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The Corporation of the Township of Laird
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Dear Management of The Corporation of the Township of Laird:

The purpose of this letter is to outline the terms of my engagement to audit the non-consolidated financial statements of The Corporation of the Township of Laird which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of operations, change in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

I am pleased to confirm my acceptance and my understanding of this audit engagement by means of this letter. My audit will be conducted with the objective of me expressing an opinion on the non-consolidated financial statements.

Objective, Scope and Limitations

My statutory function as auditor of The Corporation of the Township of Laird is to report to the Management by expressing an opinion on The Corporation of the Township of Laird's annual non-consolidated financial statements. I will conduct my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and will issue an audit report.

Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the non-consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the non-consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the non-consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the non-consolidated financial statements.

It is important to recognize that an auditor cannot obtain absolute assurance that material misstatements in the non-consolidated financial statements will be detected because of:

- a) Factors such as use of judgement, and the use of testing of the data underlying the non-consolidated financial statements;
- b) Inherent limitations of internal control; and
- c) The fact that much of the audit evidence available to the auditor is persuasive rather than conclusive in nature.

Furthermore, because of the nature of fraud, including attempts at concealment through collusion and forgery, an audit designed and executed in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards may not detect a material fraud. Further, while effective internal control reduces the likelihood that misstatements will occur and remain undetected, it does not eliminate that possibility. For these reasons, I cannot guarantee that fraud, error and illegal acts, if present, will be detected when conducting an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected (particularly intentional misstatements concealed through collusion), even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards.

In making my risk assessments, I consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the non-consolidated financial statements 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. However, I will communicate to you in writing concerning any significant deficiencies in internal control relevant to the audit of the non-consolidated financial statements that I have identified during the audit.

Unless unanticipated difficulties are encountered, my report will be substantially in the following form:

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Management of The Corporation of the Township of Laird:

Report on the Non-Consolidated Financial Statements

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying non-consolidated financial statements of The Corporation of the Township of Laird, which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of operations and accumulated surplus, change in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the non-consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Corporation of the Township of Laird as at December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations, change in net financial assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the non-consolidated financial statements section of my report. I am independent of The Corporation of the Township of Laird in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the non-consolidated financial statements in Canada, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

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

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

In preparing the non-consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing The Corporation of the Township of Lairds 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 or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Non-Consolidated Financial Statement

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the non-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 my 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 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, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I 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 my 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.
- Obtaining 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 Corporation of the Township of Laird'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 Corporation of the Township of Laird's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause The Corporation of the Township of Laird to cease 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.

I 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 I identify during my audit.

I also provide those charged with governance with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

Stefanizzi Professional Corporation
Chartered Professional Accountant
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

Any specific restrictions on the use or intended users of the auditors' report, and statement, if appropriate, that the specific restrictions will be set out in the auditor's report.

If my opinion on the non-consolidated financial statements is other than unqualified, I will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, I am unable to complete the audit or are unable to form, or have not formed, an opinion, I may decline to express an opinion as a result of this engagement.

My responsibilities

I will perform the audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. These standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the non-consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations and cash flows in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. Accordingly, I will plan and perform my audit to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance of detecting fraud and errors that have a material effect on the non-consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, including illegal acts whose consequences have a material effect on the non-consolidated financial statements.

One of the underlying principles of the profession is a duty of confidentiality with respect to client affairs. Accordingly, except for information that is in or enters the public domain, I will not provide any third party with confidential information concerning the affairs of The Corporation of the Township of Laird without The Corporation of the Township of Laird's prior consent, unless required to do so by legal authority, or the *Rules of Professional Conduct* of the Chartered Accountants of Ontario.

I will communicate in writing to those charged with governance the relationships between my Firm and The Corporation of the Township of Laird (including related entities) that, in my professional judgement, may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence. Further, I will confirm my independence with respect to The Corporation of the Township of Laird.

The objective of my audit is to obtain reasonable assurance that the non-consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement. However, if I identify any of the following matters, they will be communicated to the appropriate level of management:

- a) Misstatements, resulting from error, other than trivial errors;
- b) Fraud or any information obtained that indicates that a fraud may exist;
- c) Any evidence obtained that indicates that an illegal or possibly illegal act, other than one considered inconsequential, has occurred;
- d) Significant deficiencies in the design or implementation of internal controls to prevent and detect fraud or error; and
- e) Related party transactions identified by me that are not in the normal course of operations and that involve significant judgements made by management concerning measurement or disclosure.

The matters communicated will be those that I identify during the course of my audit. Audits do not usually identify all matters that may be of interest to management and those charged with governance in discharging their responsibilities. The type and significance of the matter to be communicated will determine the level of management to which the communication is directed.

I will consider The Corporation of the Township of Laird's internal control to identify types of potential misstatements, consider factors that affect the risks of material misstatement, and design the nature, timing and extent of further audit procedures. This consideration will not be sufficient to enable me to render an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting.

Use and Distribution of my Report

The audit of the non-consolidated financial statements and the issuance of my audit opinion are solely for the use of The Corporation of the Township of Laird and those to whom my report is specifically addressed by me. I make no representations of any kind to any third party in respect of these non-consolidated financial statements and I accept no responsibility for their use by any third party.

Use of information

It is acknowledged that I will have access to all personal information in your custody that I require to complete my engagement. My services are provided on that basis that:

- a) You represent to me that management has obtained any required consents for collection, use and disclosure to me of personal information required under applicable privacy legislation; and
- b) I will hold all personal information in compliance with my Firm's Privacy Statement.

Management's responsibilities

Management is responsible for:

Financial statements

The preparation and fair presentation of The Corporation of the Township of Laird's non-consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards:

Completeness of information

- a) Providing me with and making available complete financial records and related data, and copies of all minutes of meetings of council, committees of council and other matters;
- b) Providing me with information relating to any known or probable instances of non-compliance with legislative or regulatory requirements, including financial reporting requirements;
- c) Providing me with information relating to any illegal or possibly illegal acts, and all facts related thereto;
- d) Providing me with information regarding all related parties and related party transactions;
- e) Any additional information that I may request from management for the purpose of this audit; and
- f) Providing me with unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom I determine it is necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Fraud and error

- a) Internal control that management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of non-consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error;
- b) An assessment of the risk that the non-consolidated financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud;
- c) Providing me with information relating to fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving:
 - i) Management
 - ii) Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - iii) Others, where the fraud could have a non-trivial effect on the non-consolidated financial statements;
- d) Providing me with information relating to any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity's non-consolidated financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others; and

- e) Communicating its belief that the effects of any uncorrected financial statement misstatements aggregated during the audit are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the non-consolidated financial statements taken as a whole;

Recognition, measurement and disclosure

- a) Providing me with its assessment of the reasonableness of significant assumptions underlying fair value measurements and disclosures in the non-consolidated financial statements;
- b) Providing me with any plans or intentions that may affect the carrying value or classification of assets or liabilities;
- c) Providing me with information relating to measurement and disclosure of transactions with related parties;
- d) Providing me with an assessment of all areas of measurement uncertainty known to management that are required to be disclosed in accordance with Measurement Uncertainty, the *CICA Handbook - Accounting* Section 1508;
- e) Providing me with information relating to claims and possible claims whether or not they have been discussed with The Corporation of the Township of Laird's legal counsel;
- f) Providing me with information relating to other liabilities and contingent gains or losses, including those associated with guarantees, whether written or oral, under which The Corporation of the Township of Laird is contingently liable;
- g) Providing me with information on whether The Corporation of the Township of Laird has satisfactory title to assets, liens or encumbrances on assets exist, and assets are pledged as collateral;
- h) Providing me with information relating to compliance with aspects of contractual agreements that may affect the non-consolidated financial statements;
- i) Providing me with information concerning subsequent events; and
- j) Providing me with representations on specific matters communicated to me during the engagement.

Written confirmation of significant representations

Providing me with written confirmation of significant representations provided to me during the engagement on matters that are:

- i) Directly related to items that are material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the non-consolidated financial statements;
- ii) Not directly related to items that are material to the non-consolidated financial statements but are significant, either individually or in the aggregate, to the engagement; and
- iii) Relevant to your judgements or estimates that are material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the non-consolidated financial statements.

I ask that my name be used only with my consent and that any information to which I have attached a communication be issued with that communication unless otherwise agreed to by me.

Reproduction of Audit Report

If reproduction or publication of my audit report (or reference to my report) is planned in an annual report or other document, including electronic filings or posting of the report on a website, a copy of the entire document should be submitted to me in sufficient time for my review before the publication or posting process begins.

Management is responsible for the accurate reproduction of the non-consolidated financial statements, the auditors' report and other related information contained in an annual report or other public document (electronic or paper-based). This includes any incorporation by reference to either full or summarized non-consolidated financial statements that I have audited.

I am not required to read the information contained in your website, or to consider the consistency of other information in the electronic site with the original document.

Preparation of Schedules

I understand that you will prepare the following schedules and will locate the following documents for use at the dates specified:

- a) Prepare various schedules and analyses before my engagement is planned to commence, and
- b) Make various invoices and other documents available to my staff.

This assistance will facilitate my work and will help to minimize my costs.

Working papers

The working papers, files, other materials, reports and work created, developed or performed by me during the course of the engagement are the property of my Firm, constitute confidential information and will be retained by me in accordance with my Firm's policies and procedures.

File inspections

In accordance with professional regulations (and by Firm policy), my client files may be periodically reviewed by practice inspectors, and by other file quality reviewers to ensure that I am adhering to professional and Firm standards. File reviewers are required to maintain confidentiality of client information.

Governing legislation

This engagement letter is subject to and governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario. The Province of Ontario will have exclusive jurisdiction in relation to any claim, dispute or difference concerning this engagement letter and any matter arising from it. Each party irrevocably waives any right it may have to object to any action being brought in those courts, to claim that the action has been brought in an inappropriate forum, or to claim that those courts do not have jurisdiction.

Fees

My professional fees will be based on regular billing rates plus direct out-of-pocket expenses and applicable HST and are due when rendered. Fees for any additional services will be established separately. Accounts outstanding for more than 30 days will be charged interest at 1.5% per month (18% effective annual rate).

Termination

If I elect to terminate my services for nonpayment, or for any other reason provided for in this letter, my engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if I have not completed my report. You will be obligated to compensate me for all time expended, and to reimburse me for all my out-of-pocket costs, through the date of termination.

Other services

I will also be pleased to provide, as allowed by the Rules of Professional Conduct, additional services upon request, in areas such as income tax planning, GST/HST advise, business financing, management consulting, and valuations.

Financial information returns and other reports

In addition to the audit services referred to above, I will, as allowed by the Rules of Professional Conduct, prepare your financial information returns and other special reports as required. Management will provide the information necessary to complete the returns/reports and will file them with the appropriate authorities on a timely basis.

Confidentiality

I will maintain the strictest confidence with respect to any client's or former client's information. Accordingly, your confidential information will not, without your consent, be disclosed to any individuals in my Firm beyond those who are engaged on your services. This policy applies to anyone outside the Firm, except as required by law or under the profession's Rules of Professional Conduct.

Risks associated with Internet communications

The Corporation of the Township of Laird recognizes and accepts the risks associated with communicating by Internet (e-mail) including the lack of security, unreliable delivery and possible loss of confidentiality and legal privilege. Unless The Corporation of the Township of Laird requests in writing that I do not communicate with it by Internet (e-mail), I accept no responsibility or liability in respect to any loss or damage associated with the use of Internet communications.

Consequential loss

My Firm and its partners, officers or employees will not be responsible for any consequential loss, injury or damages suffered by the client including but not limited to loss of use, earnings and business interruption, or the unauthorized distribution of any confidential document or report prepared by or on behalf of my Firm, including the partners, officers or employees of the accounting Firm for the exclusive use of the client.

Relevant parties

The client will not assert any claim for damages against my Firm unless the client has concurrently or previously asserted a claim against all other persons who might reasonable be liable in relation to that claim. Any release, waiver or covenant to otherwise not sue or enforce any remedy known to law given by the client to a third party shall be deemed to apply in favour of my Firm.

Third parties

These financial documents are prepared solely for the use of the client with whom I have entered into a contract and there are no representations of any kind made by me to any party with whom I have not entered into a written contract.

The above terms of engagement will be effective from year to year unless amended or terminated in writing.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please raise them with me. If the services outlined are in accordance with your requirements and if the terms are acceptable to you, please sign the copy of this letter in the space provided and return it to me.

It is a pleasure for me to be of service to you. I look forward to many years of association with you and The Corporation of the Township of Laird.

Yours truly,



Stefanizzi Professional Corporation
Chartered Professional Accountant, authorized to practice public accounting by the
Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

The services and terms set out are as agreed.


Rhonda Crozier - Treasurer

August 7, 2024

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September 4, 2024

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Dear Sir:

We are providing this letter in connection with your audit of the financial statements of The Corporation of the Township of Laird as of December 31, 2023 and for the year then ended for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows of The Corporation of the Township of Laird in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. We confirm that we are responsible for the fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. We acknowledge that we are also responsible for the implementation and operation of internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error.

We understand that your audit was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as you considered necessary in the circumstances for the purpose of obtaining reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement. However, such an audit is based on selective tests. Because you do not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material fraud, error, violation or possible violation of laws or regulation may exist, but not be detected. Based on our assessment, we believe the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud to be acceptably low.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. An item is considered material, regardless of monetary value, if it is probable that its omission from or misstatement in the financial statements would influence the decision of a reasonable person relying on the financial statements.

We hereby confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief as of the date of this letter:

1. We have made available to you all:
 - Financial records and related data; and
 - Minutes of the meetings of council and committees.
2. The minutes of the municipality are a complete record of all meetings and resolutions of council throughout the period and to the present date.
3. We have reviewed and approved all of the following:
 - a. Journal entries you prepared or changed;
 - b. Account codes you determined or changed;
 - c. Transactions you classified; and
 - d. Accounting records you prepared or changed.
4. We are not aware of any instances of actual or probable non-compliance with or deficiencies in financial reporting practices relative to the requirements of regulatory authorities.

5. There are no material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial statements. All financial statement misstatements identified and discussed with us in the course of the audit have been recorded.
6. There has been no:
 - Fraud or irregularities involving management or employees who have significant roles in internal control, whether or not they are perceived to have a material effect on the financial statements;
 - Fraud involving others that could have a material effect on the financial statements;
 - Cases of suspected fraud or allegations of fraud communicated by employees, former employees or others; and
 - Violations or possible violations of laws or regulations (including the failure to file reports required by regulatory bodies) whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency.
7. We are aware of the environmental laws and regulations that impact on our municipality and we are in compliance. There are no known environmental liabilities that have not been accrued for or disclosed in the financial statements.
8. We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
9. The following, where applicable, have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements:
 - Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the municipality is contingently liable;
 - All assets to which the municipality has title and all known liabilities of the municipality at the year end;
 - Information regarding the terms and conditions, interest rate risk, credit risk and foreign exchange bank of financial instruments. There were no derivative or off-balance sheet financial instruments held at year end;
10. We have disclosed to you all significant customers and/or suppliers of the municipality who individually represent a significant volume of transactions with our municipality. We are of the opinion that the volume of transactions (e.g., sales, services, purchases, borrowing and lending) done by the municipality with any one party is not of sufficient magnitude that discontinuance would have a material negative effect on the ongoing operations of the company.
11. The municipality has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral. Where the value of any asset has been impaired, an appropriate provision has been made in the financial statements. This includes:
 - Appropriate provisions for idle, abandoned, destroyed or obsolete assets or where site restoration costs will be necessary.
12. Provision has been made for any material loss to be sustained in the fulfillment of, or from inability to fulfill, any sales commitments.
13. Receivables recorded in the financial statements represent valid claims against debtors for sales or other charges arising on or before the balance sheet date and have been appropriately reduced to their estimated net realizable value.
14. There were no inventories on consignment, bill-and-hold, or other arrangements, either owned by us or by our suppliers.

15. We have complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance.
16. There are no material unrecorded assets or contingent assets (such as claims relating to patent infringements or unfulfilled contracts whose value depends on satisfying conditions regarded as uncertain) that have not been disclosed.
17. No events have occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the financial statements.
18. We have responded fully to all inquiries made to us and have made available to you all accounting and financial records and related data of the municipality during your audit.

Yours truly,

The Corporation of the Township of Laird

Per:  Title: Treasurer Date: September 4, 2024
Rhonda Crozier



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Dear The Corporation of the Township of Laird:

I have been engaged to audit the consolidated financial statements of The Corporation of the Township of Laird for the year ending December 31, 2023.

Canadian Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS) require that I communicate at least annually with you regarding all relationships between The Corporation of the Township of Laird and my firm that, in my professional judgment, may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence.

In determining which relationships to report, these standards require me to consider relevant rules and related interpretations prescribed by the provincial institute and applicable legislation, covering such matters as:

- (a) holding a position, either directly or indirectly, that gives the right or responsibility to exert significant influence over the financial or accounting policies of a client;
- (b) personal or business relationships of immediate family, close relatives, partners or retired partners, either directly or indirectly, with a client;
- (c) economic dependence on a client; and
- (d) provision of services in addition to the audit engagement.

I am not aware of any relationships between The Corporation of the Township of Laird and myself that, in my professional judgment, may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence, that have occurred from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

The GAAS requires that I confirm my independence to The Corporation of the Township of Laird. However, since the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario deal with the concept of independence in terms of objectivity, my confirmation is to be made in that context. Accordingly, I hereby confirm that I am objective with respect to The Corporation of the Township of Laird within the meaning of the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario.

This report is intended solely for the use of The Corporation of the Township of Laird and should not be used for any other purposes.

If you have any questions concerning our independence, feel free to contact my office.

Yours truly,

Jerry Stefanizzi
Stefanizzi Professional Corporation
Chartered Professional Accountant authorized to practice public accounting by
The Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario



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COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

To: The Management of The Corporation of the Township of Laird

I have audited the financial statements, which are comprised of the consolidated balance sheet, the consolidated statement of operations, changes in net financial assets and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2023 and have issued our report thereon dated September 4, 2024.

Auditor Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

As stated to you in my Independent Auditor Report, my objectives as described by professional standards, is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian accepted generally accepted 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.

Government Responsibility for Preparation of the Financial Statements

In accordance with the standard PS1201.005 of the Public Sector Accounting Board financial reporting framework, The Corporation of the Township of Laird acknowledges responsibility for preparation of the financial statements

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

I performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in the engagement letter dated August 7, 2024.

SIGNIFICANT AUDIT FINDINGS AND ISSUES

Opinion

In my opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of The Corporation of the Township of Laird as at December 31, 2023, and the consolidated results of its operations, its consolidated change in net financial assets and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended December 31, 2023 in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Accounting Practices and Policies

Management is responsible for the selections and use of accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by The Corporation of the Township of Laird are described in Note 1 of the financial statements. We have reviewed and concur in the application of new and existing policies during the 2023 fiscal year.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are part of the financial statement process prepared by management and are based on management knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility of future events affecting them, may differ significantly from those expected. I have reviewed managements assessment of significant accounting estimates and found not material misstatements or indicators of management bias in the financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Financial Statement Disclosures

The disclosures in the financial statement are consistent, clear, and understandable. Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. I encountered no sensitive disclosures to the financial statement for the 2023 year.

Significant Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

I encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing my audit.

Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional Standards require me to accumulate all factual and judgmental misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. No uncorrected misstatements were detected during the audit.

Disagreements with Management

For the purposes of this communication, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to my satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor report. I am pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of my audit.

Other Significant Audit Findings or Issues

I generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year. Any other significant findings would be included as within a Key Audit matters Paragraph within the auditor report.

This information is intended solely for the use of, The Corporation of the Township of Laird, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than the specified party.



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The Corporation of the Township of Laird

Year End: December 31, 2023

Adjusting journal entries

Date: 2023-01-01 To 2023-12-31

Number	Date	Name	Account No	Reference	Annotation	Debit	Credit	Recurrence	Misstatement
1	2023-01-01	Cash short (over)	1001				36.15		
1	2023-01-01	Cash Over (Under)	1003			36.15			
1	2023-01-01	MGMT BOARD - Cash	1006				32,622.76		
1	2023-01-01	RECREATION - Cash	1007			29,870.01			
1	2023-01-01	Accounts Rec.Recreation	1205				32,512.01		
1	2023-01-01	RECREATION - A/R	1220			24,662.95			
1	2023-01-01	MGMT Board - AR	1221				19,071.36		
1	2023-01-01	Due to/from Management Board	1222				17,932.51		
1	2023-01-01	Cemetery Trust Fund GIC - (00736)	1322			146.84			
1	2023-01-01	Prepaid Expense	1702			1,261.82			
1	2023-01-01	Accounts Payable - English Public	2102			23,187.65			
1	2023-01-01	Accounts Payable - French Public	2103				416.11		
1	2023-01-01	Accounts Payable - English Separate	2104			10,953.79			
1	2023-01-01	Accounts Payable - French Separate	2105			1,657.64			
1	2023-01-01	RECREATION - A/P	2316				883.41		
1	2023-01-01	Reserve for Working Capital	3001				21,120.35		
1	2023-01-01	Board LFMB/REC-Surplus Transactions	3105			32,817.81			
To adjust opening balances									
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3	2023-12-31	Waste Management Land	1890	9. 2. 4		6,172.12			
3	2023-12-31	Environmental - Capital	5414	9. 2. 4			6,172.12		
capitalize montioring well installation									
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4	2023-12-31	Surface Treated Roads	1910	9. 2. 3		115,069.80			
4	2023-12-31	Roads - Capital Ditching	5360	9. 2. 3			115,069.80		
Capitalize Surface Treatment									
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5	2023-12-31	Recreation Building	1840			207,481.71			
5	2023-12-31	Recreation Capital	5722				207,481.71		
capitalize new foundaiton for bar river hall									
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6	2023-12-31	TS Auto Winter Control	1875	9. 2. 3		242,925.43			
6	2023-12-31	Roads - Capital Surface Treat	5361	9. 2. 3			242,925.43		
capitalize new plow									
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7	2023-12-31	Recreation - Equipment	1966	9. 2. 7		21,186.46			
7	2023-12-31	Recreation - Materials	5653	9. 2. 7			21,186.46		
capitalize fair grounds electrical upgrades									
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8	2023-12-31	Cemetery Trust Fund - Cash	1004			2,078.36			
8	2023-12-31	Cemetery (C+M) - Surplus	3012				2,078.36		
8	2023-12-31	Cemetery (C+M) - Surplus	3012				110.54		
8	2023-12-31	Transfer to Cemetery Operating	5905			110.54			
To match bank confirmatin and close out trust fund surplus									
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9	2023-12-31	Cemetery Trust Fund GIC - (00736)	1322			110.54			
9	2023-12-31	Cemetery Income - Bank Interest	5538				110.54		
To record GIC interest Cemetery									
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10	2023-12-31	Cemetery Op (4916263) - Cash	1008			20.35			
10	2023-12-31	Cemetery-Due to Township	2318				2,917.38		
10	2023-12-31	Cemetery Income - Sales & Monuments	5539				20.35		

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Date: 2023-01-01 To 2023-12-31

Number	Date	Name	Account No	Reference	Annotation	Debit	Credit	Recurrence	Misstatement
10	2023-12-31	Transfer to Cemetery Operating	5905			2,917.38			
		To record Cemetery operating transactions and close out operating surplus							
11	2023-12-31	Capital Reserve (192-9513965)	1311			524.15			
11	2023-12-31	Bank Interest Other Revenue	4904				524.15		
		To record GIC interest							
12	2023-12-31	Recreation Building	1840			23,454.55			
12	2023-12-31	Recreation - Materials	5653				23,454.55		
		capitalize costs of new gazebo at fairgrounds							
13	2023-12-31	Recreation Building	1840	9. 2. 7		19,024.54			
13	2023-12-31	Recreation - Materials	5653	9. 2. 7			19,024.54		
		capitalize gazebo costs							
14	2023-12-31	Recreation Building	1840	9. 2. 7		77,209.02			
14	2023-12-31	Recreation Capital	5722	9. 2. 7			77,209.02		
		capitalize gazebo costs							
15	2023-12-31	Municipal Investments	1343	9. 3		800,000.00			
15	2023-12-31	Transfer to Reserves	5902	9. 3			800,000.00		
		record investment portfolio to balance sheet							
16	2023-12-31	Term Deposit Modernization	1342	8. 8. 2			274,711.43		
16	2023-12-31	Reserve for Working Capital	3001	8. 8. 2		274,711.43			
		offset to temp investments							
18	2023-12-31	Grants - Miscellaneous	4110	9. 1. 6			146,400.00		
18	2023-12-31	Recreation - Rents. Etc.	4800	9. 1. 6		134,100.00			
18	2023-12-31	Recreation - Rents. Etc.	4800	9. 1. 6		12,300.00			
		move trillium to provincial grants account							
19	2023-12-31	Cash short (over)	1001			0.74			
19	2023-12-31	Cash Over (Under)	1003				0.74		
		To combined like accounts							
20	2023-12-31	GIC Park Reserve	1321	8. 8. 2			35,479.94		
20	2023-12-31	GIC Park Reserve	1321	8. 8. 2		2.06			
20	2023-12-31	Reserve for Working Capital	3001	8. 8. 2		35,479.94			
20	2023-12-31	Bank Interest Other Revenue	4904	8. 8. 2			2.06		
		BankStmt,to close out acct # 95-35							
21	2023-12-31	Municipal Investments	1343			1,292.57			
21	2023-12-31	Municipal Investments	1343			7,636.83			
21	2023-12-31	Municipal Investments	1343			19,108.72			
21	2023-12-31	Bank Interest Other Revenue	4904				1,800.58		
21	2023-12-31	Realized Gain (Loss) on Sale of Investments	4976				7,636.83		
21	2023-12-31	Unrealized gain (loss) on investment	4977				19,108.72		

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Number	Date	Name	Account No	Reference	Annotation	Debit	Credit	Recurrence	Misstatement
21	2023-12-31	Bank Charges & Interest	5138			334.47			
21	2023-12-31	Bank Charges & Interest	5138			43.48			
21	2023-12-31	Bank Charges & Interest	5138			115.10			
21	2023-12-31	Bank Charges & Interest	5138			14.96			
		record investment transactions to FMV							
22	2023-12-31	RECREATION - Cash	1007				46,180.31		
22	2023-12-31	Reserve for Working Capital	3001			175.00			
22	2023-12-31	Board LFMB/REC-Surplus Transactions	3105				175.00		
22	2023-12-31	Recreation - Materials	5653			46,180.31			
		To close recreational bank acc							
23	2023-12-31	Recreation Building	1840	9. 2.	7	17,121.12			
23	2023-12-31	Misc. Capital	5745	9. 2.	7		17,121.12		
		capitalize washroom and kitchen renovation							
24	2023-12-31	Acc Amort Gen Gov Bldg	1811				3,960.97		
24	2023-12-31	Accum.Amort. Machinery & Equipment	1813				1,325.88		
24	2023-12-31	Acc. Amort. Transportation Bldg	1821				6,201.44		
24	2023-12-31	Accum.Amort Enviro.Building	1826				2,419.49		
24	2023-12-31	Acc Amort Recreation Bldg	1841				902.49		
24	2023-12-31	Acc Amort Recreation Bldg	1841				18,004.09		
24	2023-12-31	Accum.Amort.Protec Automotive	1856				782.29		
24	2023-12-31	Accum Amort - GG Paved Roads	1859				1,191.31		
24	2023-12-31	Accum.Amort.TS Auto Unpaved Rds	1866				26,552.35		
24	2023-12-31	Acc Amort TS Auto Ops & Rd Side	1871				6,385.50		
24	2023-12-31	Acc Amort TS Auto Winter Control	1876				32,456.70		
24	2023-12-31	Accum.Amort.Waste Land	1891				3,402.75		
24	2023-12-31	Acc Amort Road Base	1901				42,806.16		
24	2023-12-31	Acc. Amort Asphalt Treated Roads	1906				4,297.82		
24	2023-12-31	Accum Amort Surface Treated Roads	1911				73,181.25		
24	2023-12-31	Accum Amort Bridge Structure	1921				89,516.79		
24	2023-12-31	Accum Amort Recreation Equip	1967				1,849.38		
24	2023-12-31	Accum Amort TS Equipment	1977				16,542.51		
24	2023-12-31	Gen Gov't Amortization Expense	5180			3,960.97			
24	2023-12-31	Gen Gov't Amortization Expense	5180			1,191.31			
24	2023-12-31	Gen Gov't Amortization Expense	5180			1,325.88			
24	2023-12-31	Protection Amortization Expense	5296			782.29			
24	2023-12-31	TS Paved Amortization Expense	5390			4,297.82			
24	2023-12-31	TS Paved Amortization Expense	5390			73,181.25			
24	2023-12-31	TS Unpaved Amortization Expense	5391			26,552.35			
24	2023-12-31	TS Unpaved Amortization Expense	5391			42,806.16			
24	2023-12-31	TS Bridge Structure Amort Expense	5392			89,516.79			
24	2023-12-31	TS Ops & Roadside Amort Expense	5393			6,385.50			
24	2023-12-31	TS Winter Control Amortization Exp	5394			32,456.70			
24	2023-12-31	TS Building Amort Expense	5395			6,201.44			
24	2023-12-31	TS Machinery & Equip Amort Expense	5396			16,542.51			
24	2023-12-31	Environmental Bldg Amort Expense	5436			3,402.75			
24	2023-12-31	Environmental Bldg Amort Expense	5436			2,419.49			
24	2023-12-31	Recreation Facilities Amort Expense	5690			1,849.38			
24	2023-12-31	Recreation Bldg Amort Expense	5691			902.49			
24	2023-12-31	Recreation Bldg Amort Expense	5691			18,004.09			
		record amortization							
25	2023-12-31	Accounts Payable - English Public	2102	8. 5.	1		21,846.24		
25	2023-12-31	Accounts Payable - English Separate	2104	8. 5.	1		10,953.79		
25	2023-12-31	English Public	5002	8. 5.	1	21,846.24			
25	2023-12-31	English Separate	5006	8. 5.	1	10,953.79			
		adjust for supps							

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27	2023-12-31	Amounts to be Recovered	1502			1,550,840.96			
27	2023-12-31	Waste Management Land	1890			1,825,116.47			
27	2023-12-31	Landfill Site Liability	2502			274,274.91			
27	2023-12-31	Landfill Site Liability	2502				1,825,116.47		
27	2023-12-31	Accumulated Surplus	3500				274,274.91		
27	2023-12-31	Accumulated Surplus	3500				1,550,840.96		
Roll 2022 Modified retrospective restatement PSAS 3280 entries to 2023.									
28	2023-12-31	Accum.Amort.Waste Land	1891				36,502.33		
28	2023-12-31	Landfill Site Liability	2502				33,923.49		
28	2023-12-31	Environment Waste Materials	5412			33,923.49			
28	2023-12-31	Environmental Bldg Amort Expense	5436			36,502.33			
record landfill entries for amortization of ARO asset and accretion of ARO Liability									
29	2023-12-31	Accumulated Surplus	3500				361,363.85		
29	2023-12-31	Transfer from Reserves	5904			361,363.85			
ADJUST Capital surplus to NBV									
30	2023-12-31	Reserve for Working Capital	3001				52,562.26		
30	2023-12-31	Transfer to Reserves	5902			52,562.26			
to close out net income									
31	2023-12-31	Reserve for Working Capital	3001				249,987.77		
31	2023-12-31	Reserve- Road Equipment	3100			267,550.29			
31	2023-12-31	Reserve- Landfill	3110				2,000.00		
31	2023-12-31	Reserve-Fire Capital	3111				30,000.00		
31	2023-12-31	Recreation General	3112			35,476.39			
31	2023-12-31	Reserve- Recreation Wharf	3113			8,212.48			
31	2023-12-31	Reserve- Recreation Bar River Hall	3114			19,648.61			
31	2023-12-31	Reserve - Laird Fairgrounds	3115				6,400.00		
31	2023-12-31	Reserve - G.W. Evoy Rink	3116				27,500.00		
31	2023-12-31	Reserve - Heritage	3117				15,000.00		
reallocate reserves for reserve transactions									
33	2023-12-31	RECREATION - A/R	1220	8. 2. 10			24,662.95		
33	2023-12-31	RECREATION - A/P	2316	8. 2. 10		883.41			
33	2023-12-31	Recreation - Rents. Etc.	4800	8. 2. 10		24,662.95			
33	2023-12-31	Recreation - Rents. Etc.	4800	8. 2. 10			883.41		
Reallocate rec transactions									
34	2023-12-31	Amounts to be Recovered	1502	8. 8. 1			19,200.00		
34	2023-12-31	Reserve for Working Capital	3001	8. 8. 1		19,200.00			
to write off per discussion with Rhonda. All employees retired									
35	2023-12-31	Amounts to be Recovered	1502			31,523.96			
35	2023-12-31	Reserve for Working Capital	3001			20,500.00			
35	2023-12-31	Reserve for Working Capital	3001				31,523.96		
35	2023-12-31	Reserve- Landfill	3110				500.00		
35	2023-12-31	Reserve-Fire Capital	3111				20,000.00		
adjust reserves									

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Number	Date	Name	Account No	Reference	Annotation	Debit	Credit	Recurrence	Misstatement
						7,118,317.90	7,118,317.90		
		Net Income (Loss)	0.00						

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**The Corporation of the Township of Laird
Consolidated Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2023**

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Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The accompanying financial statements for the Corporation of the Township of Laird (the "Township") are the responsibility of management of the township and have been prepared in compliance with legislation, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board. A summary of significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 of the financial statements. The preparation of the financial statements involves the use of estimates based on management's judgement, including transactions in the current financial period relating to future periods.

Management maintains and monitors a system of internal controls which are designed to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are properly authorized and recorded in compliance with regulatory and legislative requirements, reliable financial information is available on a timely basis and assets are appropriately safeguarded.

Council is responsible to ensure management's fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and is ultimately responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements.

These financial statements have been audited by Stefanizzi Professional Corporation in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standards on behalf of the inhabitants and ratepayers of the Township. The accompanying auditor's report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of the examination and the opinion on the Township's financial statements.

Jennifer Errington

Jennifer Errington - Clerk

Rhonda Crozier

Rhonda Crozier - Treasurer



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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Members of Council, inhabitants and Ratepayers of The Corporation of the Township of Laird:

Opinion

I have audited the consolidated financial statements of The Corporation of the Township of Laird (the Township), which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as at December 31, 2023, and the consolidated statements of operations and accumulated surplus, change in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of The Corporation of the Township of Laird as at December 31, 2023, and the consolidated results of its operations, its' consolidated change in net financial assets and its' consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the Township in accordance with the ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Comparative information

I draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which explains that certain comparative information presented for the year ended December 31, 2022 has been restated.

Note 2 explains the circumstances for the restatement and summarizes the adjustments which were applied to the year ended December 31, 2022. Our opinion is not modified on this matter.

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 Township'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 Township or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Township's financial reporting process.

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

My 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 my 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 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, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I 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 my 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.
- Obtaining 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 Township'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 Township's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Township to cease 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.

I also 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 I identify during my audit.

I also provide those charged with governance with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.



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September 4, 2024

The Corporation of the Township of Laird
Consolidated Balance Sheet

As at December 31,	2023	2022 (Restated)
Financial Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 3)	\$ 1,460,328	\$ 1,244,125
Taxes receivable - no allowance	199,105	73,187
Accounts receivable - no allowance	192,896	256,324
Government remittances recoverable	147,309	393,737
	<u>1,999,638</u>	<u>1,967,373</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	39,857	94,080
Asset retirement obligation (note 5)	1,859,040	1,825,116
	<u>1,898,897</u>	<u>1,919,196</u>
Net financial assets	100,741	48,177
Non-financial assets		
Tangible capital assets (schedule 1)	9,666,413	9,305,051
Accumulated surplus (note 6)	<u>\$ 9,767,154</u>	<u>\$ 9,353,228</u>

Approved on behalf of council:

Jennifer Errington

Jennifer Errington - Clerk

Rhonda Crozier

Rhonda Crozier - Treasurer

The Corporation of the Township of Laird

Consolidated Statement of Operations

Year ended December 31, (with comparative figures for the prior year)

	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Actual 2022 (Restated)
Revenues			
Taxation (note 8)	\$ 1,799,639	\$ 1,783,829	\$ 1,740,904
Federal grants	69,299	69,299	68,575
Provincial grants	1,193,079	829,689	899,897
Other municipalities	2,000	4,376	10,288
Fees and user charges	68,560	125,380	364,431
Other Income	46,711	65,397	74,479
	3,179,288	2,877,970	3,158,574
Expenditures			
Current			
General government	400,559	414,804	399,495
Protection	272,157	267,808	263,314
Transportation services	691,319	851,287	796,317
Environmental services	82,755	158,310	346,957
Health Services	47,332	51,593	49,337
Social and family services	494,054	491,054	471,170
Recreation and cultural services	176,078	210,805	188,494
Planning and development	17,429	18,383	11,979
	2,181,683	2,464,044	2,527,063
Annual surplus	997,605	413,926	631,511
Annual surplus beginning of year,	9,353,228	9,353,228	8,721,717
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$10,350,833	\$ 9,767,154	\$ 9,353,228

The Corporation of the Township of Laird

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year ended December 31, (with comparative figures for the prior year)

	Budget (Unaudited) 2023	Actual 2023	Actual 2022 (Restated)
Annual surplus	\$ 997,605	\$ 413,926	\$ 631,511
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(669,941)	(729,644)	(634,315)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	-	368,282	323,491
PSAS 3280 ARO Adjustment	-	-	274,284
Net change in net financial assets	327,664	52,564	594,971
Net financial assets, beginning of year	48,177	48,177	(546,794)
Net financial assets, end of year	\$ 375,841	\$ 100,741	\$ 48,177

The Corporation of the Township of Laird
Consolidated Statement of Re-measurement Gains and Losses

Year ended December 31, (with comparative figures for the prior year)

	Actual 2023	Actual 2022
Accumulated re-measurement gains, beginning of year	\$ -	\$ -
Unrealized gains attributable to:		
Investments	19,109	-
Accumulated re-measurement gains, end of year	\$ 19,109	\$ -

The Corporation of the Township of Laird

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow

For the year ended December 31,	2023	2022 (Restated)
Cash provided by (used for):		
Operating transactions		
Surplus from operations	\$ 413,926	\$ 631,511
Changes in non-cash operating items:		
Increase (Decrease) in taxes receivable	(125,918)	108,287
Increase in accounts receivable	63,428	253,696
Decrease (Increase) in accounts payable	(54,223)	55,279
Increase in asset retirement obligation	33,924	-
Decrease (Increase) in government remittances recoverable	246,428	(111,915)
PSAS 3280 adjustment to landfill site liability	-	271,873
	577,565	1,208,731
Annual depreciation	368,282	323,491
	945,847	1,532,222
Capital transactions		
Capital additions	(729,644)	(634,315)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents for the year	216,203	897,907
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	1,244,125	346,218
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 1,460,328	\$ 1,244,125

The Corporation of the Township of Laird

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements of The Corporation of the Township of Laird are the representation of management prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards for local governments as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. Since precise determination of many assets and liabilities is dependent upon future events, the preparation of periodic financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates and approximations.

The focus of these PSAB financial statements is on the financial position of the municipality and the changes thereto. The Consolidated Balance Sheet reports financial and non-financial assets and liabilities of the Municipality. Financial assets are those assets which could provide resources to discharge existing liabilities or finance future operations. Municipal position represents the financial position and is the difference between assets and liabilities. This provides information about the municipality's overall future revenue requirements and its ability to finance activities and meet its obligations.

Consolidated entities

These consolidated statements reflect the assets, liabilities, sources of financing and expenditures of the revenue fund, capital fund, reserve funds and reserves and include the activities of all committees of the Council.

All interfund assets and liabilities and sources of financing and expenditures have been eliminated.

Non-consolidated entities

The following local boards, joint local boards and municipal enterprises are not consolidated:

Algoma District Services Administration Board
Algoma Public Health
Algoma District Homes for the Aged

Revenue recognition

Revenues and expenditures are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures are recognized in the period the goods or services are acquired and a legal liability is incurred or transfers are due. Revenues are recognized as follows:

- a) Tax revenue is recognized in the calendar year to which the tax assessment applies and the assessment is known.
- b) Fines and donations are recognized when collected.
- c) Fees and user charges are recognized when the services are performed or goods are delivered, collection of the relevant receivable is probable, persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists and fees are fixed or determinable. Amounts received for future services are deferred until the service is provided.
- d) Interest income is recognized in the period in which it is earned.

The Corporation of the Township of Laird

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Deferred revenue

Revenue restricted by legislation, regulation or agreement and not available for general municipal purposes is reported as deferred revenue on the consolidated balance sheet. The revenue is reported on the consolidated statement of financial activities in the year in which it is used for the specified purpose.

Reserves and reserve funds

Certain amounts, as approved by council, are set aside in reserves and reserve funds for future operating and capital purposes. Transfers to and/or from reserves and reserve funds are an adjustment to the respective fund when approved.

Government transfers

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

Contributed goods and services

Goods and services contributed to the Township are recorded at their fair market value at the time of their occurrence.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include bank deposits and short-term GICs that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and that are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value. These cash equivalents generally have a maturity of five months or less at acquisition and are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments rather than for investing.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates include allowance for doubtful accounts, inventory obsolescence, environmental liabilities, useful life of capital assets, and accruals. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

Accounting for school board transactions

The taxation, other revenues, expenditures, assets and liabilities with respect to the operations of the school boards are not reflected in the municipal fund balances of these consolidated financial statements.

Trust funds

Trust funds and their related operations administered by the Municipality are not consolidated, but are reported separately on the Trust Funds Statement of Continuity and Balance Sheet.

The Corporation of the Township of Laird
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Basis of accounting

Sources of financing and expenses are reported on the accrual 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 to pay.

Asset retirement obligations

The liability for closure of operational site and post-closure care has been recognized based on estimated future expenses, estimated inflation and the usage of the site's capacity during the year.

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. The change in non-financial assets during the year, together with the excess of revenue over expenses, provides the change in net financial assets for the year.

(a) Capital assets

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

	Useful Life - Years
Buildings	40
Roads	10 - 50
Sidewalks	30
Bridge structure	30
Water infrastructure	50
Sewer infrastructure	50
Fleet	8-20

In the year of acquisition, capital assets are amortized at one-half the above rates.

(b) Contribution of tangible capital assets

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

(c) Interest capitalization

Interest is capitalized whenever external debt is issued to finance the construction of tangible capital assets.

The Corporation of the Township of Laird

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(d) Leases

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

Amounts to be recovered

Amounts to be recovered are reported in the municipal position on the consolidated balance sheet. The balance represents future expenditures not yet levied on the ratepayers.

Budget figures

Budget figures have been reclassified for the purposes of these financial statements to comply with PSAB reporting requirements. The approved operating budget and capital budgets are reflected on the Consolidated Statement of Operations and are unaudited. The budgets established for capital investment in tangible capital assets are on a project-oriented basis, the costs of which may be carried out over one or more years and, therefore, may not be comparable with current year's actual expenditure amounts. As well, the Township does not budget activity within Reserves and Reserve Funds, with the exception being those transactions, which affect either operations or capital investments.

Future Employee Benefits

The Municipality participates in a pension plan for employees. The Municipality is an employer member of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS), which is a multi-employer, defined benefit pension plan. The Board of Trustees, representing plan members and employers, is responsible for overseeing the management of the pension plan, including investment of the assets and administration of benefits. The Municipality has adopted defined contribution plan accounting principles for this plan because insufficient information is available to apply defined benefit plan accounting principles. The Municipality records as pension expense the current service cost, amortization of past service costs and interest costs related to the future employer contributions to the plan for past employee service, where applicable.

Financial Instruments

The Township initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value adjusted by, in the case of a financial instrument that will not be measured subsequently at fair value, the amount of transaction costs directly attributable to the instrument.

The Municipality subsequently measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments in equity securities that are quoted in an active market or financial assets or liabilities designated to the fair value category, which are subsequently measured at fair value. Unrealized changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of operations.

The Township's financial instruments measured at amortized cost consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, landfill site closure liability, deferred revenue and municipal long-term debt. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Township is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximate their carrying value.

The Corporation of the Township of Laird
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

2. Change in accounting policy - adoption of PSAS 3280

On January 1, 2022, the Township adopted Public Sector Accounting Standard PS 3280 - Asset Retirement Obligations. This new accounting standards replaces the existing PS 3270 - Solid Waste Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Liability. The new standard also addresses the reporting of legal obligations associated with the retirement of certain tangible capital assets. With the exception of the landfill, no other asset retirement obligations were identified. The standard was adopted on the modified retrospective basis at the date of adoption.

The Township removed the landfill liability that had been recognized to date and recognized an asset retirement obligation upon adoption of PS 3280. The liability represented the required closure and post-closure care of the landfill site owned by the municipality.

As at January 1, 2022, the adoption of this standard required the restatement of the following balances previously reported. The adjustments were as follows;

- Landfill obligation:
 - The removal of the previously stated landfill site closure liability of \$274,275 and recording of the asset retirement obligation of \$1,825,116.
 - Tangible capital assets:
 - An increase of \$1,825,116 to the corresponding asset for the landfill.
 - Accumulated Surplus:
 - An increase to the invested in tangible capital asset fund of \$1,825,116
 - A decrease to amounts to be recovered in future years of \$1,825,116
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3. Cash and cash equivalents

	2023	2022
Unrestricted cash	\$ 573,526	\$ 875,696
Temporary investments	886,802	368,429
	\$ 1,460,328	\$ 1,244,125

Temporary investments held by the municipality include guaranteed investment certificates, government bonds and securities. Interest rates on fixed income investments range from 0.5% to 3.5% and mature between February 2024 and September 2025.

4. Bank indebtedness

The bank indebtedness includes an authorized overdraft limit of \$100,000 at a rate of bank prime plus 0.5% per annum. The overdraft is secured by a pledge agreement covering taxes receivable of the Township.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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5. Asset retirement obligation

The Township owns and operates one landfill site. The liability for the closure of operational sites and post-closure care has been recognized under PS 3280 – Asset Retirement Obligation. The costs were based upon the most recent valuation prepared on December 31, 2023. The estimated year of closure for the landfill is 2073 and 30 year post closure activities have been estimated by the engineer.

The present value of the closure and post closure costs are estimated at \$1,859,040 using a discount rate of 2.25%. A reserve of \$276,274 has been established to fund the future closure costs.

6. Accumulated surplus

The accumulated surplus is comprised of the following:

	2023	2022
Fund balances set aside for specific purposes by Council:		
- to be applied to the operation of local boards	\$ 69,960	\$ 69,785
Reserves set aside for specific purposes by Council:		
- For general and administrative use	676,873	382,404
- Laird Fair Grounds	6,400	-
- Bar River Hall	113,875	133,524
- Heritage	15,000	-
- G.W Evoy Rink	27,500	-
- Fire department capital	220,032	170,032
- Landfill closure and post-closure	276,775	274,275
- Road equipment	-	267,550
- Wharf	276,691	284,903
- Recreation general	-	35,746
	1,613,146	1,548,434
Total operating, reserves and reserve funds	1,683,106	1,618,219
Invested in tangible capital assets	9,666,413	9,305,051
Funds to be provided from future revenues	(1,582,365)	(1,570,042)
Accumulated surplus	\$ 9,767,154	\$ 9,353,228

The Corporation of the Township of Laird
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

7. Budget reconciliation

The authority of Council is required before monies can be spent by the Township. Approvals are given in the form of an annually approved budget. The budget approved by Council differs from the budget in the Consolidated Statement of Operations as a result of numerous factors and material changes due to PSAB reporting requirements.

	(Unaudited)	
	Revenue	Expenses
Council approved budget		
Operating fund	\$ 3,179,288	\$ 2,181,683
Reserves and reserve funds	265,051	1,262,656
	<u>3,444,339</u>	<u>3,444,339</u>
Capital budget	-	-
Total approved by council	3,444,339	3,444,339
Less tangible capital assets capitalized	-	(696,875)
Less; budgeted reserve transactions	(265,051)	(565,781)
Budget per consolidated statement of operations	<u>\$ 3,179,288</u>	<u>\$ 2,181,683</u>

8. Taxation

	2023	2022
Taxation revenue	\$ 2,069,630	\$ 1,990,861
Less: Amount levied and remitted to school boards	285,801	249,957
	<u>\$ 1,783,829</u>	<u>\$ 1,740,904</u>

The Corporation of the Township of Laird

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9. Expenditures by object

	2023	2022
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	\$ 575,982	\$ 505,800
Materials	667,887	628,088
Amortization	368,282	323,490
Contracted and general services	851,893	1,069,685
	<u>\$ 2,464,044</u>	<u>\$ 2,527,063</u>

10. Pension agreements

OMERS provides pension services to municipal employees in Ontario. Each year an independent actuary determines the funding status of OMERS Primary Pension Plan (the plan) by comparing the actuarial value of invested assets to the estimated present value of all pension benefits that members have earned to date. Because OMERS is a multi-employer plan, any pension plan surplus or deficit are a joint responsibility of Ontario municipal organizations and their employees. As a result, the Municipality does not recognize any share of the OMERS pension surplus or deficit. The Municipality contributes to OMERS on behalf of its employees.

Contributions made in 2023 were in the amount of \$35,541 (2022 - \$28,614).

11. Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act

No employee was paid an annual salary of \$100,000 or more as defined by the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 1996.

12. Contributions to unconsolidated joint boards

The following contributions were made by the Township to these boards:

	2023	2022
Algoma District Service Administration Board	\$ 491,054	\$ 471,170
Algoma Public Health	45,332	42,122
	<u>\$ 536,386</u>	<u>\$ 513,292</u>

The Township is contingently liable for its share of any accumulated deficits of the above boards as well as long term liabilities issued by other Municipalities for these boards.

The Corporation of the Township of Laird

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

13. Trust funds

Trust funds administrated by the Township amounting to \$35,937 (2022 - \$33,210) have not been included in the "Consolidated Balance Sheet" nor have their operations been included in the "Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities".

14. Segmented information

The municipality is a diversified local government institution that provides a wide range of services to its citizens. For management reporting purposes, municipal 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 activities are reported in these funds. Certain departments that have been separately disclosed in the segmented information, along with the services they provide, are as follows:

General government

The administration department oversees the delivery of all government services. The department is responsible for ensuring that there are adequate policies and procedures in place to safeguard assets and to properly report financial activities. In addition, this department includes the governance activities of council.

Protection

Protection is comprised of the police, fire/emergency, by-law enforcement and building inspections departments. The mandate of the police is to ensure the safety of the lives and property of citizens; preserve peace and good order; prevent crimes from occurring; detect offenders; and enforce the law. The fire/emergency department is responsible to provide fire suppression service; fire prevention programs; training and education related to prevention, detection or extinguishments of fires. The by-law enforcement and building inspection department ensures properties are in compliance with applicable legislation, by-laws, building standards and construction codes.

Transportation

The transportation department is responsible for the delivery of municipal public works services related to the planning, development and maintenance of roadway systems, winter control and street lighting.

Environmental

The environmental department provides garbage collection and waste minimization programs and facilities for solid waste disposal.

Health

Through the Algoma Health Unit, the municipality contributes to public health services and education and through the Algoma District Services Administration Board, to ambulance services. In addition, this department oversees the care and maintenance of municipal cemeteries.

The Corporation of the Township of Laird

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

Segmented information (continued)

Social and family

Through the Algoma District Services Administration Board, the municipality contributes to social assistance payments, child care services and social housing.

Recreation and cultural

The recreation and cultural department provides public services that contribute to neighbourhood development and sustainability through the provision of recreation and leisure services such as parks, arena, fitness and sports programs. It provides public services that contribute to healthy communities through partnerships, promotion, prevention, protection and enforcement. The department also contributes towards the information needs of the municipality's citizens through the provision of library services.

Planning

The planning department provides a diverse bundle of services. It manages development for business interests, environmental concerns, heritage matters and neighbourhoods through planning and community development activities. It facilitates economic development by providing services for the approval of all land development plans.

For each reported segment, revenues and expenses include both amounts that are directly attributable to the segment and amounts that are allocated on a reasonable basis. Therefore, certain allocation methodologies are employed in the preparation of segmented financial information.

The Corporation of the Township of Laird
Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets

Schedule 1

Year ended December 31, 2023

	Cost				Accumulated Amortization			2023	2022	
	2023 Opening Balance	Additions and Betterments	Disposals/ Transfers	2023 Closing Balance	2023 Opening Balance	2023 Amortization Expense	Accumulated Amortization on Disposals	2023 Ending Balance	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Land	\$ 123,159	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 123,159	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 123,159	\$ 123,159
Land improvements	9,830	-	-	9,830	9,830	-	-	9,830	-	-
Buildings	947,096	344,291	-	1,291,387	349,301	31,488	-	380,789	910,598	597,795
Roads	7,356,653	115,070	-	7,471,723	5,183,507	121,477	-	5,304,984	2,166,739	2,173,146
Equipment	221,661	21,186	-	242,847	88,423	19,718	-	108,141	134,706	133,238
Bridge structure	4,633,924	-	-	4,633,924	603,012	89,517	-	692,529	3,941,395	4,030,912
Automotive	1,074,980	242,925	-	1,317,905	696,037	66,177	-	762,214	555,691	378,943
Waste management land	1,867,858	6,172	-	1,874,030	-	39,905	-	39,905	1,834,125	1,867,858
	\$6,235,161	\$ 729,644	\$ -	\$6,964,805	\$6,930,110	\$ 368,282	\$ -	\$7,298,392	\$9,666,413	\$9,305,051

The Corporation of the Township of Laird
Segment Disclosures - Service Bundle

Schedule 2

Year ended December 31, 2023

	General Government	Protection services	Transportation services	Environmental services	Health services	Social and family services	Recreation and cultural services	Planning and development	Total
Expenditures									
Salaries and wages	\$ 259,148	\$ 27,363	\$ 176,876	\$ 36,529	\$ 6,261	\$ -	\$ 69,805	\$ -	\$ 575,982
Materials, good and supplies	70,314	82,476	376,470	-	-	-	120,244	18,383	667,887
Contracted & general services	78,864	157,187	-	79,456	45,332	491,054	-	-	851,893
Amortization expenses	6,478	782	297,941	42,325	-	-	20,756	-	368,282
	<u>414,804</u>	<u>267,808</u>	<u>851,287</u>	<u>158,310</u>	<u>51,593</u>	<u>491,054</u>	<u>210,805</u>	<u>18,383</u>	<u>2,464,044</u>
Revenues									
Taxation	300,295	193,878	616,284	114,608	37,348	355,496	152,611	13,309	1,783,829
User charges	21,107	13,627	43,317	8,055	2,625	24,987	10,727	935	125,380
External non-tax revenues	163,084	105,291	334,691	62,241	20,283	193,062	82,881	7,226	968,761
	<u>484,486</u>	<u>312,796</u>	<u>994,292</u>	<u>184,904</u>	<u>60,256</u>	<u>573,545</u>	<u>246,219</u>	<u>21,470</u>	<u>2,877,970</u>
Annual Surplus	\$ 69,682	\$ 44,988	\$ 143,005	\$ 26,594	\$ 8,663	\$ 82,491	\$ 35,414	\$ 3,087	\$ 413,926

The Corporation of the Township of Laird
Segment Disclosures - Service Bundle

Schedule 3

Year ended December 31, 2022

	General Government	Protection services	Transportation services	Environmental services	Health services	Social and family services	Recreation and cultural services	Planning and development	Total
Expenditures									
Salaries and wages	\$ 233,863	\$ 22,184	\$ 170,417	\$ 37,618	\$ 5,215	\$ -	\$ 36,503	\$ -	\$ 505,800
Materials, good and supplies	76,834	74,998	326,766	-	-	-	137,511	11,979	628,088
Contracted & general services	82,319	165,154	-	306,920	44,122	471,170	-	-	1,069,685
Amortization expenses	6,478	978	299,133	2,419	-	-	14,482	-	323,490
	<u>399,494</u>	<u>263,314</u>	<u>796,316</u>	<u>346,957</u>	<u>49,337</u>	<u>471,170</u>	<u>188,496</u>	<u>11,979</u>	<u>2,527,063</u>
Revenues									
Taxation	275,213	181,398	548,585	239,020	33,988	324,591	129,854	8,253	1,740,902
User charges	57,612	37,973	114,838	50,035	7,115	67,948	27,183	1,728	364,432
External non-tax revenues	166,503	109,745	331,892	144,606	20,562	196,376	78,563	4,993	1,053,240
	<u>499,328</u>	<u>329,116</u>	<u>995,315</u>	<u>433,661</u>	<u>61,665</u>	<u>588,915</u>	<u>235,600</u>	<u>14,974</u>	<u>3,158,574</u>
Annual Surplus	\$ 99,834	\$ 65,802	\$ 198,999	\$ 86,704	\$ 12,328	\$ 117,745	\$ 47,104	\$ 2,995	\$ 631,511

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Management of The Corporation of the Township of Laird:

I have audited the consolidated financial statements of the Trust Funds of The Corporation of the Township of Laird, which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2023 and the statement of continuity of trust funds for the year then ended.

Management's Responsibility 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements 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. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the balance sheet of the Trust Funds of The Corporation of the Township of Laird as at December 31, 2023 and the results of its activities for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Stefanizzi Professional Corporation
Chartered Professional Accountant, authorized to practice public accounting by
Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
September 4, 2024

The Corporation of the Township of Laird
Trust Funds
Balance Sheet

As at December 31,

	Actual 2023	Actual 2022
Assets		
Cash	\$ 9,955	\$ 7,852
Term deposits	25,982	25,835
Fund Balance	\$ 35,937	\$ 33,687

The Corporation of the Township of Laird
Trust Funds
Statement of Continuity

Year ended December 31, (with comparative figures for the prior year)

	Actual 2023	Actual 2022
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 33,687	\$ 32,873
Revenues		
Trust receipts	2,250	814
Balance, end of year	\$ 35,937	\$ 33,687

**The Corporation of the Township of Laird
Trust Funds
Notes to Trust Funds Auditors' Report**

December 31, 2023

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Management responsibility

The consolidated financial statements of The Corporation of the Township of Laird Trust Funds are the representation of management prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. Since precise determination of many assets and liabilities is dependent upon future events, the preparation of periodic financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates and approximations.

Basis of accounting

Revenue and expenditures are reported on the accrual 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 to pay.



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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Management of The Corporation of the Township of Laird:

Report on the consolidated Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Laird Township Cemetery Board as at December 31, 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities and fund balances for the year then ended.

Management's Responsibility 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements 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. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial activities of the Laird Township Cemetery Board as at December 31, 2023 and the results of its operations and fund balances for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Stefanizzi Professional Corporation
Chartered Professional Accountant, authorized to practice public accounting by
Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
September 4, 2024

The Laird Township Cemetery Board
Balance Sheet

As at December 31,	2023	2022
Assets		
Cash	\$ 29,508	\$ 29,488
Accounts receivable	1,953	1,953
Capital asset - Land and fence	31,059	31,059
	\$ 62,520	\$ 62,500
Liabilities and Fund Balances		
Fund Balance		
General operating surplus	\$ 31,461	\$ 31,441
Capital surplus	31,059	31,059
	\$ 62,520	\$ 62,500

The Laird Township Cemetery Board
Statement of Financial Activities and Fund Balances

Year ended December 31, (with comparative figures for the prior year)

	2023	2022
Revenues		
Sale of plots, markers and burial fees	\$ 20	\$ 3,959
Net revenues for the year	20	3,959
Fund Balance, beginning of year	31,441	27,482
Fund Balance, end of year	\$ 31,461	\$ 31,441

The Laird Township Cemetery Board

Notes to Cemetery Board Auditors' Report

December 31, 2023

1. **Summary of significant accounting policies**

Management responsibility

The financial statements of The Laird Township Cemetery Board are the representation of management prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. Since precise determination of many assets and liabilities is dependent upon future events, the preparation of periodic financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates and approximations.

Basis of consolidation

These statements reflect the assets, liabilities, sources of financing and expenditures of the revenue fund and capital fund. All interfund assets and liabilities and sources of financing and expenditures have been eliminated.

Basis of accounting

Sources of financing and expenditures are reported on the accrual 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 to pay. The historical cost and accumulated amortization for capital assets are not recorded for municipal purposes. Capital assets are reported as an expenditure on the statement of financial activities and fund balances in the year of acquisition.

Fund balance

The fund balance represents the accumulated excess of revenue over expenditures. The amount forms a portion of the Township's fund balance and is to be used to offset charges in the future.

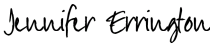
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