

TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Council, Inhabitants and Ratepayers of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Township of Blandford-Blenheim, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2015 and the statements of operations and accumulated surplus, cash flows, and change in net financial assets for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these 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 financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the 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 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 overall presentation of the 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 financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim as at December 31, 2015 and its financial performance and its changes in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

July 6, 2016
London, Ontario

Scrimgeour & Company
LICENSED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

**TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	2015	2014
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and short-term investments (note 3)	\$ 2,089,661	\$ 2,393,305
Taxes receivable	1,264,917	1,146,726
Accounts receivable	1,192,110	2,261,897
	4,546,688	5,801,928
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	619,538	1,394,381
Deferred revenue (note 6)	1,058,405	1,119,174
Net long-term liabilities (note 7)	2,052,168	2,198,322
	3,730,111	4,711,877
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	816,577	1,090,051
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS (note 1)		
Tangible capital assets (note 1) (Schedule 1)	31,453,264	30,596,471
Capital work in progress	148,817	276,713
Prepaid expenditures	91,760	250,709
	31,693,841	31,123,893
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (note 8)	\$ 32,510,418	\$ 32,213,944

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND ACCUMULATED SURPLUS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	Budget 2015	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
REVENUE			
Taxation revenue	\$ 4,090,358	\$ 4,068,394	\$ 3,929,259
User charges	695,296	729,037	773,695
Government grants	1,732,158	1,815,746	1,923,258
Investment income	46,378	73,654	38,119
Penalty and interest on taxes	130,000	173,381	163,559
Other	15,000	9,042	23,984
	6,709,190	6,869,254	6,851,874
EXPENDITURES			
General government	742,009	771,157	735,702
Protection to persons and property	2,443,678	2,184,546	2,160,872
Transportation services	4,700,911	2,945,556	2,966,579
Health	58,248	29,941	67,720
Recreation and cultural development	825,432	988,654	952,649
Planning and development	82,025	79,269	81,775
	8,852,303	6,999,123	6,965,297
(Excess operating expenditure over revenue) before other revenue (expenditures)	(2,143,113)	(129,869)	(113,423)
OTHER REVENUE (EXPENDITURES)			
Government transfers related to capital Developer and other contributions related to capital	35,740	35,740	-
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	542,649	391,926	62,534
	2,500	(1,323)	258,486
	580,889	426,343	321,020
Excess revenue over expenditures for the year	(1,562,224)	296,474	207,597
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	32,213,944	32,213,944	32,006,347
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR (note 8)	\$ 30,651,720	\$ 32,510,418	\$ 32,213,944

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**TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	2015	2014
OPERATIONS		
Excess revenue over expenditures (page 3)	\$ 296,474	\$ 207,597
Non-cash changes to operations		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	1,519,099	1,639,693
Loss (gain) on disposal of capital assets	1,951	19,503
Changes in non-cash operating balances (A)	115,984	(280,267)
Net change in cash from operating activities	1,933,508	1,586,526
CAPITAL		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(2,377,843)	(2,069,840)
Decrease (increase) in work in progress	127,896	48,078
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenditure	158,949	(6,795)
Net change in cash from capital activities	(2,090,998)	(2,028,557)
FINANCING		
Net change in long-term debt	(146,154)	(294,839)
Net change in cash position during the year	(303,644)	(736,870)
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,393,305	3,130,175
CASH, END OF YEAR	\$ 2,089,661	\$ 2,393,305
CASH CONSISTS OF:		
Bank and short-term investments	\$ 2,089,661	\$ 2,393,305

(A) Net change in non-cash operating balances includes the net change in taxes receivable, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and deferred revenue.

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**TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM
STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	2015	2014
Excess of revenue over expenditures (page 3)	\$ 296,474	\$ 207,597
Amortization of tangible capital assets	1,519,099	1,639,693
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(2,377,843)	(2,069,840)
(Gain) loss on sale of tangible capital assets	1,951	19,503
Increase in work in progress	127,896	48,078
Increase in prepaid expenditures	158,949	(6,795)
Increase (decrease) in net financial assets	(273,474)	(161,764)
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,090,051	1,251,815
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 816,577	\$ 1,090,051

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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The Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim (the Township) is a lower-tier Township in the Province of Ontario, Canada. It conducts its operations guided by the provisions of provincial statutes such as the Municipal Act, Municipal Affairs Act and related legislation.

1. Significant accounting policies

The financial statements of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim are the representation of management prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

The focus of these financial statements is on the financial position of the Township and changes thereto. The Statement of Financial Position reports financial assets and liabilities. Financial assets are available to provide resources to discharge existing liabilities or finance future operations. Net financial assets represents the financial position of the Township and is the difference between financial assets and liabilities. This information explains the Township's overall future revenue requirements and its ability to finance activities and meet its obligations.

a. Reporting entity

These statements reflect the financial assets, liabilities, operating revenue and expenditures and accumulated surpluses and changes in investment in tangible capital assets of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim and all committees of Council.

b. Trust funds

Trust funds and their related operations administered by the Township are not consolidated, but are reported separately on the Trust Funds Financial Statements.

c. Accrual accounting

The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenue 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.

d. 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 expense, provides the Change in Net Financial Assets for the year.

**TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM
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1. Significant accounting policies continued

e. Tangible capital assets

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

Buildings and structures	15-40 years
Fleet	8-30 years
Streetlights	25 years
Equipment	5-25 years
Infrastructure - transportation	15-50 years
Infrastructure - drainage	80 years
Bridges and other structures	30-80 years

Amortization is charged for a half year in the year of acquisition and in the year of disposal.

The Township has a capitalization threshold of \$5,000 so that individual assets of lesser value are expensed unless they are pooled because collectively they have a significant value.

(ii) 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 expense as incurred.

(iii) Contributions of tangible capital assets

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

**TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Significant accounting policies continued

f. Short-term investments

Short-term investments are recorded at cost. Market value approximates cost.

g. Deferred revenue

Grants, contributions and other amounts are received from third parties pursuant to legislation, regulation or agreement and may only be used in the conduct of certain programs, in the completion of specific work, or for the purchase of tangible capital assets. In addition, certain user charges and fees are collected for which the related services have yet to be performed. Revenue is recognized in the period when the related expenditures are incurred, services performed, or the tangible capital assets are acquired.

h. Financial instruments

Financial instruments of the Township consist mainly of cash, accounts and taxes receivable. The carrying values of these financial assets approximate their fair values unless otherwise disclosed.

i. Revenue recognition

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

j. Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures during the period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

k. Budget

The Township's Council completes separate budget reviews for its operating and capital budget each year. The approved operating budget for 2015 is reflected on the Statement of Operations. For capital spending, budgets are set for individual projects and funding for these activities is determined annually and made by transfers from surplus funds and by application of applicable grants or other funds available to apply to capital projects.

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2. Trust funds

Trust funds administered by the Township amounting to \$182,415 (2014 - \$176,900) have not been included in the Statement of Financial Position nor have their operations been included in the Statement of Operations.

3. Investments

The Township does not own any short-term investments.

4. Pension agreements

The Township makes contributions to the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement Fund (OMERS), which is a multi-employer plan, on behalf of members of its staff. The plan is a defined benefit plan which specifies the amount of the retirement benefit to be received by the employees based on the length of services and rates of pay.

The amount contributed to OMERS for 2015 was \$108,396 (2014 - \$111,787) for current service and is included as an expenditure on the Statement of Operations.

5. Operations of School Boards and the Township of Blandford-Blenheim

The Township is required to bill, collect and remit taxation revenue on behalf of the School Boards and Township of Blandford-Blenheim pursuant to provincial legislation. The Township has no jurisdiction or control over the operations of these entities or the setting of their tax rates. Therefore, the taxation, other revenue, expenditures, assets and liabilities with respect to the operations of the School Boards and the County are not reflected in these financial statements. Taxation revenue billed and requisitions paid on behalf of the School Boards and Township of Blandford-Blenheim are not reflected in the Statement of Operations and are comprised of the following:

	School Boards	County
Taxation	\$ 3,295,290	\$ 4,482,994
Requisitions	\$ 3,295,290	\$ 4,482,994

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6. Deferred revenue

The deferred revenue balance is comprised of the following:

	2015	2014
Development charges	\$ 504,076	\$ 392,032
Federal gas tax	554,329	727,142
	\$ 1,058,405	\$ 1,119,174

7. Net long-term liabilities

- a. The balance of long-term liabilities reported on the Statement of Financial Position is made up of the following:

	2015	2014
Total long-term liabilities, incurred by the Township and outstanding at the end of the year, amount to:	\$ 2,071,181	\$ 2,222,027
Of the long-term liabilities above, the responsibility for payment of principal and interest charges for tile drain loans assumed by individuals. At the end of the year, the outstanding principal amount of this liability is:	(19,013)	(23,705)
Net long-term liabilities at the end of the year:	\$ 2,052,168	\$ 2,198,322

- b. Of the net long-term liabilities reported in a. of this note, the minimum principal repayments required are estimated as follows:

	Recoverable from ratepayers	Recoverable from tax rate
2016	\$ 93,697	\$ 230,000
2017	\$ 28,744	\$ 230,000
2018	\$ 29,319	\$ 230,000
2019	\$ 29,905	\$ 230,000
2020	\$ 30,503	\$ 230,000

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7. Net long-term liabilities continued

- c. The long-term liabilities in (a) issued in the name of the Township have received approval of the Ontario Municipal Board for those approved on or before December 31, 1992. Those approved on or after January 1, 1993 have been approved by by-law. The annual principal and interest payments required to service these liabilities are within the annual debt repayment limit prescribed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.
- d. The Township is contingently liable for long-term liabilities with respect to tile drainage loans. The total amount outstanding as at December 31, 2015 is \$19,031 (2014 - \$23,705) and is not recorded on the Statement of Financial Position.
- e. The Township paid interest on its long-term liabilities of \$69,249 (2014 - \$79,388).

8. Accumulated surplus

The accumulated surplus is comprised of the following:

	2015	2014
Surplus		
Operations	\$ 10,705	\$ 112,686
Invested in tangible capital assets	29,716,537	28,694,839
Reserves	2,783,176	3,406,419
	\$ 32,510,418	\$ 32,213,944

9. Tax revenue

Property tax billings are prepared by the Township based on an assessment roll prepared by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation. All assessed property values in the Township were reviewed and new values established based on a common valuation date which was used by the Township in computing the 2015 property tax bills. Property tax revenue and tax receivables are subject to appeals which may not have been heard yet. Any supplementary billing adjustments made necessary by the determination of such appeals will be recognized in the fiscal year they are determined and the effect shared with the Township of Blandford-Blenheim and the appropriate school boards.

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10. Commitment

The Township entered into a policing contract that expires on December 31, 2019 with the Ontario Provincial Police. The contracted amount paid for 2015 was \$965,268 (2014 - \$1,033,126).

11. Public sector salary disclosure

There was one employee paid a salary, as defined in the Public Sector Disclosure Act, 1996 of \$100,000 or more by the Township of Blandford-Blenheim.

12. Contaminated sites

The Township has reviewed their land inventory in accordance with PSAB 3260 for possible contamination. The Township has not recognized a liability for contaminated sites as the Township does not expect that future economic benefits will be given up for remediation of any properties.

13. Segmented information

Segmented information is presented on Schedule 2. The Township of Blandford-Blenheim is a diversified Township and provides a wide range of services to its citizens including police, through contracted services, fire, transportation and community services, including recreation and planning. The general government segment includes such functions as finance, council and administrative offices.

14. Annexation

On August 17, 2005 the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing issued a restructuring order to allow an area of approximately 2,900 acres to be annexed into the Corporation of the City of Woodstock from the Township. The effective date of the annexation was September 1, 2005. The Township and the City of Woodstock also entered into a compensation agreement whereby the City will effectively pay the Township a base amount for the loss of current tax revenue and a percentage of future tax revenue. The future tax revenue will depend on the level of development of the annexed lands. This compensation is included in Government Grant revenue on the Statement of Operations.

TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM
SCHEDULE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Land and Land Improvements	Buildings	Fleet	Machinery and Equipment	Furniture and Fixtures	Bridges and Roads	2015 Total	2014 Total
COST								
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 4,335,255	\$ 8,178,798	\$ 2,372,293	\$ 2,703,161	\$ 908,726	\$ 35,399,010	\$ 53,897,243	\$ 52,268,157
Add:								
Additions during the year	128,467	372,964	473,763	174,329	11,537	1,216,783	2,377,843	2,069,840
Less:								
Disposals during the year	-	-	-	(17,110)	-	-	(17,110)	(440,754)
Balance, end of year	4,463,722	8,551,762	2,846,056	2,860,380	920,263	36,615,793	56,257,976	53,897,243
ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION								
Balance, beginning of year	435,726	2,108,309	1,486,028	905,109	451,494	17,914,106	23,300,772	22,082,330
Add:								
Amortization during the year	34,863	251,214	172,164	188,223	49,155	823,480	1,519,099	1,639,693
Less:								
Disposals during the year	-	-	-	(15,159)	-	-	(15,159)	(421,251)
Balance, end of year	470,589	2,359,523	1,658,192	1,078,173	500,649	18,737,586	24,804,712	23,300,772
NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	\$ 3,993,133	\$ 6,192,239	\$ 1,187,864	\$ 1,782,207	\$ 419,614	\$ 17,878,207	\$ 31,453,264	\$ 30,596,471

This schedule is provided for information purposes only.

**TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM
SCHEDULE OF SEGMENTED INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	General Government	Protective Services	Transportation	Health	Recreation and Culture	Planning and Development	Total
REVENUE							
Taxation	\$ 4,068,394	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,068,394
User fees	32,860	307,242	51,360	24,959	245,350	67,266	729,037
Government grants	1,645,419	57,682	118,763	-	707	28,915	1,851,486
Investment income	24,765	-	-	3,883	-	45,006	73,654
Penalty and interest on taxes	173,381	-	-	-	-	-	173,381
Other	-	6,910	-	132	2,000	-	9,042
Capital revenue	-	-	392,554	-	(1,951)	-	390,603
	5,944,819	371,834	562,677	28,974	246,106	141,187	7,295,597
EXPENDITURES							
Salaries and benefits	456,328	542,432	656,840	2,697	310,147	65,288	2,033,732
Materials, goods and services	283,024	1,498,677	1,205,507	27,168	423,662	8,254	3,446,292
Amortization	31,805	143,437	1,083,209	76	254,845	5,727	1,519,099
	771,157	2,184,546	2,945,556	29,941	988,654	79,269	6,999,123
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 5,173,662	\$ (1,812,712)	\$ (2,382,879)	\$ (967)	\$ (742,548)	\$ 61,918	\$ 296,474

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