

Consolidated financial statements

Corporation of the City of Welland

December 31, 2024

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## Independent auditor's report

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To the Members of Council of the Corporation of The City of Welland

#### Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of the **Corporation of The City of Welland** ("the City"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the consolidated statements of operations, change in net financial assets and cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the **Corporation of The City of Welland** as at December 31, 2024, and its results of operations, its changes in its net debt, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

### **Basis for Opinion**

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

## 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 City's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to a going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the City or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the City'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 City'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 City'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 City 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 City and the organizations it controls 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.

Mississauga, Canada August 12, 2025 Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

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# Corporation of the City of Welland Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31	2024	2023
Financial assets Cash	\$ 22,424,234	\$ 20,146,402
Taxes and grants-in-lieu receivable (Note 20)	13,461,143	9,517,208
Accounts receivable	41,603,859	19,436,470
Interest receivable	2,371,857	1,961,464
Investments (Note 5)	102,170,629	103,844,625
Investment in subsidiary (Note 6)	28,261,750	27,126,987
	210,293,472	182,033,156
Liabilities	04 000 400	00.070.407
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	31,600,186	33,879,487
Deferred revenue (Note 8) Accrued interest on long-term debt	36,495,109 699,101	34,740,848 534,445
Obligations under capital lease	4,110	8,885
Asset retirement obligation (Note 9)	393,697	432,270
Long-term debt (Schedule 5) (Note 10)	64,128,157	61,060,765
Employee future benefits (Note 11)	8,960,166	<u>8,609,935</u>
	142,280,526	139,266,635
Net financial assets	68,012,946	42,766,521
Non-financial assets Tangible capital assets (Schedule 6) (Note 12)	399,680,158	
Other assets (Note 13)	246,080	187,242
	399,926,238	359,829,289
Accumulated surplus (Note 14)	\$ 467,939,184	\$ 402,595,810
Contingencies (Note 20)		
Approved by:		
Chief Administrator Officer		
General Manager of Corpo	rate and Enterpris	se Services, CFO

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	_	Budget 2024 (Note 21)		Actual 2024		Actual 2023
Revenue Taxation (Schedule 2) User charges (Schedule 3) Grants (Schedule 3) Other (Schedule 4) Revenue recognized on contributed	\$	51,394,377 43,284,744 13,279,453 13,993,120	\$	51,799,459 43,323,057 9,269,947 50,020,326	\$	49,269,711 39,879,783 14,300,271 23,092,060
subdivision infrastructure Equity earnings in subsidiary (Note 6)		121,951,694		12,490,900 1,134,763 168,038,452		10,932,550 846,253 138,320,628
Expenses (Note 19) General government Protection to persons and property Transportation services Environmental services Health services Social and family services Recreational and cultural services Planning and development	_	18,398,407 18,597,402 28,358,513 54,014,776 155,930 527,875 21,908,102 2,790,935		21,677,495 16,565,146 13,864,130 33,593,634 183,804 815,644 12,821,904 3,173,321		20,876,375 16,504,394 19,308,241 33,366,997 174,145 735,957 19,235,011 2,691,044 112,892,164
Annual surplus (deficit)		(22,800,246)		65,343,374		25,428,464
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	_	402,595,810	_	402,595,810	_	377,167,346
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$	379,795,564	<u>\$</u>	467,939,184	\$	402,595,810

## Corporation of the City of Welland Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets December 31, 2024

		Budget 2024 (Note 21)	Actual 2024	 Actual 2023
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$	(22,800,246) \$	65,343,374	\$ 25,428,464
Amortization of tangible capital assets Acquisition of tangible capital assets Proceeds on disposal of tangible		11,974,150 (383,500)	12,553,098 (53,776,225)	11,554,860 (59,747,161)
capital assets (Gain) loss on disposal of tangible		-	31,262,463	2,406,198
capital assets		<del>-</del>	(30,077,448)	 4,219,605
	_	(11,209,596)	25,305,262	 (16,138,034)
Acquisition of other assets Use of other assets		(87,800) 66,000	(156,763) 97,926	 (59,842) 99,996
		(21,800)	(58,837)	 40,154
Change in net financial assets		(11,231,396)	25,246,425	(16,097,880)
Net financial assets, beginning of year		42,766,521	42,766,521	 58,864,401
Net financial assets, end of year	\$	31,535,125 \$	68,012,946	\$ 42,766,521

## **Corporation of the City of Welland Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

December 31		2024		2023
Operating activities				
Annual surplus	\$	65,343,374	\$	25,428,464
Non-cash items				
Amortization		12,553,098		11,554,860
(Decretion) accretion of asset retirement obligation		(38,573)		16,003
Increase in investment in subsidiary Revenue recognized on contributed		(2,234,763)		(1,846,253)
subdivision infrastructure		(12,490,900)		(10,932,550)
(Gain) loss on disposal of tangible capital assets		(30,077,448)		4,219,605
Changes in the following balances				
Taxes and grants-in-lieu receivable		(3,943,935)		(2,015,895)
Accounts receivable		(22,167,386)		(8,531,195)
Interest receivable		(410,393)		(213,016)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(2,279,302)		6,608,581
Deferred revenue Accrued interest on long-term debt		1,754,261		479,701 (63,005)
Employee future benefits		164,656 350,231		280,717
Other assets		(58,837)		40,154
Carlot addition		6,464,083		25,026,171
Capital activities Proceeds from sale of tangible capital assets Acquisition of tangible capital assets		31,262,463 (41,285,325) (10,022,862)	_	2,406,198 (48,814,612) (46,408,414)
Investing activity				
Decrease in investments – net		1,673,99 <u>5</u>	_	23,994,269
Financial activities				
Dividends received from investment in subsidiary (Note 6)		1,100,000		1,000,000
Proceeds on issuance of long-term debt		12,000,000		330,000
Repayment of long-term debt		(8,932,609)		(9,447,587)
Repayment of capital lease obligation		(4,775)		(4,610)
		<u>4,162,616</u>	_	(8,122,197)
Net increase (decrease) in cash		2,277,832		(5,510,171)
Cash, beginning of year		20,146,402		25,656,573
Cash, end of year	<u>\$</u>	22,424,234	\$	20,146,402

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### 1. Nature of operations

The Corporation of the City of Welland ("the City") is a city in the Province of Ontario, Canada. It conducts its operations guided by the provisions of provincial statues such as the Municipal Act, the Municipal Affairs Act and related legislation.

### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The consolidated financial statements of the City are the representations of management prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards ("PSAS"). Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the City are as follows:

A statement of remeasurement gains and losses is not presented as the City has no accumulated remeasurement gains and losses and no remeasurement gains or losses in the current or prior fiscal period.

#### **Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, non-financial assets, revenues, and expenses of the City. The consolidated financial statements are comprised of all organizations and enterprises accountable for the administration of their affairs and resources to the City and which are owned or controlled by the City. In addition to general government tax supported operations, they include the following:

- Welland Public Library Board
- Welland Downtown Business Improvement Area
- North Welland Business Improvement Area
- Youngs Sportsplex

Interdepartmental and organizational transactions and balances are eliminated.

The following joint local board is proportionately consolidated as the City has a non-controlling interest of 55%:

Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport Commission (Joint Board)

Related party transactions are eliminated.

Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corp. is a subsidiary corporation of the City and is accounted for on a modified equity basis, consistent with generally accepted accounting principles as recommended by PSAS for government business enterprises (Note 6). Under the modified equity basis, the business enterprise's accounting principles are not adjusted to conform with those of the City, and inter-organizational transactions and balances are not eliminated.

These consolidated financial statements exclude trust funds that are administered for the benefit of external parties (Note 18).

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### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### **Deferred revenue**

Receipts which are restricted by legislation of senior governments or by agreement with external parties are deferred and reported as restricted revenues. When qualifying expenses are incurred, restricted revenues are brought into revenue at equal amounts. Revenues received in advance of expenses which will be incurred in a later period are deferred.

### **Employee future benefits**

The present value of the cost of providing employees with future benefits programs is expensed as employees earn these entitlements through service. The cost of the benefits earned by employees is actuarially determined using the projected benefit method pro-rated on service and management's best estimate of retirement ages of employees and expected health care and dental costs. Actuarial gains or losses are amortized on a straight-line basis over the expected average remaining service life of all employees covered.

### **Tangible capital assets**

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost. Cost includes all directly attributable expenses in the acquisition, construction, development and/or betterment of the asset required to install the asset at the location and in the condition necessary for its intended use. Tangible capital assets received as contributions are recorded at their fair value at the date of receipt and also are recorded as revenue.

The City does not capitalize interest as part of the costs of its tangible capital assets.

Works of art for display in City property are not recorded as tangible capital assets. The works of art are held for exhibition, educational and historical interest. Such assets are deemed worthy of preservation because of the social rather than financial benefits they provide to the community. The cost of art is not determinable or relevant to their significance. No valuation of the collection has been conducted or disclosed in the consolidated financial statements.

Amortization is calculated on a straight-line basis to write-off the net cost of each asset over its estimated useful life for all classes except land. Land is considered to have an infinite life without amortization. Residual values of assets are assumed to be zero with any net gain or loss arising from the disposal of assets recognized in the consolidated statement of operations as "other revenue". Amortization is based on six months for the year of acquisition regardless of the month purchased and annually thereafter until the asset is fully depreciated, disposed of or replaced. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

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### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

### Tangible capital assets (continued)

Amortization is based on the following classifications and useful lives:

Classification	<u>Useful Life</u>
Land	Nil
Land improvements	10 to 25 years
Buildings	20 to 50 years
Roads and bridges	15 to 75 years
Water and waste water infrastructure	15 to 80 years
Vehicles	5 to 15 years
Computer hardware and software	1 to 5 years
Machinery and equipment	5 to 20 years

### Leased equipment

Equipment taken on lease with terms which transfer substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership to the City are accounted for as capital leases, as though an asset has been purchased and a liability incurred. The assets are amortized on a straight-line basis at the lesser of the lease term and expected useful life commencing in the month of purchase. All other items of equipment held on lease are accounted for as operating leases.

Capital lease obligations are recorded at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The discount rate used to determine the present value of the lease payments is the lower of the City's rate of incremental borrowing or the interest rate implicit in the lease.

### Subdivision infrastructure

Subdivision streets, lighting, sidewalks, drainage and other infrastructure is required to be provided by subdivision developers The formal assumption of Subdivision development occurs once all obligations of the subdivision agreement between the Developer and the City have complied with the satisfaction of the City Engineer and approval by City Council. The City is not involved in the construction. Subdivision infrastructure provided is recorded at its fair value at the date of receipt and is also recorded as revenue.

#### Reserves for future expenses

Certain amounts, as approved by City Council, are set aside in reserves and reserve funds for future operating and capital expenses.

### **Government transfer payments**

Government transfers are recognized as revenues by the City in the period during which the transfer is authorized and any eligibility criteria are met. Government transfers are deferred if they are restricted through stipulations that require specific actions or programs to be carried out in order to keep the transfer. For such transfers, revenue is recognized when the stipulation has been met.

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### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### **Taxation revenue**

Property tax billings are prepared by the Municipality based on assessment rolls issued by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation ("MPAC"). Tax rates are established annually by Council, incorporating amounts to be raised for local services and amounts the Municipality is required to collect on behalf of the Province of Ontario in respect of education taxes. Realty taxes are billed based on the assessment rolls provided by MPAC. Taxation revenue is recorded at the time tax billings are issued.

A normal part of the assessment process is the issue of supplementary assessment rolls which provide updated information with respect to changes in property assessment. Once a supplementary roll is received, the Municipality determines the taxes applicable and renders supplementary tax billings. Assessments of the related property taxes are subject to appeal. Any supplementary billing adjustments made necessary by the determination of such changes will be recognized in the fiscal year they are determined, and the effect shared with the Region of Niagara and school boards, as appropriate.

#### Investment income

Investment income earned on operating surplus funds and reserves and reserve funds (other than obligatory reserve funds) are recorded as revenue in the period earned. Investment income earned on obligatory reserve funds are recorded directly to each respective fund balance and forms part of the deferred revenue balance.

### Revenue recognition

Revenue for user charges and exchange transactions with performance obligations are recognized when performance obligations are met by providing the goods or services to the payor.

### Region and school board transactions

The taxation, other revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities with respect to the operations of the school boards and the Region of Niagara are not reflected in the accumulated surplus balance of these consolidated financial statements.

### **Contaminated sites**

Contaminated sites are the result of contamination being introduced in air, soil, water or sediment of a chemical, organic, or radioactive material or live organism that exceed an environmental standard. A liability for remediation of contaminated sites is recognized, net of any expected recoveries, when all of the following criteria are met: a) an environmental standard exists; b) contamination exceeds the environmental standard; c) the organization is directly responsible or accepts responsibility for the liability; d) future economic benefits will be given up; and e) a reasonable estimate of the liability can be made. Changes in this estimate are recorded in the City's statement of operations.

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### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

### **Management estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with PSAS 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 revenues and expenses during the report period. Significant estimates relate to the allowance for taxes and accounts receivable, accrued liabilities, employee future benefits, contaminated sites and the useful lives of tangible capital assets. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Financial instruments**

All financial instruments are recorded at their cost or amortized cost except for portfolio investments in equity instruments quoted in an active market and derivatives which are recorded at their fair value with unrealized remeasurement gains and losses recorded in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses. Once realized, remeasurement gains and losses are transferred to the statement of operations. Changes in the fair value on restricted assets are recognized as a liability until the criterion attached to the restrictions has been met, upon which the gain or loss is recognized in the statement of operations.

Financial liabilities (or part of a financial liability) are removed from the statement of financial position when, and only when, they are discharged or cancelled or expire.

### Asset retirement obligations

A liability for an asset retirement obligation is recognized when all of the following criteria are met:

- there is a legal obligation to incur retirement costs in relation to a tangible capital asset;
- the past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred;
- it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up; and
- a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

The liability is measured at the City's best estimate of the amount required to retire a tangible capital asset (or a component thereof) at the financial statement date. The estimate includes costs directly attributable to the asset retirement activities. The costs also include post-retirement operation, maintenance and monitoring that are an integral part of the retirement of the tangible capital asset and the costs of tangible capital assets acquired as part of asset retirement activities to the extent those assets have no alternative use.

Upon initial recognition of the liability for an asset retirement obligation, the carrying amount of the corresponding tangible capital asset (or component thereof) is increased by the same amount. The capitalized asset retirement cost is expensed in a rational and systematic manner over the useful life of the tangible capital asset (or a component thereof). For obligations for which there is no tangible capital asset recognized or for tangible capital assets that are no longer in productive use, the asset retirement costs are expensed immediately.

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### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Subsequently, the liability is reviewed at each financial statement reporting date and adjusted for (1) changes as a result of the passage of time with corresponding accretion expense and (2) adjusted for any revisions to the timing, amount of the original estimate of undiscounted cash flows, or the discount rate. Adjustments to the liability as a result of revisions to the timing, amount of the estimate of undiscounted cash flows or the discount rate are adjusted to the cost of the related tangible capital asset and the revised carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset is amortized except for adjustments related to tangible capital assets that are not recognized or no longer in productive use, which are expensed in the period they are incurred.

The asset retirement costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the related asset.

A recovery related to asset retirement obligation is recognized when the recovery can be appropriately measured; reasonably estimated and it is expected that future economic benefits will be obtained. The recovery is not netted against the liability.

### 3. Adoption of new accounting standard

Effective January 1, 2024, the City adopted the revised Public Sector Accounting Standards Section PS 3400 *Revenue*. Revised Section PS 3400 requires accounting for revenue transactions by distinguishing between transactions with and without performance obligations.

Revenue is recognized for transactions with performance obligations when the public sector entity has satisfied a performance obligation by providing goods or services to a payor in an exchange transaction.

Revenue is recognized for transactions without performance obligations when the public sector entity has the authority to collect and retains the benefit from the revenue source, with no specific obligation to provide goods or services directly in exchange.

The revenue recognition criteria is dependent on whether the transaction is an exchange or non-exchange transaction, with consideration given to enforceability and the nature of the obligations imposed.

The new guidance has been applied prospectively. As a result of this change, \$481,385 in building permit and other fees received in the fiscal year 2024 were deferred until such time that performance obligations have been met. There were no changes to the comparative period.

#### 4. Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified into three categories: fair value, amortized cost or cost.

Fair value: The City manages and reports performance for groups of financial assets on a fair-value basis. Investments traded in an active market are reflected at fair value as at the reporting date. Sales and purchases of investments are recorded on the trade date. Transaction costs related to the acquisition of investments are recorded as an expense.

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### 4. Financial instruments (continued)

Unrealized gains and losses on financial assets are recognized in the Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses until such time that the financial asset is derecognized due to disposal or impairment. At the time of derecognition, the related realized gains and losses are recognized in the Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus and related balances reversed from the Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses. There were no such financial assets held in the current or prior year.

Amortized cost: Amounts are measured using the effective interest rate method. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial asset or financial liability (or a group of financial assets or financial liabilities) and of allocating the interest income or interest expense over the relevant period, based on the effective interest rate. It is applied to financial assets or financial liabilities that are not in the fair value category and is now the method that must be used to calculate amortized cost.

Cost: Amounts are measured at cost less any amount for valuation allowance. Valuation allowances are made when collection is in doubt.

The following table provides the carrying amount information of the City's financial instruments by category. The maximum exposure to credit risk for the financial assets would be the carrying values shown below.

	2024	2024	2023	2023
	Amortized	Fair	Amortized	Fair
	cost/cost	Value	cost/cost	Value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash and cash				
equivalents	22,424,234		20,146,402	
Long-term investments	102,170,629		103,844,625	
Accounts receivable	41,603,859		19,436,470	
Accounts payable and	, ,			
accrued liabilities	(31,600,186)		(33,879,487)	
Long-term debt	(64,128,157)		(61,060,765)	
Employee benefits	(0.,.20,.01)		(5.,550,750)	
payable		(8,960,166)		(8,609,935)

#### Credit risk

The City's principal financial assets are cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and long-term investments, which are subject to credit risk. The City holds its cash accounts with a federally regulated chartered bank who is insured by the Canadian Deposit Insurance Corporation. The City's investment policy operates within the constraints of the investment guidelines laid out in the Municipal Act, 2001. For accounts receivable, the City measures its exposure to credit risk based on how long the amounts have been outstanding. An impairment allowance is set up based on the City's historical experience regarding collections.

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### 4. Financial instruments (continued)

### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the City will not be able to meet all cash outflow obligations as they come due. The City mitigates this risk by monitoring cash activities and expected outflows through extensive budgeting and maintaining sufficient cash on hand if unexpected cash outflows arise. The following table sets out the expected maturities, representing undiscounted cash-flows of its financial liabilities.

	Within	1 to 2	2 to 5	Over 5	
	1 year	years	years	years	Total
Accounts payables and accrued liabilities	\$31,600,186	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$31,600,186
	ψ31,000,100	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	ψ51,000,100
Employee benefits payable	559,725	754,641	1,031,400	6,614,400	8,960,166
	\$32,159,911	\$ 754,641	\$ 1,031,400	\$ 6,614,400	\$40,560,352

There have been no significant changes from the previous year in the exposure to risk or policies, procedures and methods used to measure that risk.

### Market risk

### Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that an investment loses value based on exchange rate fluctuations upon. The City is exposed to foreign currency risk with regard to cash balances denominated in U.S. dollars (USD). As at December 31, 2024, the City held USD \$82,712 (2023 – USD \$117,417). Additionally, the City holds U.S. denominated investments of \$200,000 (2023 - USD \$300,000). It is the City's opinion that the City is not exposed to significant foreign currency risk arising from cash balances denominated in U.S. dollars. The City has elected to recognize exchange gains and losses directly in the Statement of Operations.

### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that its fixed income investments decline in value in response to an increase in interest rates. The investment strategy at the City is based on the City's Investment policy which operates within the constraints of the investment guidelines laid out in the Municipal Act, 2001. The purchases are made through varying lengths of maturities to balance investment term exposures, to mitigate the effects of interest rate volatility, as investments mature at face value. There have been no significant changes from the previous year in the exposure to risk or policies, procedures and methods used to measure that risk. The City is also exposed to interest rate risk on its long-term debts which are regularly monitored.

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### 5. Investments

Investments in the consolidated statement of financial position are reported at cost with the exception of equity investments that are traded in the active market being reported at market value. Investments consist of guaranteed investment certificates ("GICs") with various chartered banks, bonds, as well as mutual funds and other principal protected investment instruments. As at December 31, 2024, the City does not hold any equity investments that are traded in the active market, therefore all of the City's investments are recorded at cost.

The market value of the investments at December 31, 2024 was \$90,617,971 (2023 - \$90,389,559). Management does not believe the cost base of investments that are higher than market value are permanently impaired, and therefore no write-down is required in accordance with PSAS.

### 6. Subsidiary operations

Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corp. ("Welland Hydro"), established by City council under municipal By-law 2000-90, is wholly owned by the City, and provides regulated and unregulated electric utility services.

The following table provides condensed supplementary financial information for Welland Hydro:

	_	2024		2023
Financial position Current assets Capital assets Regulatory assets	<b>\$</b>	16,677,000 50,300,000 2,660,000	\$	16,414,000 45,664,000 2,765,000
Total assets		69,637,000		64,843,000
Current liabilities Long-term debt other Long-term liabilities Regulatory balances		11,297,000 19,485,000 10,567,000 2,186,000		10,327,000 19,836,000 7,655,000 2,031,000
Total liabilities		43,535,000	_	39,849,000
Net assets	\$	26,102,000	\$	24,994,000

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### 6. Subsidiary operations (continued)

		2024	2023
Revenues Operating expenses Financing expenses Other income Net movement in regulatory balances, net of tax Income tax (expense) recovery Net earnings from operations and increase in equity investment in subsidiary	\$ 	65,401,000 \$ (61,804,000) (694,000) 321,000 (260,000) (652,000)	57,770,000 (54,480,000) (654,000) 288,000 169,000 (774,000) 2,319,000
Dividends Other comprehensive loss Change in equity	_ \$_	(1,100,000) (104,000) 1,108,000 \$	(1,000,000) (497,000) 822,000

The City has a 51% share ownership in Welland Solar Joint Venture. The remaining 49% interest is held by Welland Hydro-Electric Holding Corp. (included in the above charts).

The City's investment in Welland Hydro and Welland Solar Joint Venture is comprised of the following:

	 2024	 2023
Net assets – Welland Hydro City of Welland investment in Welland Solar Joint Venture	\$ 26,102,000 2,159,750	\$ 24,994,000 2,132,987
	\$ 28,261,750	\$ 27,126,987

The financial position information is as reported by Welland Hydro at December 31, 2024. The results of operations information is as reported by Welland Hydro for the year ended December 31, 2024.

In 2017, Welland Solar Joint Venture ("the company") obtained a 10 year promissory note from the City of Welland in the amount of \$2,000,000. The note bears interest at 4.3%, calculated and paid semi-annually with the full principal balance due at the end of the ten year term. The company will have the option to renew the loan for an additional eight years within six months of the note maturing.

### Contingencies

a) As of May 1, 2002, in order for Welland Hydro to obtain the electricity it requires to distribute to its customers, Welland Hydro was required to provide security to the Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO") based on its usage. The security obtained was a letter of credit from a financial institution which requires an interest coverage ratio of more than 1.5 and a debt capitalization ratio less than 0.6. The letter is in the amount of \$2,539,000 and incurs interest at 0.6% annually.

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### 6. Subsidiary operations (continued)

The following summarizes the City's related party transactions with Welland Hydro for the year. All transactions are in the normal course of operations, and are recorded at the exchange value based on normal commercial rates, or as agreed to by the parties.

	 2024	2023
Electricity purchased	\$ 1,194,000 \$	1,101,000
Rent paid	10,000	10,000
Dividends received	1,100,000	1,000,000
Property taxes and other taxes received	64,000	62,000
Leases and miscellaneous	15,000	16,000
Water user charges received	3,000	4,000

As at December 31, 2024, the City has an outstanding receivable from Welland Hydro of \$875,000 (2023 - \$884,000).

### 7. Credit facility

An operating line of credit of \$9,000,000 has been established with a financial institution, of which \$Nil was used at December 31, 2024 (2023 – \$Nil). Interest is calculated at prime minus an agreed upon percentage. There is no security on this line of credit.

### 8. Deferred revenue

A requirement of PSAS is that obligatory reserve funds be reported as deferred revenue. This requirement is in place as legislation restricts how these funds may be used and under certain circumstances these funds may be refunded.

The net change during the year in the legislatively restricted deferred revenue balances is as follows:

	Balance,	Restricted			
	beginning	funds	Interest	Revenue	Balance,
	of year	received	earned	recognized	end of year
,					
Development Charges Act	\$ 16,729,738	\$ 2,150,230	\$ 499,074	\$(4,330,075)	\$ 15,048,967
Lot levies and				,	
subdivider contributions	6,205,465	1,659,985	159,823	(1,610,597)	6,414,676
Recreational land (planning act)	6,110,725	1,667,832	254,080	(138,267)	7,894,370
Canada Community Building Fund	2,746,543	1,778,624	82,510	(835,097)	3,772,580
Building provision replacement	2,730,508	342,951	80,460	(7,526)	3,146,393
Young Sportsplex	217,869	218,123	<u>-</u>	(217,869)	218,123
2024 Total	\$ 34,740,848	\$ 7,817,745	\$ 1,075,947	\$(7,139,431)	\$ 36,495,109
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2023 Total	\$ 34,261,147	\$ 8,966,737	\$ 1,108,800	\$(9,595,836)	\$ 34,740,848

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### 9. Asset retirement obligation

The City has recorded an asset retirement obligation as of the January 1, 2022 implementation date on a modified retroactive basis, with a simplified restatement of prior year amounts.

The City discounts significant obligations where there is a high degree of confidence on the amount and timing of cash flows and the obligation will not be settled for at least five years from the reporting date. The discount and inflation rate is reflective of the risks specific to the asset retirement liability.

As at December 31, 2024, all liabilities for asset retirement obligations are reported at estimated present value.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending aggregate carrying amount of the asset retirement obligation liability is below.

		2024	_	2023
Liabilities for asset retirement obligations at beginning of year Change in liability due to (decretion) accretion	\$ _	432,270 (38,573)	\$_	416,267 16,003
Liabilities for asset retirement obligations at end of year	\$_	393,697	\$_	432,270

### 10. Long-term debt

a) The balance for long-term debt reported on the consolidated statement of financial position is comprised of the following:

	 2024	 2023
The City has assumed responsibility for the payment of principal and interest charges on certain long-term debt issued by the Regional Municipality of Niagara (Note 10(b)).	\$ 64,087,656	\$ 61,009,328
Due to the City of Port Colborne, bearing interest of 4.3% per annum repayable in annual instalments of \$4,113 commencing August 24, 2019, due August 24, 2028.	8,278	10,139
Due to the City of Port Colborne, bearing interest of 3.5% per annum repayable in annual instalments of \$6,012 commencing June 15, 2018, due June 15, 2027.	9,441	12,377
Due to the Town of Pelham, bearing interest of 4.3% per annum repayable in annual instalments of \$3,897 commencing June 15, 2019, due June 15, 2028.	7,906	9,683
Due to the Town of Pelham, bearing interest of 3.5% per annum repayable in annual instalments of \$5,411 commencing June 15, 2018, due June 15, 2027.	8,497	11,140

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### 10. Long-term debt (continued)

Due to the Township of Wainfleet, bearing interest of 4.3% per annum repayable in annual instalments of \$1,515 commencing June 15, 2019, due June 15, 2028.

**3,075** 3,766

Due to the Township of Wainfleet, bearing interest of 3.5% per annum repayable in annual instalments of \$2,190 commencing June 15, 2018, due June 15, 2027.

**3,304** 4,332

**64,128,157** \$ 61,060,765

64,087,656

b) Long-term debt issued by the Regional Municipality of Niagara is comprised of:

Debenture			Maturity	2024	2023
number	Purpose	Interest rates	dates	\$	\$
85-2004	Civic Square	5.57	2024	-	843,514
40-2014	LED Streetlights	3.00	2024	-	117,123
78-2014	Various	1.20-3.30	2024	-	349,091
134-2011	River Rd MSC	4.08	2038	8,848,000	9,480,000
61-2015	Various	1.15-2.80	2025	207,000	612,000
115-2012	WIFC	2.88	2035	2,785,035	3,038,220
73-2016	LED Streetlights	2.29	2026	288,859	428,429
37-2016	Various	1.20-2.40	2026	883,379	1,310,872
51-2017	Various	1.20-2.45	2027	1,115,213	1,470,918
59-2018	Various	2.05-3.15	2028	4,339,000	5,347,000
14-2019	Various	1.95-2.45	2029	2,401,608	2,851,300
59-2020	Various	0.55-1.56	2030	3,194,000	3,705,000
52-2021	Various	0.40-2.10	2031	15,019,000	17,051,000
61-2022	Various	3.35-4.15	2032	13,006,562	14,404,861
40-2024	Various	3.95-4.50	2034	12,000,000	-

c) Principal repayments in each of the next five years are due as follows:

2025	\$ 8,548,049
2026	8,521,348
2027	8,109,392
2028	7,901,514
2029	6,919,605
2030 and thereafter	24,128,249
	\$ 64,128,157

The City paid \$1,716,272 (2023 - \$1,940,015) interest on long-term debt during the year.

61,009,328

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### 11. Employee future benefits

	_	2024	2023
Post-retirement benefits Other	<b>\$</b>	8,677,200 282,966	\$ 8,333,400 276,535
	\$	8,960,166	\$ 8,609,935

Employees who retire under the Ontario Municipal Employee Retirement System Act ("OMERS Act") early retirement provisions are eligible to receive medical and dental benefits to the age of sixty-five and life insurance benefits to age seventy. Total benefit payments for retirees during the year were \$133,904 (2023 - \$164,806).

In addition, under the sick leave benefit plan, for firefighters and grandfathered full time employees, unused sick leave can accumulate, and employees may become entitled to a cash payment when they leave the City's employment. The liability is for these accumulated days, to the extent they have vested and could be taken in cash by an employee on terminating employment. An amount of \$39,318 (2023 - \$26,370) was paid to employees who left the City's employment during the current year for sick leave benefits.

The most recent actuarial valuation of the post-employment benefits was performed at December 31, 2024 using the projected unit credit method.

The post-employment benefit liability at December 31 includes the following components:

	 2024	 2023
Actuarial determined accrued benefit obligation Unamortized actuarial gains	\$ 7,075,800 1,601,400	\$ 6,561,600 1,771,800
	\$ 8,677,200	\$ 8,333,400

The current actuarial valuation is based on a number of assumptions about future events, such as inflation rates, interest rates, medical inflation rates, wage and salary increases, and employee turnover and mortality. The assumptions used reflect the City's best estimates; however actual experience may vary from these estimates. The main actuarial assumptions employed for the valuation are as follows:

### Salary increase

Salary increase	
Firefighters	2.5% per annum
Non-firefighters	2.0% per annum
Discount rate at January 1, 2024	4.6%
Discount rate at December 31, 2024	4.6%
Medical cost increases	
First year	8.0%
Decreasing 1% per annum to	5.0%

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### 11. Employee future benefits (continued)

Expected rate of dental cost increase

First year 6.0% Decreasing 1% per annum to 3.0%

Estimated average remaining service life

of the employee group 10.4 years

The post-employment benefit (income) expense is reported on the consolidated statement of operations in the various functional categories. Composition of the amount is as follows:

	 2024	 2023
Current year benefit cost Curtailment gain Amortization of actuarial gains Interest on post benefit liability	\$ 463,600 - (170,400) 317,000	\$ 443,500 (188,500) 294,400
	\$ 610,200	\$ 594,400

As at December 31, 2024, the City has a sick leave reserve of \$40,304 (2023 - \$40,304) (Note 14).

### 12. Tangible capital assets

The net book values of tangible capital assets are as follows:

	<b>2024</b> 2023
Land and land improvements Buildings Roads and bridges Water and waste water infrastructure Vehicles Computer hardware and software Machinery and equipment Assets under capital lease	\$ 36,937,609  \$ 30,768,968  74,823,349  72,792,038  117,843,971  106,716,270  154,513,228  9,904,855  8,886,197  908,118  1,357,121  4,731,466  4,260,564  17,562  19,967
	<b>\$ 399,680,158 \$</b> 359,642,047
13. Other assets	<b>2024</b> 2023
Prepaid expenses Inventory	<b>\$ 160,718</b> \$ 102,514 <b>85,362</b> 84,728
	<b>\$ 246,080</b> \$ 187,242

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14. Accumulated surplus	
0	<b>2024</b> 2023
Surplus City	<b>\$ 31,827,504</b> \$ 12,427,623
Welland Public Library	<b>725,823</b> 785,939
North Welland Business Improvement Area	<b>126,326</b> 152,825
Welland Downtown Business Improvement Area	<b>93,984</b> 100,207
Niagara Central Airport Commission	<b>(361,105)</b> (325,134)
Youngs Sportsplex	178,031 178,031
rounge openopiex	170,001
	<b>32,590,563</b> 13,319,491
Investment in tangible capital assets	<b>399,680,158</b> 359,642,047
Investment in subsidiary	<b>28,261,750</b> 27,126,987
Unfunded	
Long-term debt	<b>(64,128,157)</b> (61,060,765)
Obligations under capital lease	<b>(4,110)</b> (8,885)
Employee benefit obligations	<b>(8,960,166)</b> (8,609,935)
	<u>(73,092,433)</u> (69,679,585)
Reserve and reserve funds (Note 15)	<b>80,499,146</b> 72,186,870
	<b>\$ 467,939,184 \$ 402,595,810</b>
15. Reserve and reserve funds	<b>2024</b> 2023
Reserves set aside for specific purposes by Council	<b>c</b> 074 242 <b>c</b> 000 507
Integrated library systems	<b>\$ 874,242</b> \$ 808,597
Bequests	<b>5,000</b> 10,000
	<b>970 2/2</b> 919 507
	<b>879,242</b> 818,597
Reserve funds set aside for specific purposes by Council	<b>879,242</b> 818,597
Reserve funds set aside for specific purposes by Council Sick leave	
Sick leave	<b>40,304</b> 40,304
Sick leave Workers' Safety Insurance Board Capital expenditure	
Sick leave Workers' Safety Insurance Board	<b>40,304</b> 40,304
Sick leave Workers' Safety Insurance Board Capital expenditure Courthouse maintenance Parks and recreation	<b>40,304</b> 40,304 <b>691,785</b> 668,044 <b>153,497</b> 98,372 <b>113,730</b> 104,553
Sick leave Workers' Safety Insurance Board Capital expenditure Courthouse maintenance Parks and recreation Economic development	40,304 40,304 691,785 668,044 153,497 98,372 113,730 104,553 19,352,713 9,035,842
Sick leave Workers' Safety Insurance Board Capital expenditure Courthouse maintenance Parks and recreation Economic development Fire	40,304 40,304 691,785 668,044 153,497 98,372 113,730 104,553 19,352,713 9,035,842 8,337 8,337
Sick leave Workers' Safety Insurance Board Capital expenditure Courthouse maintenance Parks and recreation Economic development Fire Airport	40,304 40,304 691,785 668,044 153,497 98,372 113,730 104,553 19,352,713 9,035,842 8,337 8,337 86,646 86,646
Sick leave Workers' Safety Insurance Board Capital expenditure Courthouse maintenance Parks and recreation Economic development Fire Airport Fleet	40,304 40,304 691,785 668,044 153,497 98,372 113,730 104,553 19,352,713 9,035,842 8,337 8,337 86,646 86,646 799,885 558,592
Sick leave Workers' Safety Insurance Board Capital expenditure Courthouse maintenance Parks and recreation Economic development Fire Airport Fleet Parking	40,304 40,304 691,785 668,044 153,497 98,372 113,730 104,553 19,352,713 9,035,842 8,337 8,337 86,646 86,646 799,885 558,592 22,657 12,657
Sick leave Workers' Safety Insurance Board Capital expenditure Courthouse maintenance Parks and recreation Economic development Fire Airport Fleet Parking Sports and culture	40,304 40,304 691,785 668,044 153,497 98,372 113,730 104,553 19,352,713 9,035,842 8,337 8,337 86,646 86,646 799,885 558,592 22,657 12,657 292 905,292
Sick leave Workers' Safety Insurance Board Capital expenditure Courthouse maintenance Parks and recreation Economic development Fire Airport Fleet Parking Sports and culture Municipal incentive grants	40,304       40,304         691,785       668,044         153,497       98,372         113,730       104,553         19,352,713       9,035,842         8,337       8,337         86,646       86,646         799,885       558,592         22,657       12,657         292       905,292         766,994       966,994
Sick leave Workers' Safety Insurance Board Capital expenditure Courthouse maintenance Parks and recreation Economic development Fire Airport Fleet Parking Sports and culture Municipal incentive grants Recreational canal lands	40,304 691,78540,304 668,044153,497 113,73098,372 104,55319,352,713 8,337 86,646 799,885 22,657 292 766,994 14,143,56390,35,842 86,646 19,885 12,657 12,657 12,657 14,048,667
Sick leave Workers' Safety Insurance Board Capital expenditure Courthouse maintenance Parks and recreation Economic development Fire Airport Fleet Parking Sports and culture Municipal incentive grants	40,304       40,304         691,785       668,044         153,497       98,372         113,730       104,553         19,352,713       9,035,842         8,337       8,337         86,646       86,646         799,885       558,592         22,657       12,657         292       905,292         766,994       966,994

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15.	Reserve and I	reserve funds	(continued)
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Insurance YSP sustainability Downtown Brownfield Capital surplus Infrastructure renewal Atlas landfill Tax reduction Clerks Affordable housing Arena	1,490,948 7,580,088 1,109,417 4,986,197 12,058,761 3,177,618 786,929 231,552 676,000 50,000 79,619,904	1,490,948 7,314,402 1,329,417 5,080,461 12,418,649 3,260,066 786,929 184,844 676,000
Continuity of reserves and reserve funds balance, Beginning of year	72,186,870	68,940,151
Other revenue Transfers in from	11,086,212	6,266,433
Operating revenue	1,257,812	7,986,577
Capital purposes	2,745,332	1,239,661
	<u>15,089,346</u>	<u>15,492,671</u>
Transfers out for		
Operational purposes	4,342,067	6,785,956
Capital purposes	2,435,003	5,459,996
	6,777,070	12,245,952
Balance, end of year	\$ 80,499,146	\$ 72,186,870

### 16. Collections for the Region of Niagara and school boards

Total taxation, user charges and development charges received or receivable on behalf of the Region of Niagara and the school boards were as follows:

	_	2024	 2023
Region of Niagara (Schedule 2) School boards (Schedule 2)	\$	53,979,507 13,015,453	\$ 51,486,233 12,765,504
	\$	66,994,960	\$ 64,251,737

The City is required to levy and collect taxes on behalf of the Region of Niagara and the school boards. These taxes are recorded as revenue at the amounts levied. The taxes levied over (under) the amounts requisitioned are recorded as accounts payable (receivable).

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### 16. Collections for the Region of Niagara and school boards (continued)

The City also collects development charges on behalf of the Region of Niagara amounting to \$8,554,756 in 2024 (2023 - \$7,389,805). Development charges collected in excess of those paid to the Region are recorded as accounts payable.

### 17. Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport Commission

Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport Commission operates a two runway airport offering a year round fixed base operation. The Commission is funded by the four nearby municipalities: City of Welland, City of Port Colborne, Town of Pelham and the Township of Wainfleet. The City of Welland has a non-controlling interest in the airport of 55%.

The following table provides condensed supplementary financial information for Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport Commission:

Financial position	2024	 2023
Financial assets Financial liabilities Net assets (debt)	\$ 250,864 <u>839,332</u> (588,468)	\$ 365,907 879,891 (513,984)
Non-financial assets	2,114,441	 2,153,378
Accumulated surplus	\$ 1,525,973	\$ 1,639,394
Revenues Expenses	\$ 432,881 (546,302)	\$ 321,928 (312,042)
Investment in subsidiary	\$ (113,421)	\$ 9,886

The financial position information is as reported by the Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport Commission as at December 31, 2024 and the results of operations are as reported for the year ended December 31, 2024.

The City has recorded in the financial statements its 55% share of the Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport Commissions' assets, liabilities, accumulated surplus, revenues, expenses, and annual surplus.

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### 17. Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport Commission (continued)

The following summarizes the City's related party transactions with the Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport Commission for the year. All transactions are in the normal course of operations, and are recorded at the exchange value based on normal commercial rates, or as agreed to by the parties.

	2024	2023
Note payable, bearing interest at 3.75% per annum, repayable in annual blended installments of \$4,363 commencing July 1, 2023, due July 1, 2038.	\$ 555,708	\$ 584,213
Note payable, bearing interest at 4.3% per annum, repayable in annual instalments of \$12,123 commencing June 15, 2019, due June 15, 2028.	44,722	54,774
Note payable, bearing interest of 3.5% per annum, repayable in annual instalments of \$16,533 commencing June 15, 2018, due June 15, 2027.	47,204	61,887
Grants	95,070	85,123

### 18. Trust fund

The trust fund administered by the City, amounting to \$717,147 (2023 - \$692,450), has not been included in the consolidated statement of financial position, nor have their financial activities been included in the consolidated statement of operations.

### 19. Classification of expenditures by object

The Consolidated Statement of Operations presents the expenditures by function, whereas the following classifies those same expenditures by object:

	_	2024	 2023
Salaries, wages and employee benefits Net long-term debt charges Materials, services and other Rents and finance expenses External transfers (Decretion) accretion of asset retirement obligation Amortization	\$	44,121,080 1,898,186 39,402,658 3,662,202 1,096,426 (38,572) 12,553,098	\$ 41,072,861 2,738,615 53,897,584 2,745,286 866,955 16,003 11,554,860
	\$	102,695,078	\$ 112,892,164

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### 20. Contingencies

Certain property owners in the City of Welland have been successful in appealing their tax assessments with the result that previous years' taxes will eventually be refunded. Based on the results of these appeals it is likely that additional taxes for years up to 2024 will also be subject to appeal and it is further likely that these taxes will be refunded.

Although an estimate cannot be made of the contingent liability, the City has provided \$500,000 (2023 - \$500,000) as an allowance for doubtful accounts. The amount of loss will be recorded in the year in which the settlement occurs.

### Litigation

The City is involved from time to time in litigation, which arises in the normal course of business. In respect of any outstanding claims, the City believes that insurance coverage is adequate and that no material exposure exists on the eventual settlement of such litigation, therefore no provision has been made in these consolidated financial statements.

### 21. Budget amounts

The operating budget, the tax rate supported capital budgets to establish the tax rates for the year and the water and wastewater operating budget were approved by Council on December 5, 2023.

An amount for amortization expense has been added and is based on management's best estimate of amortization expense determined at the beginning of the year. Amortization expense was not included in the original council approved budget.

Amounts included in the original council approved capital budget which are not recognized as tangible capital assets are included in consolidated statement of operations under the appropriate functional expense category, while those recognized as tangible capital assets are include in the consolidated statement of change in net financial assets.

### 22. Liability for contaminated sites

The City has recorded a liability of \$125,000 (2023 - \$125,000) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities for City owned sites which contained elevated levels of elements in the soil. The liability estimate of \$125,000 for the sites identified were based on the environmental assessment conducted by a third-party engineering firm and cost of possible remediation alternatives. Estimated recoveries are expected to be \$Nil.

#### Landfill

The City owns and monitors one closed landfill site and is legally required to perform postclosure maintenance and monitoring activities. Currently, an area of this landfill has been remediated to prepare the site for a future park. The remaining area of the site is under postclosure maintenance and monitoring activities. The costs for any further remediation cannot be reasonably estimated at this time and, therefore, no liability has been recorded related to the remediation costs in the consolidated statement of financial position as of December 31, 2024.

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### 23. Segmented information

### **General government**

The City of Welland is known officially as "The Rose City", Welland is home to over 50,000 residents who represent a blend of many different cultures. Our community is the proud host of an abundance of investment and recreational opportunities and conveniently located in the centre of Niagara Region. The City of Welland is a truly unique canal city blessed with post-secondary opportunities, health care facilities, and commercial amenities that offer big city resources with small town charm.

Our vision is to be the municipality that other municipalities measure themselves by; to be the benchmark. Our mission is to plan and provide for a vibrant, safe community that promotes healthy living and supports business growth; to respond to the needs of our diverse community in a timely, innovative and effective manner, through teamwork and partnerships; and to advocate for strong liveable cities on issues impacting Welland. Welland embraces progress, and its historical significance in Ontario's past.

This segment includes general revenues and expenses as well as the Mayor and Council operations and the Chief Administrative Officer ("CAO"), City Clerks, Corporate Services, and Human Resources Departments.

The CAO's Office is responsible for corporate leadership and direction of the general management of the corporation as well as participating in the overall stewardship of the City.

The Communications Division is part of the CAO's Office and oversees communications with community and internal and external stakeholders, facilitates increased awareness of issues that affect the community, and fosters community involvement through the development of communications strategies.

The Office of the City Clerk is part of the CAO's Office and is responsible for various corporate and administrative functions and is in frequent contact with all City departments, elected officials, other levels of government and the general public.

The Legal Division is part of the office of the City Clerk. The Legal Division oversees legal support services and liaises with external legal counsel, all City Departments, the registry office, courts, tribunals, and other boards or agencies that deal with legal proceedings affecting the Corporation.

The Corporate Services Department directs all Finance, Human Resources, Information Services and Purchasing operations; performs statutory duties of the City Treasurer under the Ontario Municipal Act, Municipal By-laws and Council policies; provides financial analysis and reporting services to Council; and the department imparts financial and purchasing assistance to all departments, residents and Welland City Council. It also provides and/or manages tax and utility billing services to the residents and businesses of the City. The Finance Division administers all the accounting and financial services for the City.

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### 23. Segmented information (continued)

Responsibilities of the Human Resources Department are to foster consistent, fair and equitable employee and labour relations in the workplace. Human Resources defines, implements and monitors activities which positively influence the effectiveness of employees as they work towards achieving organizational goals and objectives. The Human Resources Department is also part of Corporate Services.

Information Services Division is a part of Corporate Services. The Information Services Division of the City of Welland offers innovative system solutions, robust modern technology, strong data management, reliable telephones and telecommunication infrastructure, and helps City Departments meet their information processing and communication needs.

### Protection to persons and property

Protection is the City of Welland Fire and Emergency Services department's responsibility. The men and women of the Welland Fire Department are dedicated professionals whose mission is to protect the residents, employers, and visitors of the City of Welland from the consequences of fires and other emergencies. This mission encompasses the "Three Lines of Defense" which are Education, Enforcement and development of fire safety codes, and Emergency Response.

Part of Planning and Development Services, the Building and Inspection Division reviews plans and conducts inspections for permits, unsafe buildings and property standards complaints in accordance with the Ontario Building Code Act. By-law complaints, licensing for plumbers and businesses and administration of the SWAP and LASSR programs are also handled by this Division.

### **Transportation services**

This segment maintains and provides services for roadways, sidewalks, street lighting, traffic & parking control.

The Roads Section repairs and maintains City roadways, curbs, catch basins, culverts, and sidewalks. It also deals with drainage concerns in ditches and watercourses. This Section also provides winter plowing and sand/salt applications.

The Fleet Maintenance Section provides for all of the vehicle and equipment needs for the City. This involves licensed mechanics for repairs, parts and stores operations, as well as the preparation of specifications and tenders for equipment purchasing.

Traffic Operations and Safety primarily deals with the evaluation of existing roadways. Staff reviews roadways for safety and operational issues including traffic signals. Other areas of review include speeding, all-way stop requests, collisions, traffic and parking signage, traffic and parking bylaw administration and the traffic data collection and analysis.

Parking Operations oversees all maintenance and operations of the City's Parking Lots and onstreet parking locations. In addition, staff reviews requests for on-street parking regulations.

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### 23. Segmented information (continued)

Street Lighting is the responsibility of the City. Staff reviews existing and new street light locations.

Parking Enforcement staff issue infractions under the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 89-2000. These infractions include violations relating to Disabled Parking, Private Property, Fire Routes, Restricted.

Parking Zones and enforcement within the Municipal Parking Lots and on-street paid parking locations.

School Crossing Guard Operations consist of numerous locations throughout the City and 35 staff members. Staff reviews existing and new locations to identify the need for added protection for pedestrians.

Transportation Planning reviews the impacts on existing and new roadways and the roadway design requirements needed through Commercial and Residential Development.

#### **Environmental services**

This division includes waterworks, wastewater and storm sewers, including the maintenance of watermain and wastewater sewers and the operation of the water system, water metering and the wastewater system.

The Water/Wastewater Section operates the water and wastewater system with provincially-licensed operators to maintain water quality and sampling, repair watermain breaks, flush watermains, clean and unplug sewers, replace water/wastewater service connections, and maintain water meters.

#### **Health services**

This segment includes the cemeteries operated by the City.

### Social and family services

This segment includes the Welland Community Wellness Complex (WCWC).

### Recreation and cultural services

This Division delivers Parks, Facilities and Leisure Programs and Services to the City. The Division is committed to working together to protect, support and enrich the quality of life of the people who live with and play in the City of Welland.

Facilities Division is responsible for the physical amenities including repairs and maintenance of several facilities, including the Civic Square, Museum, Fire Halls, Courthouse, WCWC, Arenas and Community Halls; maintain and repair of numerous playgrounds and multiple swimming pools, splash pad and wading pools; and responsible for building operations including security, caretaking and energy management.

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### 23. Segmented information (continued)

The Parks Division is responsible for care and maintenance of numerous community parks and parkettes, sports fields and horticulture displays. The Parks Division also operates two City owned cemeteries. Winter operations include outdoor rinks and snow removal at numerous City owned Parks and Facilities. Forestry Crew take care of planting, trimming and removing dead dying or diseased trees on City boulevards, parks and naturalization areas throughout the City.

The Leisure Services Division includes Recreation Program Development, Community Development, Community Arenas, Playing Fields, Playgrounds, Halls and Market Square, and Marketing, Promotion and Public Awareness.

The functions of Recreation Program Development include Children, Youth, Adult, Older Adults; Aquatic; Summer Camp and Special Interest; Community Development includes Accessibility Advisory Committee and Consultation with Community Groups.

### Planning and development

The Planning Division is responsible for the administration, review and processing of various Applications submitted under the Planning Act to include preparation of various Agreements and By-laws for approval of Council. Mapping, Property matters and various other studies/programs are also dealt with by the Division.

The Welland Development Commission (WDC) was established in 1963 as a non-profit economic development corporation that is an arm of the City. The WDC is funded by the City and corporate sponsors and is composed of chamber appointees, citizen appointees, members of council and two full time staff.

The WDC actively recruits new businesses and industries interested in establishing or expanding their enterprises in the City, as well as building working relationships with local businesses. It also promotes new business and investment opportunities within the City and will provide the business community with information and assistance with their respective needs and concerns.

For each reported segment, revenues and expenses represent both amounts that are directly attributable to the segment and amounts that are allocated on a reasonable basis. Taxation revenue is allocated to segments based on the portion of taxation dollars budgeted to each segment.

The accounting policies used in these segments are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the unconsolidated financial statements as disclosed in Note 2.

Schedule 1 – Segment information Year ended December 31, 2024

	General government	Protection to persons and property	Transportation services	Environmental services	Health <u>services</u>	Social and family services	Recreational and cultural services	Planning and development	2024 Consolidated
Revenue	A 40.057.040	<b>A</b> 44007474		<b>.</b>			<b>A</b> 40 000 000		<b>A</b> 54 700 450
Taxation	\$ 10,257,013	\$ 14,327,171				\$ 2,341,088 442	\$ 13,332,986		
User charges Grants	567,479 3,898,412	1,867,072 460,000	506,668 2,796,256	37,971,823 1,769,858	87,789	442	1,513,793 337,588	807,991 7,833	43,323,057 9,269,947
Other	7,913,879	2,083,152	4,468,550	854,687	54,668	22,640	3,048,274	31,574,476	50,020,326
Revenue recognized on contribute	, ,	2,003,132	4,400,330	034,007	34,000	22,040	3,040,274	31,374,470	30,020,320
subdivision infrastructure	- -	_	12,490,900	-	_	-	_	-	12,490,900
Equity earnings in subsidiary	1,134,763	_	-	-	-	_	_	_	1,134,763
	23,771,546	18,737,395	29,648,228	40,936,725	143,370	2,364,170	18,232,641	34,204,377	168,038,452
Expenses									
Salaries, wages and									
employee benefits	7,311,127	13,282,576	8,556,169	3,022,707	118,426	71,003	9,967,578	1,791,494	44,121,080
Net long-term debt charges	1,011,072	-	17,257	494,125	-	-	375,732	-	1,898,186
Materials, services and other	7,254,252	2,163,275	842,933	27,328,527	24,691	471,766	(21,483)	1,338,697	39,402,658
Rents and finance expenses	3,631,642	-	-	-	-	-	30,560	-	3,662,202
External transfers	1,096,426	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,096,426
Accretion of Asset retirement									
obligation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	340	<u>-</u>	-		(38,912)	-	(38,572)
Amortization	1,372,976	1,119,295	4,447,431	2,748,275	40,687	272,875	2,508,429	43,130	12,553,098
	<u>21,677,495</u>	<u>16,565,146</u>	<u>13,864,130</u>	33,593,634	183,804	<u>815,644</u>	12,821,904	3,173,321	102,695,078
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$2,094,051	\$ 2,172,249	\$ 15,784,098	\$ 7,343,091	\$ (40,434)	\$ 1,548,526	\$ 5,410,737	\$ 31,031,056	\$ 65,343,374

## **Corporation of the City of Welland** Schedules to Consolidated Statement of Operations Schedule 1 – Segment information

Year ended December 31, 2023

	General government	Protection to persons and property	Transportation services	Environmental services	Health services	Social and family services	Recreational and cultural services	Planning and development	2023 Consolidated
Revenue Taxation	\$ 8,400,486	\$ 12,677,097	\$ 16,608,820	\$ 211,860	\$ 19,708	\$ 1,128,276	\$ 8,425,121	\$ 1,798,343	\$ 49,269,711
User charges	624,641	2,874,370	304,403	33.954.268	103,051	48	1.268.261	750,741	39.879.783
Grants	3,948,900	2,014,010	6,980,385	1,189,765	100,001		2,081,138	100,083	14,300,271
Other	8,110,949	(193,077)	(224,780)	, ,	33,030	13,983	4,859,845	7,244,056	23,092,060
Revenue recognized on contribute		(100,011)	(221,100)	0,2 10,00 1	00,000	10,000	1,000,010	7,211,000	20,002,000
subdivision infrastructure	- -	_	10,932,550	-	-	_	_	_	10,932,550
Equity earnings in subsidiary	846,253	_	-	-	-	=	-	-	846,253
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Expenses Salaries, wages and									
employee benefits	6,636,788	12,646,185	8,166,464	3,033,704	117,330	73,439	8,923,162	1,475,789	41,072,861
Net long-term debt charges	1,646,647	-	10,921	680,381	-	-	400,666	-	2,738,615
Materials, services and other	7,944,779	3,006,826	6,769,831	27,120,036	16,128	394,647	7,473,212	1,172,125	53,897,584
Rents and finance expenses	2,714,878	-	=	-	=	-	30,408	=	2,745,286
External transfers	866,955		-	-	-	-	-	-	866,955
Accretion of Asset retirement									
obligation	-	-	853	-	-	-	15,150	-	16,003
Amortization	1,066,328	<u>851,383</u>	4,360,172	2,532,876	40,687	267,871	2,392,413	43,130	<u>11,554,860</u>
	20,876,375	<u>16,504,394</u>	19,308,241	33,366,997	174,145	735,957	19,235,011	2,691,044	112,892,164
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$1,054,854	\$ (1,146,004)	\$ 15,293,137	\$ 5,236,950	\$ (18,356)	\$ 406,350	\$ (2,600,646)	\$ 7,202,179	\$ 25,428,464

Schedule 2 – Taxation revenue Year ended December 31, 2024

Taxation		Budget 2024 (Note 21)		Actual 2024		Actual 2023
Real property	\$	113,950,383	\$	117,327,488	\$_	111,939,949
From other governments Public Works St. Lawrence Seaway Authority Niagara College and Hospital Hydro One Networks Inc. Ministry of Government Services Municipal enterprises Railways Regional Municipality of Niagara	_	30,900 57,800 476,500 145,600 152,000 61,000 127,000 430,000 1,480,800		33,649 66,181 438,525 135,664 138,969 63,687 129,064 461,192 1,466,931		32,938 63,730 438,525 129,118 330,897 62,256 132,141 391,894 1,581,499
Less: taxation collected on behalf of Region of Niagara School boards		(51,420,807) (12,615,999)		(53,979,507) (13,015,453)		(51,486,233) (12,765,504)
Net taxes available for municipal purposes	\$	51,394,377	\$_	51,799,459	\$	49,269,711
Residential and farm Multi-residential Commercial Industrial Local improvements Business Improvements Area  Net taxes available for municipal purposes	\$ 	39,331,079 2,401,218 6,504,679 3,003,158 19 154,224 51,394,377	\$ 	39,453,237 2,462,065 6,671,539 3,007,606 24,099 180,913 51,799,459	\$ 	37,515,277 2,327,034 6,326,097 2,920,370 20 180,913 49,269,711

Schedule 3 – User charges & Grants revenue Year ended December 31, 2024

	 Budget <u>2024</u> (Note 21)		Actual 2024	 Actual 2023
User charges Operating Fees, service charges and donations Water billings Wastewater billings Licenses and permits	\$ 5,932,598 15,508,466 21,735,680 108,000	\$	5,184,479 15,661,636 22,310,187 166,755	\$ 5,783,280 14,568,404 19,385,778 142,321
	\$ 43,284,744	\$	43,323,057	\$ 39,879,783
Grants Operating Province of Ontario Government of Canada Other municipalities Other	\$ 4,099,589 - - 23,000 4,122,589	\$	4,159,878 15,268 42,311 22,333 4,239,790	\$ 4,194,193 25,000 126,389 31,500 4,377,082
Capital Province of Ontario Government of Canada Other	\$ 4,633,090 3,461,176 1,062,598 9,156,864 13,279,453	<u> </u>	3,996,126 839,555 194,476 5,030,157 9,269,947	\$ 4,646,957 5,144,851 131,381 9,923,189 14,300,271

Schedule 4 – Other revenue Year ended December 31, 2024

		Budget 2024 (Note 21)	Actual 2024		Actual 2023
Other revenue					
Operating	_			•	4 400 700
Penalties and interest on taxes	\$	1,450,000	\$ 1,854,149	\$	1,420,729
Fines		492,534	602,850		444,052
Rent and leases		767,235	919,009		819,357
Investment income		4,026,250	5,970,940		5,974,411
Cost sharing		160,800	102,832		127,079
Other		2,706,101	7,152,430		8,127,737
		9,602,920	16,602,210		16,913,36 <u>5</u>
Capital					
Cost sharing		-	2,408,003		4,743,327
Other		4,390,200	932,665		5,654,973
Gain (loss) on disposal of tangible		,,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		-,,-
capital assets		_	30,077,448		(4,219,605)
capital accord		4,390,200	33,418,116		6,178,695
		+,000,200	 33,410,110	-	0,170,000
	\$	13,993,120	\$ 50,020,326	\$	23,092,060

## Corporation of the City of Welland Schedule 5 - Consolidated Schedule of Long-Term Debt

Year ended December 31, 2024

		2024		2023
Municipal debt				
General government				
General government	\$	2,450,131	\$	3,510,009
Protection to persons and property				
Fire		763,705		982,425
Transportation services				
Roadways		22,318,751		19,273,167
Transit		-		
_ LED streetlighting		288,859		545,552
Environmental services				<b>-</b> 000 040
Sanitary sewer system		8,166,822		7,209,618
Storm sewer system		1,284,712		1,044,401
Waterworks system		11,396,133		9,740,450
Recreational and cultural services		47 440 540		40 700 700
Parks and recreation		17,418,543		18,703,706
Planning and development				
Market	-			
		64,087,656		61,009,328
Other				
Due to City of Port Colborne, Town of Pelham and		40.501		51 <i>1</i> 27
Township of Wainfleet		40,301	-	51,437
	\$	64,128,157	\$	61,060,765

## **Corporation of the City of Welland** Schedule 6 - Consolidated Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets Year ended December 31, 2024

	Land and land <u>improvements</u>	Buildings	Roads and bridges	Water and wastewater infrastructure	Vehicles	Computer hardware and software	Machinery and equipment	Assets under capital lease	2024 <u>Total</u>
Cost Balance, beginning of year Add: additions during year Add: contributed subdivision	\$ 54,522,261 798,716	109,514,607 31,071	134,081,029 13,559,219	166,730,873 5,405,965	17,464,910 2,426,800	5,147,891 532,982	14,666,437 1,467,212	49,512 -	502,177,520 24,221,965
Infrastructure Less: disposals during year Balance, end of year	864,537 54,456,440	109,545,678	2,162,370 - 149,802,618	10,328,530  182,465,368	1,173,047 18,718,663	261,786 5,419,087	513,989 15,619,660	49,512	12,490,900 2,813,359 536,077,026
Accumulated amortization Balance, beginning of year	25,682,145	36,913,927	72,930,623	53,690,312	8,578,713	4,292,463	10,405,873	29,545	212,523,601
Add: amortization Less: accumulated amortization	1,093,092	2,696,740	3,532,516	2,480,106	1,264,698	480,292	1,003,249	2,405	12,553,098
of disposals Balance, end of year	26,775,237	39,610,667	76,463,139	56,170,418	1,029,603 8,813,808	261,786 4,510,969	511,953 10,897,169	31,950	1,803,342 223,273,357
Net book value	27,681,203	69,935,011	73,339,479	126,294,950	9,904,855	908,118	4,722,491	17,562	312,803,669
Assets under construction	9,256,406	4,888,338	44,504,492	28,218,278		=	<u>8,975</u>		86,876,489
	\$ 36,937,609	\$ 74,823,349	\$ 117,843,971	\$ 154,513,228	\$ 9,904,855	\$ 908,118	\$4,731,466	\$ 17,562	\$399,680,158

## **Corporation of the City of Welland** Schedule 6 - Consolidated Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets Year ended December 31, 2023

	Land and land improvements	Buildings	Roads and bridges	_	Water and wastewater infrastructure	_	Vehicles	ł _	Computer hardware and software	M	achinery and equipment		Assets under capital lease	2023 Total
Cost Balance, beginning of year Add: additions during year Add: contributed subdivision	\$ 52,032,338 3,553,187	\$ 89,529,156 23,575,551	\$ 130,049,839 1,469,194	\$	156,593,991 1,819,855	\$	22,268,692 2,897,903	\$	4,879,659 666,935	\$	16,048,347 687,038	\$	49,512 -	\$ 471,451,534 34,669,663
Infrastructure Less: disposals during year Balance, end of year	1,063,264 54,522,261	3,590,100 109,514,607	2,615,523 53,527 134,081,029	<u>-</u>	8,317,027 - 166,730,873	<del>-</del>	7,701,685 17,464,910	<del>-</del>	398,703 5,147,891	_	2,068,948 14,666,437	_	49,512	10,932,550 14,876,227 502,177,520
Accumulated amortization Balance, beginning of year Add: amortization Less: accumulated amortization	25,650,452 1,008,604	36,647,994 2,406,398	69,775,274 3,208,718		51,384,340 2,305,972		10,489,092 1,335,087		4,100,499 520,331		11,147,488 766,105		25,900 3,645	209,221,039 11,554,860
of disposals Balance, end of year	976,911 25,682,145	2,140,465 36,913,927	53,369 72,930,623	_	53,690,312	_	3,245,466 8,578,713	_	328,367 4,292,463	_	1,507,720 10,405,873	_	29,545	8,252,298 212,523,601
Net book value	28,840,116	72,600,680	61,150,406		113,040,561		8,886,197		855,428		4,260,564		19,967	289,653,919
Assets under construction	1,928,852	191,358	45,565,864	_	21,800,361	_		_	501,693	_		_		69,988,128
	\$ 30,768,968	\$ 72,792,038	\$ 106,716,270	\$.	134,840,922	\$_	8,886,197	\$	1,357,121	\$	4,260,564	\$	19,967	\$ 359,642,047