MD OF PROVOST NO. 52



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

REEVES REPORT 2022

As our annual report is provided to our ratepayers, I encourage everyone to read the report and examine our financial reports. As a municipality we remain in a strong financial position in spite of continued non payment of taxes of several energy companies. In some cases repayment plans have been negotiated and some companies have made the effort to get current. Our use of reserves to finance the yearly activities allow us to maintain services till taxes are collected at the end of October. Budget planning has been done knowing that we are unlikely to collect the full amount that has been assessed.

Our main focus continues to be investment in the infrastructure of the municipality. Houser Construction has continued to provide our major road rehabilitation. Weather has often prevented the full road program from being accomplished as it always seems to rain where the construction is taking place. The construction season started with its challenges but in the end only ½ a mile was not completed. With this program we are nearing 300 mile of road rehabilitation throughout the MD. This has provided roads with clear sight lines, ditches that don't pool water, roads that can support the industrial traffic that we have throughout the MD, and roads that give agricultural machinery the ability to be moved more conveniently. When benchmarking with other municipalities it becomes apparent that the MD is making more progress than many of our neighbors.

We continue to make use of other methods to lessen road maintenance with a contract program for mulching in the ditches, use of Soil cement, MG30, Seal Coating. Our gravelling program was finished early as the stock piling of product during the late fall and early winter allows for more trips during gravelling season with the product nearby. We have secured several decades of gravel sources to ensure that we do not run short of this valuable resource. Where we have mined, we also stay current with our reclamation of the sites reducing future liabilities.

Where there has been road construction, reclamation is done in a timely manner so affected fields can be returned to production as soon as possible although weather has not always been favorable for grass regrowth and reseeding is sometimes done in following years.

In this past year we have invested nearly 16.4 million in our core services such as roads, utilities, and ASB. We continue to spend on capital items to improve service to our ratepayers. 2022 was a year where ½ our grader fleet was replaced and spending continues on our truck and gravel fleet. Capital items are replaced as needed or on a rotation which helps in budget planning.

Our leafy spurge spraying program continue with another year of the bulk of the spraying being done by helicopter which meant it is done in a timely manner, with more accuracy of the product being used and with much less wear and tear on our spraying equipment. The program will continue for another year.

We continue to invest in our communities in the form of recreation, in our lakes, doctor retention and recruitment, waste management, senior housing, FCSS, and with the opening the new medical centre built with the Town of Provost.

The past year was the first year after elections for most of our council and I wish to thank them for the contributions they have made and the effort they put into learning council duties. Most of all I would like to thank administration for all the work they have done in the past year as well as all the employees in public works as well as ASB for all that they have accomplished in meeting and surpassing the goals that were planned and budgeted for.

Lastly I would like to thank Irwin Bethge for his many years of service to the MD. Irwin retired in the past year and deserves a lot of credit for the planning of the road projects in the past few years as he served as head of the public works department.

Respectfully submitted

Allan Murray

Reeve MD of Provost



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Reeve and Council of the Municipal District of Provost No. 52

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Municipal District of Provost No. 52 (the "Municipal District"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022 and the consolidated statements of operations, change in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Municipal District as at December 31, 2022, the results of its operations, changes in net debt, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

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

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

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

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Municipal District'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 Municipal District or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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Independent Auditors' Report to the Reeve and Council of the Municipal District of Provost No. 52 (continued)

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it 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 consolidated financial statements.

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 consolidated 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 Municipal District's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies 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 Municipal District's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the consolidated 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 or our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Municipal District to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated 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.

METRIX GROUP LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Edmonton, Alberta April 27, 2023

No. 52

Municipal District of Provost No. 52

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MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Municipal District are the responsibility of management and have been approved by the Municipal District's Council. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards established by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, using management's best estimates and judgments, where appropriate. In the opinion of management, these financial statements reflect fairly the financial position, the results of its financial activities and changes in financial position of the Municipal District within reasonable limits of materiality.

A system of internal accounting and administrative controls is maintained by management to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that the financial records are properly maintained to provide accurate and reliable financial statements.

Council is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal controls. Council carries out this responsibility through regular meetings with management throughout the year to review significant accounting and auditing matters.

These consolidated financial statements have been audited, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards by Metrix Group LLP, who were appointed by Council. Metrix Group LLP have full and unrestricted access to management and Council to discuss their audit and related findings. The Auditors' Report outlining the scope of their examination and their opinion on the financial statements is presented on the preceding page.

Tyler Lawrason, Chief Administrative Officer

Wendy Trenerry, Finance Manager

Provost, Alberta April 27, 2023

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PROVOST NO. 52 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2022

	2022	2021
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash Taxes and grants in place of taxes (Note 2) Accounts receivable (Note 3) Land inventory Investments (Note 5)	\$ 2,282,365 4,248,504 514,695 94,717 33,000,000 40,140,281	\$ 1,957,518 4,864,023 637,310 94,717 31,429,023 38,982,591
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 6) Deferred revenue (Note 6) Provision for gravel pit reclamation	2,699,041 276,654 1,373,977	1,554,651 300,189 171,674
	4,349,672	2,026,514
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	35,790,609	36,956,077
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible capital assets (Schedule 5) Inventory for consumption (Note 7) Prepaid expenses	153,953,256 4,738,821 302,249 158,994,326	149,408,391 4,060,179 321,472 153,790,042
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (NOTE 8)	\$ <u>194,784,935</u>	\$ <u>190,746,119</u>

CONTINGENCIES (Note 10)

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL:

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PROVOST NO. 52 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND ACCUMULATED SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

REVENUE	<u>2022</u> (Budget) (Note 14)	<u>2022</u> (Actual)	<u>2021</u> (Actual)
Net municipal property taxes (Schedule 2) Penalties and costs on taxes Government transfers (Schedule 3) Interest and investment income User fees and sales of goods Other Rentals	\$ 23,993,655 899,284 327,152 304,000 519,850 229,101 	\$ 23,993,168 1,250,784 898,899 704,544 449,681 188,834 	\$ 23,898,474 1,260,537 411,270 301,132 607,891 316,153
	26,437,267	27,673,482	26,976,577
EXPENSES Transportation services Administration services Agriculture and development services Protective services Recreation and culture services Water and wastewater services Waste management and disposal services Council and other legislative services Public health services Other	8,926,504 2,251,305 1,374,239 794,498 937,195 268,081 273,568 190,100 98,150 18,691	17,987,306 2,084,538 1,280,004 1,022,632 1,011,795 290,554 272,925 188,302 117,590 18,691	15,729,419 2,059,330 1,402,861 903,214 931,634 286,559 284,045 163,269 505,842 18,691
ANNUAL SURPLUS BEFORE OTHER INCOME	11,304,936	3,399,145	4,691,713
OTHER INCOME (LOSS) Government transfers for capital (Schedule 3) Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	1,084,572 	1,084,572 (444,901) 639,671	2,895,017 (884,363) 2,010,654
ANNUAL CURRILIO			
ANNUAL SURPLUS	<u>12,389,508</u>	<u>4,038,816</u>	6,702,367
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>190,746,119</u>	<u>190,746,119</u>	<u>184,043,752</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	\$ <u>203,135,627</u>	\$ <u>194,784,935</u>	\$ <u>190,746,119</u>

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PROVOST NO. 52 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	<u>2022</u> (Budget) (Note 14)	<u>2022</u> (Actual)	<u>2021</u> (Actual)
ANNUAL SURPLUS	\$ <u>12,389,508</u>	\$ <u>4,038,816</u>	\$ <u>6,702,367</u>
Acquisition of tangible capital assets Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets Amortization of tangible capital assets Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	(13,293,175)	(15,870,137) 1,889,807 8,990,564 444,901	(13,866,887) 179,517 8,577,872 884,363
Net change in inventory for consumption Net change in prepaid expenses	(<u>13,293,175</u>)	(4,544,865) (678,642) 19,223 (659,419)	(4,225,135) 745,759 284,664 1,030,423
INCREASE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	(903,667)	(1,165,468)	3,507,655
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEA	R 26,167,380	36,956,077	33,448,422
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ <u>25,263,713</u>	\$ <u>35,790,609</u>	\$ <u>36,956,077</u>

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PROVOST NO. 52 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	2022	2021
OPERATING ACTIVITIES Annual surplus Non-cash items included in annual surplus:	\$ 4,038,816	\$ 6,702,367
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets Amortization of tangible capital assets Provision for gravel pit reclamation	444,901 8,990,564 1,202,303	884,363 8,577,872 (79,875)
Change in non-cash working capital balances: Taxes and grants in place of taxes Accounts receivables Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Prepaid expenses Inventory for consumption Deferred revenue	615,519 122,615 1,144,390 19,223 (678,642) (23,535)	(1,737,240) (4,405) (871,188) 284,664 745,759 (26,286)
	15,876,154	14,476,031
INVESTING ACTIVITIES Purchase of tangible capital assets Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	(15,870,137) <u>1,889,807</u>	(13,866,887) 179,517
	(13,980,330)	(13,687,370)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES Net change in investments	(1,570,977) (1,570,977)	(19,308,050) (19,308,050)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	324,847	(18,519,389)
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,957,518</u>	20,476,907
CASH, END OF YEAR	\$ <u>2,282,365</u>	\$ <u>1,957,518</u>

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PROVOST NO. 52 SCHEDULE OF EQUITY IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$149,408,391	\$145,183,256
Purchase of tangible capital assets Cost of tangible capital assets disposed of Amortization of tangible capital assets Accumulated amortization of tangible capital assets disposed of	15,870,137 (5,868,452) (8,990,564) 3,533,744	(3,255,857)
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ <u>153,953,256</u>	\$ <u>149,408,391</u>
Equity in Tangible Capital Assets is Comprised of the Following:		
Net book value tangible capital assets (Schedule 5)	\$ <u>153,953,256</u>	\$ <u>149,408,391</u>

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PROVOST NO. 52 SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	<u>2022</u> (Budget) (Note 14)	<u>2022</u> (Actual)	<u>2021</u> (Actual)
TAXATION			
Linear property taxes	\$ 12,551,050	\$ 12,658,208	\$ 12,551,050
Real property taxes	<u>17,119,386</u>	<u>17,192,343</u>	<u>17,010,130</u>
	29,670,436	29,850,551	29,561,180
REQUISITIONS			
East Central Alberta C.S.S.	70,287	70,287	70,287
Alberta School Foundation Fund	5,057,044	5,057,044	4,869,400
Provost Seniors Foundation	549,450	549,450	542,705
Designated Industrial Property	_	<u> 180,602</u>	<u>180,314</u>
	5,676,781	5,857,383	5,662,706
NET MUNICIPAL TAXES	\$ <u>23,993,655</u>	\$ <u>23,993,168</u>	\$ <u>23,898,474</u>

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PROVOST NO. 52 SCHEDULE OF GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Schedule 3

TRANSFERS FOR OPERATING	<u>2022</u> (Budget) (Note 14)	<u>2022</u> (Actual)	2021 (Actual) (Restated)
Provincial government Local government	\$ 251,734 <u>75,418</u>	\$ 802,504 <u>96,395</u>	\$ 339,116 <u>72,154</u>
	327,152	898,899	411,270
TRANSFERS FOR CAPITAL Provincial government	1,084,572	1,084,572	2,895,017
	1,084,572	1,084,572	2,895,017
TOTAL GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$ <u>1,411,724</u>	\$ <u>1,983,471</u>	\$ <u>3,306,287</u>

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PROVOST NO. 52 SCHEDULE OF SEGMENTED INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Schedule 4A

	Administration Services	Transportation <u>Services</u>	Agricultural Services	Recreation and Culture Services	Water and Waste Water <u>Services</u>	All Other	<u>Total</u>
REVENUE							
Taxation Government transfers	\$ 2,001,633	\$ 9,554,313	\$ 1,102,300 12,393	-	\$ 138,140 -	\$ 10,406,875 886,506	\$ 23,993,168 898,899
User fees and sales of goods All other Investment income	9,202	107,790 - -	- - -	164,436	95,337	72,916 1,627,190 <u>704,544</u>	449,681 1,627,190 704,544
	2,010,835	9,662,103	1,114,693	954,343	233,477	13,698,031	27,673,482
EXPENSES Materials, goods, contracted							
and general services Salaries, wages and benefits Transfers to other governments	434,195 806,031	5,627,144 3,473,796 37,271	512,020 575,154	168,672 74,028 708,957	76,027 140,677	787,998 353,485 632,097	7,606,056 5,423,171 1,378,325
Repairs and maintenance Utilities Insurance	58,881 41,733 67,667	319,060 122,237 83,965	12,847 - 14.652	46,915 9,670	15,731 431	22,981 34,840	413,769 261,456
	1,408,507	9,663,473	1,114,673	1,008,242	<u>421</u> <u>232,856</u>	<u>24,621</u> <u>1,856,022</u>	200,996 15,283,773
ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT) BEFORE AMORTIZATION	602,328	(1,370)	20	(53,899)	621	11,842,009	12,389,709
Amortization	41,937	8,353,996	172,474	56,400	56,270	309,487	8,990,564
ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT) BEFORE OTHER INCOME	\$ <u>560,391</u>	\$ <u>(8,355,366</u>)	\$ <u>(172,454</u>)	\$ <u>(110,299</u>)	\$ <u>(55,649</u>)	\$ <u>11,532,522</u>	\$ <u>3,399,145</u>
Government transfers for capital Contributed tangible capital assets	- -	1,084,572	-	-	-	-	1,084,572
Loss on disposal of capital assets		(444,901)	****	-			(444,901)
ANNUAL SURPLUS	\$ <u>(172,454</u>)	\$ <u>(7,715,695</u>)	\$ <u>(172,454</u>)	\$ <u>(110,299</u>)	\$ <u>(55,649</u>)	\$ <u>11,532,522</u>	\$ <u>4,038,816</u>

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PROVOST NO. 52 SCHEDULE OF SEGMENTED INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Administration <u>Services</u>	Transportation <u>Services</u>	Agricultural Services	Recreation and Culture Services	Water and Waste Water <u>Services</u>	All <u>Other</u>	Total
REVENUE Taxation User fees and sales of goods Government transfers Investment income All other	\$ 1,975,329 10,935 - -	\$ 7,657,001 92,301 - -	\$ 1,168,067 76,916	\$ 663,415 213,038	\$ - 98,210	\$ 12,434,662 193,407 334,354 301,132 1,757,810	\$ 23,898,474 607,891 411,270 301,132 1,757,810
	1,986,264	7,749,302	1,244,983	876,453	98,210	15,021,365	26,976,577
EXPENSES Materials, goods, contracted							
and general services Salaries, wages and benefits Transfers to other governments	1,036,241 775,688 -	3,740,257 3,434,411 8,220	650,394 573,156 -	72,282 109,301 636,591	83,074 134,067	572,952 352,151 590,111	6,155,200 5,378,774 1,234,922
Repairs and maintenance Utilities Insurance	74,185 36,906 63,244	376,632 99,333 90,449	8,195 - 13,238	49,767 8,512	- 14,817 181	25,564 53,990 23,083	484,576 254,813 198,707
	1,986,264	7,749,302	1,244,983	876,453	232,139	1,617,851	13,706,992
ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT) BEFORE AMORTIZATION	-	<u></u>	-	-	(133,929)	13,403,514	13,269,585
Amortization	73,066	7,980,117	<u> 157,878</u>	55,181	54,420	257,210	8,577,872
ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT) BEFORE OTHER INCOME	\$ <u>(73,066</u>)	\$ <u>(7,980,117</u>)	\$ <u>(157,878</u>)	\$ <u>(55,181</u>)	\$ <u>(188,349</u>)	\$ <u>13,146,304</u>	\$ <u>4,691,713</u>
Government transfers for capital Loss on disposal of capital assets	26,046 	2,868,971 (884,363)			-	·	2,895,017 (884,363)
ANNUAL SURPLUS	\$ <u>(47,020</u>)	\$ <u>(5,995,509</u>)	\$ <u>(157,878</u>)	\$ <u>(55,181</u>)	\$ <u>(188,349</u>)	\$ <u>13,146,304</u>	\$ <u>6,702,367</u>

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PROVOST NO. 52 SCHEDULE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Schedule 5

	<u>Land</u>	Buildings	Engineered Structures	Machinery and Equipment	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
COST: Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 260,426	\$12,429,393	\$222,773,193	\$16,442,275	\$ 9,012,095	\$260,917,382	\$250,306,352
Additions Disposals		45,799 	9,859,395 <u>(1,861,377</u>)	5,330,406 (3,742,523)	634,537 (264,552)	15,870,137 (5,868,452)	13,866,887 (3,255,857)
Balance, End of Year	260,426	12,475,192	230,771,211	<u>18,030,158</u>	9,382,080	270,919,067	260,917,382
ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION Balance, Beginning of Year	N: -	2,142,913	98,522,749	7,053,461	3,789,868	111,508,991	105,123,096
Amortization Expense Disposals		225,549 	6,869,119 (1,396,033)	1,280,354 <u>(1,880,209</u>)	615,542 (257,502)	8,990,564 (3,533,744)	8,577,872 (2,191,977)
Balance, End of Year	-	2,368,462	103,995,835	6,453,606	4,147,908	<u>116,965,811</u>	<u>111,508,991</u>
NET BOOK VALUE, END OF YEAR	\$ <u>260,426</u>	\$ <u>10,106,730</u>	\$ <u>126,775,376</u>	\$ <u>11,576,552</u>	\$ <u>5,234,172</u>	\$ <u>153,953,256</u>	\$ <u>149,408,391</u>

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Municipal District of Provost No. 52 (the "Municipal District") is a municipality in the Province of Alberta incorporated on March 1, 1943 and operates under the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*.

The consolidated financial statements of the Municipal District are the representations of management prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Municipal District are as follows:

(a) Reporting Entity

The financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and changes in financial position of the reporting entity. This entity is comprised of the municipal operations plus all of the organizations that are owned or controlled by the Municipal District, and are therefore, accountable to the Council for the administration of their financial affairs and resources.

(b) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting records revenue as it is earned and measurable.

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 revenue in the period in which the events giving rise to the transfer occurred, providing the transfers are authorized, any eligibility criteria have been met by the municipality, and reasonable estimates of the amounts can be made.

Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable based upon receipt of goods or services and/or the legal obligation to pay.

(c) Cash and Temporary Investments

Cash and temporary investments consist of cash on deposit and term deposits with original maturities of three months or less at the date of acquisition and are recorded at cost.

(d) Investments

Investments are recorded at amortized cost. When there has been a loss in value that is other than a temporary decline, the investment is written down to recognize the loss.

(e) Land Inventory

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

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(f) Provision for Gravel Pit Reclamation

Pursuant to the Alberta Environmental Protection and Enforcement Act, the Municipal District is required to fund the future reclamation of its gravel pits. Closure activities include the final top soil cover, landscaping and visual inspection. The requirement is being provided for based on the estimated length of time until all the gravel has been extracted.

(g) 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 normal course of operations. The change in non-financial assets during the year, together with the excess of revenues over expenses, provides the Change in Net Financial Assets for the year.

Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. Donated assets are capitalized and are recorded at their estimated fair value upon acquisition and are also recorded as revenue. Work in progress represents assets which are not available for use and therefore are not subject to amortization. The cost, less residual value, of the tangible capital assets is amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful life as follows:

	Years
Buildings	25 - 50
Engineered structures	
Roadway system	5 - 65
Water system	45 - 75
Wastewater system	45 - 75
Machinery and equipment	3 - 40
Vehicles	10 - 40

Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

Inventory for consumption

Inventory for consumption is valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value with cost determined using the average cost method.

(h) Tax Revenue

Property tax revenue is based on assessments determined in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*. Tax mill rates are established annually. Taxation revenues are recorded at the time tax billings are issued. Assessments are subject to appeal.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(h) Tax Revenue (Cont'd)

Constructions and borrowing costs associated with local improvement projects are recovered through annual special property tax assessments during the period of the related borrowings. These levies are collectible from property owners for work performed by the Municipal District and are recognized as revenue in the year they are levied.

(i) Government Transfers

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

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

(i) 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.

(k) Pension Expenses

Contributions for current and past service pension benefits are recorded as expenses in the year in which they become due.

(i) Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Where measurement uncertainty exists, the financial statements have been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality. Actual results could differ from those estimates

Accounts receivable are stated after evaluation as to their collectibility and an appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts is provided where considered necessary. The amounts recorded for valuation of tangible capital assets, the useful lives and related amortization of tangible capital assets, and provision for gravel pit reclamation are areas where management makes significant estimates and assumptions in determining the amounts to be recorded in the financial statements.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(m) Contaminated Sites

Contaminated sites are a result of contamination being introduced into air, soil, water or sediment of a chemical, organic or radioactive material or live organism that exceeds an environmental standard. The liability is recorded net of any expected recoveries. A liability for remediation of a contaminated site is recognized when a site is not in productive use; and is based on management's estimate of the cost of post-remediation including operation, maintenance and monitoring.

(n) Future Accounting Standard Pronouncements

The following summarizes upcoming changes to *Public Sector Accounting Standards*. The Municipal District will continue to assess the impact and prepare for the adoption of these standards.

i) Financial Statement Presentation

PS 1201, Financial Statement Presentation, requires a new statement of re-measurement gains and losses separate from the statement of operations. Included in this new statement are the unrealized gains and losses arising form the re-measurement of financial instruments and items denominated in foreign currencies, as well as the government's proportionate share of other comprehensive income that arises when a government includes the results of government business enterprises and partnerships. This standard is applicable for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2022.

ii) Foreign Currency Translation

PS 2601, Foreign Currency Translation, requires that monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency be adjusted to reflect the exchange rates in effect at the financial statement dates. Unrealized gains and losses are to be presented in the new statement of re-measurement gains and losses. This standard must be adopted in conjunction with PS 2601 and PS 3450 and is applicable for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2022.

iii) Portfolio Investments

PS 3041, Portfolio Investments, has removed the distinction between temporary and portfolio investments and amended to to conform to PS 3405. This standard must be adopted in conjunction with PS 1201, PS 2601, and PS 3450 and is applicable for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2022.

iv) Financial Instruments

PS 3450, Financial Instruments, established recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements for derivative and non-derivative financial instruments. The standard requires fair value measurement of derivative and equity instruments; all other financial instruments can be measured at cost/amortized cost or fair value at the election of the government. Unrealized gains and losses are presented in a new statement of re-measurement gains and losses. There is the requirement to disclose the nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments and clarification is given for the de-recognition of financial liabilities. This standard is applicable for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2022.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(n) Future Accounting Standard Pronouncements (cont'd)

v) Asset Retirement Obligations

PS 3280, Asset Retirement Obligations, establishes standards on how to account and report for legal obligations associated with the retirement of certain tangible capital assets including solid waste landfill sites. As a result, PS 3270, Solid Waste Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Liability has been withdrawn but will remain in effect until the adoption of PS 3280. This standard is applicable for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2022.

vi) Revenue

PS 3400, *Revenue*, establishes standards on how to account for and report revenue differentiating between revenue arising from transactions that include performance obligations and transactions that do not. This standard is applicable for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2023.

2. TAXES AND GRANTS IN PLACE OF TAXES

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Current taxes and grants in place of taxes Arrears taxes	\$ 2,590,373 <u>6,573,021</u> 9,163,394	\$ 3,457,918 5,919,879 9,377,797
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(4,914,890)	<u>(4,513,774</u>)
	\$ <u>4,248,504</u>	\$ <u>4,864,023</u>

A significant portion of the property taxes outstanding at December 31, 2022 relates to linear property receivable from companies in the oil and gas industry. Therefore, the Municipal District is exposed to the credit risk associated with fluctuations in that industry.

3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Trade and other accounts receivable Goods and services tax recoverable	\$ 445,499 <u>69,196</u>	\$ 589,021 <u>48,289</u>
	\$ <u>514,695</u>	\$ <u>637,310</u>

4. INVESTMENTS

Guaranteed Investment Certificates bearing interest ranging from 5.05% to 5.4%, and maturing between November 6, 2023 and November 7, 2024.

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
Trade payable and accrued liabilities Employee benefit obligations	\$	2,384,051 314,990	\$	1,244,114 310,537
	\$_	2,699,041	\$_	1,554,651

6. DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue consists of grants received from other levels of government that have not yet been utilized. Deferred revenue is recognized as revenue in the period in which the related expenditures are incurred.

		<u>2021</u>	Additions		Revenue ecognized	2022
Alberta Transportation	\$	223,333	\$ -	\$	(17,334) \$	205,999
Canadian Pacific Railway Company		48,000	-		(2,000)	46,000
Prepaid lease payments		28,856	2,751		(6,952)	24,655
Municipal Sustainability Initiative		_	2,422,512	(2	2,422,512)	_
Municipal Stimulus Program		-	262,106	,	(262,106)	_
Federal Gas Tax Fund		_	258,180		(258,180)	-
Operating ASB grant		-	123,907		(123,907)	-
Pest control officer grant	_	_	54,000		<u>(54,000</u>)	-
	\$	300,189	\$ 3,123,456	\$(3	3,146,991) \$	276,654

7. INVENTORY FOR CONSUMPTION

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Gravel Material and supplies	\$ 3,184,987 	\$ 2,912,346 1,147,833
	\$ <u>4,738,821</u>	\$ <u>4,060,179</u>

8. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

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

	assets as follows:	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	Unrestricted surplus	\$ 11,774,042	\$ 9,571,586
	Restricted surplus: Operating reserves (Note 9) Capital reserves (Note 9) Equity in tangible capital assets	9,384,872 19,672,765 153,953,256	10,922,829 20,843,313 149,408,391
		\$ <u>194,784,935</u>	\$ <u>190,746,119</u>
9.	RESERVES		
	OPERATING RESERVES	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	Recreation Gravel pit reclamation Roads Administration building Fire Water and sewer Other Emergency management Hillcrest Lodge Agricultural Services Board	\$ 4,753,549 1,133,597 191,021 2,997,491 19,999 34,000 77,165 5,000 452 172,598	\$ 4,753,549 2,872,817 191,021 2,997,491 19,999 34,000 48,500 5,000 452
	CAPITAL RESERVES	9,384,872	<u>10,922,829</u>
	Roads Fire Water and sewer Subdivision Recreation Administration Agricultural services Airport Disaster services Municipal planning and development Ambulance	15,685,321 441,673 1,131,821 551,768 550,433 524,550 442,883 267,579 30,546 38,000 8,191	17,333,927 320,173 945,821 551,768 599,875 461,550 324,383 238,579 30,546 28,500 8,191
	Total Reserves	\$ <u>29,057,637</u>	\$ <u>31,766,142</u>

10. CONTINGENCIES

The Municipal District is a member of the *Alberta Local Authorities Reciprocal Insurance Exchange* (the "Exchange"). Under the terms of membership, the Municipal District 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.

In the ordinary course of business, various claims and lawsuits are brought against the Municipal District. It is the opinion of management that the settlement of these actions will not result in any material liabilities beyond any amounts already accrued.

The Municipal District is a member of the MD #52 Waste Management Authority (the "Authority"). Under the terms of this membership, the Municipal District could become liable for its proportionate share of any environmental liabilities if the Authority does not have sufficient reserves.

11. LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN

Employees of the Municipal District 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 is financed by employer and employee contributions and by investment earnings of the LAPP Fund.

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

The Municipal District is required to make current service contributions to the LAPP consisting of 8.45% (2021 - 9.39%) of pensionable earnings up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings under the Canada Pension Plan ("CPP") and 12.80% (2021 - 13.84%) on pensionable earnings above this amount. Employees of the Municipal District are required to make current service contributions of 7.45% (2021 - 8.39%) of pensionable salary up to the year's maximum pensionable salary and 11.80% (2021 - 12.84%) on pensionable salary above this amount.

Total current service contributions made by the Municipal District to the LAPP in 2022 were \$289,875 (2021 - \$334,347). Total current service contributions made by the employees of the Municipal District to the LAPP in 2022 were \$259,528 (2021 - \$302,829).

At December 31, 2021, the LAPP disclosed an actuarial surplus of \$11.92 billion (2020 - \$4.96 billion actuarial surplus).

12. SALARY AND BENEFITS DISCLOSURE

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

			Ben	efits and		To	otal	
	<u>S</u>	Salary	Allo	wances		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
Elected Officials:								
Division 1	\$	12,932	\$	5,128	\$	18,060	\$	19,113
Division 2		17,674		3,205		20,879		18,664
Division 3		-		-		-		11,667
Division 3		14,337		5,169		19,506		4,966
Division 4		_		-		_		13,752
Division 4		13,667		2,326		15,993		4,331
Division 5		-		-		-		13,559
Division 5		17,932		5,388		23,320		5,393
Division 6		20,300		787		21,087		24,431
Division 7		-		-		-		16,075
Division 7		18,704		6,344	_	<u> 25,048</u>		<u>5,557</u>
	\$	<u>115,546</u>	\$	28,347	\$_	143,893	\$	137,508
Designated officers (4)	\$	<u>366,401</u>	\$	79,828	\$	446,229	\$	<u>454,619</u>
Chief Administrative Officer	\$	<u>143,480</u>	\$	26,513	\$	169,993	\$	170,236

Executive salaries and benefit obligations have been fully funded by the Municipal District. Salary includes regular base pay, bonuses, lump sum payments, honoraria and any other direct cash remuneration.

Benefits and allowances include the 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 membership dues, and tuition.

13. DEBT LIMITS

Section 276(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* requires that debt and debt limits, as defined by *Alberta Regulation 255/2000*, for the Municipal District be disclosed as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Total debt limit Total debt	\$ 41,510,223 	\$ 40,464,866
Amount of debt limit unused	\$ <u>41,510,223</u>	\$ <u>40,464,866</u>
Service on debt limit Service on debt	\$ 6,918,371 	\$ 6,744,144
Amount of service on debt limit unused	\$ <u>6,918,371</u>	\$ <u>6,744,144</u>

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

14. BUDGET FIGURES

The Municipal District compiles a budget on a modified accrual basis. The budget expenses transfers to reserves and all tangible capital asset purchases rather than including amortization expense. The reconciliation below adjusts excess revenue over expenses to align with the budget process. It should not be used as a replacement for the statement of operations and accumulated surplus. Users should note that this information may not be appropriate for their purposes.

	Budget <u>2022</u>	Actual <u>2022</u>	Actual <u>2021</u>
Annual surplus	\$12,389,508	\$ 4,038,816	\$ 6,702,367
Add back: Amortization expense Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	- -	8,990,564 1,889,807	8,577,872 179,517
Deduct: Transfers from (to) from reserves Capital purchases	(674,093) (13,293,175)	2,708,505 <u>(15,870,137</u>)	(1,003,831) (<u>13,866,887</u>)
Results of Operations as Budgeted	\$ <u>(1,577,760</u>)	\$ <u>1,757,555</u>	\$ 589,038

The budget figures presented in these financial statements are based on the budget that was approved by Council on May 26, 2022.

15. SEGMENTED DISCLOSURE

The Municipal District provides a range of services to its ratepayers. For each reported segment, revenues and expenses represent both amounts that are directly attributable to the segment and amounts that are allocated on a reasonable basis. The accounting policies used in these segments are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the financial statements as disclosed in Note 1. Refer to the Schedule of Segmented Information (Schedule 4A and 4B).

16. GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIPS

Waste Management Authority

The Town of Provost, the Village of Amisk, the Village of Czar, the Village of Hughenden and the Municipal District of Provost No. 52 jointly participate in the M.D. #52 Waste Management Authority ("the Authority") to maintain, control, and manage a regional landfill site and transfer stations. The proportionate share of ownership, management, and liability of the Authority held by each member is as follows:

The Town of Provost	20%
Village of Amisk	20%
Village of Czar	20%
Village of Hughenden	20%
Municipal District of Provost No. 52	20%

The parties have agreed to proportionately share costs associated with expenditures arising from the operation of the Authority. The cost sharing proportions are based on each member's population figures available from *Alberta Municipal Affairs*.

During the year, the Municipal District paid \$260,242 (2021 - \$274,103) to the Authority for annual fees. The transaction was measured at the exchange amount.

Provost Medical Centre

The Municipal District and the Town of Provost jointly developed, constructed and now operating the Provost Medical Centre. The Municipal District's initial proportionate interest in the Medical Centre is 75% (2021 - 75%).

Municipal District operates and manages the Medical Centre. The Town of Provost provides an annual contribution to support the operations of the Medical Centre. The parties have agreed to proportionately share costs associated with expenditures arising from the operation of the Medical Centre with the Municipal District's proportionate share being 50%.

During the year, the Municipal District received \$6,358 (2021 - \$9,828) from the Town for the Town's proportional share of operating costs.

17. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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

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

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

18. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been restated to conform to the current year's presentation.

19. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These financial statements were approved by Council and Management.

MISSION STATEMENT AND OBJECTIVES

The Municipal District of Provost No. 52 continually strives to provide a rural environment where residents may enjoy an excellent quality of life.

SERVICE DELIVERY OBJECTIVES

- To conserve agricultural land.
- To maintain and develop a viable Roads Transportation Network.
- To promote a diversified agricultural industry and environmentally sound natural resource development.
- To protect residents by providing effective emergency response and crime prevention services.
- To participate in regional partnerships that promote the availability of health care, education and recreation services and facilities.
- To offer resources and support voluntary efforts to provide social programs.

2022 TRANSFER PAYMENTS TO OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, GRANTS & REQUISITIONS FROM OPERATIONS

REQUISITION / GRANT RECIPIENT	M.D. DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
ALBERTA SCHOOL FOUNDATION FUND	TRANSFER OF REQUISITION	5,061,945.25
BODO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	GRANT	2,000.00
BODO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY	GRANT	4,200.00
ALBERTA GOVERNMENT	POLICING	266,609.00
EAST CENTRAL ALBERTA CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL	TRANSFER OF REQUISITION	65,385.99
CAPT LAKE ASSOCIATION	DONATION	150.00
FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES	TRANSFER OF REQUISITION	18,690.79
HUGHENDEN COMMUNTIY HALL	DONATION	20,000.00
MD #52 LIBRARY BOARD	CULTURE	49,810.00
MD #52 WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY	WASTE MANAGEMENT	260,241.86
Natural Gas Co-op(Provost Co-op Loan)	OTHER: TRF	25,500.00
PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY	CULTURE	18,673.20
PROVOST LIONS HANDI VAN SOCIETY	GRANT	6,500.00
PROVOST SENIOR CITIZENS HOME FOUNDATION	TRANSFER OF REQUISITION	549,450.00
PROVOST GOLF COURSE	DONATION	15,419.81
PROVOST MINOR HOCKEY	DONATION	1,500.00
ROSENHEIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY	RECREATION: PROVOST & DIST REC	5,000.00
SHORNCLIFFE PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION	RECREATION: SHORNCLIFFE LAKE	2,150.00
CADOGAN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY	GRANT	5,000.00
TOWN OF PROVOST	FIRE: EAST END	88,977.45
TOWN OF PROVOST	GRANT: CANADA DAY	1,000.00
TOWN OF PROVOST	OTHER GOVT: DOCTOR'S HOUSE	28,320.00
TOWN OF PROVOST	OTHER GOVT: INS - HEALTH FOUND.	1,618.08
TOWN OF PROVOST	RECREATION: PROVOST & DIST REC	336,533.57
TOWN OF PROVOST	WASTE MGMT (RECYCLING)	1,800.00
TOWN OF PROVOST	COMMUNITY BBQ	4,244.00
WEST RECREATION COUNCIL	RECREATION: WEST END	215,520.00
Total		7,056,239.00

ANNUAL MILL RATE COM	//PARISON	- M.D. of	PROVOS	ST NO. 52
Residential				
TO TO THE TOTAL	2020	2021	2022	
ASFF	2.5356	2.5888	2.6041	
Municipal	3.376	3.1936	3.1259	
Uncollectibles	0.2069	0.1935	0.1926	
Fire	0.1857	0.2050	0.3336	
Recreation	0.282	0.2900	0.3031	
Waste Management	0.0651	0.0745	0.0691	
FCSS	0.0074	0.0070	0.0069	
Hillcrest	0.2154	0.2020	0.2036	
Total Residential mill rate	6.8741	6.7544	6.8389	
Farmland	A consistency of the constant			
	2020	2021	2022	
ASFF	2.5356	2.5888	2.6041	
Municipal	6.752	6.3872	6.2519	
Uncollectibles	0.2069	0.1935	0.1926	
Fire	0.1857	0.205	0.3336	
Recreation	0.282	0.29	0.3031	
Waste Management	0.0651	0.0745	0.0691	
FCSS	0.0074	0.007	0.0069	
Hillcrest	0.2154	0.202	0.2036	
Total Farm mill rate	10.2501	9.9480	9.9649	
DI Property Req	0.0760	0.0766	0.0766	
Total DI Property (Farmland) mill rate	10.3261	10.0246	10.0415	
Non Residential/Industrial				5
	2020	2021	2022	
ASFF	3.7953	3.7481	3.9491	
Municipal	6.752	6.3872	6.2519	
Uncollectibles	0.2069	0.1935	0.1926	
<u>Fire</u>	0.1857	0.205	0.3336	
Recreation	0.282	0.29	0.3031	
Waste Management	0.0651	0.0745	0.0691	
FCSS	0.0074	0.007	0.0069	
Hillcrest	0.2154	0.202	0.2036	
Special Industrial	2.2063	2.2063	2.2063	
Total Non-residential mill rate	13.7161	13.3136	13.5162	
Total Machinery & Equip mill rate	9.9208	9.5655	9.5671	
DI Property Req	0.0760	0.0766	0.0766	
Total DI Property (Non-Res) mill rate	13.7921	13.3902	13.5928	
Total DI Property (M&E) mill rate	9.9968	9.6421	9.6437	İ

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FIRE SAFETY REMINDER

All ratepayers are reminded that fire safety starts with you – and that all burning within the M.D. must be conducted responsibly and in accordance with the MD's fire control bylaw. Ratepayers are reminded that incinerators, fire pits and barbecue pits must:

- have a spark arrestor mesh screen of 13 mm or less to contain sparks over the fire at all times.
- be supervised at all times by a responsible adult person until such time that fire has been extinguished. A fire shall be deemed to include hot ashes and smoldering embers resulting from the fire.
- burn only Class "A" materials (clean wood, paper, twigs and garden chippings and garden debris) charcoal briquettes, propane or natural gas fuels.
- have a flame height which does not exceed 90 cm (3.38 feet) above the incinerator, barbecue or fire pit.

A fire permit is required for ALL outdoor fires, not classed as "small open fires" by Bylaw #2268, structure fires or the discharge of fireworks. For more information or to obtain a fire permit ratepayers are advised to visit our website at mdprovost.ca.

PENALTIES ON TAXES

November 1 – 10% on current February 1 – 15% on arrears

GENERAL ASSESSMENT

The 2023 Assessment and Tax Notices will be sent together around mid-June, 2023. Assessments are now updated annually based on changes to market conditions, etc. within the municipality.

TAX NOTICES

Tax Notices are sent to the owner of the land that is stated on the registered title at the time the notice is prepared. A tax notice is deemed to have been received 7 days after it is sent. If your mailing address has changed, it is up to you to notify the MD office. If you do not receive a tax notice for your property, it is your responsibility to contact the MD office. Nonpayment of taxes will result in penalties added and eventually sale of land under the Municipal Government Act.

BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, GAS AND PLUMBING PERMITS

The MD of Provost No. 52 administers the Safety Codes Act of Alberta in the disciplines of Building, Electrical, Gas and Plumbing. Superior Safety Codes Inc., an accredited agency, has been contracted to provide permit issuance and inspections pursuant to the Act. Permits may be obtained from Superior Safety Codes Inc. at 1-888-358-5545.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Control of Development

No development shall be undertaken within the municipality, other than that designated in Section 7 of the MD's Land Use Bylaw, unless an application for it has been approved and a development permit has been issued. For the designations in Section 7 please contact the MD office.

Application for a Development Permit

An application for development permit shall be made to the Development Officer in writing, and shall be accompanied by:

- (a) a site plan showing the legal description and the front, rear and side yards if any, and any provision for off-street vehicle parking, and entry and exit points to and from the site;
- (b) floor plans and elevations and sections of any proposed buildings;
- (c) any other reasonable information that the Development Officer/Municipal Planning Commission deems is necessary to render a decision on the application;
- (d) a development permit fee as established by resolution of Council.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF ROAD ALLOWANCES

The M.D. of Provost No. 52 would like to remind its residents that the title to all road allowances within the M.D., whether presently in use as a roadway or not, is vested in the Crown in Right of Alberta and that the M.D. has the direction, control and management of all roadways within the M.D. except provincial highways. Any unauthorized use presently being made of road allowances within the M.D. by anyone does not give the user any right to continued use or to compensation in the event that a decision is made to develop the road allowance as a roadway.

SNOWPLOW POLICY

Please remember if you wish to have your lane snowplowed this winter pick up a "Custom Work" agreement at the M.D. office or from your grader operator as soon as possible. The agreements are valid for 3 years. For those renting, both yourself and the owner are required to sign the agreement.

If you plow your own lane, please do not leave any ridges or piles on the M.D. road as it creates a hazard to the travelling public.

The MD has the right to refuse the snowplowing and lane maintenance agreement if so deemed unfeasible after inspection of the site.

ROAD SIGNS

Traffic signs are erected to maintain safety on our roads. Please notify the M.D. office immediately if you see any signs down, missing or in need of repair. We need your help to assist us in keeping an accurate record of the signs and keep them in good condition. It is illegal to erect signs of any kind on the road allowance without receiving consent from the Municipal District.

DON'T LITTER

Dumping of garbage on road allowances, in road ditches and along unused road allowances is prohibited. This includes ROCKS. Help keep our M.D. clean. All loads to transfer sites and the landfill are to be tarped and secure.

DUST CONTROL

To assist those wanting dust control on a municipal road used by the general public which runs past their house, it is policy to offer the application of MG-30 as a means of dust control to resident ratepayers at 25% of product cost for the initial application. The application deadline will be April 15th of each year, and late requests will not be accepted. Applications will be accepted for a minimum distance of 500 feet and up to a maximum of 1000 feet per site.

The applicant will recognize roadways are subject to seasonal weather changes, traffic volume and vehicle weight. Dust controls will be maintained as required at the discretion of the MD of Provost, which may impact the effectiveness and life expectancy of the dust suppressant. Applicants may apply for a second application of MG-30 at the same rate as the initial application (25% of product cost) to be received by July 31 of the same year. Late requests will not be accepted.

The MD guarantees that the dust control will be applied in the same year in which the application is received. The MD retains the right to refuse the application of dust control if such is deemed unfeasible after inspection of the site.

Ratepayers acknowledge and agree that the MD makes no guarantee as to the life expectancy of the material process.

PROCEDURE

The applicant and Public Works staff are expected to stake distance and area applied for together at a reasonable time prior to the application taking place, such timeline to be determined by mutual agreement of the parties in question. Any variance will be signed for by the applicant.

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance will be performed at the discretion of the M.D.

USED OIL

Used oil can be disposed of at the Hughenden Transfer Site and the Landfill. Used oil filters and plastic oil containers can be disposed of at the Landfill or any manned Transfer Site.

PROVOST NEWS CIRCULATION

It is the policy of the M.D. of Provost No. 52, under Bylaw 764, to circulate the Provost News in which the M.D. reports to all <u>ratepayers</u> who do not already subscribe.

Those wishing to receive the Provost News must contact the M.D. office. It is not necessary to contact the M.D. office if you already receive a regular subscription.

DUGOUTS

Dugouts are considered as development and therefore must comply with setback regulations. As stated in the Land Use Bylaw, there is to be no development within 40 metres of the center line of any municipal road allowance. Any excavation or stockpiles within the 40 metre setback are considered non-conforming and are not permitted.

Please contact the MD office if unsure as to policy regarding development.

MOVING CATTLE

Cattle Moving Signs are available at both the Provost and Hughenden Shops. The Peace Officer may also be available to help notify traffic that a move is in process. He can be reached at 753-1981.

A SLOW DOWN REMINDER - 30 Km/hr.

School Zone Times (School Days Only)

8:00 am - 9:30 am

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

8:30 am to 1 hour after sunset

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

In rural and urban areas:

Red flashing lights on a school bus means **STOP** (this means traffic from both directions) Amber flashing lights on a school bus means **SLOW DOWN AND BE PREPARED TO STOP**

Failure to follow this legislation can result in a fine plus demerits

The bus driver may take the license plate number and the registered owner can be charged

FOR MORE INFO, CHECK OUT THE MD OF PROVOST'S WEBSITE AT www.mdprovost.com

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