\$	518,674		
Clucluz Lake Fire Service		623,068	31,008	603,878		11,818		-		
Protective Services		1,375,000	110,817	402,784		45,838		907,237		
Glacier Gulch Water Diversion		30,000	-	-		1,158		31,158		
Round Lake Fires Service		10,000	-	-		386		10,386		
Luck Bay Fire Service		60,000	-	45,796		1,272		15,476		
Fort Fraser Fire		186,595	-	-		5,102		191,697		
Economic Development		185,273	-	-		7,150		192,423		
Regional Parks and Trails		1,055,345	-	500,575		19,331		574,101		
Environmental Service		2,394,843		1,710,252		44,998		729,589		
Fort Fraser Water and										
Sewer Utilities		425,628	 	 -		16,426		442,054		
	\$	7,365,000	\$ 538,829	\$ 3,391,304	\$	177,928	\$	3,612,795		

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7. DEFERRED REVENUE, continued

Government transfers - COVID Restart Grant

COVID Restart funding is provided by the Government of Canada. The use of the funding is established by funding agreement between the Regional District and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. COVID Restart funding may be used towards qualifying expenditures as specified in the funding agreement.

	2021	2020
Opening balance	\$ 482,628	\$ -
Add: Amounts received in the year Interest earned	314,000 	583,000
	314,000	583,000
Less: Amounts spent in the year	(445,158)	(100,372)
Closing balance	\$ 351,470	\$ 482,628

8. CREDIT FACILITY

The Regional District has available on an authorized operating line of credit to a maximum of 400,000. This facility bears interest at prime rate (December 31, 2021 - 2.45%, December 31, 2020 - 2.45%) and is secured by the current borrowing resolution. The facility remained unused at year end.

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9. DEBENTURES ISSUED FOR THE REGIONAL DISTRICT

The Regional District issues debt instruments through the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia ("MFA"), pursuant to security issuing bylaws, under authority of the Community Charter, to finance certain capital expenditures. The debt is issued on a sinking fund basis, whereby MFA invests the Regional District's principal payments so that the payments plus investment income, will equal the original outstanding debt amount at the end of the repayment period. Actuarial earnings on debt represent the repayment and/or forgiveness of debt by the MFA using surplus investment income generated by the principal payments. Gross amount of debt and the repayment and actuarial earnings to retire the debt are as follows:

Service borrowing		Originally Sorrowed	Year of	Current Rate of	Repayment 2021 & Actuarial Principal		Net D Outsta	
was incurred for:	Year	Amount	Maturity	Interest	Earnings	Repayment	2021	2020
Round Lake Fire Protection	2017	14,909	2037	3.15%	1,766	555	12,588	13,194
Luck Bay Fire Protection	2006	125,000	2026	1.53%	79,856	4,198	40,946	48,216
Topley Rural Fire Protection	2016	366,348	2041	2.10%	43,299	10,048	313,001	324,310
	-	\$ 506,257	_	:	\$ 124,921	\$ 14,801	\$ 366,535	\$ 385,720

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9. DEBENTURES ISSUED FOR THE REGIONAL DISTRICT, continued

Scheduled debt repayments may be suspended in the event of excess sinking fund earnings within the MFA.

Principal paid during 2021 was \$14,801 (2020 - \$406,075). Interest paid during 2021 was \$10,213 (2020 - \$37,934).

The MFA performs a rate reset on long-term loans each 5 year period beginning after the first 10 year term; therefore, interest rates on long-term debt are subject to change.

Actuarial earnings received during 2021 was \$4,384 (2020 - \$29,621). Future principal payments, including sinking fund additions, on existing debt are as follows:

2022	\$ 19,833
2023	20,504
2024	21,197
2025	21,915
2026	22,658
Thereafter	 260,428
	\$ 366,535

10. CONTINGENCIES

Municipal Finance Authority Demand Notes

The Regional District is contingently liable to the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia ("MFA") in excess of the amounts borrowed under the terms of demand notes issued to MFA.

Member municipalities have signed offsetting demand notes to the Regional District for borrowing made on their behalf. The amounts are as follows:

		2021	2020
Demand Notes Outstanding: Borrowing on behalf of member municipalities Borrowing for Regional District purposes	\$	320,379 9,332	\$ 320,379 9,332
	<u>\$</u>	329,711	\$ 329,711

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10. CONTINGENCIES, continued

Employee Sick Leave

The Regional District is contingently liable to pay its employees sick leave. The total maximum value of the accumulated sick time is \$451,091 at December 31, 2021 (2020 - \$435,344). As at year end an amount of \$253,385 (2020 - \$316,353) has been recognized as a liability, representing the estimated future usage of accumulated sick days.

Employee Retiring Allowance

The Regional District is contingently liable to pay employees one week salary for every year of employment to a maximum of 13 weeks upon normal retirement from the Regional District. The total value of this retiring allowance is \$195,913 at December 31, 2021 (2020 - \$225,770). As at year end an amount of \$144,407 (2020 - \$184,245) has been accrued as an estimate of the liability.

11. MUNICIPAL PENSION PLAN

The Regional District and its employees contribute to the Municipal Pension Plan (a jointly trusteed pension plan). The board of trustees, representing plan members and employers, is responsible for administering the plan, including investment of assets and administration of benefits. The plan is a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. Basic pension benefits are based on a formula. As at December 31, 2020, the plan has about 220,000 active members and approximately 112,000 retired members. Active members include approximately 42,000 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 actuarial valuation for the Municipal Pension Plan as at December 31, 2018, indicated a \$2,866 million funding surplus for basic pension benefits on a going concern basis.

The Regional District paid \$329,376 (2020 - \$333,867) for employer contributions to the plan in fiscal 2021.

The next valuation will be as at December 31, 2021, with results available in 2022.

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, resulting in no consistent and reliable basis for allocating the obligation, assets and cost to individual employers participating in the plan.

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12. UNDERFUNDED LIABILITY FOR LANDFILL CLOSURE COSTS

British Columbia environmental law requires closure and post-closure are of landfill sites, which includes final covering and landscaping, pumping of ground water and leachates from the site, and ongoing environmental monitoring, site inspections and maintenance.

The estimated total liability is based on the sum of discounted future cash flows for closure and post closure activities for 30 years after closure using a discount rate of 4.0% which is net of projected annual inflation.

The accrued liability portion is based on the cumulative capacity used at year end compared to the estimated total landfill capacity. Management had a closure cost evaluation completed in 2020; and these costs (adjusted for inflation) are utilized for management's landfill closure cost estimate.

The Knockholt landfill has been divided into six phases with only the first three phases being utilized. The total capacity of the Knockholt landfill is estimated at 1,998,500 cubic meters, with a total usage of 351,162 cubic metres of the first three phases. Phase one and two are complete with phase three utilization of 126,326 of a total of 469,898. Phase 3B and 3C remain undeveloped. Phase three is expected to reach capacity in 2038. The existing landfill site is estimated to last past 2096 at current landfill utilization rates.

The Clearview landfill has been divided into four phases with only the first phase being utilized. The total capacity of the Clearview landfill is estimated at 1,157,600 cubic metres with a total usage of 151,050 of the first phase. Phase one has a developed capacity of 238,000 and is expected to reach capacity in 2030. The existing landfill site is expected to reach capacity approximately in the year 2106.

Considerable uncertainty exists with these estimations. The long time span for full site utilization combined with predicting costs that will be paid in far future years relies on a large number of assumptions including the certainty of current environmental legislation, a predictable rate of inflation for costs associated with landfill work and engineering, and an even flow of waste landfilled each year. Landfilling estimates do not include allowances for population change, change in landfilling from industrial sites (such as industrial camps), the possible diversion from recycling programs currently increasing and those being developed, and the diversion potential from composting programs.

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12. UNDERFUNDED LIABILITY FOR LANDFILL CLOSURE COSTS, continued

	2021	2020
Knockholt Landfill Phase One, Two, and Three Estimated closure costs Estimated post-closure costs	\$ 865,653 4,979,827	\$ 764,439 1,923,865
	5,845,480	2,688,304
Estimated capacity used	18%	15%
Accrued liability for Knockholt landfill	1,103,251	424,701
Clearview Landfill Phase One		
Estimated closure costs	628,317	612,833
Estimated post-closure costs	4,979,827	1,923,865
	5,608,144	2,536,698
Estimated capacity used	13%_	11%
Accrued liability for Clearview landfill	1,051,338	544,479
Inactive sites closure estimates	2,541,083	2,301,432
mactive sites closure estimates	2,341,003	2,501,452
Total closure and post-closure liability	\$ 4,695,672	\$ 3,270,612

The liability expense of \$4,695,672 is unfunded as at December 31, 2021. The Regional District has established Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Reserve Funds that is restricted for purposes of funding landfill closure and post-closure costs. As at December 31, 2021, the Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Reserve Funds have a balance of \$399,877 (2020 - \$394,253).

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13. ALLOCATION OF ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

The accumulated surplus at the end of the year is comprised of the following Funds:

	 2021	2020
Operating Reserves	\$ 18,999,020 7,683,544	\$ 19,610,051 4,689,297
	\$ 26,682,564	\$ 24,299,348

14. BUDGET

In accordance with legislative requirements, the Financial Plan, adopted by the Board of Directors on March 25, 2021, was prepared on a modified accrual basis. These financial statements, in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards, were prepared on a full accrual basis. The following reconciles the approved amended Financial Plan from April 8, 2021 to budgeted amounts reported in these Financial Statements. The amended Financial Plan was used in order to more accurately reflect the operations in the period.

		2021
Budge	ted surplus per statement of financial activities	\$ 1,055,442
Less:	Capital expenditures Internal allocations Prior year net deficits	(4,626,759) (436,820) (33,132)
		(4,041,269)
Add:	Prior year net surplus Withdrawls from capital reserves Transfer from equity in tangible capital assets	2,384,169 477,415 1,179,685
		4,041,269
		<u> </u>

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15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Regional District's financial instruments are comprised of cash, temporary investments, accounts receivable, debt reserve funds – Municipal Finance Authority, debentures recoverable from municipalities, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, debentures issued for municipalities, and debentures issued for the Regional District.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Regional District will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Regional District is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its accounts payable and accrued liabilities, debentures issued for municipalities and debentures issued for the Regional District. The Regional District manages this risk by holding a sufficient amount of funds in highly liquid investments, and closely monitoring cash flows.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that the Regional District will incur financial losses if a debtor fails to make payments when due. The Regional District is exposed to credit risk on its debenture recoverable from municipalities and accounts receivable. Risk in respect to the debentures recoverable from municipalities is managed primarily by the policies put in place by the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia ("MFA"). The maximum exposure to credit risk in respect to accounts receivable is limited to the carrying amount of accounts receivable, which is managed by credit policies such as limiting the amount of credit extended and obtaining security deposits where appropriate.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk. The Regional District is mainly exposed to interest rate risk.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the Regional District's debt servicing costs and the value of certain investments will fluctuate due to changes in interest rates. In respect of debt servicing costs, the risk is minimal as all of the Regional District's long-term debentures are fixed rate and is usually refinanced every five to ten years as that is when most underlying debentures issued by the MFA mature. Investments subject to interest rate risk include guaranteed investment certificates (Note 2). The amount of risk is minimal due to the short terms of the investments.

16. SEGMENT REPORTING

The Regional District provides services to its members, that have been grouped into related departmental functions or service areas for segment reporting purposes. The various segments are as follows:

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16. SEGMENT REPORTING, continued

Environmental Services

This segment administers services including solid and liquid waste management, recycling, invasive plant control and developing the Regional District's Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan.

Government - general, rural and local commission

This segment administers services that relate to the legislative function as well as the administrative and financial management of the Regional District.

Recreation and culture

This segment administers services that relate to recreational and cultural, activities and organizations within the Regional District.

Fire protection and emergency response

This segment administers services related to rural fire protection and rescue services, 9-1-1 services, emergency preparedness and support services, and health and safety planning.

Building inspection, building numbering, planning and development services

This segment administers services related to long range and current community planning, geographical information services, building inspections, and bylaw enforcement.

Economic Development

This segment provides economic and community development services including assisting local community groups in accessing funding opportunities for community and economic initiatives.

Municipal Debt Payments

This segment is comprised of debenture debt payments to the Municipal Finance Authority on behalf of other Regional District members.

Street Lighting and Transportation

This segment is comprised of services for street lighting and transportation within the Regional District.

Sewer and Water

This segment is comprised of services for sewer and water treatment within the Regional District.

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17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and the Regional Hospital District share the same management team but operate under the governance of a different board of directors.

During the year, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako provided administration and accounting services of \$15,900 (2020 - \$15,900) to the Regional Hospital District.

As of December 31, 2021, there was an account receivable of \$nil (2020 - \$23,475) from the Regional Hospital District to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.

This amount is unsecured, non-interest bearing, with no specific terms of repayment.

18. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain prior year figures, presented for comparative purposes, have been reclassified to conform to the current year's financial statement presentation.

SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES BY OBJECT

		2	021			2020
		<u>Budget</u>		Actual		Actual
		(Note 14)				
Staff remuneration and benefits	\$	5,432,962	\$	5,105,018	\$	5,251,626
Purchased services and supplies	Ψ	5,719,539	•	5,229,402	*	3,866,689
Payments to societies		1,838,332		1,739,877		1,719,776
Municipal debt payments		797,885		757,399		772,885
Payments to municipalities		1,496,587		1,740,652		1,693,964
Directors' remuneration		658,610		380,647		367,108
Insurance and permits		252,385		228,021		205,608
Electoral area grants-in-aid		240,654		393,218		100,749
Staff travel, upgrading and conferences		276,921		34,089		92,916
Directors' travel and expenses		46,736		20,556		38,315
Interest on debentures		10,351		12,542		40,970
Memberships and dues		45,600		35,314		41,336
Interest		3,350		2,936		1,649
Elections, referenda and studies		12,000		-		1,431
Bad debts		5,837		3,859		1,805
Volunteer benefits		3,765		507		3,977
First nations dialogue		-		-		-
Rebate program		50,000		36,868		9,568
Amortization		1,179,685		1,366,252		1,255,477
	\$	18,071,199	\$	17,087,157	\$	15,465,849

SCHEDULE OF CONTINUITY OF RESERVE FUNDS

For the year ended December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	\$ 14,806,911	\$ 14,273,155
Contribution to funds	4,692,209	1,357,348
Interest earned on funds	247,473	185,199
Withdrawals from funds	(2,054,811)	(1,008,791)
BALANCE AT END OF THE YEAR	17,691,782	14,806,911
Less reserves recorded as deferred revenue (Note 7):	0.005.440	5 000 404
Federal Gas Tax Northern Capital Planning Grant	6,395,443 3,612,795	5,229,104 4,888,510
Northern Capital Flaming Grant	3,012,793	4,000,310
	10,008,238	10,117,614
	\$ 7,683,544	\$ 4,689,297
REPRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING RESERVE FUNDS		
911 Capital	\$ 630,657	\$ 621,788
911 Vehicle Administrative Equipment	7,808 39,754	7,698 29,341
Administration/Planning Vehicle	72,318	82,695
Building	278,351	149,806
Building Inspection Vehicle	32,837	22,375
Bulkley Valley Pool	2,248,614	2,016,991
Burns Lake TV Rebroadcasting	52,652	51,911
Rural Election	53,450	47,704
Emergency Prep	68,163	64,418
Environmental Services Vehicle Federal Gas Tax	C 20E 442	24,497
Fort Fraser Sewer	6,395,443 322,700	5,229,104 272,246
Fort Fraser Rural Fire Protection	164,838	120,791
Fort Fraser Water	207,978	115,351
Fort St. James Rural Fire Protection	66,479	65,544
Glacier Gulch Water Diversion	12,785	12,606
Houston Rural Fire Protection	-	1,230
Insurance	84,358	65,340
Lakes District Airport	267,225	86,468
Landfill Capital	399,877	394,253
Legal Luck Bay Rural Fire Protection	12,139 51,968	51,237
Northern Capital Planning Grant	3,612,795	4,888,510
Operational	2,217,771	-
Planning Plotter	29,437	29,130
Round Lake Rural Fire Protection	3,099	3,055
Smithers Rural Fire Protection	182,428	169,863
Southside Rural Fire Protection	6,155	6,067
Topley Fire Department	18,669	10,007
Telkwa Rural Fire Protection Vanderhoof Pool	66,792 77,968	59,853
Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection	77,300	61,872 38,974
Weed Control Vehicle	6,274	6,186
	17,691,782	14,806,911
Less reserves recorded as deferred revenue (Note 13):		
Federal Gas Tax	6,395,443	5,229,104
Northern Capital Planning Grant	3,612,795	4,888,510
	10,008,238	10,117,614
	\$ 7,683,544	\$ 4,689,297

See notes to the consolidated financial statements.

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO STATEMENT OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

									Engineered								
					E	quipment /								Transfer		2021	2020
		Land		Building	,	Vehicles		Water		Sewer		Landfills		Stations		Total	Total
COST																	
Opening Balance	\$	720,208	\$	7,543,427	\$	7,984,234	\$	4,824,319	\$	718,501	\$	4,966,484	\$	5,302,322	\$	32,059,495	\$ 29,958,164
Add: Additions		-		1,224,183		764,903		-		15,700		363,647		293,837		2,662,270	2,457,417
Less: Disposals		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	(356,086)
Less: Write-downs		-		-		(638)		-		-		-		-		(638)	-
Closing Balance		720,208		8,767,610		8,748,499		4,824,319		734,201		5,330,131		5,596,159		34,721,127	32,059,495
ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION																	
Opening Balance		-		3,039,322		4,307,164		1,015,895		420,475		2,163,687		2,050,553		12,997,096	11,938,837
Add: Amortization		-		229,247		652,436		90,317		12,635		217,269		164,348		1,366,252	1,255,477
Less: Acc. Amortization on Disposals		-		-		-		-		-		_		-		-	(197,218)
Closing Balance		-		3,268,569		4,959,600		1,106,212		433,110		2,380,956		2,214,901		14,363,348	12,997,096
Net Book Value for year ended December 31, 2021	\$	720,208	\$	5,499,041	\$	3,788,899	\$	3,718,107	\$	301,091	\$	2,949,175	\$	3,381,258	\$	20,357,779	
December 61, 2021	Ψ	7 20,200	Ψ	0,400,041	Ψ	0,700,000	Ψ	0,7 10,107	Ψ	001,001	Ψ	2,545,175	Ψ	0,001,200	Ψ	20,001,113	
Net Book Value for year ended December 31, 2020	\$	720,208	\$	4,504,105	\$	3,677,070	\$	3,808,424	\$	298,026	\$	2,802,797	\$	3,251,769			\$ 19,062,399

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO SEGMENTED DISCLOSURE

	Ge	vernment - neral, Rural and Local	Environmental Services		Recreation and Culture		Fire Protection nd Emergency Response	Building Inspection and Planning	Municipal bt Payments	Street Lighting and Transportation	Economic Development	s	Sewer and Water	2021	2020
REVENUE															
Taxation	\$	1,029,126	\$ 3,551,743	\$	2,717,718	\$	1,958,932	\$ 992,111	\$ - :	\$ 223,193	\$ 494,855	\$	118,744 \$	11,086,422 \$	10,857,441
Fees, rates and service charges		-	1,478,692		12,538		153,311	170,825	-	75,213	-		69,482	1,960,061	1,239,094
Government transfers		1,435,567	316,541		-		1,317,657	112,571	-	196,406	92,527		-	3,471,269	3,380,689
Investment income		246,992			-		2,329		-	· -	-		-	249,321	304,272
Other		132,069	176,044		5,000		200,035	221,639	757,399	17,973	-		-	1,510,159	2,383,581
Grants-in-lieu of Taxes		212,859	437,939		201,533		159,715	95,583	<u> </u>	32,639	52,873		-	1,193,141	1,123,533
		3,056,613	5,960,959		2,936,789		3,791,979	1,592,729	757,399	545,424	640,255		188,226	19,470,373	19,288,610
EXPENSES															
Staff Remuneration and Benfits		860,022	2,392,274		33,772		627,535	869,433	-	19,603	294,510		7,869	5,105,018	5,251,626
Purchased services and supplies		1,117,966	2,829,491		69,617		578,793	193,634	-	32,753	182,406		68,351	5,073,011	3,780,775
Insurance		29,303	84,157		42,503		28,189	37,566	-	27	2202		4,074	228,021	205,608
Payments to Societies		98,565			1,494,048		99,140	· -	-	48,124	-			1,739,877	1,719,776
Other		820,185	20,262		5,057		58,589	11,869	757,399	156,391	2,594		1,980	1,834,326	1,558,623
Payments to Municipalities		· -			886,489		733,246			43,000	77,917		-	1,740,652	1,693,964
Amortization of capital assets		115,769	850,284		123,016		150,736	23,496	-	-	-		102,951	1,366,252	1,255,477
		3,041,810	6,176,468		2,654,502		2,276,228	1,135,998	757,399	299,898	559,629		185,225	17,087,157	15,465,849
NET REVENUE(EXPENSES)	\$	14,803	\$ (215,509)) \$	282,287	\$	1,515,751	\$ 456,731	\$ = :	\$ 245,526	\$ 80,626	\$	3,001 \$	2,383,216 \$	3,822,761