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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Reeve and Council of Lamont County

We have audited the consolidated statement of financial position of Lamont County as at December 31, 2007 and the consolidated statement of financial activities with change in fund balances, statement of operating revenues and expenditures and the consolidated statement of changes in financial position, and the schedules supporting these statements for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the County'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 administration, 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 Lamont County as at December 31, 2007 and the results of its financial activities and changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Vegreville, Alberta
February 22, 2008

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LAMONT COUNTY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at December 31, 2007

	2007	2006
Financial Assets		
Cash and temporary investments - Note 2	\$ 8,411,082	\$ 8,328,906
Accounts receivable - taxes - Note 3	205,402	235,914
- government	134,496	112,243
- trade	352,989	258,508
Inventories - Note 4	199,006	408,070
Prepaid expenses	88,197	145,979
	9,391,172	9,489,620
Capital Assets - Note 5	15,660,473	13,975,790
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 25,051,645	\$ 23,465,410
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 670,585	\$ 817,019
Deferred revenue - Note 6	1,770,954	1,002,707
Due to Landfill Commission - Note 7	19,975	44,304
Due to Community Adult Learning Council - Note 8	11,351	12,292
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,472,865	1,876,322
Municipal Equity		
Reserve fund - Note 9	6,582,006	7,613,298
Operating fund	336,301	-
	6,918,307	7,613,298
Equity in capital assets - Note 10	15,660,473	13,975,790
	22,578,780	21,589,088
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MUNICIPAL EQUITY	\$ 25,051,645	\$ 23,465,410

Contingencies - Note 14

See accompanying notes

LAMONT COUNTY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES
 For the year ended December 31, 2007

	Capital	Reserves	Operating	2007	2007 Budget (unaudited)	2006
Revenues						
Net municipal taxes - Page 5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,187,419	\$ 7,187,419	\$ 7,200,898	\$ 7,071,534
User fees	-	-	1,086,376	1,086,376	654,833	924,573
Government transfers - Province	-	-	908,068	908,068	1,358,840	1,148,712
- Federal	-	-	-	-	-	1,232
Investment income	-	-	337,042	337,042	150,000	283,589
Penalties and costs of taxes	-	-	63,937	63,937	50,000	51,120
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	385,901	-	-	385,901	322,000	398,829
Other	-	-	104,062	104,062	16,000	96,382
	385,901	-	9,686,904	10,072,805	9,752,571	9,975,971
Expenditures						
Legislative and administrative services	-	-	1,288,665	1,288,665	1,572,975	1,145,573
Protective services	-	-	323,735	323,735	632,040	316,757
Ambulance	-	-	287,458	287,458	258,490	246,666
Public works	1,974,085	-	4,962,904	6,936,989	6,591,756	5,270,394
Water	-	-	297,933	297,933	311,567	482,020
Wastewater treatment and disposal	390,658	-	-	390,658	166,254	-
Family and community support services	-	-	191,803	191,803	175,636	161,820
Planning and development	-	-	244,493	244,493	314,810	290,154
Agriculture services	94,120	-	555,326	649,446	795,440	405,341
Recreation, tourism and EDB	-	-	156,616	156,616	201,300	158,551
	2,458,863	-	8,308,933	10,767,796	11,020,268	8,477,276
Excess of revenues over expenditures	(2,072,962)	-	1,377,971	(694,991)	(1,267,697)	1,498,695
Net interfund transfers						
From (to) capital	876,112	-	(876,112)	-	-	-
From (to) reserves	1,196,850	(1,031,292)	(165,558)	-	1,267,697	-
Change in fund balances	-	(1,031,292)	336,301	(694,991)	-	1,498,695
Balance, beginning of year	-	7,613,298	-	7,613,298	-	6,114,603
Balance, end of year	\$ -	\$ 6,582,006	\$ 336,301	\$ 6,918,307	\$ -	\$ 7,613,298

LAMONT COUNTY
STATEMENT OF OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
For the year ended December 31, 2007

	2007			Budget \$ (unaudited)	2006
	Revenues \$	Expenditures \$	Net revenue (expenditure) \$		Net revenue (expenditure) \$
General municipal revenues					
to fund municipal operations					
Municipal taxes - Page 5	7,187,419		7,187,419	7,200,898	7,071,534
Unconditional government transfers	14,277		14,277	221,300	227,351
Penalties and costs of taxes	63,937		63,937	50,000	51,120
Fines and other	5,716		5,716	5,000	10,255
Return on investments	337,042		337,042	150,000	283,589
	7,608,391		7,608,391	7,627,198	7,643,849
Municipal operations					
Legislative and administrative	282,024	1,288,665	(1,006,641)	(1,268,775)	(1,030,001)
Protective services	200,193	323,735	(123,542)	(155,040)	(96,072)
Ambulance services	229,684	287,458	(57,774)	(46,107)	(25,528)
Public works	616,473	4,962,904	(4,346,431)	(4,326,934)	(3,607,295)
Water	327,291	297,933	29,358	23,583	48,166
FCSS	159,924	191,803	(31,879)	(28,150)	(25,303)
Planning and development	94,576	244,493	(149,917)	(300,510)	(244,801)
Agricultural service board	167,032	555,326	(388,294)	(377,840)	(237,660)
Recreation and tourism	1,316	156,616	(155,300)	(194,800)	(137,977)
	2,078,513	8,308,933	(6,230,420)	(6,674,573)	(5,356,471)
Excess of revenues over					
expenditures	9,686,904	8,308,933	1,377,971	952,625	2,287,378
Net transfers from (to) reserves			(165,558)	-	(1,543,253)
Net transfers to capital			(876,112)	(952,625)	(744,125)
Appropriated to reserves - Note 1(i)			-	-	(2,203,868)
Changes in operating fund					
during the year			336,301	-	(2,203,868)

See accompanying notes

LAMONT COUNTY**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION**

For the year ended December 31, 2007

	2007	2006
Operating activities		
Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ (694,991)	\$ 1,498,695
Net change in non-cash operating working capital and other balances:		
Decrease (increase) in taxes receivable	30,512	(14,990)
Decrease (increase) in government and trade receivables	(116,734)	1,400,393
Decrease (increase) in inventory	209,064	(35,912)
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	57,782	164,271
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(146,434)	(472,725)
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	768,247	99,818
Increase (decrease) in due to/from associated authorities	(25,270)	(193,905)
<i>Change in cash and cash equivalents from operating activities</i>	82,176	2,445,645
Investing activities		
Increase in restricted cash and temporary investments	(768,247)	(99,818)
<i>Cash used in investing activities</i>	(768,247)	(99,818)
Change in cash and cash equivalents for the year	(686,071)	2,345,825
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	7,326,199	4,980,374
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 6,640,128	\$ 7,326,199
Cash and cash equivalents is made up of:		
Cash and temporary investments - Note 2	\$ 8,411,082	\$ 8,328,906
Less: restricted portion of cash and temporary investments - Note 2	(1,770,954)	(1,002,707)
	\$ 6,640,128	\$ 7,326,199

See accompanying notes

LAMONT COUNTY**SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED**

For the year ended December 31, 2007

	2007 Budget (unaudited)	2007	2006
Taxation			
Real property	\$ 4,803,737	\$ 4,793,394	\$ 5,097,570
Linear property	4,858,261	4,855,113	4,396,210
Total taxes and grants in place	9,661,998	9,648,507	9,493,780
Requisitions			
Alberta School Foundation Fund	2,249,600	2,249,596	2,203,888
Lamont County Seniors Foundation	211,500	211,492	218,358
	2,461,100	2,461,088	2,422,246
Net taxes available for general municipal operations	\$ 7,200,898	\$ 7,187,419	\$ 7,071,534

SCHEDULE OF CONSOLIDATED EXPENDITURES BY OBJECT

For the year ended December 31, 2007

	2007 Budget (unaudited)	2007	2006
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 3,644,764	\$ 3,405,709	\$ 3,039,430
Contracted services	1,814,390	2,004,844	1,645,431
Purchases from other governments	357,382	372,493	530,066
Materials, goods, supplies and utilities	2,047,856	2,062,113	1,747,996
Transfers to other governments	298,400	352,738	241,749
Grants to organizations	37,400	32,991	54,897
Other expenditures	71,500	78,045	25,295
Capital assets acquired	2,748,576	2,458,863	1,192,412
Total expenditures by object - Page 2	\$ 11,020,268	\$ 10,767,796	\$ 8,477,276

LAMONT COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended December 31, 2007

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements of Lamont County are prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board ("PSAB") of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA"). Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by Lamont County are as follows:

a) Reporting Entity

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures, changes in fund balances and change in financial position of the reporting entity. The entity is comprised of the municipal operations plus all of the organizations that are owned or controlled by the municipality and are, therefore, accountable to the Council for the administration of their financial affairs and resources.

The schedule of taxes levied also includes requisitions for education and social organizations that are not part of the municipal reporting entity.

The statements exclude trust assets that are administered for the benefit of external parties. Interdepartmental and organizational transactions and balances are eliminated.

b) Basis of Accounting

Revenues are accounted for in the period in which the transactions or events occurred that gave rise to the revenues.

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

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

Expenditures are recognized in the period the goods and services are acquired and a liability is incurred or transfers are due.

c) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount 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 period. Where measurement uncertainty exists, the financial statements have been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

d) Fund Accounting

Management funds consist of the operating, capital and reserve funds. Transfers between funds are recorded as adjustments to the appropriate equity account. Proceeds from land sales are recorded as operating fund revenues.

e) Investments

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

f) Inventories

Inventories of materials and supplies for consumption are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value with cost determined by the average cost method.

g) Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported as expenditures in the period they are acquired. Capital assets are reported at cost except for donated assets, which are reported at estimated fair value.

Government contributions for the acquisition of capital assets are reported as capital revenue and do not reduce the related asset costs.

Capital assets for government purposes are not depreciated.

Effective January 1, 2007, Lamont County adopted Accounting Guideline 7 (PSG-7) of the Public Sector Accounting Handbook of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") with respect to the disclosure of tangible capital assets of local governments. PSG-7 provides transitional guidance on presenting information related to tangible capital assets until Section 3150 - Tangible Capital Assets of the Public Sector Accounting Handbook comes into effect on January 1, 2009.

During 2007, Lamont County continued to work towards compliance with new recommendations for accounting for tangible capital assets. A complete listing of assets and values for land, building, engineering structures, machinery and equipment, and vehicles is currently underway and expected to be completed by December 31, 2008.

As of January 1, 2007, capital assets including assets held under capital leases will be recorded at cost in the period they are acquired and recorded as an expenditure within the capital fund. Donated assets related to waterworks and wastewater distribution and collection systems will be capitalized and recorded at their estimated fair value upon acquisition. Certain capital assets for which historical cost information is not available will be recorded at current fair market value discounted by a relevant inflation factor.

h) Requisition Over-levy and Under-levy

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

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

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

i) Operating Fund

Operating fund represents the amounts available to offset future operational revenue requirements (or the shortfall which will be financed from future operational revenues).

LAMONT COUNTY**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ended December 31, 2007

j) Reserve Fund

Reserve fund represents the amounts set aside to finance future operating and capital expenditures. Reserves are established at the discretion of Council. Transfers to and/or from the reserve fund are reflected as an adjustment to the respective fund.

k) Equity in Capital Assets

Equity in capital assets represents Lamont County's net investment in its capital assets, after deducting the portion financed by third parties through debenture, bond, and mortgage debts, long term capital borrowings, capitalized leases, and other capital liabilities which will be repaid by the municipality.

l) Adjustments to Accumulated Surplus

Council may authorize appropriations from accumulated surplus funds to reserves. Such appropriations are recorded as an adjustment in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities. In 2006, a transfer of \$2,203,868 from surplus was approved.

2. CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS	2007	2006
Cash	\$ 700,980	\$ 729,129
Guaranteed Investment Certificates	7,707,500	7,597,175
Temporary investments	2,602	2,602
	\$ 8,411,082	\$ 8,328,906

Temporary investments are short term deposits with original maturities of three months or less.

Council has designated funds of \$4,384,372 (2006 - \$5,151,548) included in the above amounts for equipment replacement.

Included in cash and temporary investments is a restricted amount of \$1,770,954 (2006 - \$1,002,707) received from Alberta Municipal Affairs, Alberta Community Development, and Alberta Transportation for various projects, programs and unearned revenue.

3. TAXES RECEIVABLE	2007	2006
Current taxes	\$ 133,132	\$ 153,875
Taxes in arrears	170,028	182,518
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(97,758)	(100,479)
	\$ 205,402	\$ 235,914

4. INVENTORIES	2007	2006
Gravel and road materials	\$ 53,590	\$ 288,768
Public works	120,501	109,251
Agriculture services	24,915	10,051
	\$ 199,006	\$ 408,070

LAMONT COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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5. CAPITAL ASSETS	2007	2006
Engineering structures	\$ 3,248,158	\$ 2,857,500
Buildings	1,771,763	1,771,763
Machinery and equipment	8,183,817	7,184,146
Land	589,349	288,349
Vehicles	1,867,386	1,874,032
	\$ 15,660,473	\$ 13,975,790

6. DEFERRED REVENUE	2007	2006
Regional partnership	\$ 64,634	\$ 72,951
Caribou land services (land lease)	-	5,760
Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program Grant (including interest)	865,461	829,079
Partnership funding grant	66,250	66,250
Street improvement grant	33,198	22,132
Municipal sponsorship	85,664	-
Municipal sustainability initiative	575,134	-
Unearned ambulance funding	15,576	-
Road bonds - Apache and Encana	30,000	-
Deposit on lot sale	4,500	-
FCSS - sponsorship and donations	8,035	6,035
FCSS - provincial funding	22,502	500
	\$ 1,770,954	\$ 1,002,707

Unexpended grant funding in the amount of \$718,171 was received in the current year from various grant programs and donees. The use of these funds is restricted to eligible operating and capital projects, as approved under the funding agreements and as specified by the donees. Most of the projects are scheduled for completion in 2008. The funding received in 2005 under the Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program can be utilized up to 2015.

Other unearned revenue of \$50,076 was received in the current year. This revenue is expected to be earned in the next year.

7. DUE TO LANDFILL COMMISSION

The Lamont County handles the administration of the Lamont County Regional Solid Waste Commission which was constituted under the Municipal Government Act and an Order in Council dated November 3, 1999. At the end of the year the County owed \$19,975 (2006 - \$44,304) to the Landfill Commission.

8. DUE TO COMMUNITY ADULT LEARNING COUNCIL

The Lamont County handles the administration of the Community Adult Learning Council. At the end of the year the County owed \$11,351 (2006 - \$12,292) to the Community Adult Learning Council.

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9. RESERVE FUND

Reserves for operating and capital activities changed as follows:

	2006	Transfers	Increases	Decreases	2007
Operating					
Fire operating	\$ 201,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 201,000
Road	1,254,249	-	-	-	1,254,249
2007 projects	6,500	-	-	4,200	2,300
General operating	1,000,000	31,098	-	291,013	740,085
	2,461,749	31,098	-	295,213	2,197,634
Capital					
Emergency services	500,000	(65,000)	75,000	75,209	434,791
General capital	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000
Vehicle and equipment	1,614,945	-	-	842,237	772,708
Utility	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000
Bridge replacement	300,000	-	-	-	300,000
Building	275,379	-	-	-	275,379
Computer	100,000	-	-	-	100,000
2007 projects	361,225	165,269	-	25,000	501,494
	5,151,549	100,269	75,000	942,446	4,384,372
Total Reserves	\$ 7,613,298	\$ 131,367	\$ 75,000	\$ 1,237,659	\$ 6,582,006

LAMONT COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended December 31, 2007

10. EQUITY IN CAPITAL ASSETS	2007	2006
Acquisition of capital assets		
Legislative and administrative services	\$ -	\$ 21,811
Protective services	-	74,367
Public works	1,974,085	1,066,444
Water	-	12,966
Wastewater treatment and disposal	390,658	-
Planning	-	5,195
Agriculture services	94,120	11,629
	2,458,863	1,192,412
Disposal of capital assets (cost)		
Protective services	-	(15,000)
Public works	(746,875)	-
Agriculture services	(27,305)	(837,131)
	(774,180)	(852,131)
Change in equity balance	1,684,683	340,281
Equity balance at beginning of year	13,975,790	13,635,509
Equity balance at end of year	\$ 15,660,473	\$ 13,975,790
Equity in capital assets is represented by:		
Capital assets (Note 5)	\$ 15,660,473	\$ 13,975,790

LAMONT COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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11. DEBT LIMITS

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

	2007	2006
Total debt limit	\$ 15,109,208	\$ 14,963,957
Total debt	-	-
Amount of debt limit unused	\$ 15,109,208	\$ 14,963,957
Debt servicing limit	\$ 2,518,201	\$ 2,493,993
Debt servicing	-	-
Amount of debt servicing limit unused	\$ 2,518,201	\$ 2,493,993

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

LAMONT COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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12. SALARY AND BENEFITS DISCLOSURE

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

		2007			2006
		Salary	Benefits & Allowances	Total	Total
		(1)	(2)		
Reeve	- W. Woldanski	\$ 30,383	\$ 5,473	\$ 35,856	\$ 35,585
Councillors	- R. Bryks	30,383	5,473	35,856	35,585
	- D. Hrehorets	30,383	4,637	35,020	34,748
	- R. Lopushinsky	25,167	30	25,197	30,535
	- D. Warawa	30,383	5,473	35,856	35,585
	- D. McCartney	6,380	486	6,866	-
Designated Officer					
	- H. Prockiw	-	-	-	84,120
	- M. Morris	-	-	-	7,672
	- B. Austrom	-	-	-	24,000
	- A. Harvey	103,700	4,328	108,028	70,044

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

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13. LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN

Employees of Lamont County participate in the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP), which is one of the plans covered by the Alberta Public Sector Pension Plans Act. The LAPP serves about 133,000 people and 389 employers. The LAPP is financed by employer and employee contributions and by investment earnings of the LAPP Fund.

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

The Lamont County is required to make current service contributions to the LAPP of 7.75% of pensionable earnings up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings under the Canada Pension Plan and 10.64% on pensionable earnings above this amount. Employees of the Lamont County are required to make current service contributions of 6.75% of pensionable salary up to the year's maximum pensionable salary and 9.64% on pensionable salary above this amount.

Total current service contributions by the Lamont County to the LAPP in 2007 were \$153,298 (2006 - \$129,809). Total current service contributions by the employees of the Lamont County to the Local Authorities Pension Plan in 2007 were \$135,205 (2006 - \$114,528).

At December 31, 2006 the LAPP disclosed an actuarial deficiency of \$746.7 million.

14. CONTINGENCIES

The Lamont County is a member of a reciprocal insurance exchange (GENESIS) to cover its liability insurance needs. GENESIS was previously referred to as Jubilee Reciprocal Insurance Exchange (JRIE). A Statement of Claim was filed in 2004 by some of the previous subscribers of JRIE. The statement of claim requests the return of surplus funds in the amount of \$3,820,516. Under the terms of the membership, the Lamont County could become liable for its proportionate share of any claim losses in excess of the funds held by the exchange. Any liability incurred would be accounted for as a current transaction in the year the losses are determined.

15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The County's financial instruments consist of cash and temporary investments, receivables, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities. It is management's opinion that the County is not exposed to significant interest or currency risks arising from these financial instruments.

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

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

16. BUDGET FIGURES

Budget figures are included for information purposes only and are not audited.

17. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Council and management have approved these financial statements.