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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of the Township of Georgian Bluffs (the Township), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus, the consolidated statement of changes in net financial assets and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matters discussed in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Township as at December 31, 2023, and its consolidated results of operations, its consolidated changes in net financial assets, and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Effective January 1, 2023, the Township was required to adopt PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations which requires the recognition of legal obligations associated with the retirement of tangible capital assets by public sector entities. Under the modified retroactive application method, the asset retirement obligation on transition is to be recorded using assumptions as of January 1, 2023. The corresponding asset retirement cost is added to the carrying value of the related tangible capital assets adjusted for amortization since the time the legal obligation was incurred. The net adjustment is charged to accumulated surplus. Comparative figures are to be restated to reflect this change in accounting policy. Management has not completed its assessment of the tangible capital assets for potential asset retirement obligations. As a result, it is not possible to quantify the impact of this departure from Canadian public sector accounting standards on expenses and annual surplus for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, tangible capital assets and the asset retirement obligation as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and accumulated surplus as at January 1 and December 31 for both the 2023 and 2022 years.

As a result of PS 3280 not being adopted, the Township accounts for its landfill closure and post-closure liability in accordance with withdrawn PS 3270 Solid Waste Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Liability. As a result, it is not possible to quantify the impact of this departure from Canadian public sector accounting standards on expenses and annual surplus for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, landfill closure and post-closure liability as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and accumulated surplus as at January 1 and December 31 for both the 2023 and 2022 years.



We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Township in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

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

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

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Township to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Township to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Owen Sound, Ontario September 3, 2024

December 31	2023	2022
Financial assets		
Cash (Note 2) Taxes receivable Trade and other receivables Long-term receivables (Note 3) Inventories held for resale	\$ 24,911,633 1,756,100 1,108,498 66,645 12,777	\$ 24,475,238 1,099,518 996,179 79,510 17,785
	27,855,653	26,668,230
Liabilities Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	7,166,205	3,506,705
Solid waste landfill post-closure liabilities (Note 4) Deferred revenue (Page 31) Long-term liabilities (Note 6)	135,488 557,836 438,698	135,488 747,733 617,036
	8,298,227	5,006,962
Net financial assets	19,557,426	21,661,268
Non-financial assets		
Inventory of supplies Prepaid expenses Tangible capital assets (Note 7)	212,409 63,485 53,516,892	102,984 45,607 53,367,503
	53,792,786	53,516,094
Accumulated surplus (Note 8)	\$ 73,350,212	\$ 75,177,362

The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

For the year ended December 31	2023	2023	2022	
	Budget (Note 10)	Actual	Actual	
Revenue Taxation Fees and user charges Government transfers (Note 11) Other income (Note 12) Loss on disposal of capital assets	\$ 11,745,500 2,437,500 2,184,905 1,101,500	\$11,868,142 2,606,590 2,389,128 2,121,575 (16,584)	\$ 11,190,697 2,561,172 2,261,778 1,388,292 (4,057)	
	 17,469,405	18,968,851	17,397,882	
Expenses General government Protection services Transportation services Environmental services Health services Recreation and cultural services Planning and development	 2,876,505 3,404,650 7,476,600 2,281,000 107,300 1,426,800 316,100 17,888,955	3,127,842 3,512,025 9,120,956 2,876,398 95,730 1,635,885 427,165 20,796,001	2,497,566 3,218,557 5,556,284 2,724,274 61,815 1,465,132 243,574 15,767,202	
Annual surplus (deficit) (Note 10)	(419,550)	(1,827,150)	1,630,680	
Accumulated surplus, beginning of the year	 75,177,362	75,177,362	73,546,682	
Accumulated surplus, end of the year	\$ 74,757,812	\$73,350,212	\$ 75,177,362	

The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus

The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets

For the year ended December 31		2023	2023	2022
		Budget (Note 10)	Actual	Actual
Annual surplus (deficit) (Page 6)	\$	(419,550)	\$ (1,827,150)	\$ 1,630,680
Acquisition of tangible capital assets Amortization of tangible capital assets Loss on disposal of capital assets Proceeds on disposal of capital assets		(2,368,550) - - -	(3,027,760) 2,794,010 16,584 67,777	(2,222,530) 2,676,454 4,057 -
	_	(2,368,550)	(149,389)	457,981
Change in prepaid expenses Change in inventories of supplies		-	(17,878) (109,425)	(26,585) (4,373)
		-	(127,303)	(30,958)
Increase (decrease) in net financial assets		(2,788,100)	(2,103,842)	2,057,703
Net financial assets, beginning of the year	_	21,661,268	21,661,268	19,603,565
Net financial assets, end of the year	\$	18,873,168	\$19,557,426	\$ 21,661,268

For the year ended December 31	2023	2022
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities Annual surplus (deficit) Items not involving cash	\$ (1,827,150) \$	1,630,680
Solid waste landfill closure and post-closure liabilities Amortization Deferred revenue recognized Change in prepaid expenses Inventory of supplies Loss on disposal of capital assets	2,794,010 (587,864) (17,878) (109,425) 16,584	(44,033) 2,676,454 (163,132) (26,585) (4,373) 4,057
	268,277	4,073,068
Changes in non-cash working capital balances Taxes receivable Trade and other receivables Inventory held for resale Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Deferred revenue received	(656,582) (112,319) 5,008 3,659,500 397,967	(334,035) (377,687) (10,205) 850,563 357,600
	3,293,574	486,236
	3,561,851	4,559,304
Capital transactions Acquisition of capital assets Proceeds on disposition of capital assets	(3,027,760) 67,777	(2,222,530)
	(2,959,983)	(2,222,530)
Investing activities (Increase) decrease in long-term receivables	12,865	(2,775)
Financing activities Repayment of long-term liabilities	(178,338)	(388,337 <u>)</u>
Net change in cash	436,395	1,945,662
Cash, beginning of the year	24,475,238	22,529,576
Cash, end of the year	\$24,911,633 \$	24,475,238

The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

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Management Responsibility	The management of the Corporation of the Township of
	Georgian Bluffs has prepared and is responsible for the
	integrity, objectivity and accuracy of the financial
	information presented in these consolidated financial
	statements. The Council reviews and approves the
	consolidated financial statements.

Basis of Accounting The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada as prescribed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Revenues and expenses are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues as they become available and measurable; expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation to pay.

Basis of Consolidation The consolidated statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses of all municipal organizations, committees, and boards which are owned or controlled by Council. All interfund assets and liabilities and revenues and expenses have been eliminated on consolidation.

A government partnership exists where the municipality has shared control over the board or entity. The Township's prorata share of the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses are reflected in the financial statements using the proportionate consolidation method. The Township's proportionate interest of the following government partnerships are reflected in the consolidated financial statements:

Inter-Township Fire Department75%Georgian Bluffs Chatsworth Biodigester50%

Inventory Held for Resale Inventory of goods held for resale is recorded at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined on the first- in first-out basis.

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Inventory of Supplies Inventory held for consumption is recorded at the lower of cost and replacement cost. Cost is determined on a first-in first out basis. **Tangible Capital Assets** Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Cost includes all amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. Amortization is provided over the estimated useful life of the assets, using the straight-line method. The useful life of the assets is based on estimates made by management. The following rates are used: Land improvements 10 to 50 years Buildings 15 to 50 years Equipment 5 to 8 years 5 to 20 years Vehicles and machinery Transportation infrastructure 15 to 80 years Water and sewer infrastructure 20 to 80 years Tangible capital assets received as contributions are recorded at fair value at the date of receipt and also are recorded as revenue. Post-Employment Benefits The contributions to the Ontario Municipal Employee's Retirement System ("OMERS"), a multi-employer defined benefit plan, are expensed when contributions are due. Solid Waste Landfill Post-**Closure Costs** Site closure and post-closure care costs were recognized over the operating life of the landfill based on capacity used. The liability is recorded at its discounted value, based on the average long-term borrowing rate of the township. The landfill is now in the post-closure phase. Liability for Contaminated Sites A contaminated site is a site at which substances occur in concentrations that exceed the maximum acceptable amounts under an environmental standard. Sites that are currently in productive use are only considered a contaminated site if an unexpected event results in contamination. A liability for remediation of contaminated sites is recognized when the organization is directly responsible or accepts responsibility; it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up; and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made. The liability includes all costs directly attributable to remediation activities including post remediation operations, maintenance and monitoring. Management is not aware of any contaminated sites for which a liability needs to be recognized.

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Asset Retirement Obligation	A liability for an asset retirement obligation is recognized when there is a legal obligation to incur retirement costs in relation to a tangible capital asset; the past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred; it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up; and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made. The liability is recorded at an amount that is the best estimate of the expenditure required to retire a tangible capital asset at the financial statement date. Management intends to complete an assessment of the asset retirement obligation as part of the facilities review planned.
County and School Board	The Township collects taxation revenue on behalf of the school boards and the County of Grey. The taxation, other revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities with respect to the operations of the school boards and the County of Grey are not reflected in these financial statements.
Use of Estimates	The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates 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 are used when accounting for items such as accrued grant receivables, useful lives of capital assets, accrued liabilities, solid waste landfill closure and post-closure costs and taxation revenue. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.
Financial Instruments	Cash is measured at fair value. All other financial assets; taxes receivable, trade and other receivables, long-term receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and long-term liabilities are measured at amortized cost. The carrying amount of each of these financial instruments is presented on the statement of financial position.

For financial instruments measured using amortized cost, the effective interest rate method is used to determine interest revenue or expense. Transaction costs are added to the carrying value for financial instruments measured using cost or amortized cost.

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Trust Funds Funds held in trust by the Township, and their related operations, are not included in these financial statements. The financial activity and position of the trust funds are reported separately on the trust funds statement of continuity and balance sheet.

Revenue Recognition Revenues are recognized as follows:

- a) Taxes are recorded at estimated amounts when they meet the definition of an asset, have been authorized and the taxable event occurs. For property taxes, the taxable event is the period for which the tax is levied. As taxes recorded are initially based on management's best estimate of the taxes that will be received, it is possible that changes in future conditions, such as reassessments due to audits, appeals and court decisions, could result in a change in the amount of tax revenue recognized. Taxes receivable are recognized net of an allowance for anticipated uncollectible amounts.
- b) Fines and donations are recognized when collected.
- c) Fees, user charges and other revenues are recorded upon sale of goods or provision of service when collection is reasonably assured.
- d) Revenue restricted by legislation, regulation or agreement and not available for general municipal purposes, is reported as deferred revenue on the consolidated statement of financial position. The revenue is reported on the consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus in the year in which it is used for the specified purpose.
- e) Government transfers are recognized as revenue in the financial statements when the transfer is authorized and any eligibility criteria are met, except to the extent that transfer stipulations give rise to an obligation that meets the definition of a liability. Transfers are recognized as deferred revenue when transfer stipulations give rise to a liability. Transfer revenue is recognized in the statement of operations as the stipulation liabilities are settled.

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1. Change in Accounting Policy

On January 1, 2023 the County adopted PS 3450 Financial Instruments which establishes standards for recognizing and measuring financial assets, financial liabilities and derivatives. This standard is required to be adopted prospectively, therefore comparative figures have not been restated.

2. Cash

	2023	2022
General funds Obligatory reserve funds	\$24,216,726 694,907	\$ 24,167,400 307,838
	\$24,911,633	\$ 24,475,238

The Township's deposits of \$706,383 are in a Canadian Chartered bank, earning interest at a rate of prime less 1.9% and \$23,002,549 in a separate Canadian Chartered bank, earning interest at a rate of prime less 1.7%

The Township has undrawn operating credit of \$500,000 for operating purposes and \$4,000,000 for capital expenditure purposes. Interest is calculated at prime rate less 0.5%.

3. Long-Term Receivables

2023 2022

Due from ratepayers - Other Water Capital		
Connections, no set terms of repayment	\$ 66,645	\$ 79,510

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4. Solid Waste Landfill Post-Closure Liabilities

The landfill was closed June 2017. The liability for the landfill site is recorded at \$135,488 (2022 - \$135,488) and represents the present value of post-closure costs for the closed site, using the Government of Canada's average long-term borrowing rate of 3.8%. Post closure costs include removal of ground water and leachates and ongoing environmental monitoring, site inspection and maintenance. The total estimated future expenditures for post-closure care are \$135,488 leaving an amount to be recognized of \$Nil. Post-closure care is estimated to continue for a period of 20 years.

5. Pension Agreements

The municipality makes contributions to the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement Fund (OMERS), which is a multi-employer plan, on behalf of 65 members of its staff and councilors. This plan is a defined benefit plan which specifies the amount of the retirement entitlement to be received by the employees based on the length of service and rates of pay. Employees and employers contribute jointly to the plan. The amount contributed to OMERS for 2023 by the Township of Georgian Bluffs was \$286,267 (2022 - \$262,023). The contribution rate for 2023 was 9% to 15.8% depending on age and income level (2022 - 9% to 15.8%).

OMERS is a multi-employer plan, therefore, any pension plan surpluses or deficits 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 last available report for the OMERS plan was December 31, 2023. At that time the plan reported a \$4.20 billion actuarial deficit (2022 - \$6.68 billion), based on actuarial liabilities of \$134.57 billion (2022 - \$128.79 billion), and actuarial assets of \$130.37 billion (2022 - \$122.11 billion). Ongoing adequacy of the current contribution rates will need to be monitored as fluctuations in the financial markets may lead to increased future funding requirements.

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6. Long-Term Liabilities

The balance of long-term liabilities reported on the consolidated statement of financial position is made up of the following:

	 2023	2022
Demand Ioan, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, interest at prime minus 0.50%, payable in monthly principal payments of \$6,667 plus interest	\$ 159,948	\$ 239,952
Demand Ioan, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, interest at prime minus 0.50%, payable in monthly principal payments of \$3,611 plus interest	173,333	216,667
Demand Ioan, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, interest at prime minus 0.50%, payable in monthly principal payments of \$4,583 plus interest	 105,417	160,417
	\$ 438,698	\$ 617,036

The interest, relating to the above long-term debt, expensed and paid during the year was \$34,325.

In the absence of demand for repayment, anticipated principal payments for the next four fiscal years are as follows:

2024 2025 2026	\$ 178,337 173,695 43,333
2027	\$ 43,333 438,698

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7. Tangible Capital Assets

								2023
	Land	Land Improvements	Buildings	Equipment	Vehicles and Machinery	Transportation Infrastructure	Water and Sewer Infrastructure	Total
Cost, beginning of								
the year	\$ 3,739,134	\$ 1,393,831	\$ 8,634,527	\$ 623,623	\$ 8,174,640	\$52,975,163	\$ 20,351,270	\$ 95,892,188
Additions	1,094,724	216,137	35,249	65,160	608,851	996,030	11,609	3,027,760
Disposals		-	(4,194)	(37,716)	(605,563)	(64,125)	-	(711,598)
Cost, end of the year	4,833,858	1,609,968	8,665,582	651,067	8,177,928	53,907,068	20,362,879	98,208,350
Accumulated amortization, beginning of the year Amortization Disposals Accumulated	- - -	430,035 60,451 -	4,430,966 177,550 (3,914)	415,918 31,159 (37,716)	3,736,935 461,619 (536,435)	23,591,918 1,681,218 (49,172)	9,918,913 382,013 -	42,524,685 2,794,010 (627,237)
amortization, end of the year		490,486	4,604,602	409,361	3,662,119	25,223,964	10,300,926	44,691,458
Net carrying amount, end of the year	\$ 4,833,858	\$ 1,119,482	\$ 4,060,980	\$ 241,706	\$ 4,515,809	\$28,683,104	\$ 10,061,953	\$ 53,516,892

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7. Tangible Capital Assets - (continued)

									2022
	Land	Land Improvements	Buildings	E	Equipment	Vehicles and Machinery	Transportation Infrastructure	Water and Sewer Infrastructure	Total
Cost, beginning of the year Additions Disposals	\$ 3,739,134 - -	\$ 1,372,604 21,227	\$ 8,634,527 - -	\$	634,370 - (10,747)	\$ 7,057,360 1,163,717 (46,437)	\$52,039,670 955,786 (20,293)	\$20,401,499 81,800 (132,029)	\$ 93,879,164 2,222,530 (209,506)
Cost, end of the year	3,739,134	1,393,831	8,634,527		623,623	8,174,640	52,975,163	20,351,270	95,892,188
Accumulated amortization, beginning of the year Amortization Disposals	-	372,211 57,824	4,252,063 178,903 -		400,159 26,506 (10,747)	3,386,091 393,224 (42,380)	21,980,992 1,631,219 (20,293)	9,662,164 388,778 (132,029)	40,053,680 2,676,454 (205,449)
Accumulated amortization, end of the year		430,035	4,430,966		415,918	3,736,935	23,591,918	9,918,913	42,524,685
Net carrying amount, end of the year	\$ 3,739,134	\$ 963,796	\$ 4,203,561		207,705	\$ 4,437,705	\$29,383,245	\$10,432,357	\$ 53,367,503

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7. Tangible Capital Assets - (continued)

The net book value of tangible capital assets not being amortized because they are under construction is \$916,581 (2022 - \$785,244).

No contributed assets were recognized in the financial statements during the year.

8. Accumulated Surplus

Accumulated surplus consists of individual fund surplus (deficit) and reserves as follows:

	2023 2022
Invested in tangible capital assets Tangible capital assets Capital assets financed by long-term liabilities and to be funded in future years	\$ 53,516,892 \$ 53,367,503 (265,365) (400,369)
Total invested in capital assets	53,251,527 52,967,134
Unfunded contribution Unfunded solid waste closure and post-closure costs Fire Biodigester Water	(173,333)(216,667)(135,488)(135,488)(205,934)(191,923)(8,559)(20,099)(590,998)(474,212)
	52,137,215 51,928,745
Reserves and reserve funds (Note 9)	21,212,997 23,248,617
Accumulated surplus	\$ 73,350,212 \$ 75,177,362

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9. Reserves and Reserve Funds Set Aside for Specific Purpose by Council

	2023	2022
Reserves Working funds Current purposes Capital purposes	\$ 5,275,120 951,086 9,592,219	\$ 5,485,220 881,605 11,903,508
	15,818,425	18,270,333
Reserve funds		
Current purposes Capital purposes	391,805 <u>5,002,767</u>	372,117 4,606,167
	5,394,572	4,978,284
Reserves and reserve funds set aside for specific purpose by Council	\$21,212,997	\$ 23,248,617

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10. Budgets

Under Canadian public sector accounting standards, budget amounts are to be reported on the consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus and changes in net financial assets for comparative purposes. The 2023 budget amounts for the Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs approved by Council have been restated to conform to the presentation of the consolidated statements of operations and accumulated surplus and changes in net financial assets. The budgets for the Inter-Township Fire Department and Georgian Bluffs Chatsworth Biodigester have not been consolidated. The following is a reconciliation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs budget approved by Council.

		2023	2023	2022
		Budget	Actual	Actual
Annual surplus (deficit) (Page 6)	\$	(419,550)	\$ (1,827,150)	\$ 1,630,680
Amortization		-	2,794,010	2,676,454
Change in unfunded liabilities		-	-	(44,033)
Change in other surpluses	_	-	119,257	84,497
		(419,550)	1,086,117	4,347,598
Net transfers from (to) reserves Capital acquisitions, disposals		2,966,600	2,960,280	(142,953)
and write-down		(2,368,550)	(2,943,399)	(2,218,473)
Debt principal repayments		(178,500)	(178,338)	(388,337)
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Surplus before transfers to reserves		-	924,660	1,597,835
Surplus transfers to reserve per resolution		-	(924,660)	(1,597,835)
	\$	-	\$-	\$ _

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11. Government Transfers

	 2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
Province of Ontario Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) Roads Recreation Other	\$ 878,700 487,455 20,000 235,500	\$ 878,700 505,391 16,286 317,735	\$ 910,216 1,048,063 - 164,849
	 1,621,655	1,718,112	2,123,128
Government of Canada Canada Community-Building Fund Other	 427,000 136,250	560,287 105,946	138,650 -
	 563,250	666,233	138,650
Other Municipal - Other	 	4,783	
Total government transfers	\$ 2,184,905	\$ 2,389,128	\$ 2,261,778

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12. Other Income

		2023	2023	2022
		Budget	Actual	Actual
Penalties and interest on taxation	\$	160,000	\$ 217,197	\$ 158,435
Other fines and penalties		65,500	75,845	103,428
Investment income		400,000	1,373,987	541,268
Licenses, permits and rents		465,000	439,452	570,505
Donations		10,000	10,608	11,100
Prepaid special charges	_	1,000	4,486	3,556
	\$	1,101,500	\$ 2,121,575	\$ 1,388,292

13. Commitments

As of December 31, 2023, the Township of Georgian Bluffs has entered into an agreement to purchase a snow plow at \$460,108 plus HST.

14. Contingencies

- a) Several lower tier municipalities on the Bruce Peninsula, including the Township of Georgian Bluffs, have been named as defendants in a land claim action filed by the Chippewas of Saugeen and Nawash. Also joined as defendants in the action are the County of Bruce, the Province of Ontario and the Dominion of Canada. There is no specific damage claim against the Township of Georgian Bluffs or any of the other municipal defendants, although there is a general and unquantified claim against all defendants. The likelihood of the success of this action is undeterminable at the present time.
- b) The Township has been named in a number of claims that are in proceedings through their insurance company. The Township's liability with respect to these claims is not determinable at this time. Management is of the opinion that the Township maintains adequate and appropriate liability and errors and omissions insurance to protect the municipality against such claims.
- c) The Township has been named as a co-defendant in a claim relating to property development. The outcome of this action is undeterminable at the present time.

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15. Operations of School Boards and the County of Grey

During the year, the following taxation revenue was raised and remitted to the school boards and the County of Grey:

	2023	2022
School boards County of Grey	\$ 3,703,473 7,183,711	\$ 3,627,982 6,928,933
	\$10,887,184	\$ 10,556,915

16. Government Partnership

The following summarizes the financial position and operations of the government partnerships which have been reported in these financial statements using proportionate consolidation:

Inter-Township Fire Department

The Inter-Township Fire Department is a government partnership of which the Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs has a 75% interest. The condensed supplementary financial information is as follows:

	_	2023	2022
Financial assets	\$	912,716	\$ 1,304,269
Liabilities		265,135	685,600
Net financial assets		647,581	618,669
Non-financial assets		1,838,232	1,917,266
Accumulated surplus	\$	2,485,813	\$ 2,535,935
Revenues Expenses	\$	1,268,257 1,349,002	\$ 1,027,716 1,096,767
Annual deficit	\$	(80,745)	\$ (69,051)

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16. Government Partnership - (continued)

Georgian Bluffs Chatsworth Biodigester

The Georgian Bluffs Chatsworth Biodigester is a government partnership of which the Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs has a 50% interest. The condensed supplementary financial information is as follows:

		2023	2022
Financial assets	\$	970,291	\$ 854,444
Liabilities	_	509,432	483,518
Net financial assets		460,859	370,926
Non-financial assets	_	2,370,819	2,515,819
Accumulated surplus	\$	2,831,678	\$ 2,886,745
Revenues Expenses Annual deficit	\$ \$	310,125 365,192 (55,067)	 308,699 547,950 (239,251)

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17. Trust Funds

The trust funds administered by the Township amounting to \$522,122 (2022 - \$511,383) have not been included in the consolidated statement of financial position nor have the operations been included in the consolidated statement of financial activities. At December 31, 2023, the trusts fund balances are as follows:

	 2023	2022
Cemetery Care and Maintenance Funds Shallow Lake Village Improvement Fund Hillis Beautification Project	\$ 514,294 - 7,828	\$ 497,488 6,204 7,691
	\$ 522,122	\$ 511,383

18. Financial Instruments

Financial Instrument Risk Management

The Township is exposed to credit risk, liquidity risk, and interest rate risk from its financial instruments. This note describes the Township's objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks and the methods used to measure them. Further qualitative and quantitative information in respect of these risks is presented below and throughout these financial statements.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Township is exposed to interest rate risk arising from the changes in interest rates on its variable rate bank account.

Credit Risk

The Township is exposed to credit risk arising from its cash, taxes receivable, trade and other receivables and long-term receivables. On December 31, 2023, the Township had deposits of \$706,383 in a Canadian Chartered bank and \$23,002,549 in a separate Canadian Chartered bank. The Canadian Deposit Insurance Corporation insures deposits up to a maximum of \$100,000 per depositor. There is the possibility of non-collection of taxes receivable, trade and other receivables and long-term receivables. The majority of the Township's receivables are from ratepayers and government entities. For receivables, the Township measures impairment of each receivable type based on how long the amounts have been outstanding. The amounts outstanding at year end, which is the Township's maximum exposure to credit risk related to receivables, were as follows:

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18. Financial Instruments - (continued)

	(0 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 365 1 days	to 2 years	3 to 10 years
Cash	\$	24,911,633	\$-\$	- \$	- \$; -
Taxes receivable		478,027	222,571	779,666	125,836	150,000
Trade and other receivables		982,659	117,520	9,450	231,526	(232,657)
Long-term receivables		-	_	-	_	66,645
Total	\$	26,372,319 \$	\$ 340,091 \$	789,116\$	357,362 \$	6 (16,012)

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Township encounters difficulty in meeting its obligations as they fall due. The Township has a planning and budgeting process in place to help determine the funds required to support the Township's normal operating requirements on an ongoing basis. The Township is exposed to liquidity risk through its accounts payable and accrued liabilities and long-term liabilities. The Township ensures that there are sufficient funds to meet its short-term requirements, taking into account its anticipated cash flows from operations and its holdings of cash and cash equivalents. Further, the Township seeks to maintain an available line of credit balance as approved by the appropriate borrowing by-law to meet, at a minimum, expected requirements for a period of at least 90 days. The following table sets out the contractual maturities (representing undiscounted contractual cash-flows) of financial liabilities:

	Within 6 months	6 n	nonths to 1 year	1 - 5 years		Over 5 years
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Long-term debt	\$ 7,028,845 110,835	\$	14,704 67,502	\$	122,656 260,361	-
Total financial liabilities	\$ 7,139,680	\$	82,206	\$	383,017	_

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19. Segmented Information

The Township of Georgian Bluffs is a diversified municipal government institution that provides a wide range of services to its citizens such as police, fire, sewer, water, waste collection, disposal and recycling, recreational, library and planning. Distinguishable functional segments have been separately disclosed in the segmented information. The nature of the segments and the activities they encompass are as follows:

General Government

General Government consists of the revenues and expenses that relate to the governance and operations of the Township itself and cannot be directly attributed to a specific segment.

Protection Services

Protection services is comprised of police services, fire protection, conservation authority, emergency measures, animal control and building and structural inspection. The police services work to ensure the safety and protection of the citizens and their property. The fire department is responsible to provide fire suppression service, fire prevention programs, training and education. The members of the fire department consist of volunteers. The building department provides a number of services including maintenance and enforcement of building and construction codes and review of all property development plans through its application process.

Transportation Services

Transportation services is responsible for construction and maintenance of the Township's roadways, bridges, parking areas and streetlighting. Transportation also includes the provision of air transportation through the Wiarton Keppel International Airport.

Environmental Services

Environmental services consists of providing waste collection, disposal and recycling to its citizens. It also consists of sewer and water service that provides the Township's drinking water. They process and clean sewage and ensure the Township's water system meets all Provincial standards.

Health Services

Health services includes the operations of three local cemeteries, Boyd, Oxenden and Mount Pleasant.

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19. Segmented Information - (continued)

Recreational and Cultural Services

Recreational and cultural services provide services meant to improve the health and development of the Township's citizens. The Township operates and maintains parks, arenas, and community centres. The Township also provides library services and a variety of recreational programs.

Planning and Development

Planning and development is responsible for planning and zoning including the Official plan.

The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies. Amounts that are directly attributable to a number of segments have been allocated on a reasonable basis as follows:

Taxation, payments-in-lieu	Allocated to those segments that are funded by these amounts based on the budget for the year
OMPF Grants	Allocated to segments based on the budget for the year

For the year ended December 31	General Government	Protection Services	Transportation Services	Environmental Services	Н	ealth Services	Recreation and Iltural Services	Planning and Development		2023 Total
Revenue										
Taxation	\$ 2,017,584	\$ 2,729,673	\$ 5,103,301	\$ 474,726	\$	-	\$ 1,305,496	\$ 118,681 \$		11,868,142
Fees and user charges	90,873	63,237	53,323	2,024,722		83,466	225,355	65,614		2,606,590
Specific grants	-	22,762	1,065,678	287,092		-	122,232	12,664		1,510,428
OMPF grant	149,379	202,101	377,841	35,148		-	96,657	8,787		878,700
Other revenue	 1,383,937	456,953	(7,151)	210,357		-	10,420	50,475		2,104,991
	3,641,773	3,474,726	6,592,992	3,032,045		83,466	1,760,160	256,221		18,968,851
Expenses Salaries and benefits	1,710,554	839,935	1,264,401	_		_	536,424	174,205		4,525,519
Interest on debt	1,710,004		9,154	13,024		_	12,640	-		34,818
Materials and supplies	1,348,030	504,533	5,723,076	501,801		36,931	403,709	252,960		8,771,040
Contracted services	15,175	1,690,859	139,366	1,581,522		59,061	406,088	-		3,892,071
Other transfers		345,299	-	327,557		(1,293)	106,980	-		778,543
Amortization	 54,083	131,399	1,984,959	452,494		1,031	170,044	-		2,794,010
	 3,127,842	3,512,025	9,120,956	2,876,398		95,730	1,635,885	427,165		20,796,001
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ 513,931	\$ (37,299)	\$ (2,527,964)	\$ 155,647	\$	(12,264)	\$ 124,275	\$ (170,944) \$;	(1,827,150)

For the year ended December 31	 General Government		Protection Services	T	Transportation Services		Environmental Services		Health Services		Recreation and ultural Services		Planning and Development		2022 Total
Revenue	1 000 110	<u>,</u>	0 (05 7 7	•	4.0/4.070	•		•		<u>_</u>	4 45 4 704	•	000.014	•	44 400 (07
Taxation	\$ 1	\$	2,685,767	\$	4,364,372	\$	559,535	\$	-	\$	1,454,791	\$	223,814	\$	11,190,697
Fees and user charges	58,231		70,284		52,300		1,988,178		80,544		182,856		128,779		2,561,172
Specific grants	24,483		9,483		1,186,713		130,883		-		-		-		1,351,562
OMPF grant	154,737		218,452		354,984		45,511		-		118,328		18,204		910,216
Other revenue	 713,824		507,044		23,646		76,246		-		9,150		54,325		1,384,235
	 2,853,693		3,491,030		5,982,015		2,800,353		80,544		1,765,125		425,122		17,397,882
Expenses															
Salaries and benefits	1,416,103		756,269		1,395,654		-		-		418,690		133,172		4,119,888
Interest on debt	-		-		8,098		9,988		-		8,563		-		26,649
Materials and supplies	1,005,250		348,812		2,081,180		484,288		17,755		398,121		110,402		4,445,808
Contracted services	21,107		1,706,522		178,692		1,461,503		41,156		373,682		-		3,782,662
Other transfers	-		300,137		-		313,655		1,873		100,076		-		715,741
Amortization	 55,106		106,817		1,892,660		454,840		1,031		166,000		-		2,676,454
	 2,497,566		3,218,557		5,556,284		2,724,274		61,815		1,465,132		243,574		15,767,202
Annual surplus	\$ 356,127	\$	272,473	\$	425,731	\$	76,079	\$	18,729	\$	299,993	\$	181,548	\$	1,630,680

The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs Schedule of Deferred Revenue

For the year ended December 31, 2023

	C Opening	on	tributions Received	In	vestment Income	Re	Revenue ecognized	Ending
Obligatory Reserve Funds Recreational land Cash in lieu of parking Canada Community-	\$ 162,913 1,145	\$	2,571	\$	8,853 80	\$	-	\$ 174,337 1,225
Building fund	 497,264		346,793		24,652		(560,287)	308,422
Other	661,322		349,364		33,585		(560,287)	483,984
Government transfers Water connection fees	70,911 15,500		15,018 -		-		(13,727) (13,850)	72,202 1,650
	\$ 747,733	\$	364,382	\$	33,585	\$	(587,864)	\$ 557,836

The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs Trust Funds Financial Information For the year ended December 31, 2023

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Council, Inhabitants and Ratepayers of the Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial information for the Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs Trust Funds (Trust Funds), which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2023, the statement of continuity for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial information presents fairly, in all material respects, the balance sheet for the Trust Funds as at December 31, 2023 and the statement of continuity for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Information* section of our report. We are independent of the Trust Funds in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial information in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Information

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

In preparing the financial information, management is responsible for assessing the Trust Funds 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 Trust Funds or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Trust Funds financial reporting process.



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Information

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

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial information, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust Funds 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 Trust Funds ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial information or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust Funds to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial information, including the disclosures, and whether the financial information represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Owen Sound, Ontario September 3, 2024

The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs Statement of Financial Position Trust Funds

Assets	Total	 w Lake Village ement Fund	Beauti	Hillis Bequest fication Project	Ce	xenden metery rpetual Care	Boyd emetery erpetual Care	Ce	Mount Pleasant emetery erpetual Care
Cash Investments, at cost Due from the Township	\$ 102,321 439,560 237	\$ - - -	\$	83 7,745 -	\$	5,338 70,862 1,728	\$ 27,236 89,648 -		69,664 271,305 (1,491)
	\$542,118	\$ -	\$	7,828	\$	77,928	\$ 116,884	\$	339,478
Liabilities Due to the Township	\$ 19,996	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 19,996	\$	-
Fund balance	522,122	-		7,828		77,928	96,888		339,478
	\$542,118	\$ -	\$	7,828	\$	77,928	\$ 116,884	\$ 3	339,478

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The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs Statement of Continuity Trust Funds

For the year ended December 31, 2023

	Total	Village	Beauti	Hillis Bequest fication Project	Ce	xenden emetery erpetual Care	Boyd emetery erpetual Care	Mount Pleasant Cemetery Perpetual Care
Balance, beginning of the year	\$511,384	\$ 6,204	\$	7,691	\$	74,618	\$ 92,433	\$ 330,438
Receipts Interest Plot sales	18,234 16,805	-		137		2,912 3,310	3,331 4,455	11,854 9,040
	35,039	-		137		6,222	7,786	20,894
Expenditures Transfer to local board Transfer to municipality	9,535 14,766	6,204		-		- 2,912	3,331	- 11,854
	24,301	6,204		-		2,912	3,331	11,854
Balance, end of the year	\$522,122	\$ -	\$	7,828	\$	77,928	\$ 96,888	\$ 339,478

The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs Trust Funds Notes to Financial Information

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- 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies
 - The management of the Corporation of the Township of Management Responsibility Georgian Bluffs has prepared and is responsible for the integrity, objectivity and accuracy of this financial information. The Council reviews and approves the financial information. Basis of Accounting The financial information has been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. Revenues and expenses are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues as they become available and measurable; expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation to pay.
 - Basis of Consolidation These trust funds have not been consolidated with the financial statements of the Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs.
 - Use of Estimates The preparation of financial information in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial information, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.
 - Financial Instrument Cash is measured at fair value. All other financial instruments are measured at cost or amortized cost. The carrying amount of each of these financial instruments is presented on the balance sheet. For financial instruments measured using amortized cost, the effective interest rate method is used to determine interest revenue or expense. All financial assets are tested annually for impairment. When financial assets are impaired, impairment losses are recorded in the statement of continuity. Transaction costs are added to the carrying value for financial instruments measured using cost or amortized cost.

The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bluffs Trust Funds Notes to Financial Information

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2. Investments

The investments of \$439,560 reported on the balance sheet at cost have a market value of \$439,560 at the end of the year.

3. Financial Instruments

The Trust is exposed to risks that arise from its use of financial instruments. The trust's financial instruments consist of cash, investments, interest receivable, due from the Township and due to the Township. It is management's opinion that the Trust is not exposed to significant currency risk arising from these financial instruments. The Trust is exposed to interest rate risk arising from its bank accounts and investments. The investments consist of multiple guaranteed investment certificates with interest from 1.8% to 5.59% due February 3, 2024 to September 15, 2025. The trust is exposed to credit risk relating to its cash, investments and interest receivable. The cash and investments are held in Canadian Chartered banks. Amounts due to the Township are due within 30 days and is a liquidity risk to the Trust.