

Consolidated Financial Statements

Municipality of the District of Clare

March 31, 2025

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Independent Auditor's Report

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To the Warden and Members of the Council Municipality of the District of Clare

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Municipality of the District of Clare (the "Municipality"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2025, and the consolidated statements of operations, changes in net debt and cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Municipality of the District of Clare as at March 31, 2025, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Municipality in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated 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 matters

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole. The consolidated schedules of statements of operations on pages 24 to 29 are presented for purposes of additional information and are not a required part of the consolidated financial statements. Such information has been subjected to auditing procedures applied, only to the extent necessary to express an opinion, in the audit of the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

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

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

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



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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated 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 Municipality'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 Municipality'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 consolidated 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 Municipality to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated 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.

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Yarmouth, Canada September 17, 2025 Chartered Professional Accountants

Municipality of the District of Clare Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

March 31, 2025

The consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements and schedules, and for ensuring that this information is consistent, where appropriate, with the information contained in the consolidated financial statements. A summary of the significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements.

The Municipal Councilors are responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control, and exercises these responsibilities through the Council. The Council reviews external audited consolidated financial statements yearly. The Council also discusses any significant financial reporting or internal control matters prior to their approval of the consolidated financial statements.

The external auditors, Doane Grant Thornton LLP, conduct an independent examination, in accordance with Canadian auditing standards, and express their opinion on the consolidated financial statements. The external auditors have full and free access to financial management of the Municipality of the District of Clare and meet when required. The accompanying Auditor's Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the consolidated financial statements.

On behalf of The Municipality of the District of Clare

Yvon LeBlanc

Warden

Stéphane Cyr

Chief Administrative Officer

Year Ended March 31		2025	2024
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 8,135,358	\$ 8,294,606	\$ 7,514,721
Grants in lieu of taxes	170,441	170,776	162,268
Services provided to other governments	420,000	522,227	428,155
Other revenue from own sources	680,629	588,858	642,314
Unconditional transfers from other	207 207	207 407	000.400
governments Conditional transfers from federal and	287,397	287,407	233,109
provincial governments and agencies	5,103,252	5,226,207	1,954,793
Interest	234,000	466,031	464,326
	15,031,077		11,399,687
Expenses	0.444.004	4 070 740	4 700 000
General government services	2,141,294	1,872,540	1,706,066
Protective services Transportation services	2,928,792 218,578	2,818,203 210,629	2,896,316 130,952
Environmental health services	2,407,743	2,418,220	2,129,776
Public health and welfare services	1,718,957	1,624,543	1,237,172
Environmental development services	416,502	374,488	377,001
Recreational and cultural services	1,799,067	<u>1,689,058</u>	1,670,989
	11,630,933	11,007,681	10,148,272
Annual surplus before the undernoted	\$ 3,400,144	4,548,431	1,251,415
Gain on settlement of ARO liability		72,450	-
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	5	(96,790)	(126,722)
Annual surplus		4,524,091	1,124,693
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year		20,423,946	19,299,253
Accumulated surplus, end of year		\$24,948,037	\$20,423,946

Municipality of the District of Clare Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

March 31	2025	2024
Financial Assets	420.000	Ф 220.000
Cash – restricted (Note 5) Cash – unrestricted	\$ 436,696 7,280,332	\$ 330,908 6,850,657
Receivables	1,200,332	0,030,037
Taxes (Note 3)	322,774	341,942
Special assessments	4,819	7,282
Due from Federal Government and its agencies	260,305	327,119
Other receivables	341,410	130,110
	8,646,336	7,988,018
Financial Liabilities	0,010,000	
Payables and accruals	1,726,863	1,786,459
Prepayment of taxes	289,113	225,836
Asset retirement obligations (Note 19)	233,869	297,108
Landfill closure (Note 10)	303,336	303,336
Long-term debt (Note 11)	8,117,249	1,324,433
Temporary borrowing (Note 13)	-	2,633,926
Deferred revenue (Note 8)	853,473	1,706,230
Tax sale surplus (Note 5)	391,990	286,203
	11,915,893	8,563,530
NET DEBT	(3,269,557)	(575,512)
Non-Financial Assets		
Tangible capital assets (Note 15)	25,266,139	17,556,095
Other non-financial assets (Note 12)	<u>2,951,455</u>	3,443,364
	28,217,594	20,999,459
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	\$ 24,948,037	\$ 20,423,946

Commitments and contractual obligations (Note 6)

On behalf of the Municipality of the District of Clare

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See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Municipality of the District of Clare Consolidated Statement of Change in Net (Debt) Financial Assets

Year Ended March 31	Budget	2025	2024
Annual surplus	\$ 3,400,144	\$ 4,524,091	\$ 1,124,693
Acquisition of tangible capital assets Acquisition of non-financial assets Amortization of tangible capital assets Amortization of other non-financial asset Asset retirement obligations recognized Loss on disposal of tangible	(5,243,370) - 784,992 491,909 -	(8,592,326) - 784,992 491,909 -	(4,798,892) (350,000) 645,788 491,909
capital assets Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets		96,790 500	126,722
Decrease in net financial assets	\$ (566,325)	(2,694,045)	(2,759,780)
Net (debt) financial assets, beginning of year		(575,512)	2,184,268
Net (debt) financial assets, end of year		\$ (3,269,557)	\$ (575,512)

Municipality of the District of Clare
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow

Year Ended March 31		2025		2024
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents				
Operating activities				
Annual surplus	\$	4,524,091	\$	1,124,693
Change in non-cash items				
Amortization of tangible capital assets		784,992		645,788
Amortization of other non-financial asset		491,909		491,909
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets		96,790		126,722
Gain on settlement of ARO liability		(72,450)		
Taxes receivable		`19,168 [°]		18,292
Special assessments		2,463		7,671
Due from Federal Government and its agencies		66,814		30,579
Due from own agencies – Fire Department		· •		47,939
Other receivables		(211,300)		(125,820)
Accretion expense		9,211		8,848
Other non-financial assets		-		(350,000)
Payables and accruals		(59,596)		974,730
Prepayment of taxes		63,277		37,852
Deferred revenue		(852,758)		695,367
Tax sale surplus		105,788		28,787
Tax sale surplus		105,766		20,707
Comital activities		4,968,399		3,763,357
Capital activities		(0 E02 22E)		(4 709 903)
Acquisition of tangible capital assets		(8,592,326)		(4,798,892)
Asset retirement obligations Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets		500		_
Froceeds on disposal of tallgible capital assets				
		<u>(8,591,826)</u>		<u>(4,798,892)</u>
Financing activities				
Issuance of long-term debt		7,000,000		-
Issuance of temporary borrowing		-		2,917,853
Repayment of temporary borrowing		(2,633,926)		(283,927)
Repayment of long-term debt		<u>(207,184)</u>		<u>(207,184)</u>
		4,158,890		2,426,742
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		535,463		1,391,208
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Cash and cash equivalents				
Beginning of year		7,181,56 <u>5</u>		<u>5,790,357</u>
End of year	\$	<u>7,7</u> 17,028	\$	7,181,565
Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of:				
Restricted cash	\$	436,696	æ	330,908
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Unrestricted cash		7,280,332	-	<u>6,850,657</u>
	<u>\$</u>	7,717,028	\$	7,181,565

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies

The consolidated financial statements of the Municipality of the District of Clare (the "Municipality") are the representations of management prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for local governments, as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board ("PSAB") of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada.

The focus of PSAB financial statements is on the financial position of the Municipality and the changes thereto. The Consolidated Statement of Financial Position includes all of the assets and liabilities of the Municipality.

Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Municipality are as follows:

Reporting entity

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances and in financial position of the reporting entity. The reporting entity is comprised of all organizations and enterprises accountable for the administration of their affairs and resources to the Municipality and which are owned or controlled by the Municipality.

Interdepartmental and organizational transactions and balances are eliminated.

Basis of accounting

The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues as they become available and measurable. Expenditures are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation.

Budget figures

The budget figures contained in these consolidated financial statements were approved by Council on April 17, 2024 in its original fiscal plan; they also have recorded additional adjustments in accordance with PSAB requirements. Note 17 outlines the original fiscal plan and the adjustments made to come to the budget figures shown in these consolidated financial statements.

Revenue recognition

(a) Tax revenue is property tax billings which are prepared by the Municipality based on assessment rolls issued by the Province of Nova Scotia. Tax rates are established annually by Municipal Council. Taxation revenues are recorded at the time tax billings are issued. Assessments and the related property taxes are subject to appeal. Any supplementary billing adjustments made necessary by the determination of such changes will be recognized in the fiscal year they are determined.

The Municipality is entitled to collect interest and penalties on overdue taxes. These revenues are recorded in the period the interest and penalties are levied.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Revenue recognition (continued)

- (b) Grant proceeds from other governments are recognized as revenue when the transfer is authorized, and eligibility criteria and stipulations are met. Grant proceeds where eligibility criteria and stipulations are not met are recorded as deferred revenue.
- (c) Landfill and recycling center tipping fees Revenue is recorded when the service is provided, the exchange amount is measurable, and collectability of the amount is reasonably assured.
- (d) Other revenue is recorded as services or goods are provided, the exchange amount is measurable, and collectability of the amount is reasonably assured.

Expenses

- (a) Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation.
- (b) Government transfers made to a recipient by the Municipality are recorded as an expense when they are authorized, and the recipient meets all eligibility criteria.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, balances with banks and short term deposits with original maturities of three months or less. Bank borrowings are considered to be financing activities.

Valuation allowance

The Municipality provides a valuation allowance for estimated losses that will be incurred in collecting taxes, rates outstanding, and other receivables.

Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets and projects in progress are recorded at cost which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. Funds received through capital assistance programs, cost-sharing arrangements or loan forgiveness are treated as revenue in the year they are earned.

Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use. Funding related to the purchase of capital assets is recorded as revenue when received. Donated assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at time of acquisition. The Municipality does not capitalize interest as part of the costs of its capital assets.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Tangible capital assets (continued)

Amortization for capital assets is presented in the financial statements and is calculated on a straight-line basis over an asset's estimated useful life less any residual value as follows:

Land improvements	25 years
Buildings	40 years
Plants	25 years
Machinery and equipment	5-15 years
Vehicles	5 years
Streets, roads and curbs	30 years
Sidewalks	20 years
Sewer lines	50 years
Leasehold improvements	5 years
Computer software	5 years
Wharves	25 years

Other non-financial assets

Other non-financial assets are recorded at cost. The cost of the track and field is being amortized on a straight-line basis over the remaining term of the lease.

Financial instruments

Initial measurement

Financial instruments are measured at fair value when issued or acquired. For financial instruments subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost, fair value is adjusted by the amount of the related financing fees and transaction costs. Transaction costs and financing fees relating to financial instruments that are measured subsequently at fair value are recognized in operations in the year in which they are incurred. Financial instruments consist of cash, receivables, payables and accruals, prepayment of taxes and long-term debt.

Subsequent measurement

At each reporting date, the Municipality measures its financial assets and liabilities at cost or amortized cost (less impairment in the case of financial assets), except for investments, which must be measured at fair value. The Municipality uses the effective interest rate method to amortize any premiums, discounts, transaction fees and financing fees to the statement of operations. The financial instruments measured at amortized cost are cash, receivables, payables and accruals, prepayment of taxes and long-term debt.

For financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost, the Municipality regularly assesses whether there are any indications of impairment. If there is an indication of impairment, and the Municipality determines there is significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows from the financial asset, it recognizes an impairment loss in the statement of operations. Any reversals of previously recognized impairment losses are recognized in operations in the year the reversal occurs.

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Municipality is not exposed to significant interest or credit risk arising from financial instruments.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Asset retirement obligations

An asset retirement obligation is recognized when, as at the financial reporting date, all of the following criteria are met:

- 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 the future economic benefit will be given up; and
- A reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

The liability for removal of underground tanks and wharves has been recognized based on estimated future expenses. The liability associated with the remediation of contaminants present within buildings owned by the Municipality has also been recognized based on estimated future expenses on closure of the sites and post-closure care.

The liability is discounted using a present value calculation and adjusted annually for accretion expense. The recognition of a liability resulted in an accompanying increase to the respective tangible capital assets. The increase to tangible capital assets is being amortized in accordance with the amortization accounting policies.

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. Any resulting liability would be recorded net of any expected recoveries. A liability for remediation of contaminated sites is recognized when all of the following criteria are met:

- An environmental standard exists:
- Contamination exceeds the environmental standard;
- The Municipality is directly responsible and accepts responsibility;
- It is expected that the future economic benefits will be given up; and
- A reasonable estimate of the amount can be made

The liability would include all costs directly attributable to remediation activities including post remediation operations, maintenance and monitoring.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Use of estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards requires management to make estimates that effect the amounts recorded in the financial statements. Management reviews the carrying amounts of items in the financial statements at each fiscal year end date to assess the need for revisions. Items in preparation of these consolidated financial statements require management's best estimate based on assumptions that reflect the most probable set of economic conditions and planned courses of action.

These estimates are reviewed periodically and adjustments are made to annual surplus as appropriate in the year they become known.

Significant items subject to management estimates include:

Financial statement element

Taxes receivable
Payables and accruals
Tangible capital assets
Asset retirement obligations
Landfill closure

Management estimate

Allowance for doubtful accounts

Accrued liability Useful lives Discount rate Landfill liability

Segmented information

The Municipality of the District of Clare is a diversified municipal unit that provides a wide range of services to its citizens. For management reporting purposes the Municipality's operations and activities are organized and reported by fund. Funds were created for the purpose of recording specific activities to attain certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations.

Municipal services are provided by departments and their activity is reported in these funds. The services provided by these departments are as follows.

General Government Services

This department is responsible for the overall financial and local government administration. Its tasks include tax billings and payments, accounts payable and receivables, budgets and financial statements, the Municipal Government Act, administration and maintenance of bylaws and change of address.

Protective Services

This department is responsible for ensuring the safety of the residents. Its tasks include bylaw enforcement, animal control, emergency measures and maintaining the radio dispatch system.

Transportation Services

This department is responsible for transportation services within the Municipality. Its tasks include maintaining sidewalks and street lighting.

Environmental Health Services

This department is responsible for the maintenance and operations of waste and sewer services provided to residents and other customers. Its tasks include recycling, composting and sewer hook-up.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Segmented information (continued)

Public Health and Welfare Services

This department is responsible for recruiting doctors and maintaining a consistent level of medical services within the Municipality.

Environmental Development Services

This department is responsible for the planning and development within the Municipality. Its tasks include developing strategies and planning reports, issuing development permits and approving subdivision applications.

Recreation and Cultural Services

This department is responsible for promoting and offering recreation opportunities and activities to the Municipality's residents.

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2. Contributions to Boards and Commissions

Boards in which the Municipality has less than a vested interest

The Municipality of the District of Clare is required to contribute to the operations of various Boards and Commissions, along with other Municipal Units based on assessment or population formula.

In addition to any budgeted contributions, the Municipal Units share in the deficits or surpluses of these Boards based on their sharing percentages. A Municipal Unit's share of the deficit is to be paid in the next fiscal year while a surplus is to be taken into the next year's estimates.

Regional Housing Authority

During the prior year, the Municipality of the District of Clare had over accrued \$40,000 (2024 - \$101,066) as owing to the Regional Housing Authority to fund its share of the deficit. During the year a new agreement was reached with the Province of Nova Scotia and the Municipality is no longer required to fund any deficits of the Regional Housing Authority.

Regional Library

During the year, the Municipality of the District of Clare paid \$64,500 (2024 - \$64,500) to the Regional Library. Grants from the provincial government pertaining to the Regional Library are received directly by the Library commencing in 1988.

Western Region Solid Waste Resource Management Authority (Waste Check)

During the year, the Municipality contributed \$23,937 (2024 - \$22,728) as its share of the operation of The Western Regional Solid Waste Resource Management Authority.

Western Regional Enterprise Network

During the year, the Municipality contributed \$53,102 (2024 - \$51,184) as its share of the operation of the Western Regional Enterprise Network.

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3. Taxes receivable	Current	Prior	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>year</u>	<u>years</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance, beginning of year Current year's tax levy Interest	\$ - 8,985,632 111,862	\$ 341,941 - 	\$ 341,941 8,985,632 111,862	\$ 360,234 8,133,590 109,573
Deduct	9,097,494	<u>341,941</u>	9,439,435	8,603,397
Current year's collections Reduced taxes	8,770,591 <u>9,839</u>	336,231 -	9,106,822 <u>9,839</u>	8,187,048 <u>74,408</u>
	8,780,430	336,231	9,116,661	_8,261,456
Balance, end of year	\$ 317,064	\$ 5,710	\$ 322,774	<u>\$ 341,941</u>

4. Defined contribution pension plan

During the year the Municipality contributed \$97,074 (2024 - \$84,772) to their employees defined contribution pension plans. As of March 31, 2025, there were no required future contributions in respect of past service and all contributions required under the plan had been funded.

5. Tax sale surplus

Cash proceeds from tax sales in excess of the arrears taxes receivable are deposited in a separate bank account and are restricted for a period of 20 years.

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6. Commitments and contractual obligations

Refuse collection and disposal contract

On June 14, 2021, the Municipality accepted a five-year tender with G&N Excavating Ltd. to provide refuse collection and disposal services. Fees for the service over the next two years are as follows:

2026	\$672,707
2027	\$403,624

Clare Health Centre expansion

On December 22, 2022, the Municipality entered into a contract to complete an expansion to the Clare Health Centre. The total contract amount is for \$6,579,026 + HST with Rikjak Construction Ltd. As at March 31, 2025, the Municipality has incurred \$6,377,027 in cost towards the expansion. The expansion is expected to be completed by November 2025.

Clare Veteran's Centre

During the year, the Municipality entered into a contract to construct a new Veteran's Centre. The total contract amount is for \$6,533,391 + HST with Bird Construction Ltd. As at March 31, 2025, the Municipality has incurred \$2,704,973 in cost towards the project. The Municipality has been approved for \$900,000 in funding from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and up to \$2,356,494 from the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program to assist in funding the project. Completion is expected by October 2025.

Sidewalk snow removal

On November 24, 2023, the Municipality accepted a five-year tender with Spec Resources Inc. to provide sidewalk snow removal services. Fees for the service over the next three years are as follows:

2026	\$62,760
2027	\$65,898
2028	\$69,193

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7. Line of credit

The Municipality has an operating line of credit at the Caisse Populaire de Clare in the amount of \$800,000. As of March 31, 2025 it was not drawn on (2024 – \$nil).

8. Deferred revenue	2025	2024
Recreation Gran Fondo Sustainable Services Growth Fund Municipal Capital Growth Program Canada Community Building Fund	\$ 9,119 26,349 495,823 12,500 309,682 \$ 853,473	18,218 495,823 1,167,340 14,075

9. Asset retirement obligations

The Municipality recognized an asset retirement obligation upon the adoption of PS 3280 on April 1, 2022. The liability represents the required removal of underground tanks and wharves, and the remediation of contaminants present within/on buildings owned by the Municipality. The assets have expected useful lives ranging from 1-30 years. As of the date of adoption of the standard, the relevant discount rates on tangible assets was 4.1% per annum.

In accordance with the provisions of this new standard, the Municipality has reflected the following adjustments as at April 1, 2022:

- a) An asset retirement obligation in the amount of \$276,907, representing the original \$589,687 obligation discounted to the present value using a discount rate of 4.1% per annum.
- b) An increase to tangible capital assets, representing the original estimate of the obligation as at the date of the transition.

Changes to the asset retirement obligation in the year are as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Opening balance Liability recognized on adoption of PS 3280 Settlement Accretion expense	\$ 297,108 - (72,450) 9,211	\$ 288,260 - - 8,848
Closing balance	\$ 233,869	\$ 297,108

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10. Reserves

The following are the balances of the non-consolidated reserves at the end of the year:

Conital	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Capital Landfill Other	\$ 73,061 <u>125,547</u>	\$ 57,784 231,172
	198,608	288,956
Operating	<u>4,218,586</u>	3,341,601
	<u>\$ 4,417,194</u>	\$ 3,630,557

The reserves funds represent accumulated monies set aside for future use of the Municipality. Expenditures by the operating and landfill reserves are subject to approval by council. Expenditures made by the capital reserve are restricted to items that are capital in nature.

The Municipality operated a landfill which closed on December 31, 2005. As of March 31, 2025, the Municipality has a recorded liability in the amount of \$303,336 and the funds required to fulfil this commitment have been set aside. A determination of the cost to complete this closure was based on information obtained by management which includes the final capping of the site, as well as, annual maintenance costs. As the site is closed the expenditures will reduce the landfill liability as appropriate.

11. Long-term debt					5 .	
	Balance April 1,	laguad		(Damaid)	Balance March 31,	laterest
NS Dept. of Finance and Treasury Board, 2.812%	2024	<u>Issued</u>		(Repaid)	<u>2025</u>	Interest
to 3.489%, due 2029 \$	266,670	\$ -	\$	(53,333)	\$ 213,337	\$ 7,934
NS Dept. of Finance & Treasury Board, 2.963% to 3.389%, due 2029	1,057,763	_		(153,851)	903.912	34.951
NS Dept. of Finance & Treasury Board, 3.428%	.,00,,,,,,			(100,001)		5 1, 5 2
to 4.242%, due 2035 _	-	7,000,000	_	-	7,000,000	 88,622
<u>\$</u>	1,324,433	\$7,000,000	\$	(207,184)	<u>\$8,117,249</u>	\$ 131,506

Principal payments on long-term debt required during the next five years are as follows:

Year ending March 31, 2026	\$907,184
Year ending March 31, 2027	\$907,184
Year ending March 31, 2028	\$907,184
Year ending March 31, 2029	\$1,195,692
Year ending March 31, 2030	\$700,000

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12. Other non-financial assets

In May 2021, the Municipality entered into a lease agreement to lease a parcel of land from the University Sainte-Anne for 10 years, on which to construct the new field. The lease agreement outlines that there is no charge to the Municipality for use of the land and University Sainte-Anne has ownership and control of the land. The lease agreement also stipulates that University Sainte-Anne has responsibility for management and ongoing maintenance of the newly constructed field. The amount incurred by the Municipality for construction meets the recognition criteria as an asset that will be recognized as an expense over the term they have use of the asset. The cost of the field has been amortized on a straight-line basis over the remaining term of the lease.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Cost, beginning of year Additions	\$ 4,383,432 	\$ 4,033,432 350,000
Cost, end of year	4,383,432	4,383,432
Accumulated amortization, beginning of year Amortization	940,068 491,909	448,159 <u>491,909</u>
Accumulated amortization, end of year	1,431,977	940,068
Closing balance	\$ 2,951,455	\$ 3,443,364

13. Temporary borrowing

During the prior year, the Municipality entered into a temporary borrowing agreement with the Caisse Populaire De Clare of up to \$7,000,000 with monthly interest only instalments required at 7.20%. This temporary borrowing was to facilitate the Clare Health Centre expansion project. The temporary borrowing was repaid during the year.

14. Remuneration and expense reimbursements

The total remuneration and expense reimbursements paid to councillors and the Chief Administrative Officer during the year ended March 31, 2025 were as follows:

	<u>Remu</u>	<u>ineration</u>	<u>E</u> :	xpenses
Yvon LeBlanc – Warden	\$	40,074	\$	10,477
Eric Pothier – Deputy Warden		28,388		3,073
Nil Doucet – Councillor		15,477		1,304
Daniel Hill - Councillor		25,177		2,778
Carl Deveau - Councillor		25,177		2,933
Brian Comeau - Councillor		25,177		164
Philippe Gaudet - Councillor		15,477		-
Nadine Comeau - Councillor		25,177		2,407
Réanne Evans - Councillor		9,700		3,689
Réanne Cooper - Councillor		9,700		2,419
Stéphane Cyr - Chief Administrative Officer		141,712		10,086

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15. Tangible capital assets

	Land	Land Improvements	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Plant</u>	Sidewalk	<u>Sewer</u>
Cost Balance, beginning of year Acquisition of tangible capital assets Asset retirement obligations Disposal of tangible capital assets	\$ 431,987 16,295 -	\$ 1,651,639 64,879 - 	\$ 13,640,942 5,325,641 - (190,353)	\$ 1,438,030 13,471 - 	\$ 399,068 2,986,738 - -	\$ 7,847,597 1,575 - -
Balance, end of year	448,282	1,716,519	18,776,231	<u>1,451,500</u>	3,385,803	<u>7,849,172</u>
Accumulated amortization Balance, beginning of year Annual amortization Disposal of tangible capital assets	- - -	749,635 66,936	3,522,362 348,411 (95,368)	1,434,867 404 ——————————————————————————————————	329,062 78,481	3,014,495 156,968
Balance, end of year		<u>816,571</u>	3,775,406	1,435,271	407,543	3,171,463
Net book value of tangible capital assets	\$ 448,282	\$ 899,948	\$ 15,000,825	\$ 16,229	\$ 2,978,260	<u>\$ 4,677,709</u>

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15. Tangible capital assets (continued)

	Wharves	Equipment & Machinery	Computer <u>Software</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	Leaseholds	2025 <u>Total</u>	2024 <u>Total</u>
Cost Balance, beginning of year Acquisition of tangible capital assets Asset retirement obligations Disposal of tangible capital assets	\$ 482,321 - - -	\$ 1,768,912 124,634 - (17,276)	\$ 225,739 3,724 -	\$ 115,808 55,371 -	\$ 1,593,294 - - -	\$ 29,595,337 8,592,326 - (207,629)	\$ 25,546,365 4,798,893 - (749,921)
Balance, end of year	482,321	1,876,270	229,463	<u> 171,179</u>	1,593,294	37,980,034	29,595,337
Accumulated amortization Balance, beginning of year Annual amortization Disposal of tangible capital assets	57,074 20,694	1,106,896 62,597 (14,972)	155,104 33,721	76,456 16,780	1,593,294 - 	12,039,242 784,992 <u>(110,339)</u>	12,016,653 645,788 (623,199)
Balance, end of year Net book value of tangible capital Assets	<u>77,768</u> \$ 404,553	1,154,518 \$ 721,752	188,825 \$ 40,638	93,236 \$ 77,943	1,593,294 \$	<u>12,713,895</u> \$ 25,266,139	12,039,242 \$ 17,556,095

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16. Segment disclosure	nt disclo	sure
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16. Segment disclosure					Public				
	General			Environ,	Health	Environ.	Recreation	2025	2024
	Government	Protective	Transport.	Health	& Welfare	Develop.	& Culture	Total	Total
Revenue									
Taxes	\$1,411,013	\$2,123,597	\$ 158,715	\$1,822,199	\$1,224,140	\$ 282,188	\$1,272,754	\$8,294,606	\$7,514,721
Grants in lieu of taxes	29,051	43,722	3,268	37,517	25,204	5,810	26,204	170,776	162,268
Services provided to other governments	-	-	-	522,227	-	-	-	522,227	428,155
Other revenue from own sources	390,294	-	-	-	-	-	198,564	588,858	642,314
Unconditional transfers from									
other governments	277,375	10,032	-	-	-	-	-	287,407	233,109
Conditional transfers from federal and									
provincial governments and agencies	29,493	-	2,162,888	91,546	886,668	14,140	2,041,472	5,226,207	1,954,793
Interest	<u>466,031</u>							<u>466,031</u>	<u>464,326</u>
	2,603,257	2,177,352	2,324,871	2,473,489	2,136,012	302,137	3,538,995	<u>15,556,112</u>	11,399,687
Expenses									
Salaries and benefits	841,936	210,131	-	366,135	737,589	241,262	300,176	2,697,228	2,428,864
Goods and services	912,314	2,595,480	132,148	1,814,872	324,653	133,226	758,410	6,671,103	6,473,933
Amortization	118,290	4,659	78,481	237,213	222,284	-	615,974	1,276,901	1,137,697
Interest		7,933			340,017		14,498	362,448	107,778
	1,872,540	2,818,203	210,629	2,418,220	1,624,543	374,488	1,689,058	<u>11,007,681</u>	10,148,272
Annual surplus (deficit) before the undernoted	730,717	(640,851)	2,114,242	55,269	511,469	(72,351)	1,849,937	4,548,431	1,251,415
Gain on settlement of ARO liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	72,450	72,450	-
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets							(96,790)	(96,790)	(126,722)
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ 730,717	\$ (640,851)	\$2,114,242	\$ <u>5</u> 5,269	\$ 511,469	\$ (72,351)	\$1,825,597	\$4,524,091	\$1,124,693

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17. Budget figures

Public Sector Accounting Standards require a comparison of the results for the period with those originally planned on the same basis as that used for actual results. The fiscal plan in the statement of operations and statement of changes in net assets has been adjusted to be on a consistent basis as actual results. Below is a reconciliation of the figures from the approved fiscal plan to the fiscal plan per the financial statements:

	Approved <u>Fiscal Plan</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	Fiscal Plan Per Financial Statements
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 10,355,342	\$ (2,219,984)	\$ 8,135,358
Grants in lieu of taxes	170,441	-	170,441
Services provided to other governments	-	420,000	420,000
Other revenue from own sources Unconditional transfers from other	1,334,629	(654,000)	680,629
governments	287,397	-	287,397
Conditional transfers from other			
Governments	1,008,391	4,094,861	5,103,252
Interest		234,000	234,000
	13,156,200	1,874,877	15,031,077
Expenditures			
General government services	2,023,004	118,290	2,141,294
Protective services	2,919,490	9,302	2,928,792
Transportation services	140,097	78,481	218,578
Environmental health services	2,170,530	237,213	2,407,743
Public health and welfare services	1,218,087	495,870	1,718,957
Environmental development services	416,502	-	416,502
Recreational and cultural services	1,179,608	624,459	1,799,067
Education	2,219,984	(2,219,984)	-
Transfers to other agencies	<u>868,898</u>	<u>(868,898)</u>	
	13,156,200	(1,525,267)	11,630,933
Annual surplus	\$	\$ 3,400,144	\$ 3,400,144

18. Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified from those previously presented to conform to the presentation of the 2025 financial statements.

Year Ended March 31		2024	
	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
1. Taxes			
Assessable property			
Residential	<u>\$ 6,741,616</u>	\$ 6,741,616	<u>\$ 6,149,615</u>
Commercial	1,627,308	1,627,308	<u>1,457,336</u>
Resource			
Taxable assessments Forest property tax	584,406	584,406	494,245
Less than 50,000 acres	24,755	24,755	24,847
50,000 acres or more	<u>7,547</u>	<u>7,547</u>	<u>7,547</u>
	<u>616,708</u>	616,708	526,639
Area rates			
Fire – capital equipment	391,520	391,436	354,732
Fire – trucks	469,823	469,723	425,678
Street lights Sewer	32,252 196,460	32,259 196,411	28,722 197,120
Sewei			
	<u>1,090,055</u>	<u>1,089,829</u>	<u>1,006,252</u>
Special Assessments			
Frontage – Belliveau Cove	1,092	1,092	1,092
Frontage – Church Point	1,261	1,261	1,261
Frontage – Meteghan sewer	2,480	12,980	2,480
	4,833	<u> 15,333</u>	4,833
Business property			
Based on revenue (Aliant)	20,000	25,467	23,652
Nova Scotia Power Corporation	6,557	6,557	6,031
Provincial HST rebate	12,000	24,150	<u>12,667</u>
	38,557	<u>56,174</u>	42,350
Other			
Deed transfer tax	230,000	361,357	309,959
Private road maintenance	6,265	6,265	5,935
	236,265	367,622	315,894
Reduction of tax revenues			
School board appropriation	(2,219,984)	(2,219,984)	_(1,988,198)
	<u>\$ 8,135,358</u>	\$ 8,294,606	\$ 7,514,721

Ye	ar Ended March 31		2025				2024	
			Budget		<u>Actual</u>		<u>Actual</u>	
2.	Grants in lieu of taxes Federal government Provincial government	\$	30,054	\$	23,649	\$	22,247	
	Property of supported institutions	_	140,387	_	147,127		140,021	
		\$	170,441	\$	170,776	\$	162,268	
3.	Services provided to other governments							
•	Landfill tipping fees	\$	420,000	<u>\$</u>	522,227	\$	428,155	
4.	Other revenue from own sources Fines Rentals Tax sale excess (20 years) Building permits Building inspections Tourism Recreation services Gran Fondo CJA Registration Miscellaneous	\$	15,000 328,744 30,000 1,000 167,411 41,128 11,600 29,707 56,039	\$	15,551 251,797 645 33,694 1,285 139,724 23,234 23,839 11,767 87,322	\$	20,556 230,829 - 31,541 3,624 124,825 36,518 123,168 22,500 48,753	
		<u>\$</u>	680,629	<u>\$</u>	588,858	\$	642,314	
5.	Unconditional transfers from other governme Other grants Municipal Financial Capacity Grant	ents \$ — \$_	10,022 277,375 287,397	\$ 	10,032 277,375 287,407	\$ \$	10,022 223,087 233,109	

Year Ended March 31		2025			2024		
			<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>		<u>Actual</u>
6.	Conditional transfers from other governments Federal government						
	Public spaces	\$	-	\$	-	\$	161,394
	Tourism		-		8,678		53,944
	Communauté accueillante		-		(12,217)		168,248
	Canada Day		4,000		1,800		1,920
	Clare Veteran Centre	•	1,876,159	•	1,988,474		-
	Provincial government						
	French language services		40,000		40,000		60,017
	Nova Scotia Health Authority						407.040
	operating grant		766,665		766,668		407,940
	Parc Joseph et Marie Dugas		30,804		44,320		-
	Meteghan Sidewalks Accessibility		162 000		2,162,888		
	Improvements project Association of Health Centres	4	2,162,898 120,000	4	120,000		120,000
	Communities Culture Accessibility		120,000		120,000		10,571
	CCTH – GranFondo				_		9,583
	Municipal Planning		77,726		14,140		97,560
	Canada Community Building Fund		25,000		91,456		852,552
	Other				-		11,064
		\$!	5,103,252	\$:	5,226,207	<u> </u>	1,954,793
		<u>* `</u>	3,100,202	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	¥	1,001,100
7.	Interest						
	Penalties and interest on taxes	\$	109,000	\$	119,341	\$	117,573
	Return on investments - Operating		125,000		189,545		151,017
	Return on investments - Reserves						
	and capital				<u> 157,145</u>	_	<u> 195,736</u>
		\$	234,000	\$	466,031	\$	464,326
		_	4	_		_	<u> </u>

Year Ended March 31			2024	
		Budget	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
9.	General government services Legislative			
	Council and committee Conventions	\$ 219,894 35,000	\$ 219,524 29,246	\$ 213,250 34,057
		254,894	248,770	247,307
	General administrative Administrative	1 070 040	064 085	800,135
	Amortization	1,079,049 118,290	961,085 118,290	108,597
	Accretion Taxation	-	6,850	6,580
	Administration	152,744	136,257	84,434
	Reduced taxes & write-offs Property valuation	115,000	9,839	74,408
	assessment services	248,913	<u>252,703</u>	248,547
		<u>1,713,996</u>	1,485,024	1,322,701
	Other general government services	25.000	47.045	44704
	Conventions Grants to other organizations and	25,000	17,845	14,731
	individuals	60,000	42,637	45,584 75,743
	General and liability insurance	<u>87,404</u>	<u>78,264</u>	75,743 136,058
		<u>172,404</u> \$ 2,141,294	<u>138,746</u> \$ 1,872,540	\$ 1,706,066
10	Protective services	<u> </u>	<u>ψ 1,072,040</u>	Ψ 1,700,000
10	Law enforcement			
	R.C.M.P. administration	\$ 1,476,242	\$ 1,507,769	\$ 1,425,317 13,505
	By-law enforcement Unsightly premises	20,000 3,500	13,859 208	3,253
	Correction centres	<u> </u>		<u>115,403</u>
		<u>1,499,742</u>	1,521,836	<u>1,557,478</u>
	Fire protection			
	Firefighting force Capital grants	468,036 629,682	412,135 535,016	341,869 709,716
	Interest expense	4,643	7,933	9,549
		1,102,361	955,084	1,061,134
	Emergency Measures			
	EMO/Search and rescue	25,000 44,000	12,669	13,262
	Senior security Civic numbering	44,989 12,000	44,989 4,173	43,426 499
	Ü	81,989	61,831	57,187
	Other	4.050	4.050	4.050
	Amortization Animal and pest control	4,659 23,976	4,659 21,978	4,659 24,588
	Building inspector	216,065	252,815	191,270
		244,700	279,452	220,517
		\$ 2,928,792	<u>\$ 2,818,203</u>	\$ 2,896,316

Year Ended March 31		2025	2024
	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
11. Transportation services Amortization \$ Sidewalk maintenance Street lighting Public transit Roads/beach access	73,970 32,127 30,000 4,000	\$ 78,481 75,880 25,947 30,000 321	\$ - 67,810 33,142 30,000
9	218,578	<u>\$ 210,629</u>	\$ 130,952
Public works Public works Treatment plant operations - Meteghan Treatment plant operations - Church Point Treatment plant operations - Belliveau Cove Amortization Garbage and waste collection and disposal Municipal collection Blue bag sorting Dump operation Queens tipping fees Regional solid waste management Organic processing Landfill closure costs Western Region Solid Waste Resource Management Authority	232,929 99,000 50,200 46,195 237,213 556,861 125,000 413,485 465,000 18,000 75,000 65,000 23,860 52,407,743	\$ 231,420 133,979 45,185 44,333 237,213 556,861 133,757 347,723 479,922 26,928 71,972 84,990 23,937 \$ 2,418,220	\$ 203,827 66,843 22,532 28,045 246,578 529,757 118,732 312,457 442,690 20,029 70,091 45,467 22,728 \$ 2,129,776
13. Public health and welfare services Deficit of Tri-County Housing Authority Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Interest expense Other health Amortization Clare Health Centre Doctor recruitment	74,599 5,000 198,987 222,284 1,213,087 5,000 51,718,957	\$ (40,000) 5,000 340,017 222,284 1,094,404 2,838 \$ 1,624,543	\$ 101,066 5,000 82,851 174,752 871,340 2,163 \$ 1,237,172

Year Ended March 31		2024	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
14. Environmental development services Planning and zoning Regional Development Authority Sub-division regulations Amortization Economic/community development Accessibility By-law planning	\$ 91,339 46,045 2,000 - 262,118 10,000 5,000 \$ 416,502	\$ 39,871 53,102 1,353 - 271,821 7,465 876 \$ 374,488	\$ 76,806 51,184 400 6,436 232,894 9,281 ————————————————————————————————————
15. Recreation and cultural services Administration Amortization Accretion expense Cultural sponsorships Congrès Mondial Acadien Gran Fondo Universite Sainte-Anne Interest expense Société Historique Tourism Transfers to regional libraries Veteran Centre Municipal parks Meteghan Library Havelock Community Centre Cultural Hub Communauté accueillante	\$ 390,412 615,974 - 48,500 - 11,600 50,000 8,485 36,000 397,804 64,500 24,615 64,635 26,240 10,000 50,302	\$ 305,453 615,974 2,361 51,500 15,521 50,000 14,498 35,056 362,018 64,500 17,471 78,009 25,874 3,373 44,482 2,969	\$ 246,293 596,675 2,268 24,750 50,000 129,180 - 15,377 1,662 293,672 64,500 38,291 16,836 20,673 4,375 26,376 140,061
	\$ 1,799,067	\$ 1,689,058	\$ 1,670,989