WEST DRIED MEAT LAKE REGIONAL
SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of West Dried Meat Lake Regional Solid Waste Authority

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of West Dried Meat Lake Regional Solid Waste Authority (the "Authority"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2021, the statements of operations and accumulated surplus, changes in net financial assets, and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Authority as at December 31, 2021, the results of its operations, changes in net financial assets, 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 *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Authority 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 those 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 these financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Authority'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 Authority or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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Independent Auditors' Report to the Directors of the West Dried Meat Lake Regional Solid Waste Authority (continued)

Auditors' 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 auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it 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 Authority's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies 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 Authority's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' 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 or our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Authority 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

METRIX GROUP LLP

Edmonton, Alberta June 16, 2022

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

To the Members of West Dried Meat Lake Regional Solid Waste Authority:

Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the accompanying financial statements, including responsibility for significant accounting judgments and estimates in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. This responsibility includes selecting appropriate accounting principles and methods, and making decisions affecting the measurement of transactions in which objective judgment is required.

In discharging its responsibilities for the integrity and fairness of the financial statements, management designs and maintains the necessary accounting systems and related internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are authorized, assets are safeguarded and financial reports are properly maintained to provide reliable information for the preparation of financial statements.

The elected board is composed entirely of neither management nor employees of the Authority. The board has the responsibility of meeting with management and external auditors to discuss the internal controls over the financial reporting process, auditing matters and financial reporting issues. The board is responsible for recommending the appointment of the Authority's external auditors.

Metrix Group LLP, an independent firm of Chartered Professional Accountants, is appointed by the board to audit the financial statements and report directly to them; their report follows. The external auditors have full and free access to, and meet periodically and separately with, both the board and management to discuss their audit findings. The accompanying financial statements are the responsibility of the management of West Dried Meat Lake Regional Solid Waste Authority.

Darren King

Manager of Operations

June 16, 2022

Statement of Financial Position

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	<u>2021</u>	2020
FINANCIAL ASSETS Cash Accounts receivable (Note 2) Due from Camrose County Investments (Note 3)	\$ 150 1,102,157 6,820,977 14,124,232 22,047,516	\$ 150 590,975 3,912,829 12,244,322 16,748,276
LIABILITIES Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Employee benefit obligations (Note 4) Customer deposits Landfill closure and post-closure costs (Note 5)	80,030 113,666 5,000 <u>4,061,667</u> 4,260,363	45,011 100,215 5,000 2,943,149 3,093,375
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	17,787,153	13,654,901
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS Tangible capital assets (Schedule 2) Inventory for consumption	6,302,070 111,647 6,413,717	6,899,375 119,910 7,019,285
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Note 7)	\$ <u>24,200,870</u>	\$ <u>20,674,186</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:	
Creg)	Director
	_ Director

WEST DRIED MEAT LAKE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021 (Budget) (Note 10)	<u>2021</u> (Actual)	<u>2020</u> (Actual)
REVENUE User fees Return on investments Requisitions Interest and penalties Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	\$ 3,438,519 260,000 90,475 10,000 140,000	\$ 7,302,123 303,312 121,692 17,429	\$ 3,006,824 242,641 95,270 9,511
	3,938,994	<u>7,744,556</u>	3,354,246
EXPENSES Landfill closure and post-closure provision Wages and employee benefits Repairs and maintenance Gas and oil Administration Consultant fees Insurance Bad debts (recovery) Utilities Supplies, gravel, roads and trenches Professional fees Amortization of tangible capital assets	681,396 258,000 115,000 145,500 56,000 40,000 50,000 27,450 131,000 38,000	1,118,518 760,254 378,733 241,456 112,668 59,920 45,700 42,564 38,731 26,349 11,218 1,181,761	246,576 709,394 181,556 119,343 90,876 119,967 50,996 (133,421) 30,172 124,060 38,636 1,108,822
ANNUAL SURPLUS BEFORE OTHER INCOME	2,396,648	3,726,684	667,269
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES) Distribution to members (Note 8)		(200,000)	
ANNUAL SURPLUS	2,396,648	3,526,684	667,269
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	20,674,186	20,674,186	20,006,917
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	\$ <u>23,070,834</u>	\$ <u>24,200,870</u>	\$ <u>20,674,186</u>

WEST DRIED MEAT LAKE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021 (Budget) (Note 10)	<u>2021</u> (Actual)	<u>2020</u> (Actual)
ANNUAL SURPLUS	\$ <u>2,396,648</u> \$	3,526,684	\$667,269
Acquisition of tangible capital assets Amortization of tangible capital assets	(1,550,085) 	(584,456) 1,181,761	(16,461) 1,108,822
	(1,550,085)	597,305	1,092,361
Use of inventory for consumption		8,263	12,386
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	846,563	4,132,252	1,772,016
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	13,654,901	13,654,901	11,882,885
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ <u>14,501,464</u> \$	17,787,153	\$ <u>13,654,901</u>

WEST DRIED MEAT LAKE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	<u>2021</u>	2020
OPERATING ACTIVITIES Annual surplus	\$ 3,526,684	\$ 667,269
Amortization of tangible capital assets	<u>1,181,761</u>	1,108,822
	4,708,445	1,776,091
Change in non-cash working capital: Accounts receivable Due from Camrose County Inventory for consumption Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Employee benefit obligations Customer deposits Landfill closure and post-closure costs	(511,182) (2,908,148) 8,263 35,019 13,451 - 1,118,518	(102,010) (1,623,514) 12,386 (20,347) (3,673) 5,000 246,576
Cash provided by operating activities	2,464,366	290,509
INVESTING ACTIVITIES Change in investments	<u>(1,879,910</u>)	(274,048)
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES Acquisition of tangible capital assets	<u>(584,456</u>)	(16,461)
Cash provided (used) by capital activities	<u>(584,456</u>)	<u>(16,461</u>)
CHANGE IN CASH DURING THE YEAR	-	-
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u> 150</u>	150
CASH, END OF YEAR	\$ <u>150</u>	\$ <u>150</u>

WEST DRIED MEAT LAKE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY Consolidated Schedule of Changes in Accumulated Surplus For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Unrestricted <u>Surplus</u>	Restricted Surplus	Equity in Tangiblon Capital Assets	e <u>2021</u>	2020
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$	\$ <u>13,774,811</u>	\$_6,899,375	\$ <u>20,674,186</u>	\$_20,006,917
Annual surplus Restricted funds used for operations	3,526,684 22,830	(22,830)		3,526,684	667,269
Unrestricted funds designated for future use Restricted funds used for tangible capital assets Annual amortization expense	(4,731,275) - 1,181,761	4,731,275 (584,456)	584,456 (1,181,761)		
Change in accumulated surplus		4,123,989	(597,305)	3,526,684	667,269
BALANCE, END OF YEAR (NOTE 7)	\$	\$_17.898.800	\$ 6.302.070	\$ 24.200.870	\$_20.674.186

WEST DRIED MEAT LAKE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	<u>Land</u>	Buildings	Land Improvements	Vehicles	Machinery & Equipment	2021	2020
COST: Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 170,000	\$ 1,572,658	\$ 9,252,796	\$ 119,205	\$ 5,065,784	\$ 16,180,443	\$ 16,163,982
Acquisition of tangible capital assets Disposal of tangible capital assets			242,156	41,805 (<u>23,549</u>)	300,495	584,456 (23,549)	16,461
Balance, End of Year	170,000	1,572,658	9,494,952	137,461	5,366,279	16,741,350	16,180,443
ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION: Balance, Beginning of Year	1	229,197	6,479,267	98,792	2,473,812	9,281,068	8,172,246
Amortization Accumulated amortization on disposals	' '	31,670	604,570	9,862 (23,549)	535,659	1,181,761 (23,549)	1,108,822
Balance, End of Year		260,867	7,083,837	85,105	3,009,471	10,439,280	9,281,068
NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	\$ 170,000	\$ 1,311,791	\$ 2,411,115	\$ 52,356	\$ 2,356,808	\$ 6,302,070	\$ 6,899,375

The cost of tangible capital assets included \$143,097 (2020 - \$NIL) of work in progress for which no amortization has been provided.

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Year Ended December 31, 2021

NATURE OF AUTHORITY

West Dried Meat Lake Regional Solid Waste Authority (the "Authority") is a regional organization operating a landfill site in Camrose County, Alberta. It operates under the Amended and Restated Authority Agreement. It accepts waste primarily from residential and commercial sources, and receives waste from some commercial waste collectors in Camrose County and neighbouring municipalities. The Authority is directed by a Management Committee representing the municipalities it serves. Under the Authority Agreement Camrose County is the Operator and is responsible for conducting the overall management and control of the operations of the Authority.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Reporting Entity

The financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and change in financial position of the Authority.

(b) Basis of Presentation

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

(c) Cash

Cash includes cash on hand that is readily converted into known amounts of cash and subject to an insignificant change in value.

(d) Investments

Investments are recorded at cost. Investment premiums and discounts are amortized proportionately over the term of the respective investments. When there has been a loss in value that is other than a temporary decline, the respective investment is written down to recognize the loss.

(e) Revenue Recognition

User fees are recognized as revenue when waste material is received at the landfill site.

Requisitions are recognized as revenue on approval.

Investment income is recognized as revenue in the period earned.

Government transfers are recognized as revenues when the transfer is authorized, any eligibility criteria are met, and reasonable estimates of the amounts can be made. Government transfers are recognized as deferred revenue when amounts have been received but not all eligibility criteria have been met.

(f) Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Liability

Pursuant to the Alberta Environmental Protection Act, the Authority is required to fund the closure of the landfill and provide for post-closure care of the facility. Closure and post-closure costs include the final clay cover, landscaping, as well as surface and ground water monitoring, leachate control and visual inspection. This requirement is being provided for over the estimated remaining life of the landfill site based on usage.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(g) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The landfill closure and post-closure liability, recoverability of accounts receivable, and valuation, residual values and useful lives of tangible capital assets represent significant estimates in the financial statements.

(h) Non-Financial Assets

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

I. Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. The Authority provides for amortization using the straight-line method at rates designed to amortize the cost of the tangible capital assets over their estimated useful lives. Amortization rates are as follows:

Buildings 25 - 50 years
Land improvements 5 - 25 years
Machinery and Equipment 5 - 20 years
Vehicles 7 - 25 years

In the year of acquisition and in the year of disposal, amortization is calculated at one-half the normal rates. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

II. Contribution of Tangible Capital Assets

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

III. Inventory

Inventories of materials and supplies for consumption are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value with cost determined by the average cost method.

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2. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
2. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	<u>2021</u>	2020
Trade receivables Interest receivable Deposits receivable	\$ 1,131,965 45,048 	\$ 577,701 67,515 500
	1,177,763	645,716
Allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>(75,606)</u>	(54,741)
	\$ <u>1,102,157</u>	\$ <u>590,975</u>

3. INVESTMENTS

	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	202	<u>0</u>
	Carrying	Market	Carrying	Market
	Value	Value	Value	Value
Mutual funds	\$ 7,379,332	\$ 7,155,943	\$ 2,199,422 \$	2,213,954
Guaranteed investment certificates	6,744,900	6,744,900	10,044,900	10,044,900
	\$ <u>14,124,232</u>	\$ <u>13,900,843</u>	\$ <u>12,244,322</u> \$	\$ <u>12,258,854</u>

The market value of the mutual funds are based on quoted market values. The market value of the mututal funds fluctuate with changes in market interest rates and indices. When there has been a loss in value that is other than a temporary decline, the respective investment is written down to recognize the loss. Market values are based on market conditions at a certain point in time and as such, may not be reflective of future fair values.

Investments include various guaranteed investment certificates that earn interest at rates ranging from 0.85% to 3.20% (2020 - 0.85% to 3.20%) and mature from 2022 to 2025. These investments are held in trust by Camrose County.

4. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
Accrued sick leave obligation Vacation payable	\$ 76,352 37,314	\$	73,983 26,232
	\$ <u>113,666</u>	\$_	100,215

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5. LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POST CLOSURE COSTS

Alberta environmental law requires closure and post-closure care 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 25 years after closure using a discount rate of 3% (2020 - 3%) and assuming annual inflation of 2% (2020 - 2%).

The estimated accrued liability portion is based on the cumulative capacity used at year end compared to the estimated total landfill capacity. The total capacity of the site is estimated at 5.2 million cubic metres. The estimated remaining capacity of the landfill site is 3.410 (2020 - 3.893) million cubic metres. The existing landfill is expected to reach capacity in approximately the year 2047.

The Authority has designated assets for settling closure and post-closure liabilities.

	<u>2021</u>	2020
Estimated closure costs Estimated post-closure costs	\$ 7,483,443 4,154,156	\$ 7,483,443 _4,154,156
Estimated total liability	\$ <u>11,637,599</u>	\$ <u>11,637,599</u>
Percentage of liability accrued by the Authority	<u>34.90%</u>	<u>25.29%</u>
Amount accrued by the Authority	\$ <u>4,061,667</u>	\$ <u>2,943,149</u>
Estimated liability still to be accrued	\$ <u>7,575,932</u>	\$ <u>8,694,450</u>
6. EQUITY IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS		
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Tangible capital assets (Schedule 2) Accumulated amortization (Schedule 2)	\$ 16,741,350 (10,439,280)	\$ 16,180,443 (9,281,068)
	\$ <u>6,302,070</u>	\$ <u>6,899,375</u>

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T. ACCUMULATED CURRING		
7. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS Restricted surplus	<u>2021</u>	2020
Capital reserve Landfill closure and post closure reserve	\$10,417,289 <u>7,481,511</u>	\$ 7,476,119 6,298,692
	<u>17,898,800</u>	<u>13,774,811</u>
Equity in tangible capital assets (Note 6)	6,302,070	6,899,375
	\$ <u>24,200,870</u>	\$ <u>20,674,186</u>

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Camrose County, the Village of Edberg, the Town of Millet and County of Wetaskiwin are members of the Board of the Authority and, as such have been identified as related parties.

Requisition fees are based on budgeted net operating costs of the Authority and are allocated among Authority members based on actual service utilization during the year. Requisition fees charged to Authority members are as follows:

	<u>2</u>	<u>021</u>		2020
Wetaskiwin County Camrose County Town of Millet Village of Edberg	-	62,531 53,308 5,355 498	\$ _	61,487 27,592 5,840 351
	\$ <u> 1</u>	<u>21,692</u>	\$_	95,270

Amounts due from Authority members are payable on receipt of the invoice and have arisen from the requisition fees charged during the year. The amounts due from Authority members other than Camrose County are included in the accounts receivable balance. Amounts due from the Authority members at the end of the year are as follows:

		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
Camrose County Wetaskiwin County Town of Millet Village of Edberg	\$ _	6,820,977 61,021 5,355 498	\$	3,912,829 59,769 5,840 351
	\$_	6,887,851	\$_	3,978,789

The Authority entered into transactions with Camrose County related to the payment of administrative fees of \$60,000 (2020 - \$60,000). Additionally, Camrose County serves as the operator for the Authority and manages all of the funds on behalf of the Authority.

During the year the Authority paid distributions to the members for interest income earned on reserves as per the Authority Agreement of \$200,000 (2020 - \$Nil).

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9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Authority's financial instruments consist of cash, investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. It is management's opinion that the Authority is not exposed to significant interest rate, currency, credit, liquidity, market or other price risk arising from these financial instruments. The carrying values of these financial instruments approximates their fair value.

10. BUDGET

The budget figures presented in these financial statements are based on the 2021 Board approved budget.

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