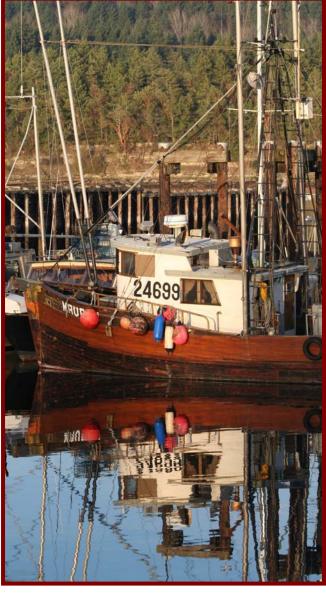
Town of Ladysmith Financial Section 2007









AUDITORS' REPORT

To The Mayor And Councillors Of The Town of Ladysmith

We have audited the consolidated statement of financial position of the Town of Ladysmith as at December 31, 2007 and the consolidated statements of financial activities, changes in financial position, operating fund activities, capital fund activities, and reserve fund activities for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Town of Ladysmith as at December 31, 2007 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting principles generally accepted for British Columbia Municipalities. As required by the Local Government Act (British Columbia), we report that, in our opinion, these principles have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Our audit was made for the purposes of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole. The current year's supplementary information included in Schedules I to VI and the supporting statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the consolidated financial statements. The supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements and, in our opinion, this supplementary information is presented fairly, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

Duncan, BC April 18, 2008

Chartered Accountants.

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2007

Financial Assets	2007	2006
Cash and short term deposits (Note 3)	\$ 14,186,705	\$ 13,133,318
Accounts receivable (Note 4)	1,513,502	2,787,562
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	15,700,207	15,920,880
Liabilities		
Accounts payable (Note 5)	1,754,086	2,128,019
Post-employment benefits (Note 2)	133,200	130,600
Deferred revenue	108,346	101,453
Restricted reserves (Note 6)	4,282,038	4,543,098
Refundable deposits and other	559,695	509,605
Long term debt (Note 8 and Schedule I)	3,990,567	4,153,151
	10,827,932	11,565,926
Net Financial Assets	4,872,275	4,354,954
Physical Assets		
Capital Assets (Note 9)	53,080,698	49,725,220
Prepaids	46,706	12,447
Inventory	118,037	87,118
	53,245,441	49,824,785
	\$ 58,117,716	\$ 54,179,739
Fund Balances	_	
Operating funds (Note 1)		
Unappropriated equity	\$ 2,022,872	\$ 2,481,905
Appropriated equity (Schedule IV)	6,092,129	5,034,034
Capital funds (Note 1)	510,883	488,963
Reserve funds (Note 1 and Schedule IV)	401,701	602,767
	9,027,585	8,607,669
Equity in capital assets (Note 10)	49,090,131	45,572,070
	\$ 58,117,716	\$ 54,179,739

Pat Leitch, CGA

Director of Financial Services

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	Actual 2007	(Unaudited) Budget 2007	Actual 2006
Revenue			
Taxes (Schedule II)	\$ 5,657,040	\$ 5,615,595	\$ 5,246,269
Fees and charges			
General (Schedule III)	1,818,753	1,772,076	1,593,371
Sewer (Schedule III)	574,231	540,000	544,549
Water (Schedule III)	658,930	608,184	606,199
MFA refund	367,690	-	67,065
Return on investments	334,114	220,000	320,711
Penalty and interest on tax	74,301	65,000	67,531
Grants	739,716	2,508,870	2,402,228
Donations and contributions	70,037	63,700	364,710
Proceeds from disposal of capital assets	790	· =	68,510
Proceeds from land sales	-	-	140,140
Development fees	950,322	2,085,948	1,290,043
Other income	52,896	222,169	 -
Local area improvements	11,165	11,908	9,665
1	11,309,985	13,713,450	12,720,991
			
Expenditures			
General government services	1,555,650	1,716,843	1,443,281
Library	210,565	210,565	199,298
Protective services	1,633,736	1,762,726	3,590,969
Transportation services	1,791,087	2,222,515	1,931,070
Environmental health services	407,167	424,116	414,408
Public health	29,977	35,169	32,736
Development services	680,115	682,153	386,097
Recreation and cultural services	1,867,879	2,987,371	3,387,273
Parks operation services	459,549	494,780	483,618
Sewer	570,618	2,083,870	422,151
Water	1,625,816	2,868,262	2,290,503
Reallocation of internal equipment usage	(325,984)	(325,000)	(313,300)
Net change in inventory and prepaids	65,178	-	(11,379)
Interest, net of actuarial adjustment (Note 8)	221,310	240,665	182,783
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Net Operating Revenue	517,322	(1,690,585)	(1,718,517)
Proceeds from new debt	62,780	70,000	2,879,342
Principal repaid	(225,364)	(197,879)	(143,952)
Net change in inventory and prepaids	65,178	-	(11,379)
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Increase (Decrease) in Consolidated Fund Balances	419,916	(1,818,464)	1,005,494
Consolidated Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	8,607,669	8,607,669	7,744,694
Prior Period Restatement	-	-	(142,519)
Consolidated Fund Balances - Beginning of Year, Restated	8,607,669	8,607,669	7,602,175
	5,557,550	3,307,000	.,302,170
Consolidated Fund Balances - End of Year	\$ 9,027,585	\$ 6,789,205	\$ 8,607,669

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Financial Position for the Year Ended December 31, 2007

Operations	2007	2006
Net operating revenue	\$ 517,322	\$ (1,718,517)
Accounts receivable	1,274,059	(558,109)
Accounts payable, accrued liabilities and post-employment benefits	(371,333)	1,072,499
Deferred revenues	6,893	(26,937)
Restricted reserves	(261,060)	(289,339)
Refundable deposits and other	50,090	115,440
Net increase (decrease) in cash from operations	1,215,971	(1,404,963)
Financing	00.700	0.070.040
Proceeds from borrowing	62,780	2,879,342
Repayment of long-term debt	(225,364)	(143,952)
Net (Decrease) Increase in cash from financing	(162,584)	2,735,390
Increase in Cash and Short Term Deposits	1,053,387	1,330,427
Cash and Short Term Deposits - Beginning of Year	13,133,318	11,802,891
Cash and Short Term Deposits - End of Year	\$ 14,186,705	\$13,133,318

Consolidated Statement of Operating Fund Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2007

Revenue		Actual 2007	(Unaudited) Budget 2007	Actual 2006
Taxes (Schedule II)		\$ 5,657,040	\$ 5,615,595	\$ 5,246,269
Fees and charges	General (Schedule III)	1,818,753	1,772,076	1,593,369
ŭ	Sewer (Schedule III)	574,231	540,000	544,549
	Water (Schedule III)	658,930	608,184	606,199
	MFA refund	367,690	-	67,065
Return on investme	nt	285,746	220,000	279,362
Penalties and intere	est on taxes	74,301	65,000	67,531
Grants		536,633	494,711	449,792
Donations and cont	ributions	-	-	34,000
Development fees		1,407	-	-
		9,974,731	9,315,566	8,888,136
Expenditures				
General governmen	nt services	1,500,443	1,546,843	1,263,674
Library		210,565	210,565	199,298
Protective services		1,139,354	1,281,826	1,119,231
Transportation serv	ices	1,084,864	1,193,033	1,087,358
Environmental healt		407,167	424,116	414,408
Public health		29,977	35,169	32,736
Developmental serv	ices	359,594	431,170	386,097
Recreation and cult	ural services	1,666,160	1,705,671	1,487,724
Parks operational s	ervices	459,549	494,780	483,618
Sewer services		319,745	298,870	284,868
Water services		291,063	333,252	245,705
Reallocation of inter	nal equipment usage	(325, 984)	(325,000)	(313,300)
Interest, net of actua	arial adjustment (Note 8)	221,310	240,665	182,783
		7,363,807	7,870,960	6,874,200
Excess of Revenue Ov	er Expenditures	2,610,924	1,444,606	2,013,936
Transfers to Capital	Funds	(2,014,013)	(3,065,191)	(3,785,179)
	rves and appropriated equity	(830,580)	1,400,144	37,789
	t of actuarial adjustment	(225, 364)	(197,879)	(143,951)
Proceeds from borr		-	-	2,879,342
(Decrease) Increase in	Operating Fund Balances	(459,033)	(418,320)	1,001,937
Operating Fund Balance	es,			
	uity - Beginning of Year	2,481,905	2,481,905	1,656,386
Prior period restate		· · ·	, , <u>-</u>	(176,418)
'	uity - Beginning of Year	2,481,905	2,481,905	1,479,968
Operating Fund Balance	es.			
Unappropriated Equ		\$ 2,022,872	\$ 2,063,585	\$ 2,481,905

Consolidated Statement of Capital Fund Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	Act	tual 2007	•	Inaudited) Idget 2007	Α	ctual 2006
Capital Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	\$	488,963	\$	488,963	\$	470,303
Add: Revenues allocated to capital funds						
Proceeds from disposal of capital assets		790		_		68,510
Proceeds from capital lease		62,780		70,000		-
Development fees		948,915		2,085,948		1,290,044
Local area improvements		11,165		11,908		9,665
Donations		70,037		63,700		330,710
Capital grants		203,083		2,014,159		1,952,436
Other Contributions		52,896		222,169		=
Net proceeds from sale of land		=		-		140,140
Return on Investments		21,919		-		18,661
		1,371,585		4,467,884		3,810,166
Internal Transfers						
Transfer to/from revenue funds Less:		2,014,013		3,065,191		3,785,175
Capital expenditures (Schedule V)		(3,363,678)		(7,533,075)		(7,576,681)
Increase in Capital Fund Balances		21,920		<u>-</u>		18,660
Capital Fund Balances - End of Year	\$	510,883	\$	488,963	\$	488,963

Consolidated Statement of Reserve Fund Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	2007	2006
Reserve Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	\$ 602,767	\$ 448,207
Contributions to reserves Project funding from reserves Interest allocated to reserves	9,843 (237,358) 26,449	177,672 (45,800) 22,688
(Decrease) increase in reserve fund balances	(201,066)	154,560
Reserve Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 401,701	\$ 602,767

1. Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Presentation

It is the Town's policy to follow Canadian accounting principles generally accepted for British Columbia municipalities and to apply such principles consistently. These consolidated financial statements include the operations of the General, Water, Sewer, Capital and Reserve Funds. They have been prepared using guidelines issued by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. The financial resources and operations of the Town have been consolidated for financial statement purposes and include the accounts of all the funds of the Town.

<u>Operating Funds</u> - These funds include the sewer and water utilities and report the principal operating activities of the Town. As at December 31, 2007, the fund balances were as follows:

	2007	2006
Unappropriated equity:		
General revenue fund	\$ 412,637	\$ 471,216
Sewer revenue fund	525,391	586,266
Water revenue fund	1,084,844	1,424,423
Total unappropriated equity	2,022,872	2,481,905
Appropriated equity (Schedule IV)	6,092,129	5,034,034
	<u>\$ 8,115,001</u>	<u>\$ 7,515,939</u>

<u>Capital Funds</u> - These funds are used to acquire assets. The fund balances represent the differences between capital assets acquired and the funding which has been obtained. As at December 31, 2007, the fund balances were as follows:

	2007	2006
Sewer revenue fund Water revenue fund	\$ 757 510,126	\$ 723 488,240
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<u>Reserve Funds</u> - These funds have been created to hold assets for specific future requirements. They are comprised of the funds shown in Schedule IV.

	2007	2006
Reserve funds	<u>\$ 401,701</u>	<u>\$602,767</u>

1. Significant Accounting Policies continued

(b) Accrual Accounting

The accrual method for reporting revenues and expenditures has been used.

(c) Deferred Charges

Payments for operating expenditures pertaining to future years are carried as deferred charges. They are recorded as expenditures when the economic benefits are realized.

(d) Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or constructed and work in progress are reported as capital expenditures and are classified according to their functional use. Capital assets donated are reported at fair market value at the time of the donation. Amortization is not recorded. The Town is currently preparing for the new capital asset reporting requirements due to the changes to PSAB S3150. Management is currently reviewing and cataloguing our assets, determining historical cost where possible and classifying each asset by class and will be determining the our asset thresholds, useful lives and amortization methods during 2008. Management anticipates that once the inventory and valuation is complete that a significant write down of capital assets will be required.

(e) Restricted Reserves and Deferred Revenues

Receipts which are restricted by legislation of senior governments or by agreement with external parties are deferred and reported as restricted reserves. When qualifying expenditures are incurred, restricted reserves are brought into revenue at equal amounts. These revenues are comprised of the amounts shown in note 6.

Revenues received in advance of expenditures which will be incurred in a later period are deferred until they are earned by being matched against those expenditures.

(f) Subdivision Infrastructure

Subdivision streets, lighting, sidewalks, drainage, and other infrastructure is required to be provided by subdivision developers. Upon completion they are turned over to the Town. The Town is not involved in the construction and does not budget for or recognize either the contribution from the developer nor the capital expenditure in its annual bylaw. In compliance with PSAB3150, the contribution and asset purchase will be recorded and the assets will be amortized once they are put into use beginning in 2008.

1. Significant Accounting Policies continued

(g) Local Improvements

The Town records capital expenditures for capital assets funded by local improvement agreements as they are incurred. Revenues are recognized over the term of the local improvement agreements as they are collected.

(h) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for municipalities requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditure during the reporting period. Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates relate to the collectibility of accounts receivable, deferred charges and provisions for contingencies. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Adjustments, if any, will be reflected in operations in the period of settlement.

2. Post Employment Benefits

The Town provides compensated absences to its CUPE employees to a maximum of 120 days. The Town also allows employees to defer unused vacation to a maximum of 15 days. Any deferred

vacation bank remaining at retirement or termination is paid out at that time. The amount recorded for these benefits is based on an actuarial evaluation done by an independent firm using a projected benefit actuarial valuation method pro-rated on services. The total expenditure recorded in the financial statements in respect of obligations under this plan amounts to \$22,700. (2006 - \$23,000).

The accrued post employment benefits are as follows:

	2007	2006
Balance, beginning of year	\$130,600	\$ 144,700
Current service cost	22,200	22,500
Benefits paid	(26,900)	(44,200)
Actuarial loss	7,300	7,600
Balance, end of year	\$ <u>133,200</u>	\$ <u>130,600</u>

The significant actuarial assumptions adopted in measuring the Town's post employment benefits are as follows:

	2007	2006
Discount rate	4.50%	4.50%
Expected inflation and wage & salary increase	2.50%	2.50%

3. Cash and Short Term Deposits

Cash and short term deposits were comprised as follows:

Cash Short term deposits	2007 \$12,924,981 <u>1,261,724</u>	2006 \$11,925,728 <u>1,207,509</u>
	<u>\$14,186,705</u>	<u>\$13,133,318</u>

Short term deposits consist of short term investments in the Municipal Finance Authority of B.C. money market fund and the market value is equal to the carrying value.

Included in cash and short term deposits are the following restricted amounts that can only be expended in accordance with the terms of the restricted reserves.

	Restricted Reserves Less: DCC's Receivable	2007 \$4,282,038 (55,000)	2006 \$4,824,104 (164,580)
	Total Cash for Restricted Reserves Plus: Funds Held in Trust Total Restricted Cash	4,227,038 	4,659,524 (313,306) \$4,346,218
4.	Accounts Receivable		
	Property taxes Other government User fees and other Development cost charges Developer receivables Employee receivables Due from trust funds	2007 \$ 485,516 233,360 535,994 55,000 182,382 10,482 10,768 \$1,513,502	2006 \$ 351,119 1,560,487 671,701 164,580 24,309 15,366 7,768
5.	Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities		
	General Other governments Salaries and wages Contractors holdbacks Accrued Interest Due to RCMP Bonds payable	2007 \$1,381,920 9,068 239,296 70,171 33,631 - 20,000	2006 \$1,561,883 8,667 118,811 287,027 33,631 118,000
		<u>\$1,754,086</u>	<u>\$ 2,128,019</u>

Restricted Reserves

	Balance <u>Dec 31,</u> <u>2006</u>	Interest <u>Earned</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	Balance <u>Dec 31,</u> <u>2007</u>
DCC - Water	\$1,425,431	\$92,861	\$97,367	\$(547,699)	\$1,067,960
DCC – Parks	905,626	43,376	74,777	(5,480)	1,018,299
DCC - Roads	867,128	51,215	128,745	(389)	701,138
DCC - Sewer	980,316	45,915	18,188	(50,175)	994,244
DCC - Storm	179,254	7,903	14,099	-	201,256
Parking	17,859	797	-	-	18,656
Community Works					
- Gas Tax	159,527	8,052	104,590	-	272,169
Green Streets	2,194	99	-	(1,018)	1,275
Amphitheatre	5,763	<u>278</u>	1,000		7,041
	<u>\$4,543,098</u>	<u>\$250,496</u>	<u>\$438,766</u>	<u>\$(950,322)</u>	<u>\$4,282,038</u>

7. Federal Gas Tax Funds

Gas Tax funding is provided by the Government of Canada. The use of the funding is established by a funding agreement between the Municipality and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. Gas Tax funding may be used towards designated public transit, community energy, water, wastewater, solid waste and capacity building projects, as specified in the funding agreements. The attached Schedule VII – Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements of Federal Gas Tax outlines the receipts and disbursements for these funds. The funds are recorded on the Town's financial statements as a restricted reserve as outlined in Note 6.

8. Long Term Debt

a) The long term debt issued and outstanding as at December 31, 2007 was \$3,990,567 (\$4,153,151 as at December 31, 2006). The following principal amounts are payable over the next five years.

Sewer General	2008 \$ 4,333 208,026	2009 \$ 4,333 211,560	2010 \$ 4,333 300,832	2011 \$ 4,333 156,880	2012 and beyond \$ 40,888 3,055,049
	\$212 <u>,359</u>	\$215,89 <u>3</u>	\$305,16 <u>5</u>	\$161 <u>,</u> 213	\$3,095,937

8. Long Term Debt continued

Debt interest, less actuarial adjustments in the consolidated statement of financial activities, is determined as follows:

	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	2007 Net	2006 Net		
Sewer	\$ 6,031	\$ 1,474	\$ 4,557	\$ 2,107		
General	236,205	<u> 19,452</u>	216,753	<u> 180,675</u>		
	<u>\$242,236</u>	<u>\$20,926</u>	<u>\$221,310</u>	<u>\$182,782</u>		

- b) Capital Leases The town has entered into capital leases for the following purchases.
- 1) A five year capital lease agreement with the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia which commenced on September 28, 2005, for the purchase of a fire truck. Under the terms of the agreement the Town has prepaid \$97,000. The remaining obligation will be repaid with monthly lease payments in the amount of \$4,064 including interest at 4.02% per annum. The balance of the capital lease at December 31, 2007, which is included in long-term debt, is \$220,749.
- 2) A five year capital lease agreement with the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia which commenced May 2006 for the purchase of Fitness Equipment. The remaining obligation will be repaid with monthly lease payments in the amount of \$625 including interest at 4.75% per annum. The balance of the capital lease at December 31, 2007, which is included in long-term debt, is \$25,548.
- 3) A five year capital lease agreement with the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia which commenced on May 2006 for the purchase of Fitness Equipment. The remaining obligation will be repaid with monthly lease payments in the amount of \$957 including interest at 4.75% per annum. The balance of the capital lease at December 31, 2007, which is included in long-term debt, is \$39,074.
- 4) A five year capital lease agreement with the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia which commenced on June 2006 for the purchase of Photocopier. The remaining obligation will be repaid with monthly lease payments in the amount of \$270 including interest at 5.0% per annum. The balance of the capital lease at December 31, 2007, which is included in long-term debt, is \$11,186.
- 5) A five year capital lease agreement with the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia which commenced on June 2007 for the purchase of a Fire Command Response Unit crew cab truck. The remaining obligation will be repaid with monthly lease payments in the amount of \$1,175 including interest at 5.2% per annum. The balance of the capital lease at December 31, 2007, which is included in long-term debt, is \$56,408.

9. Capital Assets

	2007	2006
General Fund	¢ 2.057.020	¢ 27/01F0
Land Land improvements	\$ 3,957,020 193,328	\$ 3,760,159 37,843
Total land and land improvements	4,150,348	3,798,002
Buildings:	4,130,340	3,770,002
Community Centre	5,004,914	4,880,605
Municipal buildings	5,290,384	4,984,207
Total buildings	10,295,298	9,864,812
Machinery and equipment:		
Community Centre	1,060,259	1,003,623
Other machinery and equipment	<u>3,694,522</u>	3,416,515
Total machinery and equipment	<u>4,754,781</u>	<u>4,420,138</u>
Engineering structures: Waterfront	622,198	619,506
Infrastructure	10,623,252	9,978,567
Total engineering structures	11,245,450	10,598,073
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Total general fund	<u>30,450,877</u>	<u>28,684,025</u>
Water fund		
Land	263,312	60,570
Building	79,336	79,336
Equipment	1,119,078	1,119,078
Engineering structures:	0.007.040	4 070 004
Water reservoir	2,927,863	1,870,834
Water infrastructure	<u>7,901,260</u> <u>10,829,123</u>	<u>7,826,278</u> <u>9,697,112</u>
Total engineering structures Total water fund	12,290,849	<u>9,097,112</u> <u>10,956,096</u>
Total water fund	12,270,047	10,730,070
Sewer fund		
Building	640,747	640,747
Equipment	786,832	786,832
Engineering structures	<u>8,911,393</u>	<u>8,660,520</u>
Total sewer fund	<u>10,338,971</u>	<u>10,088,099</u>
Total tangible capital assets	\$53,080,698	\$49,725,220

10. Equity in Capital Assets

Equity in capital assets represents the total capital assets less long term debt assumed to acquire those assets. The change in equity in capital assets is as follows:

Equity in Capital Assets – Beginning of Year	2007 45,572,070	2006 41,004,083
Add: Capital expenditures Reduction in long term debt	3,363,678 225,364	7,576,680 143,951
Less: Disposal of capital assets Proceeds from capital lease	(8,201) (62,780)	(273,303) (129,342)
Proceeds from long term debt	-	(2,750,000)
Equity in Capital Assets – End of Year	\$49,090,131	\$45,572,070

11. Commitments and Contingencies

(a) Contingent Liabilities

- i) The Town, as a member of the Cowichan Valley Regional District, is jointly and severally liable for operational deficits or long term debt related to functions in which it participates.
- ii) The loan agreements with the Municipal Finance Authority provide that if the Authority does not have sufficient funds to meet payments on its obligations it shall make payments from the Debt Reserve Fund which in turn is established by a similar Debt Reserve Fund in the Town and all other borrowing participants. If the Debt Reserve Fund is deficient the Authority's obligations become a liability of the regional district and may become a liability of the participating municipalities.
- iii) There is a claim against the Town as a third party regarding alleged deficiencies in the construction of the Ladysmith Secondary School. The total claim is for \$1,700,000. As of April 18th, 2008, the likeliness of this claim is unknown and therefore, no accrual has been made for any potential liability related to this matter.

(b) Pension Liability

The Town and its employees contribute to the Municipal Pension Plan (the plan), a jointly trusteed pension plan. The Board of trustees, representing plan members and employers, is responsible for overseeing the management of the pension plan, including investment of the assets and administration of benefits. The pension plan is a multi-employer contributory pension plan. Basic pension benefits provided are defined. The plan has about 144,000 active members and approximately 51,000 retired members. Active members include approximately 35,000 contributors from local governments.

11. Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

Every three years an actuarial valuation is performed to assess the financial position of the plan and the adequacy of plan funding. The most recent valuation as at December 31, 2006 indicated a surplus of \$438 million for basic pension benefits. The next valuation will be as at December 31, 2009 with results available in 2010. The actuary does not attribute portions of the surplus to individual employers. The Town of Ladysmith paid \$184,376 (2006 - \$167,803) for employer contributions to the plan in fiscal 2007.

(c) Reciprocal Insurance Exchange Agreement

The Town is a subscribed member of the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia (The "Exchange") as provided by Section 3.02 of the Insurance Act of the Province of British Columbia. The main purpose of the Exchange is to pool the risks of liability so as to lessen the impact upon any subscriber. Under the Reciprocal Insurance Exchange Agreement the Town is assessed a premium and specific deductible for its claims based on population. The obligation of the Town with respect to the Exchange and/or contracts and obligations entered into by the Exchange on behalf of its subscribers in connection with the Exchange are in every case several, and not joint and several. The Town irrevocably and unconditionally undertakes and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the other subscribers against liability losses and costs which the other subscriber may suffer.

(d) Debt Reserve Fund

The Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia provides capital financing for regional districts and their member municipalities. The Authority is required to establish a Debt Reserve Fund. Each regional district through its member municipalities who share in the proceeds of a debt issue is required to pay into the Debt Reserve Fund certain amounts set out in the debt agreements. The Authority pays into the Debt Reserve Fund these monies from which interest earned thereon less administrative expenses becomes an obligation to the regional districts. It must then use this fund, if at any time there are insufficient funds, to meet payments on its obligations. When this occurs the regional districts may be called upon to restore the fund.

Upon maturity of a debt issue the unused portion of the Debt Reserve Fund established for that issue will be discharged to the Town. The proceeds from these discharges will be credited to income in the year they are received. As at December 31, 2007 the total of the Debt Reserve Fund was comprised of:

	Demand Note	Cash	Reserve
General	\$ 134,456	\$ 50,464	\$ 184,920
Sewer	4,270	<u> 1,371</u>	<u>5,641</u>
Total MFA Debt Reserve Fund	\$ 138,726	\$ 51,835	\$ 190,561

12. Significant Taxpayers

The Town is reliant upon 10 taxpayers for approximately 20% of the total property tax revenue which includes Western Forest Products at approximately 12.5% of the total property tax revenue.

13. Funds Held in Trust

These funds account for assets which must be administered as directed by agreement or statute for certain beneficiaries, in particular, these funds are for the Cemetery Trust Fund. In accordance with PSAB recommendations on financial statement presentation for local governments, trust funds are not included in the Town's Financial Statements. A summary of trust fund activities by the Town is as follows:

2007	2006
<u>\$131,879</u>	<u>\$123,267</u>
\$123,267	\$115,254
5,527	4,768
(3,000)	-
6,085	3,245
<u>\$131,879</u>	<u>\$123,267</u>
	\$131.879 \$123,267 5,527 (3,000)

14. Comparative Figures

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

Long Term Debt for the Year Ended December 31, 2007 - Schedule I

Criginal Date of Issue Purpose Issue# Term Amount		•	Balance Debt Dec 31, 2006 Procee			Principal Payments				Net Interest		Interest Rate			
Sewer Capital Fund															
2000 Sewer Improvements	72	2000-2015	\$	93,500	\$	64,027	\$		\$	5,807	\$	58,220	\$	4,557	6.45%
				93,500		64,027		0		5,807		58,220		4,557	6.45%
General Fund															
2000 First Avenue	73	2000-2015	\$	1,438,000	\$	984,719	\$	_	\$	89.304	\$	895.415	\$	68,649	6.35%
2000 HISLAVEILLE	13	2000-2015	Ф	1,400,000	Ф	904,719	Ф	-	Ф	09,304	Ф	090,410	Ф	00,049	0.30%
2005 Fire Truck Lease	LS	2005-2010		311,189		258,921		-		38,172		220,749		14,004	4.02%
2006 RCMP Building	97	2006-2031		2,750,000		2,750,000		-		66,033		2,683,967		128,150	4.66%
2006 FJCC Fitness EQ	LS	2006-2011		35,929		32,197		-		6,649		25,548		1,382	4.75%
2006 FJCC Fitness EQ	LS	2006-2011		54,949		49,242		-		10,168		39,074		2,114	4.75%
2006 FJCC Photocopier	LS	2006-2011		15,405		14,044		-		2,858		11,186		604	5.00%
2007 Command Resp. Unit	LS	2007-2012		62,780				62,780		6,372		56,408		1,850	4.88%
				4,668,252		4,089,123		62,780		219,556		3,932,347	_	216,753	
		:	\$	4,761,752	\$	4,153,150	\$	62,780	\$	225,363	\$	3,990,567	\$	221,310	

Tax Revenues for the Year Ended December 31, 2007 - Schedule II

Taxation revenue consists of amounts raised less transmission of taxes levied for other governments:

	20	007 Actual		Jnaudited) 007 Budget	2006 Actual		
General Taxes							
General municipal purposes	\$	5,008,899	\$	4,988,588	\$ 4,643,346		
Grants in lieu and 1% utility tax		125,067		126,617	116,179		
Water and sewer parcel tax		520,060		500,390	486,189		
·		5,654,026		5,615,595	5,245,714		
Collections for other governments:							
School district	\$	2,737,132	\$	2,725,152	\$ 2,543,908		
Regional hospital district	Ψ	233,994	*	233,073	218,156		
Regional district		510,366		508,403	458,835		
BCAA and MFA		75,754		75,453	70,571		
		3,557,246		3,542,081	3,291,470		
Transmission of taxes levied for oth	or a	ovornmonts:					
School district	s s	2,737,168	\$	2,725,152	\$ 2,543,907		
Regional hospital district	φ	233,073	Φ	233,073	\$ 2,343,907 218,000		
Regional district		508,403		508,403	458,359		
BCAA and MFA							
BCAA and IVIFA		75,588		75,453	70,649		
		3,554,232		3,542,081	3,290,915		
Net taxation revenue	\$	5,657,040	\$	5,615,595	\$ 5,246,269		

Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Year Ended December 31, 2007 - Schedule III

	2007 Actual	2006 Actual	
General Revenue Fund			
Fines and Licence Revenue	\$ 78,166	\$ 76,500	\$ 75,780
Garbage Collection	429,135	421,200	413,023
General Revenue Fund	277,735	191,946	41,677
Cemetery Revenue	33,905	39,300	28,293
Miscellaneous Revenue	132,390	77,770	162,945
Parks, Recreation & Culture Revenue	609,298	615,760	490,009
Permits and Fees (Subdivisions)	128,048	243,500	249,309
Protective Services Revenue	130,076	106,100	132,333
	1,818,753	1,772,076	1,593,369
Waterworks Utility Fund			
User Rates	658,930	608,184	589,148
Other			17,050
Water Operating Revenue	658,930	608,184	606,198
Sewer Utility Fund			
User Rates	574,231	540,000	540,824
Other			3,725
Sewer Operating Revenue	574,231	540,000	544,549
Total Fees and Charges	\$ 3,051,914	\$ 2,920,260	\$ 2,744,116

Continuity Schedule Of Reserves And Appropriated Equity For The Year Ended December 31, 2007 - Schedule IV

RESERVES Tax Sale	De \$	Balance c. 31, 2006 21,981		Interest Allocated 981	Co \$	ontributions -		Funding	De \$	Balance ec. 31, 2007 22,962
Perpetual Safety Fund Sale Real Property		1,231 550,051		446 23,706		9,843		237,358		11,520 336,399
Amenity Funds	_	29,504		1,316		-	_			30,820
TOTAL RESERVES	\$	602,767	\$	26,449	\$	9,843	\$	237,358	\$	401,701
APPROPRIATED EQUITY - OPERATIONS										
Development Services										
Future Projects	\$	61,404	\$	-	\$	-	\$	22,514	\$	38,890
Heritage		3,502				3,189				6,691
Official Community Plan		10,283						40.040		10,283
General Planning Waterfront		48,642 555				30,000		48,642		30,555
Dunsmuir Dream		4,810				30,000				4,810
Archives Building		68,420						7,098		61,322
Total Development Services	_	197,616		_		33,189		78,254		152,551
General Government Services		101,010				00,.00		70,201		102,001
Future Projects		108,145				215,992				324,137
Equipment		59,295				-,				59,295
Building		44,262								44,262
Consulting		-				54,375				54,375
Volunteer Recognition		1,350								1,350
Staff Appreciation		943				1,857				2,800
Sick/vacation reserve		141,444				26,900		29,500		138,844
Tax contingency		270,000				41,266				311,266
Land Acquisition		178,485						178,485		
Total General Government Services		803,924		-		340,390		207,985		936,329
Parks, recreation and culture										
Future Projects		10,500				31,683		10,500		31,683
Equipment		2,737						1,578		1,159
Building		10,703						10,703		-
Parks		66,131				40,557		7,261		99,427
Job Equity		8,027				70.040		8,027		122.200
Total Parks, Recreation and Culture Protective Services		98,098		-		72,240		38,069		132,269
Fire - Equipment		10,768				1,489		12,257		
Police - Equipment		48,200				34,606		48,200		34,606
Police - Building		330,055				34,000		330,055		34,000
Total Protective Services	_	389,023		-		36,095		390,512		34,606
Transportation	_	,						****		0 1,000
Future Projects		125,525				48,318		42,886		130,957
Building		39,742				-,-		39,742		-
Consulting		20,000								20,000
Roads		8,277						8,277		-
Vehicles		424,450				98,109				522,559
Total Transportation		617,994		-		146,427		90,905		673,516
General Capital Expenditures		-		-		117,725				117,725
Total General Fund Appropriated Equity	\$	2,106,655	\$	-	\$	746,066	\$	805,725	\$	2,046,996
Water Operating Fund										
Capital Expenditures	\$	8,178	\$	_	\$	218,347	\$	_	\$	226,525
MFA Surplus Refunds	Ψ.	522,873	۳		Ψ	44,934	Ψ		Ψ	567,807
Total Water Operating Fund	\$	531,051	\$	-	\$	263,281	\$	-	\$	794,332
Sewer Operating Fund										
Capital Expenditures	\$	2,138,657			\$	531,717			\$	2,670,374
MFA Surplus Refunds	•	257,671	•		Φ.	322,756	•		•	580,427
Total Sewer Operating Fund	\$	2,396,328	\$	-	\$	854,473	\$	-	\$	3,250,801
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EQUITY	\$	5,034,034	\$	-	\$	1,863,820	\$	805,725	\$	6,092,129
TOTAL RESERVES AND APPROPRIATED EQUITY	\$	5,636,801	\$	26,449	\$	1,873,663	\$	1,043,083	\$	6,493,830

Capital Expenditures For The Year Ended December 31, 2007 - Schedule V

	Actual 2007	(Unaudited) Budget 2007	Actual 2006
General			
General government services	\$ 55,207	\$ 170,000	\$ 179,600
Protective services	494,382	480,900	2,471,738
Parks, recreation and cultural services	201,719	1,281,700	1,899,549
Transportation services	706,223	1,029,482	843,712
Development services	320,521	250,983	
	1,778,052	3,213,065	5,394,599
Sewer	250,873	1,785,000	137,283
Water	1,334,753	2,535,010	2,044,798
	\$ 3,363,678	\$ 7,533,075	\$ 7,576,681

Expenditure by Object for the Year Ended December 31, 2007 - Schedule VI

	Actual 2007	(Unaudited) Budget 2007	A ctual 2006
Advertising	\$ 67,075	\$ 76,500	\$ 64,383
Building rent and repairs	57,894	59,444	33,453
Contract and professional services	1,131,700	1,282,478	1,062,089
Grants in aid	59,789	60,700	49,954
Insurance	107,622	108,866	130,984
Interest	224,067	240,665	182,783
Materials and supplies	528,407	505,848	400,866
Policing contract	722,651	848,933	734,360
Postage	13,829	17,500	13,893
Regional library	210,565	210,565	199,298
Travel and Training	148,009	163,472	147,897
Utilities and telephone	263,118	288,549	271,126
Wages and benefits	3,829,081	4,007,440	3,583,114
	\$ 7,363,807	\$ 7,870,960	\$6,874,200

Federal Gas Tax - Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year Ended December 31, 2007 - Schedule VII

	2007	2006
Opening balance of unspent funds	\$ 159,527	\$ 79,473
Add: Amount received during the year Interest earned	104,590 8,052	79,429 625
Less: Amount spent on projects Amount spent on administration		<u>-</u>
Closing balance of unspent funds	\$ 272,169	\$ 159,527

Statement of Financial Position – General Operating Fund as at December 31, 2007

Financial Assets	2007	2006
Cash and short term deposits Accounts receivable	\$ 8,508,582 1,043,427	\$ 6,541,081 850,086
	9,552,009	7,391,167
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	1,753,590	2,127,523
Post-employment benefits	133,200	130,600
Deferred revenue	58,892	55,954
Due to other funds	4,751,648	2,089,081
Refundable deposits and other	558,095	508,006
	7,255,425	4,911,164
Net Financial Assets	2,296,584	2,480,003
Physical Assets		
Prepaids	45,011	10,751
Inventory	118,037	87,117
	163,048	97,868
	\$ 2,459,632	\$ 2,577,871
Equity		
Unappropriated equity, beg. balance	\$ 471,216	\$ 599,908
Prior year, restatement	φ 471,210	(130,755)
Unappropriated equity, beg. Balance restated	471,216	469,153
Current Year Surplus (Deficit)	(58,579)	2,063
Unappropriated equity, ending balance	412,637	471,216
Appropriated equity	2,046,995	2,106,655
	\$ 2,459,632	\$ 2,577,871

Statement of General Operating Fund Activities for the Year Ending December 31, 2007

	2007	2006
Revenue		
Taxes	\$ 5,136,980	\$ 4,751,915
Fees and charges General	1,818,753	1,593,369
MFA refund	-	37
Return on investment	285,713	278,910
Penalties and interest on taxes	74,301	67,531
Grants	536,633	449,792
Donations and contributions	-	34,000
Development fees	1,407	-
	7,853,787	7,175,554
Expenditures		
General government services	1,500,443	1,263,674
Library	210,565	199,298
Protective services	1,139,354	1,119,231
Transportation services	1,084,864	1,087,358
Environmental health services	407,167	414,408
Public health	29,977	32,736
Developmental services	359,594	386,097
Recreation and cultural services	1,666,160	1,487,724
Parks operational services	459,549	483,618
Reallocation of internal equipment usage	(325,984)	(313,300)
Interest, net of actuarial adjustment (Note 8)	216,753	180,676
	6,748,442	6,341,520
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures	1,105,345	834,034
Transfers to Capital Funds	(1,256,035)	(3,495,735)
Transfers from reserves and appropriated equity	311,668	(77,157)
Principal repaid, net of actuarial adjustment	(219,557)	(138,421)
Proceeds from borrowing	-	2,879,342
(Decrease) Increase in Operating Fund Balances	(58,579)	2,063
· · · · ·	<u> </u>	
Operating Fund Balances,	47.4.04.0	=
Unappropriated Equity - Beginning of Year	471,216	599,908
Prior period restatement	-	(130,755)
Unappropriated Equity - Beginning of Year	471,216	469,153
Operating Fund Balances,		
Unappropriated Equity - End of Year	\$ 412,637	\$ 471,216

Statement of Financial Position - Water Operating Fund as at December 31, 2007

Financial Assets	2007	2006
Due from other funds Accounts receivable	\$ 1,773,951 137,758	\$ 1,774,032 213,376
	1,911,709	1,987,408
Liabilities Deferred revenue Refundable deposits and other	32,198 1,000	31,599 1,000
	33,198	32,599
Net Financial Assets	1,878,511	1,954,809
Physical Assets Prepaids	665	665
	\$ 1,879,176	\$ 1,955,474
Equity Unappropriated equity, beg. balance Current Year Surplus (Deficit) Unappropriated equity, ending balance Appropriated equity	\$ 1,424,423 (339,579) 1,084,844 794,332	\$ 927,470 496,953 1,424,423 531,051
The stress of the A	\$ 1,879,176	\$ 1,955,474

Statement of Water Operating Fund Activities for the Year Ending December 31, 2007

	2007	2006
Revenue Taxes	\$ 223,020	\$ 211,696
Fees and charges Water MFA refund	658,930 44,934_	606,199
	926,884	817,895
Expenditures Water services	291,063	245,705
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures	635,821	572,190
Transfers to Capital Funds	(699,983)	(260,433)
Transfers from reserves and appropriated equity (Decrease) Increase in Operating Fund Balances	(275,417)	185,196 496,953
Operating Fund Balances, Unappropriated Equity - Beginning of Year	1,424,423	927,470
Operating Fund Balances, Unappropriated Equity - End of Year	\$ 1,084,844	\$ 1,424,423

Statement of Financial Position – Sewer Operating Fund as at December 31, 2007

Financial Access	2007	2006
Financial Assets	\$ 11,076	\$ 11.333
Cash and short term deposits Due from other funds	\$ 11,076 3,619,929	, , , , , , ,
Accounts receivable	160,784	2,794,769 190,458
Accounts receivable	100,704	190,436
	3,791,789	2,996,560
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	496	496
Deferred revenue	15,530	13,900
Refundable deposits and other	600	600
	16,626	14,996
Net Financial Assets	3,775,163	2,981,564
Dhuriani Annata		
Physical Assets Prepaids	1,030	1,030
Flepalus	1,030	1,030
	\$ 3,776,193	\$ 2,982,594
Equity		
Unappropriated equity, beg. balance	\$ 586,266	\$ 129,008
Prior year, restatement	-	(45,663)
Unappropriated equity, beg. Balance restated	586,266	83,345
Current Year Surplus (Deficit)	(60,875)	502,921
Unappropriated equity, ending balance	525,391	586,266
Appropriated equity	3,250,802	2,396,328
	\$ 3,776,193	\$ 2,982,594

Statement of Sewer Operating Fund Activities for the Year Ending December 31, 2007

	2007	2006
Revenue		
Taxes	\$ 297,040	\$ 282,658
Fees and charges Sewer	574,231	544,549
MFA refund	322,756	67,028
Return on investment	33	452
	1,194,060	894,687
Expenditures		
Sewer services	319,745	284,868
Interest, net of actuarial adjustment (Note 8)	4,557	2,107
, ,	324,302	286,975
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures	869,758	607,712
Transfers to Capital Funds	(57,995)	(29,011)
Transfers from reserves and appropriated equity	(866,831)	(70,250)
Principal repaid, net of actuarial adjustment	(5,807)	(5,530)
(Decrease) Increase in Operating Fund Balances	(60,875)	502,921
Operating Fund Balances,		
Unappropriated Equity - Beginning of Year	586,266	129,008
Prior period restatement	-	(45,663)
Unappropriated Equity - Beginning of Year	586,266	83,345
Operating Fund Balances, Unappropriated Equity - End of Year	\$ 525,391	\$ 586,266
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Statement of General Capital Fund Activities for the Year Ending December 31, 2007

	2007	2006
Capital Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	\$ -	\$ -
Add: Revenues allocated to capital funds		
Proceeds from disposal of capital assets	790	68,510
Proceeds from capital lease	62,780	-
Development fees	351,430	407,035
Local area improvements	1,500	-
Donations	63,037	330,710
Capital grants	4,584	889,232
Other Contributions	37,896	-
Net proceeds from sale of land		140,140
	522,017	1,835,627
Internal Transfers		
Transfer to/from revenue funds Less:	1,256,035	3,558,972
Capital expenditures (Schedule V)	(1,778,052)	(5,394,599)
Increase in Capital Fund Balances		
Capital Fund Balances - End of Year	\$ -	\$ -

Statement of Water Capital Fund Activities for the Year Ending December 31, 2007

	2007	2006
Capital Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	\$ 488,239	\$ 469,606
Add: Revenues allocated to capital funds		
Development fees	547,310	824,022
Capital grants	87,461	994,573
Return on Investments	21,886	18,633
	656,657	1,837,228
Internal Transfers Transfer to/from revenue funds Less:	699,983	226,203
Capital expenditures (Schedule V)	(1,334,753)	(2,044,798)
Increase in Capital Fund Balances	21,887	18,633
Capital Fund Balances - End of Year	\$ 510,126	\$ 488,239

Statement of Sewer Capital Fund Activities for the Year Ending December 31, 2007

	2007	2006
Capital Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	\$ 724	\$ 698
Add:		
Revenues allocated to capital funds		
Development fees	50,175	58,987
Local area improvements	9,665	9,665
Donations	7,000	-
Capital grants	111,038	68,631
Other Contributions	15,000	-
Return on Investments	33	26
	192,911	137,309
Internal Transfers		
Transfer to/from revenue funds Less:	57,995	-
Capital expenditures (Schedule V)	(250,873)	(137,283)
Increase in Capital Fund Balances	33	26
Capital Fund Balances - End of Year	\$ 757	\$ 724

Schedule of Restricted Reserves, Reserves and Equity by Fund as at December 31, 2007

	Restricted Reserves		Allocated Reserves		Appropriated Equity		Unappropriated Equity		oital Funds Equity	Total
General operating fund	\$ -		\$ -	\$	2,046,996	\$	412,637	\$	-	\$ 2,459,633
Water operating fund	-		-		794,332		1,084,844		-	1,879,176
Sewer operating fund	-		-		3,250,801		525,391		-	3,776,192
Reserve fund	4,282,0	38	401,701		-		-		-	4,683,739
Water capital fund	-		-		-		-		510,126	510,126
Sewer capital fund	-		-		-		-		757	757
Total	\$ 4,282,0	38	\$ 401,701	\$	6,092,129	\$	2,022,872	\$	510,883	\$13,309,623