

ORIGINAL

MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION RETURN

For the Year Ending December 31, 2016

Municipality Name: BIRCH HILLS COUNTY

CERTIFICATION

The information contained in this Financial Information Return is presented fairly to the best of my knowledge.



Signature of Duly Authorized Signing Officer

HERMANN MINDERLEIN, CAO

Print Name

MARCH 30, 2017

Date

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT FINANCIAL INFORMATION RETURN

To the Reeve and Council of BRICH HILLS COUNTY

Report on Municipal Financial Information Return

We have audited the accompanying municipal financial information return of Birch Hills County for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

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

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 generally accepted 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 municipal financial information return. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risk of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statement, 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, this financial information return presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the County as at December 31, 2016 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

It is understood that this report, as requested by the Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs, is to be used primarily for statistical purposes. We have issued an audit report dated March 30, 2017 on the financial statements of the Birch Hills County for the year ended December 31, 2016 and reference should be made to those audited financial statements for complete information.

Falher, Alberta
March 30, 2017


CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

	Total 1
Assets	0010
Cash and Temporary Investments	0020 8,120,782
Taxes and Grants In Place of Taxes Receivable.....	0030
. Current	0040 124,046
. Arrears	0050 226,159
. Allowance	0060 -207,972
Receivable From Other Governments	0070 63,904
Loans Receivable	0080
Trade and Other Receivables	0090 201,954
Debt Charges Recoverable.....	0095
Inventories Held for Resale	0130
. Land	0140 6,684
. Other	0150
Long Term Investments	0170
. Federal Government	0180
. Provincial Government	0190 3,097,933
. Local Governments	0200
. Other	0210 10,863,358
Other Current Assets	0230 2,845
Other Long Term Assets	0240
Total Financial Assets	0250
	0260 22,499,693
Liabilities	0270
Temporary Loans Payable	0280
Payable To Other Governments	0290 70,653
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	0300 285,889
Deposit Liabilities	0310 29,546
Deferred Revenue	0340 488,862
Long Term Debt	0350
Other Current Liabilities	0360 113,043
Other Long Term Liabilities	0370 100,000
Total Liabilities	0380
	0390 1,087,993
Net Financial Assets (Net Debt)	0395 21,411,700
Non Financial Assets	
Tangible Capital Assets.....	0400 37,422,533
Inventory for Consumption.....	0410 1,617,928
Prepaid Expenses	0420 100,762
Other.....	0430
Total Non-Financial Assets	0440 39,141,223
Accumulated Surplus	0450 60,552,923

CHANGE IN ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

Schedule 9B

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Equity in TCA	Total
		1	2	3	4
Accumulated Surplus - Beginning of Year	0500	3,697,605	18,904,449	39,310,488	61,912,542
Net Revenue (Expense)	0505	-1,342,706			-1,342,706
Funds Designated For Future Use.....	0511	-425,000	425,000		
Restricted Funds - Used for Operations.....	0512	102,360	-102,360		
Restricted Funds - Used for TCA.....	0513		-105,224	105,224	
Current Year Funds Used for TCA	0514	-828,279		828,279	
Donated and Contributed TCA.....	0516				
Disposals of TCA.....	0517	204,453		-204,453	
Annual Amortization Expense.....	0518	2,617,005		-2,617,005	
Long Term Debt - Issued.....	0519				
Long Term Debt - Repaid.....	0521				
Capital Debt - Used for TCA.....	0522				
	0523				
Other Adjustments.....	0524	-16,913			-16,913
Accumulated Surplus - End of Year.....	0525	4,008,525	19,121,865	37,422,533	60,552,923

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES BY FUNCTION

Schedule 9C

	Revenue 1	Expense 2
Total General	0700 5,648,546	
Function	0710	1150
General Government	0720	1160
Council and Other Legislative	0730	1170 151,735
General Administration	0740 73,091	1180 1,034,754
Other General Government.....	0750	1190
Protective Services	0760	1200
Police	0770	1210
Fire	0780 27,480	1220 177,844
Disaster and Emergency Measures	0790	1230 11,125
Ambulance and First Aid	0800 425	1240 37,290
Bylaws Enforcement	0810	1250
Other Protective Services.....	0820	1260 11,798
Transportation	0830	1270
Common and Equipment Pool	0840	1280
Roads, Streets, Walks, Lighting	0850 1,050,302	1290 5,376,217
Airport	0860 3,615	1300 1,637
Public Transit	0870	1310
Storm Sewers and Drainage	0880	1320 4,305
Other Transportation	0890	1330
Environmental Use and Protection	0900	1340
Water Supply and Distribution	0910 211,197	1350 651,277
Wastewater Treatment and Disposal	0920 47,959	1360 87,409
Waste Management	0930 53,776	1370 174,763
Other Environmental Use and Protection	0940	1380
Public Health and Welfare	0950	1390
Family and Community Support	0960 61,832	1400 77,911
Day Care	0970	1410
Cemeteries and Crematoriums	0980 145	1420 800
Other Public Health and Welfare	0990 5,400	1430 2,815
Planning and Development	1000	1440
Land Use Planning, Zoning and Development	1010 11,823	1450 61,320
Economic/Agricultural Development	1020 115,946	1460 600,230
Subdivision Land and Development	1030 5,374	1470
Public Housing Operations	1040	1480
Land, Housing and Building Rentals	1050	1490
Other Planning and Development.....	1060	1500
Recreation and Culture	1070	1510
Recreation Boards	1080	1520
Parks and Recreation	1090 980	1530 158,744
Culture: Libraries, Museums, Halls	1100 12,697	1540 51,320
Convention Centres	1110	1550
Other Recreation and Culture.....	1120	1560
Other Utilities	1125	1565
Gas	1126	1566
Electric	1127	1567
Other	1130	1570
Total Revenue/Expense	1140 7,330,588	1580 8,673,294
Net Revenue/Expense		1590 -1,342,706

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES BY TYPE / OBJECT

Schedule 9D

	Total
	1
Revenues	1700
Taxation and Grants in Place	1710
. Property (Net Municipal)	1720 5,194,775
. Business	1730
. Business Revitalization Zone	1740
. Special	1750
. Well Drilling	1760
. Local Improvement	1770
Sales To Other Governments	1790
Sales and User Charges	1800 376,235
Penalties and Costs on Taxes	1810 26,140
Licenses and Permits	1820 2,980
Fines	1830
Franchise and Concession Contracts	1840 4,158
Returns on Investments	1850 427,580
Rentals	1860 36,736
Insurance Proceeds	1870
Net Gain on Sale of Tangible Capital Assets	1880
Contributed and Donated Assets.....	1885
Federal Government Unconditional Transfers	1890
Federal Government Conditional Transfers	1900
Provincial Government Unconditional Transfers	1910
Provincial Government Conditional Transfers	1920 1,174,755
Local Government Transfers	1930
Transfers From Local Boards and Agencies	1940
Developer Agreements and Levies	1960
Other Revenues	1970 87,229
Total Revenue	1980 7,330,588
Expenses	1990
Salaries, Wages, and Benefits	2000 2,425,023
Contracted and General Services	2010 1,844,651
Purchases from Other Governments	2020
Materials, Goods, Supplies, and Utilities	2030 1,352,706
Provision For Allowances	2040
Transfers to Other Governments	2050
Transfers to Local Boards and Agencies	2060 266,284
Transfers to Individuals and Organizations	2070 27,960
Bank Charges and Short Term Interest	2080 16,640
Interest on Operating Long Term Debt	2090
Interest on Capital Long Term Debt	2100
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	2110 2,617,005
Net Loss on Sale of Tangible Capital Assets.....	2125 45,176
Write Down of Tangible Capital Assets.....	2127
Other Expenditures	2130 77,849
Total Expenses	2140 8,673,294
Net Revenue (Expense)	2150 -1,342,706

REVENUE AND EXPENSE SUPPLEMENTARY DETAIL

Schedule 9E

		Revenue		Expenses	
		Sales and User Charges	Provincial Capital Transfers	Annual Amortization Expense	Capital Long Term Debt Interest Expense
		1	2	3	4
General Government	2200				
Council and Other Legislative	2210				
General Administration	2220	10,043		35,995	
Other General Government.....	2230				
Protective Services	2240				
Police	2250				
Fire	2260	23,280		71,153	
Disaster and Emergency Measures	2270				
Ambulance and First Aid	2280				
Bylaws Enforcement	2290				
Other Protective Services.....	2300				
Transportation	2310				
Common and Equipment Pool	2320				
Roads, Streets, Walks, Lighting	2330	62,116	554,769	2,246,801	
Airport	2340				
Public Transit	2350				
Storm Sewers and Drainage	2360				
Other Transportation	2370				
Environmental Use and Protection	2380				
Water Supply and Distribution	2390	210,747	99,349	191,372	
Wastewater Treatment and Disposal	2400	46,704		48,451	
Waste Management	2410	17,945		1,968	
Other Environmental Use and Protection	2420				
Public Health and Welfare	2430				
Family and Community Support	2440				
Day Care	2450				
Cemeteries and Crematoriums	2460	25			
Other Public Health and Welfare	2470			396	
Planning and Development	2480				
Land Use Planning, Zoning and Development	2490				
Economic/Agricultural Development	2500			13,541	
Subdivision Land and Development	2510	5,375			
Public Housing Operations	2520				
Land, Housing and Building Rentals	2530				
Other Planning and Development.....	2540				
Recreation and Culture	2550				
Recreation Boards	2560				
Parks and Recreation	2570				
Culture: Libraries, Museums, Halls	2580			7,528	
Convention Centres	2590				
Other Recreation and Culture.....	2600				
Other Utilities	2605				
Gas	2606				
Electric	2607				
Other	2610				
Total	2620	376,235	654,118	2,617,005	

TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS SUPPLEMENTARY DETAIL

Schedule 9F

	Tangible Capital Assets		Capital Long Term Debt	
	Purchased	Donated or Contributed	Principal Additions	Principal Reductions
	1	2	3	4
General Government	2700			
Council and Other Legislative	2710			
General Administration	2720			
Other General Government.....	2730			
Protective Services	2740			
Police	2750			
Fire	2760			
Disaster and Emergency Measures	2770			
Ambulance and First Aid	2780			
Bylaws Enforcement	2790			
Other Protective Services.....	2800			
Transportation	2810			
Common and Equipment Pool	2820			
Roads, Streets, Walks, Lighting	2830	715,427		
Airport	2840			
Public Transit	2850			
Storm Sewers and Drainage	2860			
Other Transportation	2870			
Environmental Use and Protection	2880			
Water Supply and Distribution	2890	99,349		
Wastewater Treatment and Disposal	2900	10,000		
Waste Management	2910			
Other Environmental Use and Protection	2920			
Public Health and Welfare	2930			
Family and Community Support	2940			
Day Care	2950			
Cemeteries and Crematoriums	2960			
Other Public Health and Welfare	2970	108,728		
Planning and Development	2980			
Land Use Planning, Zoning and Development	2990			
Economic/Agricultural Development	3000			
Subdivision Land and Development	3010			
Public Housing Operations	3020			
Land, Housing and Building Rentals	3030			
Other Planning and Development.....	3040			
Recreation and Culture	3050			
Recreation Boards	3060			
Parks and Recreation	3070			
Culture: Libraries, Museums, Halls	3080			
Convention Centres	3090			
Other Recreation and Culture.....	3100			
Other Utilities	3105			
Gas	3106			
Electric	3107			
Other	3110			
Total	3120	933,504		

CHANGE IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

Schedule 9G

		Balance at Beginning of Year 1	Additions 2	Reductions 3	Balance at End of Year 4
Tangible Capital Assets - Cost					
Engineered Structures	3200				
Roadway Systems.....	3201	172,997,758	79,751	48,260	173,029,249
Light Rail Transit Systems.....	3202				
Water Systems.....	3203	3,605,452			3,605,452
Wastewater Systems.....	3204	2,121,690	10,000		2,131,690
Storm Systems.....	3205				
Fibre Optics.....	3206				
Electricity Systems.....	3207				
Gas Distribution Systems.....	3208				
Total Engineered Structures	3210	178,724,900	89,751	48,260	178,766,391
Construction In Progress.....	3219		156,382		156,382
Buildings	3220	6,329,601			6,329,601
Machinery and Equipment	3230	3,673,621	531,448	360,700	3,844,369
Land	3240	897,122	2,975		900,097
Land Improvements.....	3245				
Vehicles	3250	2,410,427	152,948	273,547	2,289,828
Total Capital Property Cost	3260	192,035,671	933,504	682,507	192,286,668
Accumulated Amortization					
Engineered Structures	3270				
Roadway Systems	3271	146,763,542	1,974,473	36,653	148,701,362
Light Rail Transit Systems	3272				
Water Systems	3273	1,112,412	81,177		1,193,589
Wastewater Systems	3274	512,202	47,416		559,618
Storm Systems	3275				
Fibre Optics	3276				
Electricity Systems	3277				
Gas Distribution Systems	3278				
Engineered Structures	3280	148,388,156	2,103,066	36,653	150,454,569
Buildings	3290	1,421,547	136,283		1,557,830
Machinery and Equipment	3300	1,557,018	249,967	180,350	1,626,635
Land	3310				
Land Improvements.....	3315				
Vehicles	3320	1,358,462	127,689	261,050	1,225,101
Total Accumulated Amortization	3330	152,725,183	2,617,005	478,053	154,864,135
Net Book Value of Capital Property	3340	39,310,488			37,422,533
Capital Long Term Debt (Net)	3350				
Equity in Tangible Capital Assets	3400	39,310,488			37,422,533

LONG TERM DEBT SUPPORT

Schedule 9H

		Operating Purposes 1	Capital Purposes 2	Total 3
Long Term Debt Support	3405			
Supported by General Tax Levies	3410			
Supported by Special Levies	3420			
Supported by Utility Rates	3430			
Other	3440			
Total Long Term Debt Principal Balance	3450			

LONG TERM DEBT SOURCES

Schedule 9I

		Operating Purposes 1	Capital Purposes 2	Total 3
Alberta Capital Finance Authority.....	3500			
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	3520			
Mortgage Borrowing	3600			
Other	3610			
Total Long Term Debt Principal Balance	3620			

FUTURE LONG TERM DEBT REPAYMENTS

Schedule 9J

		Operating Purposes 1	Capital Purposes 2	Total 3
Principal Repayments by Year	3700			
Current + 1	3710			
Current + 2	3720			
Current + 3	3730			
Current + 4	3740			
Current + 5	3750			
Thereafter	3760			
Total Principal	3770			
Interest by Year	3780			
Current + 1	3790			
Current + 2	3800			
Current + 3	3810			
Current + 4	3820			
Current + 5	3830			
Thereafter	3840			
Total Interest	3850			

PROPERTY TAXES AND GRANTS IN PLACE

Schedule 9K

	Property Taxes 1	Grants - in Place 2	Total 3
Property Taxes	3900		
Residential Land and Improvements	3910	697,783	697,783
Non-Residential	3920		
Land and Improvements (Excluding M & E).....	3935	466,000	1,528
Machinery and Equipment	3950	968,584	968,584
Linear Property	3960	3,195,794	3,195,794
Railway	3970	4,130	4,130
Farm Land	3980	787,500	16,795
Adjustments to Property Taxes	3990		
Total Property Taxes and Grants In Place	4000	6,119,791	18,323
Requisition Transfers		4010	
Education			
Residential/Farm Land		4031	247,559
Non-Residential		4035	682,071
Seniors Lodges		4090	13,709
Other		4100	
Adjustments to Requisition Transfers		4110	
Total Requisition Transfers		4120	943,339
Net Municipal Property Taxes and Grants In Place		4130	5,194,775

GRANTS IN PLACE OF TAXES

Schedule 9L

	Property Taxes 1	Business Taxes 2	Other Taxes 3	Total 4
Federal Government	4200	1,528		1,528
Provincial Government	4210	16,795		16,795
Local Government	4220			
Other	4230			
Total	4240	18,323		18,323

DEBT LIMIT

Schedule 9AA

		1
Debt Limit	5700	10,014,705
Total Debt	5710	
Debt Service Limit	5720	1,669,118
Total Debt Service Costs	5730	

Enter Prior year's Line 3450 Column 2 balance here: