

**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
**Financial Statements**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Board of Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority

*Qualified Opinion*

We have audited the financial statements of Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (the Authority), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the statements of operations and accumulated surplus, changes in net financial debt and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Authority as at December 31, 2024, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards (PSAS).

*Basis for Qualified Opinion*

Asset retirement obligations are legal obligations associated with the retirement of tangible capital assets. The Authority is obligated to identify all legal obligations associated with retirement of its assets to ensure completeness of the asset retirement obligations recorded, and estimate the future costs of remediation for these obligations to determine the value. The Authority has not provided sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the completeness and the valuation of the amounts recorded and the disclosures required in respect of this liability.

We were consequently unable to determine whether the amounts in question should have been adjusted with respect to the accumulated deficit as at December 31, 2023; tangible capital assets and the asset retirement obligations as at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2024 (2023 - \$61,933, 2024 - \$61,933) and the related expenses (2023 - \$14,104, 2024 - \$4,383.63) for the years then ended; and the related disclosures in notes 10 and 15.

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

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Board of Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (*continued*)

*Other Matter*

The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements on April 8, 2024.

*Key Audit Matters*

Except for the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section, we have determined that there are no other key audit matters to communicate in our report.

*Other Information*

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Authority or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Authority's financial reporting process.

*Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 financial statements.



Independent Auditor's Report to the Board of Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (*continued*)

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial 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 Authority'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 Authority'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 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 Authority to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

*Baker Tilly* REO LLP

Carleton Place, Ontario  
April 14, 2025

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants


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**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY****Statement of Financial Position****December 31, 2024**

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|  | 2024                | 2023                |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>                              |                     |                     |
| Cash   | \$ 286,374          | \$ 964,957          |
| Investments (Note 4)                                 | 3,035,933           | 2,620,945           |
| Accounts receivable (Notes 5, 16)                    | 421,887             | 590,261             |
|  | <u>3,744,194</u>    | <u>4,176,163</u>    |
| <b>FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>                         |                     |                     |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 6)    | 306,069             | 563,806             |
| Deferred revenue (Note 7)                            | 108,761             | 120,875             |
| Current portion of long term debt (Note 8)           | 183,074             | 175,530             |
| Long-term debt (Note 8)                              | 3,794,463           | 3,977,401           |
| Retirement benefit liability (Note 9)                | 141,864             | 146,346             |
| Asset retirement obligation (Note 15)                | 61,933              | 61,933              |
|  | <u>4,596,164</u>    | <u>5,045,891</u>    |
| <b>NET FINANCIAL DEBT</b>                            | <u>(851,970)</u>    | <u>(869,728)</u>    |
| <b>NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>                          |                     |                     |
| Prepaid expenses                                     | 36,282              | 36,450              |
| Intangible assets (Note 11)                          | 125,437             | 117,697             |
| Tangible capital assets (Note 10)                    | 7,861,542           | 7,754,038           |
| Tangible capital assets under construction (Note 10) | 306,756             | 138,972             |
| Intangible assets in development (Note 11)           | 23,500              | -                   |
|  | <u>8,353,517</u>    | <u>8,047,157</u>    |
| <b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Note 12)</b>                 | <u>\$ 7,501,547</u> | <u>\$ 7,177,426</u> |

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

  
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Director

  
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Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
**Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

|  | Budget<br>2024<br><i>Note 13</i> | Actual<br>2024 | Actual<br>2023 |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b>   |                                  |                |                |
| Municipal levy - category 1                                    | \$ 2,817,071                     | \$ 2,817,072   | \$ 2,962,451   |
| Municipal levy - category 2                                    | 178,536                          | 178,537        | -              |
| Municipal levy - category 3                                    | 144,590                          | 144,590        | -              |
| Municipal levy - special                                       | 68,000                           | 68,000         | 71,500         |
| Other revenue ( <i>Schedule 1</i> ) ( <i>Note 16</i> )         | 1,007,241                        | 1,074,193      | 1,427,315      |
| Government grant - Ministry of Natural<br>Resources Section 39 | 128,436                          | 128,436        | 128,436        |
| Government grant - provincial (CMOG)                           | 13,445                           | 13,445         | 13,445         |
| Conservation area - fees, sales and rentals                    | 101,000                          | 88,843         | 96,148         |
| Supplementary programs - student grants                        | 30,235                           | -              | 26,774         |
| Donations  | 27,000                           | 56,761         | 36,500         |
|  | 4,515,554                        | 4,569,877      | 4,762,569      |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>  |                                  |                |                |
| Corporate services ( <i>Schedule 2</i> )                       | 1,129,772                        | 1,322,204      | 1,026,315      |
| Watershed management ( <i>Schedule 2</i> )                     | 1,850,453                        | 1,275,742      | 2,079,650      |
| Flood and erosion control ( <i>Schedule 2</i> )                | 482,130                          | 880,679        | 487,905        |
| Conservation areas ( <i>Schedule 2</i> )                       | 370,469                          | 347,979        | 543,831        |
| Category 2 programs ( <i>Schedule 2</i> )                      | 296,536                          | 150,061        | 104,131        |
| Category 3 programs ( <i>Schedule 2</i> )                      | 412,980                          | 482,290        | 331,370        |
|  | 4,542,340                        | 4,458,955      | 4,573,202      |
| <b>SURPLUS BEFORE CAPITAL ACTIVITIES</b>                       | (26,786)                         | 110,922        | 189,367        |
| <b>CAPITAL ACTIVITIES</b>                                      |                                  |                |                |
| Municipal levy - capital                                       | 691,745                          | 691,745        | 634,628        |
| Amortization   | -                                | (351,370)      | (334,654)      |
| Interest on long-term debt                                     | -                                | (127,176)      | (141,488)      |
|  | 691,745                          | 213,199        | 158,486        |
| <b>ANNUAL SURPLUS</b>  | 664,959                          | 324,121        | 347,853        |
| <b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - BEGINNING OF<br/>YEAR</b>             | 7,343,549                        | 7,177,426      | 6,829,573      |
| <b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - END OF<br/>YEAR (<i>Note 12</i>)</b>  | \$ 8,008,508                     | \$ 7,501,547   | \$ 7,177,426   |

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**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**Statement of Changes in Net Financial Debt**

**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

|  | Budget<br>2024        | Actual<br>2024      | Actual<br>2023      |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>ANNUAL SURPLUS</b>                                  | <b>\$ 664,959</b>     | <b>\$ 324,121</b>   | <b>\$ 347,853</b>   |
| Acquisition of tangible capital assets                 | (1,444,475)           | (441,176)           | (591,426)           |
| Increase in intangible assets in development           | -                     | (23,500)            | -                   |
| Increase in tangible capital assets under construction | -                     | (167,784)           | (138,972)           |
| Acquisition of intangible capital assets               | -                     | (25,439)            | (21,609)            |
| Amortization of tangible capital assets                | -                     | 351,370             | 334,654             |
| Change in prepaid expenses                             | -                     | 166                 | (1,281)             |
|  | (1,444,475)           | (306,363)           | (418,634)           |
| <b>DECREASE (INCREASE) IN NET FINANCIAL DEBT</b>       | <b>(779,516)</b>      | <b>17,758</b>       | <b>(70,781)</b>     |
| <b>NET FINANCIAL DEBT - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>          | <b>(1,353,722)</b>    | <b>(869,728)</b>    | <b>(798,947)</b>    |
| <b>NET FINANCIAL DEBT - END OF YEAR</b>                | <b>\$ (2,133,238)</b> | <b>\$ (851,970)</b> | <b>\$ (869,728)</b> |

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**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**Statement of Cash Flows**

**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

|  | <b>2024</b>       | <b>2023</b>        |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>                |                   |                    |
| Annual surplus                             | \$ 324,121        | \$ 347,853         |
| Items not affecting cash:                  |                   |                    |
| Amortization                               | 351,370           | 334,654            |
| Retirement benefit liability               | (4,482)           | (9,469)            |
| Asset retirement obligation                | -                 | 61,933             |
|  | <u>671,009</u>    | <u>734,971</u>     |
| Changes in non-cash working capital:       |                   |                    |
| Accounts receivable                        | 168,374           | 51,975             |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities   | (257,742)         | 193,572            |
| Deferred revenue - other                   | (12,114)          | (253,514)          |
| Prepaid expenses                           | 171               | (1,285)            |
|  | <u>(101,311)</u>  | <u>(9,252)</u>     |
|  | <u>569,698</u>    | <u>725,719</u>     |
| <b>CAPITAL ACTIVITIES</b>                  |                   |                    |
| Purchase of tangible capital assets        | (441,176)         | (591,426)          |
| Purchase of intangible assets              | (25,439)          | (21,609)           |
| Tangible capital assets under construction | (167,784)         | (138,972)          |
| Intangible assets in development           | (23,500)          | -                  |
|  | <u>(657,899)</u>  | <u>(752,007)</u>   |
| <b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>                |                   |                    |
| Repayment of long-term debt                | (175,394)         | (243,850)          |
|  | <u>(175,394)</u>  | <u>(243,850)</u>   |
| <b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>                |                   |                    |
| Purchase of short-term investments         | (280,981)         | (1,500,000)        |
| Interest earned and re-invested            | (134,007)         | (101,778)          |
|  | <u>(414,988)</u>  | <u>(1,601,778)</u> |
| <b>DECREASE IN CASH FLOW</b>               | <u>(678,583)</u>  | <u>(1,871,916)</u> |
| <b>CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>            | <u>964,957</u>    | <u>2,836,873</u>   |
| <b>CASH - END OF YEAR</b>                  | <u>\$ 286,374</u> | <u>\$ 964,957</u>  |

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**Other Revenue (Schedule 1)**

**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

|                                     | Budget<br>2024      | Actual<br>2024      | Actual<br>2023      |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>GRANTS</b>                       |                     |                     |                     |
| City of Ottawa floodplain mapping   | 110,500             | <b>136,991</b>      | 67,592              |
| ECCC                                | 60,000              | <b>59,520</b>       | 299,688             |
| ALUS Lanark                         | 72,000              | <b>53,596</b>       | 56,962              |
| Danbe Foundation                    | -                   | <b>50,000</b>       | -                   |
| DMAF                                | 40,000              | <b>40,536</b>       | 50,752              |
| Ottawa Rural Clean Water Project    | 13,025              | <b>19,919</b>       | 19,086              |
| County of Lanark Forestry Program   | 7,000               | <b>16,878</b>       | 15,252              |
| Mississippi Mills - Mill of Kintail | 12,221              | <b>13,081</b>       | 5,693               |
| Provincial - FHIMP - Clyde River    | 5,000               | <b>9,178</b>        | 66,183              |
| Education review                    | 5,000               | <b>5,000</b>        | -                   |
| Capital Revenue:Capital Grants      | 110,000             | <b>54,956</b>       | 199,725             |
| Grants - other                      | -                   | -                   | 8,100               |
| RBC Funding                         | 15,000              | -                   | -                   |
| Wetland Protection Fund             | 15,000              | -                   | -                   |
| Hazard Identification Mapping3      | 30,000              | -                   | -                   |
| Poole Creek                         | 3,000               | -                   | -                   |
|                                     | <b>497,746</b>      | <b>459,655</b>      | 789,033             |
| Planning and regulation fees        | 280,000             | <b>337,510</b>      | 332,466             |
| Interest                            | 130,000             | <b>178,540</b>      | 173,287             |
| Ontario Power Generation            | 44,000              | <b>35,799</b>       | 38,243              |
| Camps income                        | 25,200              | <b>32,335</b>       | -                   |
| MNRF dam operations                 | 11,795              | <b>11,795</b>       | 8,000               |
| Rental income                       | 7,000               | <b>9,986</b>        | 3,641               |
| Fees for services                   | 11,500              | <b>6,602</b>        | 23,725              |
| Bell Canada - K&P Easement          | -                   | <b>1,971</b>        | 1,933               |
| Interagency coordination - LiDAR    | -                   | -                   | 37,372              |
| Septic Programs                     | -                   | -                   | 19,615              |
|                                     | <b>509,495</b>      | <b>614,538</b>      | 638,282             |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                  | <b>\$ 1,007,241</b> | <b>\$ 1,074,193</b> | <b>\$ 1,427,315</b> |

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**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**Expenses (Schedule 2)**

**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

|  | Budget<br>2024<br><i>Note 13</i> | Actual<br>2024      | Actual<br>2023      |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Corporate services</b>                |                                  |                     |                     |
| Administration                           | \$ 704,048                       | \$ 876,403          | \$ 733,029          |
| Communications                           | 63,779                           | 42,803              | 76,263              |
| Head office                              | 176,342                          | 219,913             | 68,152              |
| Information management                   | 193,829                          | 180,413             | 166,261             |
| Vehicle and equipment                    | (8,226)                          | 2,672               | (17,390)            |
|  | <u>\$ 1,129,772</u>              | <u>\$ 1,322,204</u> | <u>\$ 1,026,315</u> |
| <b>Watershed management</b>              |                                  |                     |                     |
| Hazard mapping                           | \$ -                             | \$ 202,952          | \$ -                |
| Monitoring - Category 1                  | 49,094                           | 67,587              | 6,667               |
| Plan review                              | 1,003,375                        | 952,953             | 959,372             |
| Septic inspection program                | -                                | -                   | 80,410              |
| Technical studies and watershed planning | 797,984                          | 52,250              | 1,033,201           |
|  | <u>\$ 1,850,453</u>              | <u>\$ 1,275,742</u> | <u>\$ 2,079,650</u> |
| <b>Flood and erosion control</b>         |                                  |                     |                     |
| Dam operations                           | \$ 257,359                       | \$ 162,630          | \$ 171,453          |
| Flood forecasting and warning            | 224,771                          | 718,049             | 316,452             |
|  | <u>\$ 482,130</u>                | <u>\$ 880,679</u>   | <u>\$ 487,905</u>   |
| <b>Conservation areas</b>                |                                  |                     |                     |
| Conservation areas                       | \$ 298,613                       | \$ 332,007          | \$ 543,831          |
| Technical studies - conservation         | 71,856                           | 15,972              | -                   |
|  | <u>\$ 370,469</u>                | <u>\$ 347,979</u>   | <u>\$ 543,831</u>   |

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**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY****Expenses (continued) (Schedule 2)****Year Ended December 31, 2024**

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|                            | Budget<br>2024<br><i>Note 13</i> | Actual<br>2024    | Actual<br>2023    |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Category 2 programs</b> |                                  |                   |                   |
| Monitoring                 | \$ 168,313                       | \$ 108,187        | \$ 104,131        |
| Watershed plan             | 128,223                          | 41,874            | -                 |
|                            | <u>\$ 296,536</u>                | <u>\$ 150,061</u> | <u>\$ 104,131</u> |
| <b>Category 3 programs</b> |                                  |                   |                   |
| Education programs         | \$ 61,170                        | \$ 68,368         | \$ -              |
| Stewardship programs       | 159,521                          | 233,493           | 199,833           |
| Visitor services           | 192,289                          | 180,429           | 131,537           |
|                            | <u>\$ 412,980</u>                | <u>\$ 482,290</u> | <u>\$ 331,370</u> |

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## MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

### Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2024

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#### 1. PURPOSE OF THE AUTHORITY

Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (the "Authority") is established under the Conservation Authorities Act of Ontario. It acts as the agent for water and land conservation and management for its member municipalities. The Authority is a registered charity which is exempt from income tax and may issue tax receipts to donors.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Basis of presentation

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards (PSAS).

##### Investments

Investments are recorded at cost plus accrued interest. If the market value of investments becomes lower than cost and the decline in value is considered to be other than temporary, the investments are written down to market value.

##### Non-financial assets

Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for use in the provision of services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year and are not intended for sale in the ordinary course of operations.

##### Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost, which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development and betterment of the asset, less accumulated amortization and are amortized over their estimated useful lives at the following rates and methods:

|                          |               |                      |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Land improvements        | 10 - 30 years | straight-line method |
| Water control structures | 20 - 50 years | straight-line method |
| Buildings                | 40 years      | straight-line method |
| Leasehold improvements   | lease term    | straight-line method |
| Equipment                | 10 years      | straight-line method |
| Furniture and fixtures   | 10 years      | straight-line method |
| Vehicles                 | 5 years       | straight-line method |
| Computer equipment       | 5 years       | straight-line method |

The Authority regularly reviews its tangible capital assets to eliminate obsolete items.

Tangible capital assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use, at which time the costs are transferred to the appropriate asset category.

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**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**Notes to Financial Statements**

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

Intangible assets

Intangible assets are recorded at cost, which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, development or betterment of the asset. The cost, less residual value, of the intangible assets are amortized over their estimated useful at the following rates and methods:

|                                       |                               |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Watershed modeling and hazard mapping | 10 years straight-line method |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|

Intangible assets in development are not placed into use until the asset is available for productive use, at which time the costs are transferred to the appropriate category.

Impairment

The Authority tests for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that a tangible capital asset no longer contributes to the Authority's ability to provide services or the value of the future economic benefits associated with the tangible capital asset is less than its net book value, and the decline is expected to be permanent, the cost and accumulated amortization of the asset are reduced to reflect the revised estimate of the value of the asset's remaining service potential. The resulting net adjustment is reported as an expense on the Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus.

Future removal and site restoration costs

An asset retirement obligation ("ARO") at fair value is recognized when, as at the financial reporting date, all of the following criteria are met:

1. There is a legal obligation to incur retirement costs in relation to a tangible capital asset and other contract obligations;
2. The past transactions or events giving rise to the liability have occurred;
3. It is expected that future economic benefits will be given up; and
4. A reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

Actual remediation costs incurred are charged against the ARO to the extent of the liability recorded.

Differences between the actual remediation costs incurred and the associated liabilities are recognized in the Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus at the time of remediation.

The asset retirement obligation is based on management's best estimate of the expenditures to settle the obligation. A liability has been recognized based on estimated future expenses on retirement of the tangible capital assets. The assumptions used on initial recognition are those as of the date the legal obligation was incurred. Assumptions used in the subsequent calculations are revised yearly.

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## MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

##### Leases

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

##### Pensions and employee future benefits

The Authority accounts for its participation in the Ontario Municipal Employees Benefit Retirement System ("OMERS"), a multi-employer public sector pension fund, as a defined benefit plan. The OMERS plan specifies the retirement benefits to be received by employees based on length of service and pay rates.

The Authority accounts for its participation in the Group RRSP plan held by Canada Life as an annual program expenditure. This plan was set up for full-time employees prior to OMERS.

Employee benefits include vacation entitlement which are accrued as entitlements as they are earned in accordance with the Authority's policy.

The Authority provides Post-Retirement Benefits in the form of employer paid group insurance premiums commencing on retirement at age 60 and payable until the attainment of age 65. The annual cost of the benefit obligation is charged as a program expenditure.

##### Deferred revenue

The Authority receives restricted contributions under the authority of Federal and Provincial legislation and Authority by-laws. These funds by their nature are restricted in their use and until applied to applicable costs are recorded as deferred revenue. Amounts applied to qualifying expenses are recorded as revenue in the fiscal period they are expended.

Deferred revenue represents certain user charges and fees which have been collected but for which the related services have yet to be performed. Deferred revenue also represents contributions that the Authority has received pursuant to legislation, regulation or agreement that may only be used for certain programs or in the completion of specific work. These amounts are recognized as revenue in the fiscal year the services are performed or related expenses incurred.

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

Revenue recognition

Municipal levies are recognized in the financial statements as revenues in the period in which they are levied.

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

The Authority defers recognition of user charges and fees which have been collected but for which the related services have yet to be performed. These amounts will be recognized as revenues in the fiscal year the services are performed.

Interest earned on guaranteed investment certificates is recognized as earned.

Donations are recognized as they are received.

Contributed services

The operations of the organization depend on the contribution of time by volunteers. The fair value of services cannot be reasonably determined and are therefore not reflected in these financial statements.

Reserves

Reserves for future expenditures and contingencies are established as required at the discretion of the Board members of the Authority. Increases or decreases in these reserves are made by appropriations to or from operations.

Corporate services program revenue and expenditures

Internal charges are made to allocate common overhead expenses, payroll burden and vehicle charges to all program areas. Actual expenditures are applied to these recovery revenues at year end which results in a net surplus or expenditure each year. These net amounts are included in Corporate Services.

Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses

A Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses has not been provided as there are no significant unrealized gains or losses at December 31, 2024 or 2023.

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

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition. Derivative instruments and equity instruments that are quoted in an active market are reported at fair value. All other financial instruments are subsequently recorded at cost or amortized cost unless management has elected to carry the instruments at fair value. The Authority has not elected to carry any such financial instruments at fair value.

Transaction costs incurred on the acquisition of financial instruments are measured subsequently at fair value are expensed as incurred. All other financial instruments are adjusted by transaction costs incurred on acquisition and financing costs, which are amortized using the straight-line method.

Financial assets are assessed for impairment on an annual basis at the end of the fiscal year. When a decline is determined to be other than temporary, the amount of the loss is reported in the statement of operations and adjusted through the statement of remeasurement gains and losses.

When the asset is sold, the unrealized gains and losses previously recognized in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses are reversed and recognized in the statement of operations.

The Standards require an organization to classify fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy, which includes three levels of information that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 - Observable or corroborated inputs, other than level 1, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets or market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities; and

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets and liabilities.

Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of 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 financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Areas where estimations are used include accrued liabilities, deferred revenue, useful life of tangible capital assets, retirement benefit liabilities, and asset retirement obligations. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

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#### 3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Authority is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments and has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage these risks. The following analysis provides information about the Authority's risk exposure and concentration as of December 31, 2024.

##### Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that a counterparty will fail to perform its obligations. The Authority is exposed to credit risk from customers. In order to reduce its credit risk, the Authority reviews a new customer's credit history before extending credit and conducts regular reviews of its existing customers' credit performance. An allowance for doubtful accounts is established based upon factors surrounding the credit risk of specific accounts, historical trends and other information. As of December 31, 2024, the balance of the allowance for doubtful accounts is \$NIL. The Authority has a significant number of customers which minimizes concentration of credit risk. There have been no significant changes to the credit risk exposure from 2023.

##### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Authority is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its receipt of funds from its customers and other related sources, long term debt, obligations under capital leases, contributions to the pension plan, and accounts payable.

##### Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency rate risk, interest rate risk and other price risk. The Authority is mainly exposed to interest rate risk.

##### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. In seeking to minimize the risks from interest rate fluctuations, the Authority manages exposure through its normal operating and financing activities. The Authority is exposed to interest rate risk primarily through its investments in guaranteed investment certificates which are disclosed in note 4. If the Authority were to enter into a loan to fund future development, there is potential interest rate risk associated with this. There has been no change to the interest rate risk exposure from 2023.

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Authority is not exposed to significant other price risks arising from these financial instruments.

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**4. INVESTMENTS**

Guaranteed Investment Certificates held by Scotiabank measured at cost plus accrued interest.

|   | <u>2024</u>                | <u>2023</u>                |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Matured March 26, 2024 and earned interest at rate of 5.37% per annum     | \$ -                       | \$ 533,406                 |
| Matured June 6, 2024 and earned interest at rate of 4.9% per annum        | -                          | 514,029                    |
| Matured September 17, 2024 and earned interest at rate of 5.0% per annum  | -                          | 1,039,726                  |
| Matures January 27, 2025 and earns interest at rate of 5.64% per annum    | <b>563,972</b>             | 533,784                    |
| Matures February 27, 2025 and earns interest at a rate of 3.51% per annum | <b>401,269</b>             | -                          |
| Matures March 6, 2025 and earns interest at a rate of 2.67% per annum     | <b>500,951</b>             | -                          |
| Matures March 27, 2025 and earns interest at a rate of 3.1% per annum     | <b>1,010,562</b>           | -                          |
| Matures March 27, 2025 and earns interest at a rate of 3.1% per annum     | <b>559,179</b>             | -                          |
|   | <u><b>\$ 3,035,933</b></u> | <u><b>\$ 2,620,945</b></u> |

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**5. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

|  | <u>2024</u>              | <u>2023</u>              |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Government and trade receivables           | \$ 310,203               | \$ 390,941               |
| Harmonized sales tax rebate                | <b>103,577</b>           | 139,310                  |
| Mississippi Valley Conservation Foundation | <b>8,107</b>             | 60,010                   |
|  | <u><b>\$ 421,887</b></u> | <u><b>\$ 590,261</b></u> |

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**6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES**

|                             | <u>2024</u>              | <u>2023</u>              |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Accounts payable & accruals | \$ 76,227                | \$ 399,497               |
| Wages and benefits          | <b>229,842</b>           | 164,309                  |
|                             | <u><b>\$ 306,069</b></u> | <u><b>\$ 563,806</b></u> |

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**7. DEFERRED REVENUE**

|  | <b>2024</b>       | <b>2023</b>       |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning balance                                  | <b>\$ 120,875</b> | <b>\$ 374,389</b> |
| Add: amount received related to the following year | <b>23,574</b>     | <b>9,642</b>      |
|  | <b>144,449</b>    | <b>384,031</b>    |
| Less: amount recognized as revenue in the year     | <b>(35,688)</b>   | <b>(263,156)</b>  |
| Ending balance                                     | <b>\$ 108,761</b> | <b>\$ 120,875</b> |
| <u>Deferred revenue consists of:</u>               |                   |                   |
| City of Ottawa - Upper Poole Creek Study           | <b>\$ 3,147</b>   | <b>\$ 3,147</b>   |
| Developer deposits                                 | <b>52,500</b>     | <b>63,170</b>     |
| Eastern Region Safety Committee                    | <b>3,146</b>      | <b>3,146</b>      |
| Enbridge - Roy Brown Park                          | <b>5,000</b>      | <b>5,000</b>      |
| MVC Foundation                                     | <b>19,644</b>     | <b>25,771</b>     |
| Ontario Power Generation                           | <b>2,500</b>      | <b>2,500</b>      |
| RBC Foundation                                     | <b>15,000</b>     | <b>15,000</b>     |
| Weddings - Future Bookings                         | <b>900</b>        | <b>3,141</b>      |
| Visitor services passes                            | <b>6,924</b>      | <b>-</b>          |
|  | <b>\$ 108,761</b> | <b>\$ 120,875</b> |

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**8. LONG TERM DEBT**

|  | <u>2024</u>                | <u>2023</u>                |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| The Corporation of the Town of Carleton Place loan bearing interest at 3.4% per annum, repayable in semi-annual blended payments of \$138,502. The loan matures June 2040 and is secured by property at 10970 Highway 7, Carleton Place, ON which has a carrying value of \$4,108,525.           | <b>\$ 3,317,264</b>        | \$ 3,477,430               |
| The City of Ottawa loan bearing interest at 3% per annum, repayable in monthly blended payments of \$2,951. The loan matures April 2052. The purpose of the loan was to assist with financing of development and construction of water erosion control infrastructure at the Shabomeka Lake Dam. | <b>660,273</b>             | 675,501                    |
|  | <b>3,977,537</b>           | 4,152,931                  |
| Current portion of long term debt  | <b>(183,074)</b>           | (175,530)                  |
|  | <b><u>\$ 3,794,463</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 3,977,401</u></b> |

Principal repayment terms are approximately:

|            |                            |
|------------|----------------------------|
| 2025       | \$ 183,074                 |
| 2026       | 187,643                    |
| 2027       | 194,014                    |
| 2028       | 200,601                    |
| 2029       | 207,412                    |
| Thereafter | 3,004,793                  |
|            | <b><u>\$ 3,977,537</u></b> |

Interest paid during the year amounted to \$127,176 (2023 - \$141,488)

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**9. RETIREMENT BENEFIT LIABILITY**

The Authority sponsors a plan for retiree life and health benefits. Retirees are eligible for benefits from age 60 to age 65 after 25 years of service. Total benefit payments for retirees during the year were \$5,179 (2023 - \$14,454). The plan is unfunded and requires no contribution from employees.

Actuarial valuations for accounting purposes are performed triennially using the projected benefit method prorated on services. The most recent actuarial report was prepared at December 31, 2022.

The actuarial valuation was based on a number of assumptions about future events, such as inflation rates, interest rates, medical inflation rates, and employee turnover and mortality. The assumptions used reflect the Authority's best estimates. The expected inflation rate is 2.5%. The discount rate used to determine the accrued benefit obligation is 4.65%.

The total expenses related to retirement benefits include the following components:

|                                 | <u>2024</u>     | <u>2023</u>     |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Current service cost            | \$ 5,634        | \$ 5,384        |
| Interest cost                   | 4,070           | 4,186           |
| Amortization of actuarial gains | <u>(4,244)</u>  | <u>(4,588)</u>  |
|                                 | <u>\$ 5,460</u> | <u>\$ 4,982</u> |

The total expense related to retirement benefits is included in the statement of operations as a component of Corporate services - administration.

Unamortized (gain) loss related to retirement benefits:

|  | <u>2024</u>       | <u>2023</u>       |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Unamortized (gain) loss at the beginning of the year | \$ (56,666)       | \$ (61,254)       |
| Less: amortization of loss                           | 4,244             | 4,588             |
| Accrued benefit obligation                           | \$ 89,442         | \$ 89,680         |
| Unamortized gains                                    | <u>52,422</u>     | <u>56,666</u>     |
| Accrued benefit liability                            | <u>\$ 141,864</u> | <u>\$ 146,346</u> |

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**10. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS**

| <u>Cost</u>                 | 2023<br>Balance      | Additions         | Disposals   | 2024<br>Balance      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Land                        | \$ 903,066           | \$ -              | \$ -        | \$ 903,066           |
| Land Improvements           | 155,047              | 33,458            | -           | 188,505              |
| Water Control Structures    | 4,355,029            | 38,193            | -           | 4,393,222            |
| Buildings                   | 6,277,550            | 78,110            | -           | 6,355,660            |
| Asset Retirement Obligation | 61,933               | -                 | -           | 61,933               |
| Leasehold Improvements      | 454,418              | 40,561            | -           | 494,979              |
| Equipment                   | 510,106              | 88,788            | -           | 598,894              |
| Furniture & Fixtures        | 273,170              | -                 | -           | 273,170              |
| Vehicles                    | 339,604              | 110,999           | -           | 450,603              |
| Computer Hardware           | 192,681              | 51,068            | -           | 243,749              |
|                             | <u>\$ 13,522,604</u> | <u>\$ 441,177</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 13,963,781</u> |

| <u>Accumulated Amortization</u> | 2023<br>Balance     | Amortization      | Accumulated<br>Amortization<br>on Disposals | 2024<br>Balance     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---|---------------------|
| Land                            | \$ -                | \$ -              | \$ -  | \$ -                |
| Land Improvements               | 96,524              | 4,985             | -   | 101,509             |
| Water Control Structures        | 2,126,978           | 76,942            | -   | 2,203,920           |
| Buildings                       | 1,975,349           | 156,579           | -   | 2,131,928           |
| Asset Retirement Obligation     | 14,104              | 4,384             | -   | 18,488              |
| Leasehold Improvements          | 437,395             | 3,829             | -   | 441,224             |
| Equipment                       | 380,493             | 32,454            | -   | 412,947             |
| Furniture & Fixtures            | 273,170             | -                 | -   | 273,170             |
| Vehicles                        | 297,190             | 33,276            | -   | 330,466             |
| Computer Hardware               | 167,358             | 21,229            | -   | 188,587             |
|                                 | <u>\$ 5,768,561</u> | <u>\$ 333,678</u> | <u>\$ -</u>                                 | <u>\$ 6,102,239</u> |

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**10. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)**

| <u>Net book value</u>       | <u>2024</u>         | <u>2023</u>         |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Land                        | \$ 903,066          | \$ 903,066          |
| Land Improvements           | 86,996              | 58,518              |
| Water Control Structures    | 2,189,302           | 2,228,051           |
| Buildings                   | 4,223,732           | 4,302,201           |
| Asset Retirement Obligation | 43,445              | 47,829              |
| Leasehold Improvements      | 53,755              | 17,023              |
| Equipment                   | 185,947             | 129,613             |
| Vehicles                    | 120,137             | 42,414              |
| Computer Hardware           | 55,162              | 25,323              |
|                             | <u>\$ 7,861,542</u> | <u>\$ 7,754,038</u> |

Tangible capital assets under construction includes expenditures to date for construction of replacement dam on Kashwakamak Lake. As of December 31, 2024 this totaled \$306,756 (2023 - \$138,972)

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**11. INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

|                                       | <u>2024</u>       | <u>2023</u>       |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Watershed modeling and hazard mapping | \$ 176,989        | \$ 151,550        |
| Accumulated Amortization              | (51,552)          | (33,853)          |
| Net book value                        | <u>\$ 125,437</u> | <u>\$ 117,697</u> |

Intangible assets in development includes expenditures to date on developing an app for use by visitors to the conservation areas. As of December 31, 2024 this totaled \$23,500 (2023 - \$NIL)

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**12. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS**

Accumulated surplus consists of individual fund surplus and reserves and reserve funds as follows:

|                                     | <b>2024</b>         | <b>2023</b>         |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Tangible capital assets             | <b>\$ 7,818,099</b> | <b>\$ 7,706,209</b> |
| Assets under construction           | <b>306,756</b>      | <b>138,972</b>      |
| Less: long-term debt                | <b>(3,977,537)</b>  | <b>(4,152,931)</b>  |
| Invested in tangible capital assets | <b>4,147,318</b>    | <b>3,692,250</b>    |
| Intangible assets                   | <b>125,437</b>      | <b>117,697</b>      |
| Intangibles in development          | <b>23,500</b>       | <b>-</b>            |
| Invested in intangible assets       | <b>148,937</b>      | <b>117,697</b>      |
| Unrestricted reserves               |                     |                     |
| Category 1 operating                | <b>905,307</b>      | <b>1,022,526</b>    |
| Category 2 operating                | <b>89,000</b>       | <b>89,000</b>       |
| Category 3 operating                | <b>91,047</b>       | <b>125,760</b>      |
|                                     | <b>1,085,354</b>    | <b>1,237,286</b>    |
| Restricted reserves                 |                     |                     |
| Building                            | <b>534,701</b>      | <b>534,701</b>      |
| Conservation areas                  | <b>185,700</b>      | <b>185,700</b>      |
| Information technology              | <b>65,956</b>       | <b>80,185</b>       |
| Category 3 capital                  | <b>-</b>            | <b>39,000</b>       |
| Sick pay                            | <b>73,843</b>       | <b>73,843</b>       |
| Vehicles                            | <b>253,537</b>      | <b>263,537</b>      |
| Water control structures            | <b>592,804</b>      | <b>514,391</b>      |
| Priority projects                   | <b>413,397</b>      | <b>438,836</b>      |
|                                     | <b>2,119,938</b>    | <b>2,130,193</b>    |
| Total accumulated surplus           | <b>\$ 7,501,547</b> | <b>\$ 7,177,426</b> |

Tangible capital assets are less the net book value of the building asset retirement obligation of \$43,455 (2023 - \$47,829)

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**13. BUDGET**

The budget data presented in these financial statements is based upon the 2024 operating and capital budgets approved by the Board on February 12, 2024.

The budget amounts were not prepared on a basis consistent with that used to report actual results (Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards). The budget included capital and reserve transfer items as program revenue and expenses but some of the actual revenue and expenses have not been included in the Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus.

The following analysis is provided to assist readers in understanding these differences:

|  | <u>Budget</u>      | <u>Actual</u> |
|--|--------------------|---------------|
| Annual surplus per Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus | \$ <b>664,959</b>  | \$ 324,121    |
| Acquisition of tangible capital assets                             | <b>(1,444,475)</b> | (441,177)     |
| Acquisition of intangible capital assets                           | -                  | (25,439)      |
| Expenditures on tangible capital assets under construction         | -                  | (167,784)     |
| Expenditures on intangible assets in development                   | -                  | (23,500)      |
| Amortization of assets   | -                  | 351,370       |
| Debt repayment   | <b>(344,922)</b>   | (302,570)     |
| Debt financing   | <b>715,000</b>     | -             |
| Transfers from unrestricted operating reserves                     | <b>196,786</b>     | 160,899       |
| Transfers from restricted reserves                                 | <b>212,652</b>     | 124,080       |
|  | <u>\$ -</u>        | <u>\$ -</u>   |

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**14. EXPENSES BY OBJECT**

A breakdown of expenses by object is as follows:

|                                  | <b>2024</b>                | <b>2023</b>                |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Salaries and benefits            | <b>\$ 3,505,861</b>        | <b>\$ 3,212,418</b>        |
| Materials and supplies           | <b>125,875</b>             | <b>152,132</b>             |
| Amortization                     | <b>351,370</b>             | <b>334,654</b>             |
| Purchased services               | <b>247,113</b>             | <b>330,070</b>             |
| Insurance, heat and utilities    | <b>208,752</b>             | <b>207,099</b>             |
| Direct project expenses          | <b>175,391</b>             | <b>439,111</b>             |
| Travel and vehicle               | <b>59,615</b>              | <b>94,609</b>              |
| Computer supplies and IT support | <b>91,444</b>              | <b>96,121</b>              |
| Property taxes                   | <b>13,016</b>              | <b>12,648</b>              |
| Interest on long-term debt       | <b>127,176</b>             | <b>141,488</b>             |
| Other expenses                   | <b>31,889</b>              | <b>28,996</b>              |
|                                  | <b><u>\$ 4,937,502</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 5,049,346</u></b> |

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**15. ASSET RETIREMENT LIABILITY**

The Authority's asset retirement obligations relate to the legally required removal or remediation of asbestos-containing materials in certain buildings. The obligation is determined based on the estimated undiscounted cash flows that will be required in the future to remove or remediate the asbestos containing material in accordance with current legislation. There was no change in the estimated obligation during the year.

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**16. RELATED PARTIES**

Mississippi Valley Conservation Foundation ("Foundation") raises funds and provides volunteer support for the conservation and education programs of the Authority. The Foundation is a charitable public foundation and may issue tax receipts to donors. The Foundation is exempt from income taxes under paragraph 149(1)(f) of the Income Tax Act as a registered charity. The Foundation is subject to significant influence by the Authority due to Board membership and administrative support. During the year the Foundation provided \$48,277 (2023 - \$15,000) to the Authority to support the Authority's programs. As at December 31, 2024 \$8,107 (2023 - \$60,010) due from the Foundation was included in accounts receivable.

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#### 17. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

The nature of Authority activities is such that there may be litigation pending or in prospect at any time. With respect to claims as at December 31, 2024, management believes that the Authority has valid defences and appropriate insurance coverage's in place. In the event any claims are successful, the amount is not determinable, therefore, no amount has been accrued in the financial statements of any potential liability.

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#### 18. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The Authority is dependent on municipal levies for a significant portion of its revenue. As the Authority's main source of income is derived from these levies, its ability to continue viable operations is dependent upon the renewal of those levies on an annual basis.

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#### 19. PENSION BENEFITS

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

Because OMERS is a multi-employer pension plan, any pension plan surpluses or deficits are the joint responsibility of Ontario municipal organizations and their employees. As a result, the Authority does not recognize any share of the OMERS pension surplus or deficit.

The latest available report for the OMERS plan was December 31, 2024. At that time the plan reported a \$2.9 billion actuarial deficit (2023 - \$4.2 billion), based on actuarial liabilities of \$140.8 billion (2023 - \$134.6 billion) and actuarial assets of \$137.9 billion (2023 - \$130.4 billion). Ongoing adequacy of the current contribution rates will need to be monitored and may lead to increased future funding requirements.

In 2024, the Authority's contribution to OMERS was \$198,035 (2023 - \$191,970).

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#### 20. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

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

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