

**CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE**  
**Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2017**



**CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE**  
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**Year Ended December 31, 2017**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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To the Members of Council of the City of Grande Prairie

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the City of Grande Prairie, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2017, the consolidated statements of financial activities and accumulated surplus, changes in net financial assets and financial position for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### *Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation 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.

### *Independent Auditors' Responsibility*

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### *Opinion*

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the City of Grande Prairie as at December 31, 2017 and the results of its financial activities and accumulated surplus, changes in its net financial assets and its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

*Fletcher Mudryk & LLP*

Grande Prairie, Alberta  
April 23, 2018

Chartered Professional Accountants

**CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE**  
**Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**  
**December 31, 2017**

	2017	2016
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Cash <i>(Note 2)</i>	\$ 22,560,435	\$ 18,173,921
Portfolio investments <i>(Note 3)</i>	99,721,255	108,233,886
Receivables		
Taxes and grants in place of taxes receivable <i>(Note 4)</i>	7,655,826	5,452,160
Trade and other receivables <i>(Note 5)</i>	9,931,644	10,528,348
Agreements receivable <i>(Note 6)</i>	2,159,247	2,365,166
Land held for resale inventory	752,300	752,300
Investments <i>(Note 7)</i>	91,634,309	80,813,247
	<b>234,415,016</b>	<b>226,319,028</b>
<b>FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities <i>(Note 8)</i>	19,113,850	15,579,377
Deferred revenue <i>(Note 9)</i>	24,773,317	27,720,142
Employee benefit obligations <i>(Note 10)</i>	3,626,240	3,597,062
Long-term debt <i>(Note 11)</i>	130,435,996	138,412,585
	<b>177,949,403</b>	<b>185,309,166</b>
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<b>56,465,613</b>	<b>41,009,862</b>
<b>NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Tangible capital assets <i>(Schedule 2)</i>	658,326,639	640,392,976
Inventory for consumption	1,103,486	962,428
Prepaid expenses	304,910	445,944
	<b>659,735,035</b>	<b>641,801,348</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b> <i>(Note 13, Schedule 1)</i>	<b>\$ 716,200,648</b>	<b>\$ 682,811,210</b>
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES <i>(Note 24)</i>		
COMMITMENTS <i>(Note 25)</i>		

**ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_ Corporate Services Director

*Please see accompanying notes to financial statements*



**CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE**

**Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities and Accumulated Surplus**

**Year Ended December 31, 2017**

	<i>Budget (Unaudited)</i> 2017	2017	2016
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Net municipal taxes <i>(Schedule 3)</i>	\$ 112,697,798	\$ <b>112,458,375</b>	\$ 109,633,209
Government transfers for operating <i>(Schedule 4)</i>	5,247,999	<b>11,209,265</b>	11,263,794
User fees and sales of goods	20,436,525	<b>19,029,746</b>	19,083,403
Interest and investment income	3,216,305	<b>2,718,791</b>	2,084,196
Penalties and cost of taxes	1,225,000	<b>1,769,641</b>	1,255,080
Development levies	115,256	<b>520,651</b>	3,307,785
Fines, rentals, licenses and permits	15,042,788	<b>13,695,505</b>	14,412,998
Franchise and concession contracts	11,586,543	<b>11,537,580</b>	10,743,992
Transfers from other organizations	63,944	<b>87,888</b>	139,971
Other revenue	2,451,470	<b>1,869,788</b>	375,673
	<u>172,083,628</u>	<u><b>174,897,230</b></u>	<u>172,300,101</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Council and other legislative services	970,603	<b>748,744</b>	785,369
Administrative services	20,508,123	<b>18,443,368</b>	22,126,728
Protective services	43,194,315	<b>44,825,660</b>	44,863,215
Transportation services	43,298,112	<b>57,174,696</b>	53,973,201
Community and social development	3,553,430	<b>8,852,500</b>	8,634,823
Planning and development services	4,044,823	<b>3,771,791</b>	3,583,784
Recreation and cultural services	46,442,520	<b>47,789,726</b>	48,268,857
Other services	-	-	86,522
	<u>162,011,926</u>	<u><b>181,606,485</b></u>	<u>182,322,499</u>
<b>EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES BEFORE THE FOLLOWING</b>	<u>10,071,702</u>	<u><b>(6,709,255)</b></u>	<u>(10,022,398)</u>
<b>OTHER ITEMS</b>			
Contributed tangible capital assets	-	<b>5,340,413</b>	29,673,929
Annexed tangible capital assets, net of debt	-	-	3,342,399
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	<b>(13,807)</b>	(32,637)
Government transfers for capital <i>(Schedule 4)</i>	-	<b>22,638,916</b>	20,754,387
Subsidiary operations <i>(Note 18)</i>	2,882,615	<b>12,133,171</b>	9,781,164
	<u>2,882,615</u>	<u><b>40,098,693</b></u>	<u>63,519,242</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	12,954,317	<b>33,389,438</b>	53,496,844
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - BEGINNING	<u>682,811,210</u>	<u><b>682,811,210</b></u>	<u>629,314,366</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - ENDING</b>	<u>\$ 695,765,527</u>	<u><b>\$ 716,200,648</b></u>	<u>\$ 682,811,210</u>

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**CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE**  
**Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2017**

	<i>Budget (Unaudited)</i> 2017	2017	2016
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ 12,954,317	\$ 33,389,438	\$ 53,496,844
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	(38,392,064)	(39,367,378)
Contributed tangible capital assets	-	(5,340,413)	(29,673,929)
Annexed tangible capital assets	-	-	(4,178,560)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	159,132	2,544,840
Amortization of tangible capital assets	-	25,625,873	23,974,763
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	13,807	32,637
	-	(17,933,665)	(46,667,627)
Acquisition of inventory for consumption	-	(1,412,050)	(1,110,684)
Use of inventory for consumption	-	1,270,992	1,111,889
Acquisition of prepaid assets	-	(1,899,478)	(1,914,432)
Use of prepaid assets	-	2,040,514	1,921,524
	-	(22)	8,297
	-	(17,933,687)	(46,659,330)
<b>INCREASE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	12,954,317	15,455,751	6,837,514
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	41,009,862	41,009,862	34,172,348
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>	\$ 53,964,179	\$ 56,465,613	\$ 41,009,862

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**CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE**  
**Consolidated Statement of Changes in Financial Position**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2017**

	2017	2016
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 33,389,438	\$ 53,496,844
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	25,625,873	23,974,763
Contributed tangible capital assets	(5,340,413)	(29,673,929)
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	13,807	32,637
Annexed tangible capital assets	-	(3,342,399)
Subsidiary operations	(12,133,171)	(9,781,164)
	<u>41,555,534</u>	<u>34,706,752</u>
Taxes and grants in place of taxes receivable	(2,203,666)	(2,199,180)
Trade and other receivables	596,704	15,883,942
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,534,475	10,889,047
Deferred revenue	(2,946,825)	(423,972)
Employee benefit obligations	29,178	392,771
Inventory for consumption	(141,058)	1,205
Prepaid expenses	141,034	7,092
	<u>40,565,376</u>	<u>59,257,657</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(38,392,064)	(39,367,378)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	159,132	2,544,840
Agreements receivable repayments	205,919	191,121
Agreements receivable issued	-	(26,821)
Dividends declared by Aquatera Utilities Inc.	2,882,615	2,715,942
Acquisition of investment on asset transfer	(1,570,506)	-
	<u>(36,714,904)</u>	<u>(33,942,296)</u>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Long-term debt issued	900,000	11,977,989
Long-term debt repaid	(8,876,589)	(8,073,937)
	<u>(7,976,589)</u>	<u>3,904,052</u>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH</b>	<b>(4,126,117)</b>	<b>29,219,413</b>
<b>CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>126,407,807</b>	<b>97,188,394</b>
<b>CASH - END OF YEAR</b>	<b>122,281,690</b>	<b>126,407,807</b>
<b>CASH CONSISTS OF:</b>		
Cash (Note 2)	\$ 22,560,435	\$ 18,173,921
Portfolio investments (Note 3)	99,721,255	108,233,886
	<u>\$ 122,281,690</u>	<u>\$ 126,407,807</u>

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**CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE**  
**Consolidated Schedule of Changes in Accumulated Surplus**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2017**

*(Schedule 1)*

	Unrestricted Surplus	Restricted Surplus	Equity in Investments	Equity in Tangible Capital Assets	2017	2016
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 43,377,578	\$ 54,274,822	\$ 80,813,247	\$ 504,345,563	<b>\$ 682,811,210</b>	\$ 629,314,366
Excess of revenues over expenditures	33,389,438	-	-	-	<b>33,389,438</b>	53,496,844
Unrestricted funds designated for future use	(16,581,018)	16,581,018	-	-	-	-
Restricted funds used for operations	5,640,561	(5,640,561)	-	-	-	-
Share of net earnings from subsidiary	(12,133,171)	-	12,133,171	-	-	-
Dividends received	2,882,615	-	(2,882,615)	-	-	-
Funds used for tangible capital assets	(29,512,834)	(8,879,230)	-	38,392,064	-	-
Contributed tangible capital assets	(5,340,413)	-	-	5,340,413	-	-
Annual amortization expense	25,625,873	-	-	(25,625,873)	-	-
Disposal of tangible capital assets	172,939	-	-	(172,939)	-	-
Long-term debt for capital repaid	(8,670,662)	-	-	8,670,662	-	-
Long-term debt for capital issued	900,000	-	-	(900,000)	-	-
Acquisition of investment on asset transfer (Note 7)	(1,570,506)	-	1,570,506	-	-	-
<b>BALANCE, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 38,180,400</b>	<b>\$ 56,336,049</b>	<b>\$ 91,634,309</b>	<b>\$ 530,049,890</b>	<b>\$ 716,200,648</b>	<b>\$ 682,811,210</b>

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**CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE**  
**Consolidated Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2017**

*(Schedule 2)*

	Land	Land Improvements	Buildings	Engineered Structures	Machinery and Equipment	Vehicles	Assets Under Construction	2017	2016
<b>COST</b>									
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 84,010,973	\$ 61,600,013	\$ 269,952,934	\$ 387,263,892	\$ 21,507,453	\$ 21,360,934	\$ 35,558,230	\$ 881,254,429	\$ 812,656,355
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	58,252	539,956	199,104	5,328,484	1,255,970	1,627,845	35,198,033	44,207,644	74,952,193
Transfers of assets under construction	1,690,500	2,970,738	4,838,346	38,779,957	-	-	(48,279,541)	-	-
Other transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	(475,169)	(475,169)	(1,732,320)
Disposal of tangible capital assets	(11,200)	(65,875)	-	(2,573,750)	(1,135,912)	(1,203,172)	-	(4,989,909)	(4,621,799)
<b>BALANCE, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>85,748,525</b>	<b>65,044,832</b>	<b>274,990,384</b>	<b>428,798,583</b>	<b>21,627,511</b>	<b>21,785,607</b>	<b>22,001,553</b>	<b>919,996,995</b>	<b>881,254,429</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION</b>									
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	22,682,508	58,690,068	138,511,882	11,071,984	9,905,011	-	240,861,453	218,931,006
Annual amortization	-	3,435,060	6,092,288	13,221,708	1,780,342	1,096,475	-	25,625,873	23,974,763
Accumulated amortization on disposals	-	(65,875)	-	(2,420,687)	(1,127,236)	(1,203,172)	-	(4,816,970)	(2,044,316)
<b>BALANCE, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,051,693</b>	<b>64,782,356</b>	<b>149,312,903</b>	<b>11,725,090</b>	<b>9,798,314</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>261,670,356</b>	<b>240,861,453</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 85,748,525</b>	<b>\$ 38,993,139</b>	<b>\$ 210,208,028</b>	<b>\$ 279,485,680</b>	<b>\$ 9,902,421</b>	<b>\$ 11,987,293</b>	<b>\$ 22,001,553</b>	<b>\$ 658,326,639</b>	<b>\$ 640,392,976</b>
2016 NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	\$ 84,010,973	\$ 38,917,505	\$ 211,262,866	\$ 248,752,010	\$ 10,435,469	\$ 11,455,923	\$ 35,558,230	\$ 640,392,976	

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CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE

Consolidated Schedule of Property and Other Taxes

(Schedule 3)

Year Ended December 31, 2017

	<i>Budget (Unaudited) 2017</i>	<b>2017</b>	2016
<b>Taxation</b>			
Real property taxes	\$ 139,624,209	<b>\$ 139,300,892</b>	\$ 134,392,798
Linear property taxes	1,961,172	<b>1,961,172</b>	1,898,880
Downtown Business Revitalization Zone	356,597	<b>389,727</b>	373,882
Grants in place of taxes	463,749	<b>463,749</b>	778,128
Local improvement	30,300	<b>16,700</b>	261,364
	<u>142,436,027</u>	<u><b>142,132,240</b></u>	<u>137,705,052</u>
<b>Requisitions</b>			
Alberta School Foundation Fund	28,953,353	<b>28,889,427</b>	27,338,489
Grande Spirit Foundation	428,279	<b>427,841</b>	375,357
Business revitalization zone	356,597	<b>356,597</b>	357,997
	<u>29,738,229</u>	<u><b>29,673,865</b></u>	<u>28,071,843</u>
	<u>\$ 112,697,798</u>	<u><b>\$ 112,458,375</b></u>	<u>\$ 109,633,209</u>

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**CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE**  
**Consolidated Schedule of Government Transfers** *(Schedule 4)*  
**Year Ended December 31, 2017**

	<i>Budget (Unaudited) 2017</i>	<b>2017</b>	2016
<b>Transfers for operating</b>			
Provincial government	\$ 3,283,169	\$ <b>8,963,550</b>	\$ 9,135,944
Federal government	54,000	<b>590,593</b>	485,713
Other local governments	1,910,830	<b>1,655,122</b>	1,642,137
	<u>5,247,999</u>	<u><b>11,209,265</b></u>	<u>11,263,794</u>
<b>Transfers for capital</b>			
Provincial government	-	<b>22,497,183</b>	20,051,651
Federal government	-	<b>141,733</b>	702,736
	<u>-</u>	<u><b>22,638,916</b></u>	<u>20,754,387</u>
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<u>\$ 5,247,999</u>	<u>\$ <b>33,848,181</b></u>	<u>\$ 32,018,181</u>

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**CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE**  
**Consolidated Schedule of Expenditures by Object** *(Schedule 5)*  
**Year Ended December 31, 2017**

	<i>Budget (Unaudited)</i>		
	2017	2017	2016
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 85,481,871	\$ <b>85,472,202</b>	\$ 84,006,556
Contracted and general services	35,533,497	<b>33,304,442</b>	34,608,438
Materials, goods and utilities	25,967,727	<b>21,099,925</b>	18,306,973
Provision for allowances	64,000	<b>252</b>	1,645
Transfers to individuals, local boards and other organizations	8,954,576	<b>10,414,986</b>	15,722,663
Bank charges and short-term interest	240,324	<b>237,799</b>	240,499
Interest on long-term debt	5,769,931	<b>5,451,006</b>	5,460,847
Amortization provision	-	<b>25,625,873</b>	23,974,763
Other expenditures	-	-	115
	<u>\$ 162,011,926</u>	<u>\$ <b>181,606,485</b></u>	<u>\$ 182,322,499</u>

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**CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE**  
**Consolidated Schedule of Segment Disclosure**

*(Schedule 6)*

**Year Ended December 31, 2017**

	General Government	Protective Services	Transportation Services	Planning and Development	Community Development	Recreation and Culture	Total
<b>REVENUE</b>							
Net municipal taxes	\$ 112,458,375	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 112,458,375
Government transfers	1,349,802	1,797,608	-	4,147,110	2,854,783	1,059,962	11,209,265
User fees and sales of goods	307,911	1,219,403	8,896,554	298,936	64,850	8,242,092	19,029,746
Investment income	2,503,795	-	122,255	-	58,974	33,767	2,718,791
Other revenue	14,157,039	7,261,467	3,837,543	21,892	2,060,644	2,142,468	29,481,053
	<u>130,776,922</u>	<u>10,278,478</u>	<u>12,856,352</u>	<u>4,467,938</u>	<u>5,039,251</u>	<u>11,478,289</u>	<u>174,897,230</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
Salaries, wages and benefits	11,414,778	23,229,210	20,174,680	3,497,318	2,487,049	24,669,167	85,472,202
Contracted and general services	4,884,835	17,930,026	3,792,895	222,189	403,376	6,071,121	33,304,442
Materials, goods and utilities	1,697,232	1,998,857	11,183,345	33,111	123,069	6,064,311	21,099,925
Transfers to local boards and agencies	841,458	166,705	693,301	-	5,605,040	3,108,482	10,414,986
Interest on long-term debt	92,098	521,562	1,490,556	-	69,546	3,277,244	5,451,006
Amortization expense	231,452	968,415	19,795,274	-	163,415	4,467,317	25,625,873
Other expenses	30,259	10,885	44,645	19,173	1,005	132,084	238,051
	<u>19,192,112</u>	<u>44,825,660</u>	<u>57,174,696</u>	<u>3,771,791</u>	<u>8,852,500</u>	<u>47,789,726</u>	<u>181,606,485</u>
<b>EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES BEFORE OTHER ITEMS</b>	<u>\$ 111,584,810</u>	<u>\$ (34,547,182)</u>	<u>\$ (44,318,344)</u>	<u>\$ 696,147</u>	<u>\$ (3,813,249)</u>	<u>\$ (36,311,437)</u>	<u>\$ (6,709,255)</u>

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**CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE**  
**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2017**

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements of the City of Grande Prairie (the "City") are the representations of management prepared in accordance with accounting standards established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the City are as follows:

Reporting entity

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and changes in financial position of the reporting entity. This entity is comprised of the municipal operations plus all of the organizations that are owned or controlled by the City and are, therefore, accountable to the City for the administration of their financial affairs and resources. Included within the reporting entity of the City are the following:

Grande Prairie Public Library  
Grande Prairie Airport Commission

Aquatera Utilities Inc., a subsidiary corporation controlled by the City of Grande Prairie, is accounted for on a modified equity basis, consistent with the Canadian public sector accounting treatment for government business enterprises. Under the modified equity basis, the business enterprise is not consolidated, its accounting policies are not adjusted to conform with those of the City and inter-organizational transactions and balances are not eliminated.

The schedule of taxes levied also includes requisitions for education, health, social and senior foundations that are not part of the City's reporting entity.

Interdepartmental and organizational transactions and balances have been eliminated.

The consolidated financial statements also exclude trust assets that are administered for the benefit of external parties as described in Note 20.

Basis of accounting

The consolidated financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting records revenue as it is earned and measurable. Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable based upon receipt of goods or services and/or the legal obligation to pay.

Funds from external parties and earnings thereon restricted by agreement or legislation are accounted for as deferred revenue until used for the purpose specified.

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

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Inventories for resale

Land held for resale is recorded at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost includes costs for land acquisition and improvements required to prepare the land for servicing such as clearing, stripping and leveling charges. Related development costs incurred to provide infrastructure such as water and wastewater services, roads, sidewalks and street lighting are recorded as physical assets under their respective function.

Investments

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

Agreements receivable

Debt charges recoverable consist of amounts that are recoverable from municipal agencies or other local governments with respect to outstanding debentures or other long-term debt pursuant to annexation orders or joint capital undertakings. These recoveries are recorded at a value that equals the offsetting portion of the un-matured long-term debt, less actuarial requirements for the retirement of any sinking fund debentures.

Requisition over-levy and under-levy

Over-levies and under-levies arise from the difference between the actual property tax levy made to cover each requisition and the actual amount requisitioned.

If the actual levy exceeds the requisition, the over-levy is accrued as a liability and the property tax revenue is reduced. Where the actual levy is less than the requisition amount, the under-levy is accrued as a receivable and as property tax revenue.

Requisition tax rates in the subsequent year are adjusted for any over-levies or under-levies of the prior year.

Employee future benefits

Certain employees of the City are members of the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP), a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. The President of the Alberta Treasury Board and the Minister of Finance are the legal trustees and administrators of the Plan, which is governed by a Board of Trustees. Since the Plan is a multi-employer plan, it is accounted for as a defined contribution plan and, accordingly, the City does not recognize its share of any plan surplus or deficit.

Qualifying employees of the City are members of the APEX Supplementary Pension Plan (APEX), a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. The trustee of the plan is the Alberta Municipal Services Corporation, a subsidiary of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and the plan is administered by a Board of Trustees. Since the Plan is a multi-employer plan, it is accounted for as a defined contribution plan and, accordingly, the City does not recognize its share of any plan surplus or deficit.

Employees of the Grande Prairie Firefighters Association, a department of the City of Grande Prairie, are members of the Grande Prairie Firefighters Supplementary Pension Plan, a defined benefit pension plan. The plan is administered by a Board of Trustees made up of representatives of the City, the Association and independent trustees.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Contaminated sites liability

Contaminated sites are a result of contamination being introduced into air, soil, water or sediment of a chemical, organic or radioactive material or live organism that exceeds an environmental standard. The liability is recorded net of any expected recoveries. A liability for remediation of a contaminated site is recognized when a site is not in productive use and is management's estimate of the cost of post-remediation including operation, maintenance and monitoring. At this time, no contaminated sites liabilities have been identified and, thus, no liability has been recorded.

Non-financial assets

Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for use in the provision of services. They are not intended for sale in the normal course of operations. The change in non-financial assets during the year, together with the excess of revenues over expenses, provides the consolidated Change in Net Financial Assets for the year.

Tangible capital assets

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

Buildings	25 - 50
Land improvements	15 - 45
Engineered structures	5 - 75
Machinery and equipment	5 - 25
Vehicles	5 - 25

In the year of acquisition, a full year of amortization is applied. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use. No amortization is recorded in the year an asset is disposed of.

The City regularly reviews its tangible capital assets for sold or scrapped assets, at which time the cost and the related accumulated amortization are removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss on disposal is reflected in income. No amortization is recorded in the year of disposition.

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

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

Impairment of long-lived assets

The City tests for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable. Recoverability is assessed by comparing the carrying amount to the projected future net cash flows the long-lived assets are expected to generate through their direct use and eventual disposition. When a test for impairment indicates that the carrying amount of an asset is not recoverable, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent the carrying value exceeds its fair value.

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1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** *(continued)*

Asset retirement obligations

The City recognizes a liability for the future environmental remediation of certain properties and for future removal and handling costs for contamination. At this time, no asset retirement obligations have been identified and, thus, no liability has been recorded.

Inventory held for consumption

Inventories of materials and supplies held for consumption are recorded at the lower of cost and replacement cost. Cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis.

Reserves for future expenditures

Reserves are established at the discretion of Council to set aside funds for future expenditures and capital projects.

Tax revenue

Tax revenues are recognized when the tax has been authorized by bylaw and the taxable event has occurred.

Requisitions operate as a flow through and are excluded from municipal revenue.

Government transfers

Government transfers are the transfer of assets from senior levels of government that are not the result of an exchange transaction, are not expected to be repaid in the future, or the result of a direct financial return.

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

Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the period. Where measurement uncertainty exists, the consolidated financial statements have been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Significant estimates made by management in these financial statements include the provision for amortization of tangible capital assets and provisions for uncollectible trade and other receivables.

Budget

The budget amounts are presented for information purposes and have not been audited.



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2. CASH

	2017	2016
Cash on hand	\$ 36,930	\$ 32,330
Cash in bank	22,523,505	18,141,591
	\$ 22,560,435	\$ 18,173,921

Cash in bank bears interest at a rate of prime minus 1.8% per annum on balances over \$1,000,000.

Included in cash and portfolio investments are restricted amounts aggregating \$22,588,038 (2016 - \$24,606,573) to be used for specific capital and other projects included in deferred revenue (*Note 9*).

3. PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS

Portfolio investments are readily convertible to cash, consist of fixed income investments and Canadian treasury bills, have a weighted average investment yield of 2.48% (2016 - 2.14%) per annum and mature between June, 2018 and June, 2027.

Included in cash and portfolio investments are restricted amounts aggregating \$22,588,038 (2016 - \$24,606,573) to be used for specific capital and other projects included in deferred revenue (*Note 9*).

In addition, the City has investments of \$2,111,071 (2016 - \$1,501,795) that are held in trust as described in Note 20.

4. TAXES AND GRANTS IN PLACE OF TAXES RECEIVABLE

	2017	2016
Current taxes and grants in place of taxes	\$ 6,351,516	\$ 4,600,680
Arrears	1,512,733	1,084,984
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(208,423)	(233,504)
	\$ 7,655,826	\$ 5,452,160

5. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2017	2016
Trade and other receivables	\$ 5,649,759	\$ 4,901,225
Government grants receivable	38,166	1,215,786
Dividend receivable	2,882,615	2,715,942
Goods and services tax	224,761	249,279
Accrued investment earnings	1,201,343	1,511,116
Less: allowances for uncollectible trade and other receivables	(65,000)	(65,000)
	\$ 9,931,644	\$ 10,528,348



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6. AGREEMENTS RECEIVABLE

	2017	2016
RCMP	\$ 1,965,972	\$ 2,137,455
Canadian Mental Health Association	171,817	200,891
Army, Navy and Airforce Veterans Unit #389	21,458	26,820
	2,159,247	2,365,166
Current portion	(215,780)	(205,900)
	\$ 1,943,467	\$ 2,159,266

Estimated principal amounts to be received are as follows:

2018	\$ 215,780
2019	226,149
2020	237,030
2021	248,449
2022	255,069
To maturity	976,770
	\$ 2,159,247

The RCMP agreement receivable is for a portion of the costs of the new RCMP facility as agreed to by the parties. The amount is based on a proportion of specific debentures issued by the City to Alberta Capital Finance Authority (ACFA), is unsecured, bears interest at a weighted average rate equal to the corresponding ACFA debentures of 4.00% per annum, with repayment to be proportionate to the total annual principal and interest repayments on the specific debentures and matures in 2026. The actual amount receivable will be determined annually based on certain criteria established between the parties. Management has determined this estimate based on the best information available at year-end date. Any change to the estimate will be accounted for as a current transaction in the period the change becomes known.

The Canadian Mental Health Association agreement receivable is secured by a general security agreement, bears interest at a rate equal to the corresponding ACFA debenture of 5.63% per annum, with repayment to be equal to the annual principal and interest repayments and matures in 2022.

The Army, Navy, Airforce Veterans Unit #389 agreement receivable is unsecured and non-interest bearing with annual principal repayments of \$5,364 and matures in 2021.



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7. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

	2017	2016
Alberta Capital Finance Authority shares	\$ 60	\$ 60
Aquatera Utilities Inc. - 74.13% ownership		
84,314 common shares (2016 - 52,407)	843	524
93,311 preferred shares (2016 - 61,404)	93,311,080	61,403,709
Cumulative share of earnings	83,956,037	71,822,679
Cumulative share of dividends declared	(85,633,711)	(52,413,725)
	91,634,249	80,813,187
	\$ 91,634,309	\$ 80,813,247

On December 31, 2017, the City transferred assets with a carrying value of \$1,570,187 to Aquatera Utilities Inc. in exchange for 1,570 common and 1,570 preferred shares. Immediately prior to the asset transfer, Aquatera Utilities Inc. declared a stock dividend, under which the City received 30,337 common and 30,337 preferred shares with a carrying value of \$30,337,690 in aggregate.

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	2017	2016
Trade payables and other accrued liabilities	\$ 9,469,500	\$ 6,230,599
Construction holdbacks payable	5,044,386	3,545,774
Accrued payroll	1,701,517	1,632,767
Accrued interest payable	1,132,533	1,227,047
Annexation liability ( <i>Note 23</i> )	1,765,914	2,943,190
	\$ 19,113,850	\$ 15,579,377



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9. DEFERRED REVENUE

	2017	2016
Deferred sales and user charges	\$ 4,296,350	\$ 4,615,364
Deferred capital grants	14,667,131	17,615,711
Deferred operating grants	5,809,836	5,489,067
	\$ 24,773,317	\$ 27,720,142

Deferred sales and user charges consist of amounts received which are taken into revenue in the period in which they are earned and corresponding expenditures incurred. Unexpended funds related to deferred grants are fully supported by cash and portfolio investments held exclusively for these projects.

Deferred capital grants consist of restricted amounts for specific capital projects.

Deferred operating grants consist of restricted amounts for specific affordable housing and homelessness initiatives.

Municipal Sustainability Initiative

Capital funding in the amount of \$15,615,041 was received in the current year from the Municipal Sustainability Initiative, as approved under the funding agreement. Unexpended funds related to the advance are supported by cash and portfolio investments of \$11,230,556 held exclusively for these projects, which are scheduled for completion in 2018.

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10. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

Vacation and overtime

The vacation and overtime liability is comprised of the vacation and overtime that employees are deferring to future years. Employees have either earned the benefits (and are vested) or are entitled to these benefits within the next budgetary year.

Post-employment benefits

The City pays 100% of the premiums for retiree life insurance benefits to qualifying retirees for a two-year period after termination of employment. The City's cost of these benefits is recognized as a program expenditure as the coverage is incurred.

Total benefit payments on behalf of retirees during the year were \$13,515 (2016 - \$12,784).

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11. LONG-TERM DEBT

Tax supported debentures

	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 9,301,382	\$ 5,279,977	\$ 14,581,359
2019	9,711,597	4,869,762	14,581,359
2020	10,140,864	4,440,496	14,581,359
2021	10,242,569	3,991,251	14,233,821
2022	10,227,188	3,544,781	13,771,969
Thereafter	80,812,396	14,422,360	95,234,756
	<u>\$ 130,435,996</u>	<u>\$ 36,548,627</u>	<u>\$ 166,984,623</u>

Debenture debt is repayable to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority and bears interest at rates ranging from 2.18% to 6.75% per annum and matures in years 2020 through 2037.

Debenture debt is issued on the credit and security of the City at large.

Included in the balance are long-term debentures issued for non-capital purposes aggregating \$171,817 (2016 - \$200,891).

Cash paid for interest on long-term debt amounted to \$5,645,067 (2016 - \$5,673,974).

Included in long-term debt is a loan in the amount of \$16,510,797 (2016 - \$17,377,874) that was entered into on behalf of the Grande Prairie Airport Commission and is being repaid by the Commission.

12. DEBT LIMITS

Section 276(2) of the Municipal Government Act requires that debt and debt limits as defined by Alberta Regulation 255/00 for the City of Grande Prairie be disclosed as follows:

	2017	2016
Total debt limit	<b>\$ 262,345,845</b>	\$ 259,940,304
Total debt ( <i>Note 11</i> )	<b>(130,435,996)</b>	(138,412,585)
Amount debt limit remaining	<b>\$ 131,909,849</b>	\$ 121,527,719
Debt servicing limit	<b>\$ 43,724,308</b>	\$ 43,323,393
Debt servicing ( <i>Note 11</i> )	<b>(14,581,359)</b>	(14,521,656)
Service on debt limit remaining	<b>\$ 29,142,949</b>	\$ 28,801,737

The debt limit is calculated at 1.5 times revenue of the City (as defined in Alberta Regulation 255/00) and the debt service limit is calculated at 0.25 times such revenue. Incurring debt beyond these limitations requires approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. These thresholds are guidelines used by Alberta Municipal Affairs to identify municipalities that could be at financial risk if further debt is acquired. The calculation taken alone does not represent the financial stability of the municipality. Rather, the consolidated financial statements must be interpreted as a whole.



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13. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

Accumulated surplus consists of restricted and unrestricted amounts and equity in tangible capital assets as follows:

	2017	2016
Unrestricted surplus	<b>\$ 38,180,400</b>	\$ 43,377,578
Equity in long-term investments <i>(Note 7)</i>	<b>91,634,309</b>	80,813,247
Equity in tangible capital assets <i>(Note 14)</i>	<b>530,049,890</b>	504,345,563
Restricted surplus <i>(Note 15)</i>	<b>56,336,049</b>	54,274,822
	<b>\$ 716,200,648</b>	\$ 682,811,210

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14. EQUITY IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	2017	2016
Tangible capital assets <i>(Schedule 2)</i>	<b>\$ 658,326,639</b>	\$ 640,392,976
Capital agreements receivable <i>(Note 6)</i>	<b>1,987,430</b>	2,164,281
Long-term debt issued for capital purposes	<b>(130,264,179)</b>	(138,211,694)
	<b>\$ 530,049,890</b>	\$ 504,345,563

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15. RESTRICTED SURPLUS

Council has set aside funds as an internal allocation of accumulated surplus as follows:

	Balance Beginning	Additions	Reductions	Balance Closing
Cemetery perpetual care	\$ 2,531,935	\$ 244,906	\$ -	\$ 2,776,841
Facility renewal	598,305	4,641,008	3,968,945	1,270,368
Financial stabilization	6,911,802	2,349,244	2,055,000	7,206,046
Fire department equipment replacement	764,472	269,508	-	1,033,980
Fleet management system	14,174,949	1,440,670	2,508,188	13,107,431
Future expenditures	11,266,600	2,714,844	4,010,968	9,970,476
Pinnacle Ridge special tax	6,949	59	818	6,190
Public	2,444,214	70,453	200,000	2,314,667
Public art	25,000	25,213	-	50,213
Public housing commission	542,241	48,709	-	590,950
RCMP detachment	295,945	2,520	-	298,465
Transportation system levies	5,574,633	759,969	54,382	6,280,220
Winter stabilization	2,455,039	120,714	-	2,575,753
	<u>47,592,084</u>	<u>12,687,817</u>	<u>12,798,301</u>	<u>47,481,600</u>
Library	2,008,871	120,398	58,762	2,070,507
Airport	4,673,867	3,772,803	1,662,728	6,783,942
	<u>\$ 54,274,822</u>	<u>\$ 16,581,018</u>	<u>\$ 14,519,791</u>	<u>\$ 56,336,049</u>





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16. SALARY AND BENEFITS DISCLOSURE

Disclosure of salaries and benefits for municipal officials, the chief administrative officer and designated officers as required by Alberta Regulation 313/2000 is as follows:

	Salary <sup>1</sup>	Benefits and Allowances <sup>2</sup>	<b>2017</b>	2016
Mayor:				
B. Given	\$ 99,197	\$ 10,040	<b>\$ 109,237</b>	\$ 111,423
Councillors:				
C. Blackburn	10,325	1,194	<b>11,519</b>	-
D. Bressey	9,525	1,156	<b>10,681</b>	-
J. Clayton	47,024	5,335	<b>52,359</b>	43,982
E. Friesen	10,325	1,196	<b>11,521</b>	-
D. Logan	37,070	3,309	<b>40,379</b>	41,228
K. McLean	43,070	4,381	<b>47,451</b>	48,527
Y. Minhas	10,325	1,196	<b>11,521</b>	-
K. O'Toole	52,024	5,511	<b>57,535</b>	46,564
W. Pilat	10,325	1,196	<b>11,521</b>	-
L. Radbourne	38,170	4,244	<b>42,414</b>	43,775
H. Rice	39,251	1,325	<b>40,576</b>	40,807
R. Tarant	40,070	4,306	<b>44,376</b>	46,650
C. Thiessen	51,024	5,478	<b>56,502</b>	48,947
City Manager:				
R. Nicolay	246,983	39,555	<b>286,538</b>	-
G. Scerbak	87,837	7,468	<b>95,305</b>	276,490

1. Salary includes regular base pay, bonuses, overtime, lump sum payments, gross honoraria and any other direct cash remuneration.
2. Employer's share of all employee benefits and contributions or payments made on behalf of employees including pension, health care, dental coverage, vision coverage, group life insurance, accidental disability and dismemberment insurance, long and short-term disability plans, professional memberships and tuition.
3. Benefits and allowances figures also include the employer's share of the costs of additional taxable benefits including special leave with pay, travel allowances and car allowances.



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17. EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS

a) Local Authorities Pension Plan

Employees of the City participate in the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP), which is one of the plans covered by the Alberta Public Sector Pension Plans Act. The LAPP serves about 253,862 people and 417 employers. The LAPP is financed by employer and employee contributions and by investment earnings from the LAPP Fund.

Contributions for current service are recorded as expenditures in the year in which they become due.

The City is required to make current service contributions to the LAPP of 11.39% of pensionable earnings up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings under the Canada Pension Plan and 15.84% on pensionable earnings above this amount. Employees of the City are required to make current service contributions of 10.39% of pensionable salary up to the year's maximum pensionable salary and 14.84% on pensionable salary above this amount.

Total current service contributions by the City to the LAPP in 2017 were \$6,253,657 (2016 - \$6,175,264). Total current service contributions by the employees of the City to the Local Authorities Pension Plan in 2017 were \$5,772,974 (2016 - \$5,703,148).

At December 31, 2016, the LAPP disclosed an actuarial deficiency of \$637 million (2015 - \$923 million).

LAPP has announced that member contribution rates will be reduced by 1% for employees and 1% for employers, effective January 1, 2018.

b) APEX Supplementary Pension Plan

Eligible employees may also elect to participate in the voluntary APEX Supplementary Pension Plan offered through the Alberta Municipalities Association, which is covered by the Public Sector Pension Plans Act. The plan serves about 1,338 people and 63 employers. It is funded by employer and employee contributions and investment earnings on the APEX fund.

The City is required to make current service contributions of 3.78% of pensionable earnings above the LAPP maximum pensionable earnings up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings of \$145,722 (2016 - \$144,500) for those employees who have elected to participate in the Plan. No contributions are required on earnings above the maximum threshold.

Employees of the City electing to participate in the Plan are required to make current service contributions of 2.84% of pensionable earnings above the LAPP maximum pensionable earnings up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings of \$145,722, with no contributions on earnings above the maximum threshold.

Total current and past service contributions made by the City to APEX in 2017 were \$401,267 (2016 - \$309,607). The current and past service contributions by employees of the City to APEX in 2017 were \$301,481 (2016 - \$258,008).

At December 31, 2016, the Plan disclosed an actuarial deficiency of \$2,269,192 (2015 - \$677,018 surplus).

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17. EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS *(continued)*

c) Grande Prairie Firefighters Supplementary Pension Plan

Effective January 1, 2004, the City initiated a defined benefit pension plan on behalf of employees of the Grande Prairie Firefighters Association.

The City is required to make current service contributions to the Plan of 2.77% of pensionable earnings, with no annual maximum limit. Plan members are required to make current service contributions of 2.26% of pensionable earnings with no annual maximum limit and are responsible for 100% of past service contributions.

Total current service contributions made by the City to the Firefighters Supplementary Pension Plan in 2017 were \$261,642 (2016 - \$265,767). Total current contributions by the employees of the City of the Plan in 2017 were \$213,470 (2016 - \$217,243).

At December 31, 2016, the Plan disclosed a surplus of \$582,145 (2015 - \$855,246 surplus). The City and the plan members have agreed to share the cost of future service and future additional unfunded liabilities 55% by the City and 45% by plan members. It is management's opinion that the City's proportionate share of any such unfunded liability as at December 31, 2017 would not have significant impact on the financial position of the City.

18. SUBSIDIARY OPERATIONS

Aquatera Utilities Inc. was established in 2003 by the City of Grande Prairie to provide water, wastewater and solid waste management services to the City, County of Grande Prairie No. 1, Town of Sexsmith, other municipalities and commercial users.

The following is a summary of condensed financial information related to the City's proportionate share (2017 - 73.77%; 2016 - 73.77%) in Aquatera Utilities Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2017:

	2017	2016
<b>Financial Position:</b>		
Financial assets	\$ 65,541,204	\$ 61,542,532
Physical assets	221,932,976	215,197,780
Total assets	287,474,180	276,740,312
Current liabilities, including callable debt	80,310,281	81,980,869
Deferred revenue of capital contributions	111,272,194	109,279,067
Landfill closure and post-closure liability	4,987,712	5,065,102
Total liabilities	196,570,187	196,325,038
Net assets	\$ 90,903,993	\$ 80,415,274

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18. SUBSIDIARY OPERATIONS *(continued)*

	2017	2016
<b>Results of Operations:</b>		
Revenue	\$ 42,356,859	\$ 42,126,134
Amortization expense	(6,040,119)	(5,564,243)
Finance costs	(1,688,519)	(917,915)
Net subsidiary operations	(781,007)	(330,328)
Operating expenses	(21,714,043)	(25,532,484)
	\$ 12,133,171	\$ 9,781,164

Annual dividends were declared in the year in the amount of \$2,882,615 (2016 - \$2,715,942). At year-end, the dividends declared had not been received.

Aquatera Utilities Inc. has recognized a decommissioning liability for the estimated expected costs for closure and post-closure activities of the landfill site. These estimated costs are based on estimates and assumptions related to future events and using information currently available to management. Future events may result in significant changes to the estimated total costs and the estimated liability.

Aquatera Utilities Inc. estimates the discounted amount of cash required to settle its decommissioning liability to be approximately \$5,709,002 (2016 - \$6,866,163), calculated using inflation rates of 2.00% and a long-term discount rate of 4.50% per annum.

The majority of closure costs are related to phase 1 and 2 of the landfill and are expected to occur in approximately 9 to 11 years dependent upon future usage rates. Annual post-closure costs are expected to extend to 25 years beyond closure of the landfill in accordance with Alberta Environment regulations. The expected capacity remaining is 520,273 (2016 - 591,656) metric tonnes remaining with an annual estimated utilization of 72,332 metric tonnes. Current year liability and capacity reflects phases 1 and 2 of a five-year phase plan a total capacity of approximately 3.6 million metric tonnes and a total lifespan of approximately 30 years once all cells are completed.

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following is a summary of transactions and balances with related and other parties for the year ended December 31, 2017:

	2017	2016
Aquatera Utilities Inc.		
<i>(a government business enterprise controlled by the City)</i>		
Franchise fee revenue, including amounts in lieu of taxes	\$ 3,215,055	\$ 3,175,974
General administrative charge revenue and other recoveries	127,815	90,450
Utility and other expenses	770,567	993,563
Dividends declared	2,882,615	2,715,942
Trade and other accounts receivable	2,882,615	2,717,090
Trade accounts payable	37,402	14,300

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19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS *(continued)*

Transactions and balances with Aquatera Utilities Inc. are in the normal course of business and are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

The summary of specific transactions with regional municipalities is not intended to be representative of all transactions undertaken with these or other municipalities, but is intended to identify only specific transactions that management has identified as relevant to the users of these consolidated financial statements.

20. FUNDS HELD IN TRUST

The City administers the following trusts on behalf of third parties. As related trust assets are not owned by the City, the trusts have been excluded from the consolidated financial statements. The following table provides a summary of the transactions within these trusts during the year:

	Balance Beginning	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance Closing
Facility deposits and registrations	\$ 154,130	\$ 993,073	\$ 998,723	\$ 148,480
Community funds and endowments	1,157,769	78,843	90,283	1,146,329
Advance ticket sales	189,896	1,582,513	956,147	816,262
	<u>\$ 1,501,795</u>	<u>\$ 2,654,429</u>	<u>\$ 2,045,153</u>	<u>\$ 2,111,071</u>

21. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The City's financial instruments consist of cash and portfolio investments, accounts receivable, investments, agreements receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, deposit liabilities and long-term debt. It is management's opinion that the City is not exposed to significant interest or currency risks arising from these financial instruments.

The City is subject to credit risk with respect to taxes and grants in place of taxes receivables and trade and other receivables. Credit risk arises from the possibility that taxpayers and entities to which the City provides services may experience financial difficulty and be unable to fulfil their obligations. The large number and diversity of taxpayers and customers minimizes this credit risk.

Unless otherwise noted, the carrying value of the financial instrument approximates fair value.

The City has an available bank line of credit in the amount of \$2,000,000, all of which is unused at December 31, 2017.

22. SEGMENT DISCLOSURE

The City of Grande Prairie provides a range of services to its ratepayers. 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. The accounting policies used in these segments are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the financial statements as disclosed in Note 1.

Refer to the Schedule of Segmented Disclosure *(Schedule 6)*.



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23. ANNEXATION

On January 1, 2016, the City annexed real property from the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 which included land, engineered structures and construction in progress as well as specific long-term debt directly attributable to those specific tangible capital assets. In connection with the annexation order, the City is required to pay the following amounts to the County of Grande Prairie No. 1:

**Amounts due on or before:**

December 31, 2016	\$ 1,471,595
December 31, 2017	1,177,276
December 31, 2018	882,957
December 31, 2019	588,638
December 31, 2020	<u>294,319</u>
Total liability arising due to annexation	4,414,785
Less amounts paid	<u>(2,648,871)</u>
Remaining annexation liability ( <i>Note 8</i> )	<u>\$ 1,765,914</u>

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24. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The City is a member of the Alberta Municipal Insurance Exchange (MUNIX). Under the terms of the membership, the City could become liable for its proportionate share of any claim losses in excess of the funds held by the exchange. Any liability incurred would be accounted for as a current transaction in the year the losses are determined.

The City has been named defendant in various lawsuits as at December 31, 2017. While it is not possible to estimate the ultimate liability with respect to the pending litigation, based on evaluation and correspondence with the City's various legal counsel, management indicates that it is unlikely that there will be a materially adverse effect on the financial position of the City. The ultimate settlement of these lawsuits, if any, will be recorded in the period the details become known.

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25. COMMITMENTS

The city has entered into various leases and other agreements as part of its ongoing operations. It is the opinion of management that there are no commitments that will have a materially adverse effect on the financial position of the City.

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26. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

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