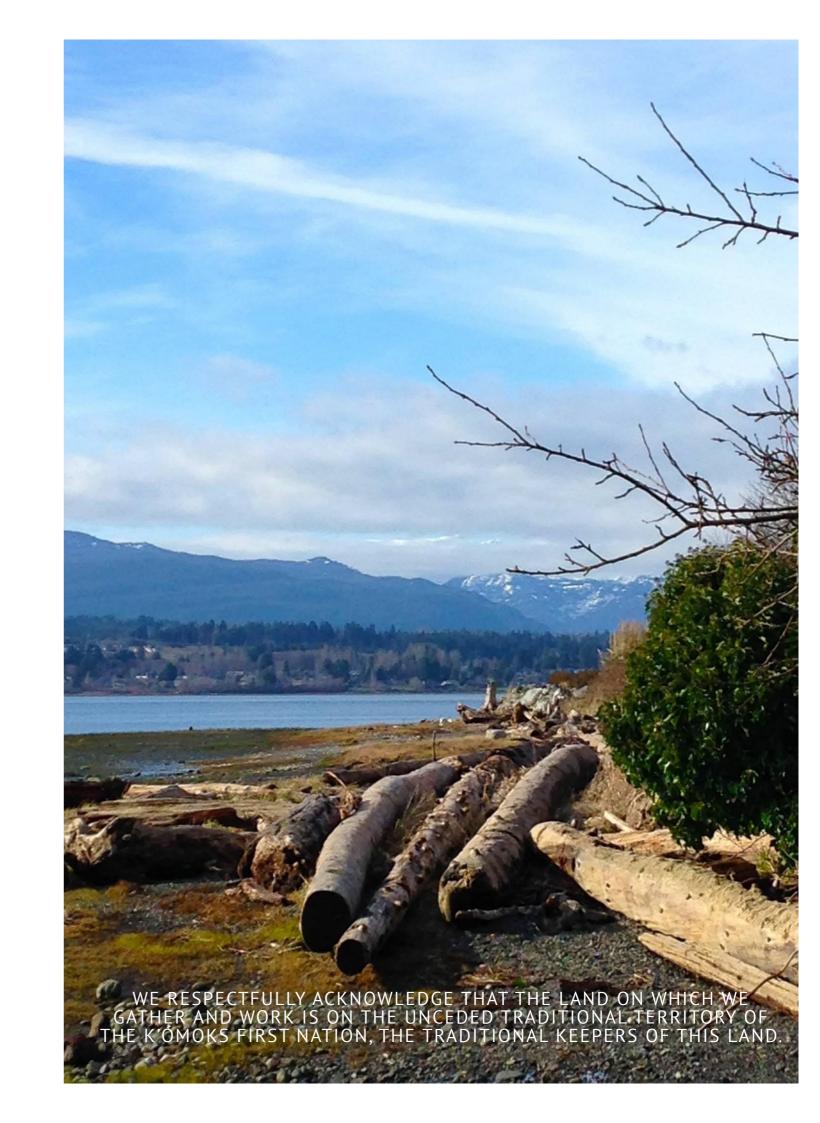
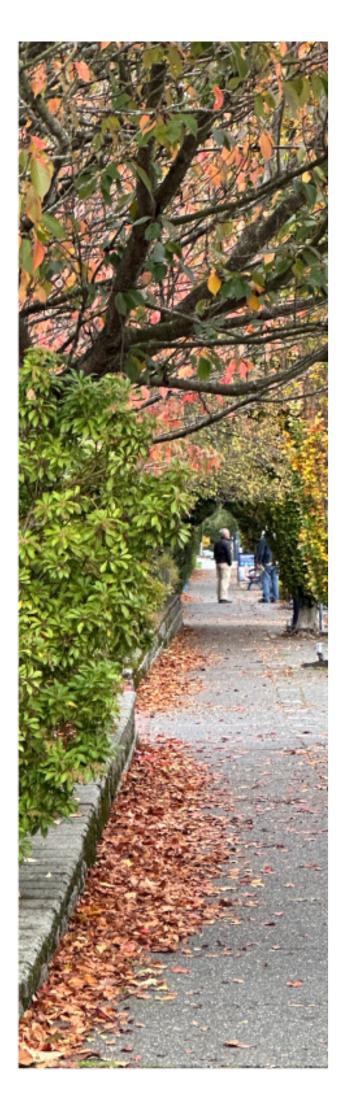


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2024 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

PREPARED BY: CORPORATE SERVICES AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE





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### **INTRODUCTION**

# ANNUAL REPORT

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This report for the community highlights the achievements over the past year. It reflects the key strategic direction outlined in the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan.

The report also shares the Town's audited consolidated financial statements and financial summary.





# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The Town of Comox takes great pride in reflecting on a year of noteworthy achievements and milestones, demonstrating our commitment to Council's vision of maintaining and enhancing the quality of life for all residents. In working through our Strategic Plan, it is exciting to see new projects underway while others have been successfully completed over the past 12 months, highlighting our progress. The annual report provides an opportunity to reflect and celebrate the work and initiatives we advanced in 2024, reinforcing that Comox is more than just a place on Vancouver Island; it is a vibrant, growing community shaped by the people who call it home.

As we look ahead, our shared commitment to inclusivity and connection will continue to make Comox a welcoming place for all.

The annual report also allows us the opportunity to publicly recognize the invaluable contributions of our larger collective team, whose dedication and collaboration have driven numerous projects forward this year. Many of our shared successes were made possible through the generous support of community funding partners who played a big part in turning our vision into reality. We are grateful to everyone we have worked alongside throughout the year - your support and partnership continue to make a meaningful difference in Comox.

A few of our key accomplishments from the last year include:

#### Recipient of the Federal Housing Accelerator Fund -

This federal investment of 5.2M supports the provincial legislation that requires us to increase housing supply. These funds will be used to address the critical housing challenges and adapt to the provincial regulatory changes.

Adoption of a Small-Scale Multi-Family Housing Bylaw – In response to the new provincial housing legislation, in June, the Town of Comox adopted a new bylaw focused on small-scale multi-family housing. The legislation applies to residential parcels that limited land use to single-detached or duplex.



The Acquisition of the New Aerial Ladder Fire Truck – Unveiled in May and dedicated to long-time community volunteer and firefighter John Marinus, Tower 35 features a 110-foot reach and a three-person platform bucket, enhancing the Town's firefighting capabilities and safety infrastructure.

#### **Economic and Environmental Leadership**

#### First-Ever Economic Development Strategy -

Developed with extensive community and downtown Comox business members input, this strategy prioritizes initiatives to expand employment lands, improve connectivity, and explore opportunities to enhance tourism and support a vibrant local economy.

Actioning the Climate Plan – The Town has prioritized goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for future climate impacts by preparing for the long-term effects on our infrastructure, sustainable transportation, urban forest management and the readiness for all of us to prepare emergency situations and risks.

#### Construction of the Lazo Greenway Multi-Use Path

- In partnership with the Comox Valley Regional District, this project goal is to improve connectivity through our neighbourhoods and enhance active transportation options that will contribute to both climate action goals and community wellness.

#### **Community Planning and Engagement**

Parks and Trails Master Plan – Over the last year, we have gathered community input that will benefit this long-range plan that will guide the future development of our parks and trails and enhance the quality of life through outdoor recreation opportunities. This plan is now in the final stages with third round of community input in early 2025.

Beginning the Official Community Plan – The Town has recently launched an update to the Official Community Plan (OCP) that will involve public engagement in shaping the future growth, look and feel as it accommodates new residents and development.

We were thrilled with the high-level of public participation in shaping Comox's future with the Economic Development Strategy, Parks and Trails Master Plan, the OCP update. The feedback through surveys, conversations and community outreach has been incredible valuable in shaping a vision for our future.

Comox's vibrant community spirit shone brightly in 2024 through many events and charitable initiatives. Highlights include:

**Festival Weekend in Comox:** Thousands attended the Comox Nautical Day celebration and Filberg Festival, showcasing the Town's lively and welcoming atmosphere.

Music in the Park: Hundreds of people gathered for a free event to listen to local musical artists at Comox Marina Park on the Sunday of the Labour Day weekend.

#### **Community Partnered Events and Participation**

Initiatives such as the Halloween Costume Parade, the Mayor's Tree Lighting and Winter Market, and Christmas at the Filberg were made possible through our steadfast partnerships with the Comox BIA and Filberg Heritage Lodge and Park Association.

Additionally, it was a privilege to participate in cultural celebrations in our region, including National Indigenous Peoples Day at the Comox Valley Exhibition Grounds (June 21) and the local Diwali celebration (November 3). These events exemplify the vibrant diversity and unity of the Comox Valley.

Local Government Initiatives: The Town of Comox also recognizes significant progress made by the Comox Valley Regional District in the start of the Sewer Conveyance Project and the Regional Parks Master Plan, both that have tremendous long-term benefits for our community.

We commend our waste collection provider, Emterra Ltd., for demonstrating leadership in sustainability by introducing an electric fleet. This fleet serves both the Town of Comox and the City of Courtenay as part of the new automated curbside collection service launched earlier this year.

On behalf of Town Council, thank you for engaging with us and being part of the conversation. Your voice matters—it helps shape decisions and contributes to building a community we can all be proud of. We remain committed to serving Comox and working together to enhance the place we call home.

Sincerely,

Mayor, Town of Comox



### **MESSAGE** FROM THE CAO

On behalf of the Town of Comox Administration, I am pleased to present our 2024 Annual Report. This report highlights our accomplishments over the past year and provides insight into the Town's financial position.

In 2024, we continued to advance the initiatives set out in the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan. While it is Council's role to establish the vision and goals for our community, it is my responsibility as Chief Administrative Officer to oversee their implementation. A key focus this year was engaging the public in several long-term planning initiatives, including the Economic Development and Downtown Action Plan, the Parks and Trails Master Plan, and the launch of the Town's Official Community Plan update.

Through the development of these plans and our public engagement efforts, we have strengthened existing partnerships, forged new relationships, and collaborated on meaningful projects that contribute to the vibrancy of Comox. Community input remains essential as we shape the future together.

Like many communities across Canada, Comox is working to address housing needs. The federal Housing Accelerator Fund, which the Town received in 2024, is helping us move forward by modernizing development processes and updating regulations. This funding has enabled us to offset the costs of provincial regulatory changes while supporting new housing opportunities. Our efforts include updating bylaws, streamlining development applications, and revising the Official Community Plan to accommodate our diverse housing needs. These steps make it easier for homeowners to build secondary suites and enhance housing affordability and availability.

The Town remains committed to fiscal responsibility, balancing community needs with sound governance and transparency. By fostering partnerships and collaboration, we are getting key projects accomplished -such as the Comox Valley Sewer Conveyance projectstrengthening our infrastructure and building a more resilient community. As we continue to implement our Strategic Plan, we are committed to keeping residents informed and engaged.



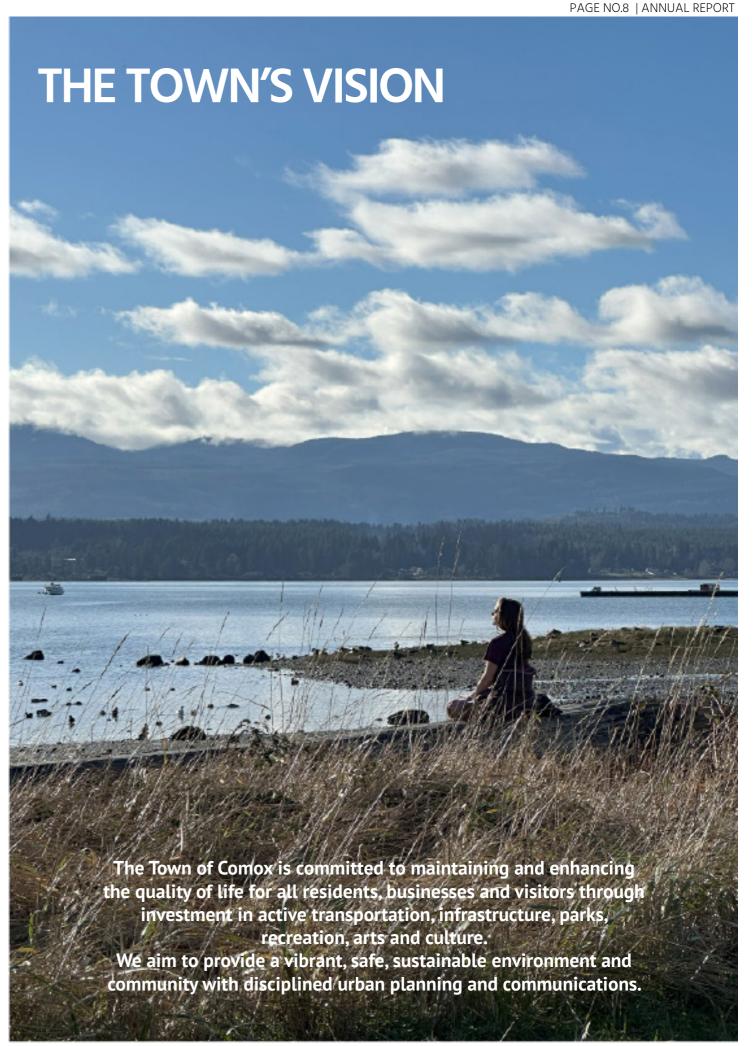
Comox is a beautiful seaside town, and its appeal continues to attract new residents and visitors alike. This recognition is a testament to our engaged citizens, dedicated businesses, and everyone who contributes to enhancing our community's charm and character.

Lastly, I want to extend my gratitude to our dedicated staff. Their hard work and commitment make Comox a great place to live, work, and visit. It is a privilege to work alongside them in service to our community.

It has been a productive year, and we look forward to building on these efforts in 2025.

Sincerely,

Jordan Wall, Chief Administrative Officer Town of Comox



## **TOWN'S OPERATION**

The Chief Administrative Officer leads the Senior Leadership Team. Five directors and one fire chief makes up this executive team who work towards the goals outlined in Council's Strategic Plan. The Town's Strategic Plan guides the work of the Town of Comox and sets its goals and priority actions. It tells the citizens what Council plans to accomplish, in addition to its core services, and sets performance measures and targets for assessing progress over the Council term.



#### Chief **Administrative** Officer **Director of Director of Director of Director of Director of** Corporate **Fire Chief Development Finance** Operations Recreation Services Services



### STRATEGIC PLAN 2022 - 2026











"OUR AIM IS TO MODERNIZE OUR SERVICES, FOSTER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY, MAKE RELIABLE DECISIONS FOR OUR TOWN, AND THOUGHTFULLY PLAN FOR OUR GROWTH."

MAYOR, NICOLE MINIONS















#### **ORGANIZATIONAL** EXCELLENCE

We will modernize and create stability to ensure high quality service delivery over

#### **Areas of Focus:**

- Asset
- Management

• Staff Retention

- Processes Customer Service

#### CONNECTION **AND WELLNESS**

**COMMUNITY** 

#### **Areas of Focus:**

#### **ECONOMIC HEALTH**

We support a strong and vibrant business community to provide stability to our local economy.

#### **Areas of Focus:**

- Downtown Vitality
- Balanced Vibrancy & Stability
- Comox Marina

#### **GOOD** GOVERNANCE

Good organizational governance provides stable decisionmaking and management of our community.

#### **Areas of Focus:**

- Community **Participation**
- Relationships
- Decision Making

#### **BALANCED** COMMUNITY **PLANNING**

We will ensure responsible thoughtful growth to enhance a wellbalanced community.

#### **Areas of Focus:**

- Strategic Growth
  - Housing
  - Community Addition



We will modernize and create stability to ensure high quality service delivery over time.

#### **OUTCOMES FOR 2024**

- Developed and submitted for review the Town of Comox Accessibility Plan.
- Digitizing requests completion of the Business Licence online application
- Commenced work on the determining needs on e-permitting for development applications. Needs assessment and software scoping exercise complete. Forms for application process in development phase.
- Completed and prioritized advancing goals out of the Climate Action Plan and Risk Assessment.



#### **HIGHLIGHTS ACHIEVED IN 2024**

- > The Town of Comox worked closely with the Comox Valley Local Government Accessibility Committee and submitted an Accessibility Assessment and Action Plan. The plan will be a guiding document that out lines the Town's commitment to accessibility. The plan was developed based on the principles of the Comox Valley Local Government Accessibility Framework, which reflects shared priorities such as inclusion, diversity, equity, and universal design. It addresses barriers in multiple forms—physical, technological, attitudinal, sensory, and systemic—striving to make services, infrastructure, and programs accessible to all residents.
- > In light of advancing technology and the increasing demand for efficient procedures, we have effectively transitioned the business licence application to a digital platform. The launch of the online business application now enables businesses to conveniently access information to meet the requirements, submit their information and obtain approvals.
- > In 2024, we worked on determining the Town's specific needs, the ability of existing procedures software and hardware to support e-permitting for development applications and the evaluation of potential software solutions.
- > Town Council prioritized advancing goals out of the Climate Action Plan and Risk Assessment, developed to respond to climate change, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for future climate impacts. The goals include preparing for long-term effects of climate change by enhancing and upgrading infrastructure, supporting sustainable transportation options through development and to the Town's vehicle fleet, exploring a program to increase greenspaces and improve urban forest management. The Town will pursue increasing public awareness and readiness for emergencies, with a focus on climate-related risks.



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION AND WELLNESS

We believe in fostering community connection and enhancing individual collective wellness.

#### **OUTCOMES FOR 2024**

- Launched the Town's first Parks and Trails Master Plan, featuring extensive community engagement. Held 2 open houses, pop up events, and 2 community surveys.
- Awarded contract for the Urban Forest Management Strategy with completion in 2025.
- Commenced the construction of the Lazo Greenway Multi-Use Pathway in September 2024.
- Worked with a grant writer to seek out funding opportunities for a pump track.
- Village Park had invasive plants removed with support of a BC Hydro Regreening Grant and new baskets were installed in collaboration with the Comox Valley disc Golf Association.
- A fenced small dog space was added to the off-leash dog park to make in more inclusive for small dogs.
- Accessibility and resurfacing improvement on MacDonald Wood Trail.
- · Brooklyn Greenway trail improvements, bank revetment and native species planting.
- 50 trees planted in Town parks and boulevards as part of the tree planing program.
- Installed a park water fountain and misting pole at Highland Park and created a pathway to pickleball courts.
- Baseball fencing improvement at Aspen Park.
- Comox Dragon Boat Festival with sponsorship from the Town attracted 1000 paddlers and cheering friends and family to racing at the Comox Marina.
- Comox Fire Rescue handed out over 500 free smoke alarms an investment to protect our community and residential properties.
- Established Nautical Days Advisory Committee with a Terms of Reference and developed a Nautical Days Policy.
- Provided support for community Halloween and Winter Market event through the Comox BIA.

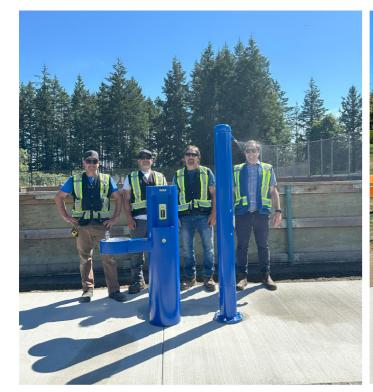




#### **HIGHLIGHTS ACHIEVED IN 2024**

> The addition of tennis tables, water fountains, misting stations and Foosball provide an opportunity to foster social intergenerational connection, accessible entertainment, and the cooling water stations and misting station make our parks more comfortable and enjoyable for both visitors and their furry pals.









- > In the summer of 2024, McKenzie Park was enhanced with this interactive pathway thanks to the financial contribution from the Comox Valley Lions Club. Now the entire family can hop, skip and dance and have fun going to and from the playground.
- > The Town was awarded approximately \$6,000 from BC Hydro's Community Regreening Program. Town staff removed invasive plant material and then replanted with over 600 native plants- the bank is planted with an abundance of wildflowers for pollinators and is registered as the Butterflyway bed. The Town also set up an outdoor classroom for outdoor learning.



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION AND WELLNESS

#### **HIGHLIGHTS ACHIEVED IN 2024**





> In the fall of 2024, park crews worked on Tot Lot Park to remove invasive species and the disc golf baskets were replaced. The Town extended appreciation for the installation of the baskets to the Comox Disc Golf Association.

#### **PARTNERSHIPS**

BUILDS STRONGER COMMUNITIES -ONE PROJECT, ONE PARK, ONE BASKET AT A TIME.



> With a focus on the environment, health and youth, the Rotary Club of Comox completed another great project in the valley. Recently installed at the Comox Community Centre is a new bike repair station. Complete with all the tools you need to support your ride with quick fixes and a bike pump, it is the perfect addition to our growing cycling network in the valley. A special thanks to the community for all the support with the organization's fundraising efforts to see this project initiated in our Town.

> A dedicated area was designed especially for smaller four-legged friends, complete with a new fenced space at the corner of Rodello Street and Fairbairn Avenue within the off-leash dog park, providing them with a safe and fun environment to run, play, and socialize.

"IT'S A PLACE WHERE TAILS WAG,
FRIENDSHIPS FORM, AND LAUGHTER
ECHOES BETWEEN STRANGERS WHO
BECOME NEIGHBOURS"

-CITIZENS IN THE OFF-LEASH DOG PARK

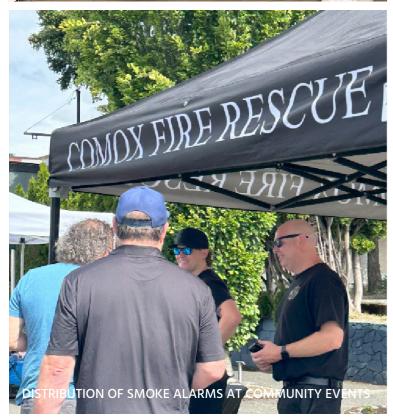


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# SPOTLIGHT ON SPECIAL EVENTS & OTHER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES









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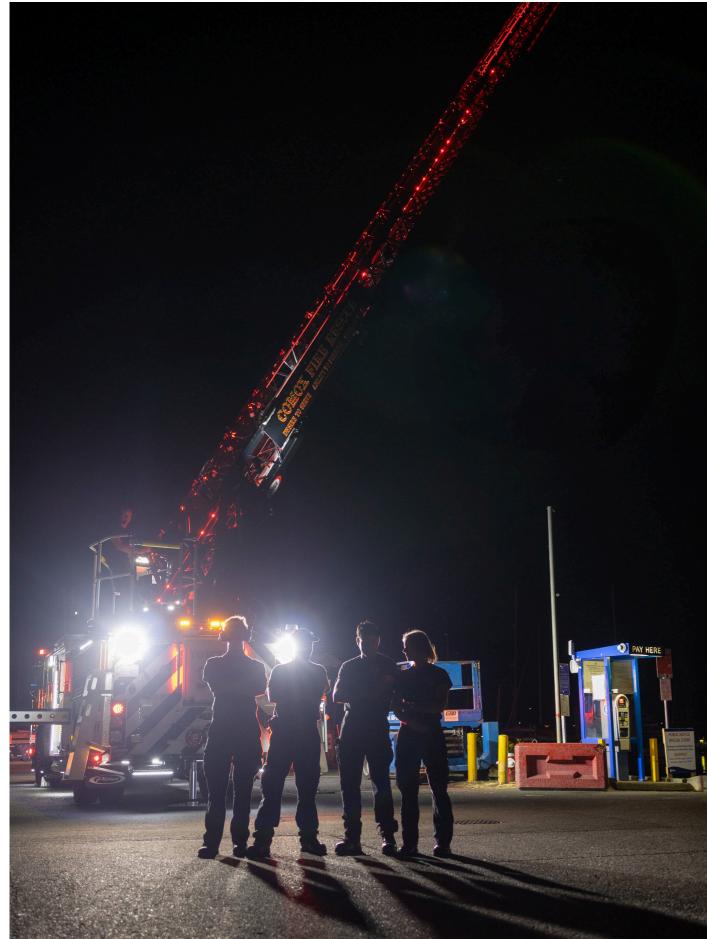




2024 COMOX BIA COSTUME PARADE

COMMUNITY EVENTS 2024

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COMOX FIRE RESCUE AT 2024 NAUTICAL DAYS FINAL NIGHT



### **ECONOMIC HEALTH**

We support a strong and vibrant business community to provide stability to our local economy.

#### **OUTCOMES FOR 2024**

- Completed an Economic Development Strategy and Downtown Enhancement Action Plan to guide future development and balance the need for growth verses the desire to maintain a small-town feel.
- Collaboratively worked with the Comox Downtown Business in Action on the lighting of the downtown alleyway project.
- Mobile Vendor Expression of Interest was issued in the fall of 2024 for the 2025- 25 season at Comox Marina Park.
- > The Town of Comox is making meaningful progress toward strengthening its local economy by prioritizing and addressing the following initiatives; looking to increase its employment lands to foster more opportunities for business development and job creation, enhance pedestrian access through lighting and signage between the marina and Comox Avenue, host annual forums related to economic development, tourism and developers to engage community partners and drive collaboration, explore opportunities for retail zoning in the downtown core, and investigate options of a floating breakwater to boost the waterfront's recreational appeal and support tourism.





> A new lighting initiative in the alleyway connecting downtown Comox to Marina Park is making it brighter and safer for everyone to enjoy. Led by the Comox Business in Action (BIA) with support from the Town of Comox, the lighting project, located along Harbour Greenway from Comox Avenue to the park, aims to increase safety and to create a welcoming atmosphere during the darker months As the Town of Comox continues to advance the Downtown Enhancement Action Plan, together with the support of the BIA, this project marks efforts in continuing to improve connectivity and the overall experience for our residents and visitors to our community.



> The Town of Comox issued two Expression of Interest fEOI) or two key opportunities in Comox in the fall of 2024.

The Marina Park Food Vendor EOI seeked proposals with an empathsis on family-friendly pricing, sustainable and creative menu options, and a commitment to maintaining park cleanliness.

A Comox Nautical Days Festival Producer to manage the 67th annual Comox Nautical Days Festival was also issued.



### **GOOD GOVERNANCE**

### Good organizational governance provides stable decision-making and management of our community.

#### **OUTCOMES FOR 2024**

- Partnered with other Comox Valley local governments in establishing a regional sports field allocation and centralized booking strategy with completion expected in September 2025.
- Included full lifecycle costs in all asset acquisition or expansion decisions.
- Exploring Asset Management software to better track and improve data collection and to continue to modernize internal processes.
- Developed development application flow charts and presented to the development community. New Provincial regulations will change public participation in the development processes.
- > It was a year of change for the development community, the Town of Comox worked closely with builders, developers, engineers and others in the related industry to provide them insight into the new Provincial regulations and the changes that would be implemented into the Comox development approvals processes.



PRESENTATIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY TO INTRODUCE NEW PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS AND INTERNAL PROCESSES CHANGES



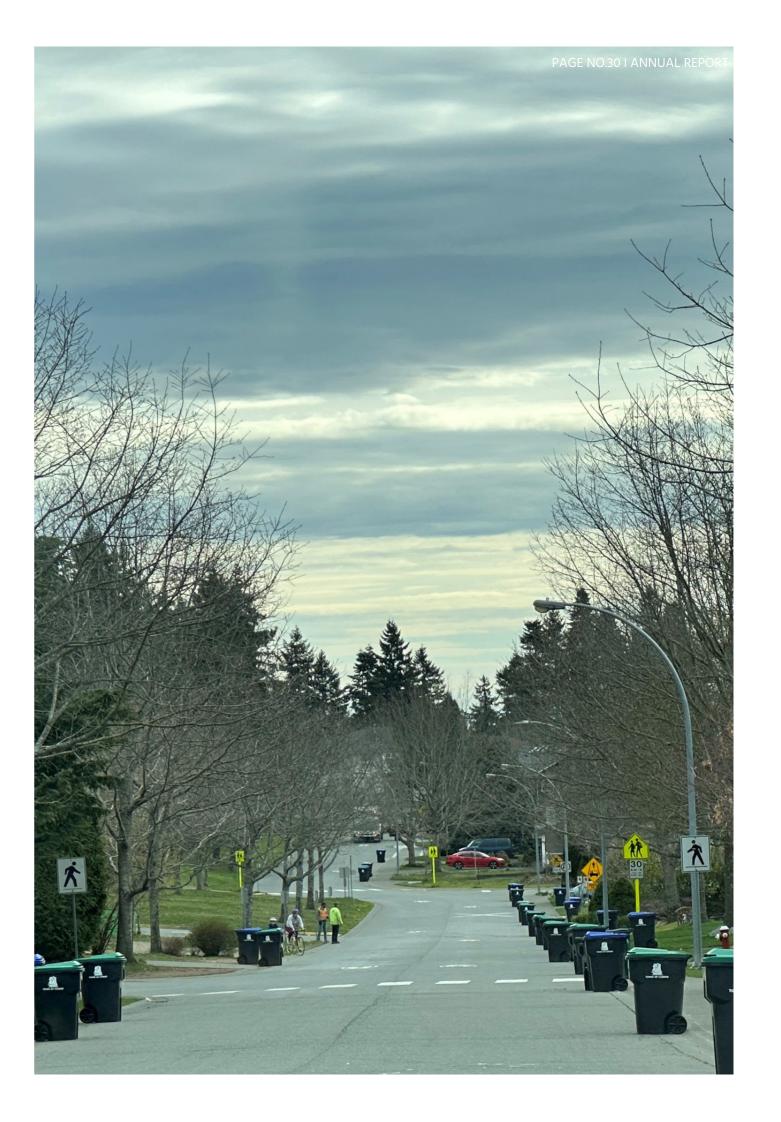
> The Town of Comox hosted a launch ceremony for their contractor Emterra Environment's brand new fleet of fully electric curbside collection vehicles for in the City of Courtenay and the Town. The EV fleet, will be the largest fleet of its kind in North America. The fleet at the ceremony the fleet was blessed by the K'ómoks First Nation.





WORK ON THE INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES IN THE BEAUFORT AREA





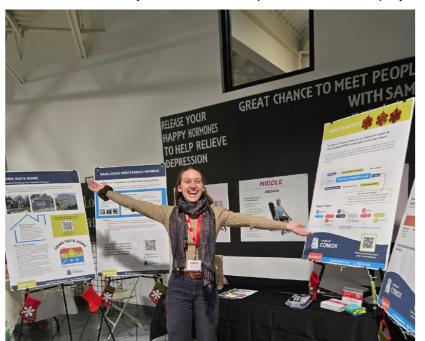


# BALANCED COMMUNITY PLANNING

We will ensure responsible thoughtful growth to enhance a well-balanced community.

#### **OUTCOMES FOR 2024**

- Launched the Official Community Plan update in the fall of 2024 and will continue the community consultation process with a vision of growth of Comox with an anticipated completion in fall 2025.
- In the process of creating a community amenity policy for developments that will be completed with the Official Community Plan and the Complete Communities project.



> A large Official Community Plan (OCP) display was set up at the Comox Mall to launch the process during the Comox BIA's Mayor Tree Lighting and Winter Market event. It was an opportunity to ask questions and learn about the kick-off community survey. This was the first pop-up engagement event for the public to share their vision for Comox for the next 20 years. The Town's current OCP was last updated in 2011. A key component of the update will ensure that the Town of Comox meets the new Provincial legislation requiring local governments to update their OCP by December 2025.





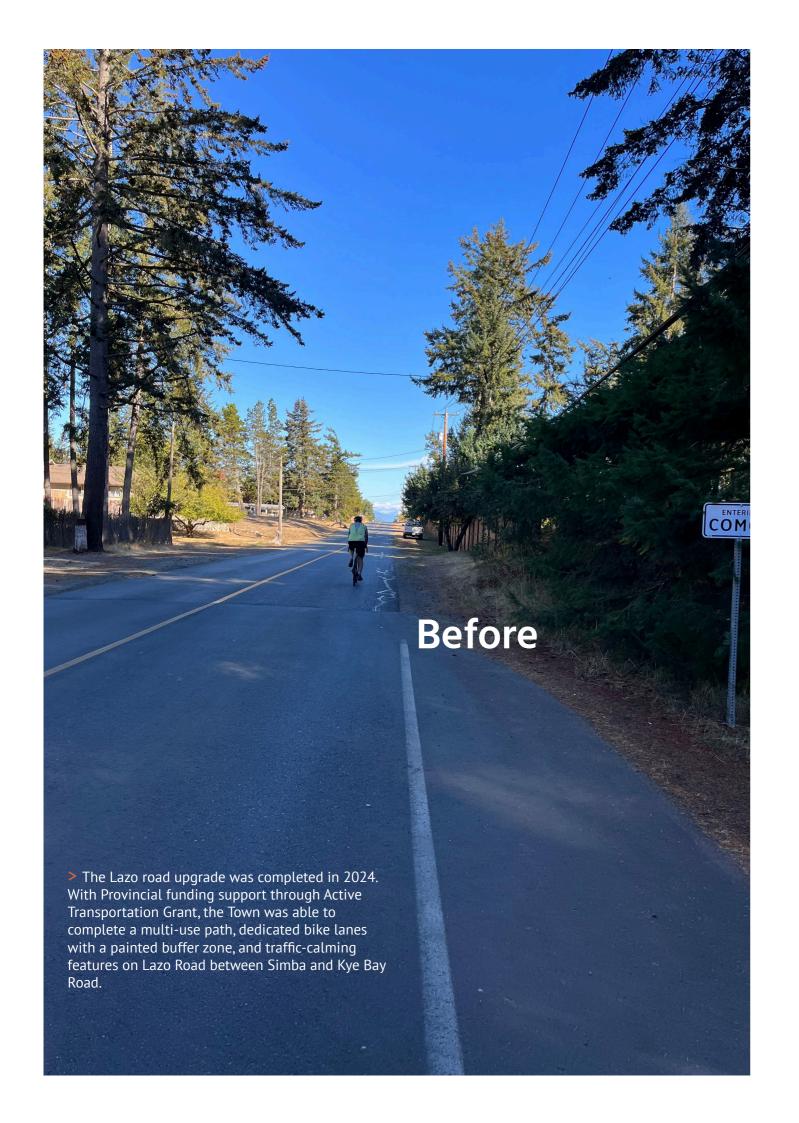


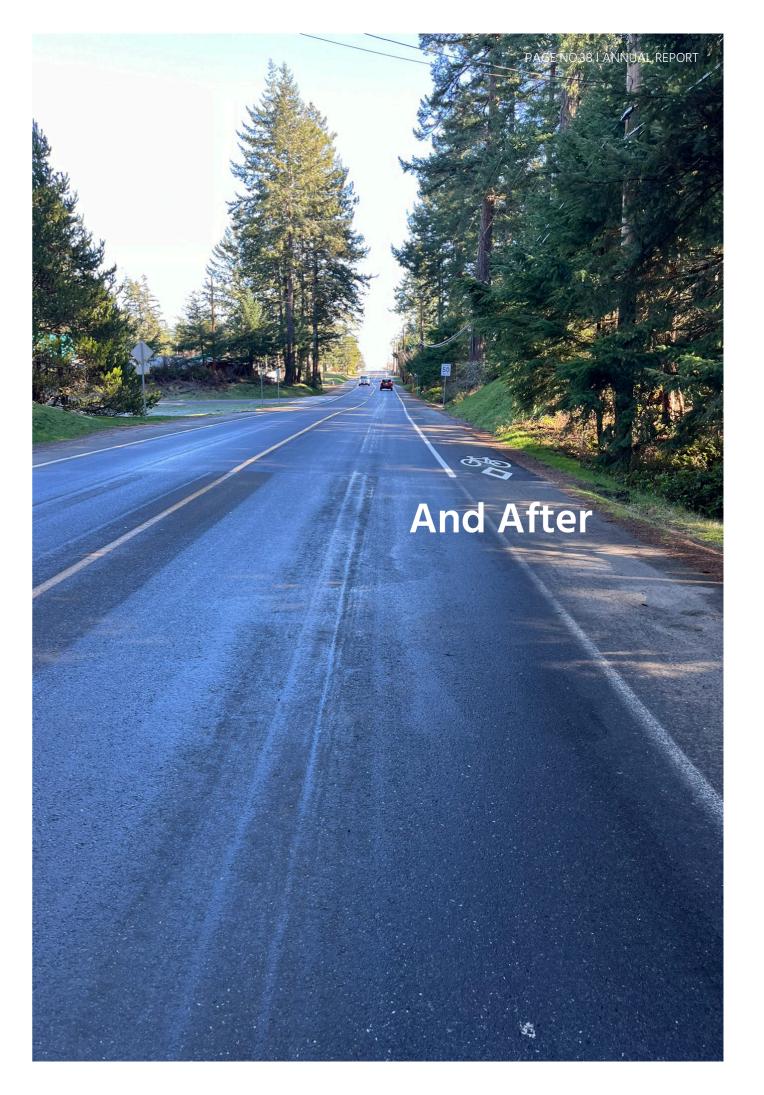














Consolidated Financial Statements of

### **Town of Comox**

Year Ended December 31, 2024

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#### **Town of Comox**

## Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

The preparation of information in these Consolidated Financial Statements is the responsibility of management. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards and are outlined under "Significant Accounting Policies" in the notes to the consolidated financial statements. Management is responsible for the integrity and objectivity of these statements as well as the supplementary statements and schedules.

Management maintains a system of internal accounting controls to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded and that transactions are authorized, recorded and reported properly. Management also maintains a program of proper business compliance.

MNP LLP, the Town's independent auditors, have conducted an examination of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian auditing standards and have expressed their opinion in a report accompanying this statement.

**Edward Henley** 

Director of Finance



To the Mayor and Council of the Town of Comox:

#### Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Town of Comox (the "Town"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the consolidated statements of operations, remeasurement gains and losses, change in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Town as at December 31, 2024, and the results of its consolidated operations, its consolidated remeasurement gains and losses, change in its net financial assets and its consolidated 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Town 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 these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information, consisting of an annual report, which is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

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

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

When we read the annual report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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.

MNP LLP

400 MNP Place, 345 Wallace Street, Nanaimo B.C., V9R 5B6





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

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

#### Auditor's 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 auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these 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
  Town's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Town's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the 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 of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Town 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.

Nanaimo, British Columbia

May 14, 2025

MNP LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants



# Town of Comox Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2024

8	2024	2023
Financial Assets:		
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 5,691,367	\$ 2,370,240
Short-term investments (Note 2c)	49,987,499	49,384,766
Receivables (Note 3)	4,776,489	3,009,101
Land for resale	9,847	9,847
	60,465,202	54,773,954
Financial Liabilities:		
Payables (Note 4)	5,102,875	4,481,407
Deferred revenue (Schedule 2)	1,995,870	1,698,286
Restricted revenue (Schedule 2)	8,001,796	8,272,529
Deposits	1,613,561	3,374,743
Capital lease (Note 5)	1,670,410	-
Equipment financing (Note 6)	1,368,489	1,699,547
Future payroll obligations (Note 9)	978,675	1,084,184
Asset retirement obligations (Note 17)	273,980	275,402
	21,005,656	20,886,098
Net Financial Assets	39,459,546	33,887,856
Non-financial assets:		
Tangible capital assets (Schedule 4)	105,917,653	99,067,651
Supply inventory	279,296	260,753
Prepaid expenses	327,548	142,079
Shares in Courtenay Golf Club Ltd.	8,750	8,750
	106,533,247	99,479,233
Accumulated surplus	\$ 145,992,793	\$ 133,367,089
Accumulated Surplus consists of:		4
Accumulated surplus (Note 16)	145,643,062	133,278,466
Accumulated remeasurement gain	349,731	88,623
Accumulated surplus	\$ 145,992,793	\$ 133,367,089

Contingent liabilities (Note 7)

Commitment (Note 19)

Edward Henley, Director of Finance, responsible for financial administration.

#### Town of Comox Consolidated Statement of Operations Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Budget	2024	2023
	(Note 15)		
Revenue			
Property taxation	\$ 15,222,234	\$ 15,274,067	\$ 14,125,882
Sale of services	13,409,905	14,086,511	13,686,804
Government transfers	3,312,782	7,335,560	7,993,292
Investment income	400,000	2,574,887	1,916,700
Development contributions	75,000	3,280,475	427,543
Gain (loss) on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	(15,703)	205,282
Other	153,000	134,445	148,744
	32,572,921	42,670,242	38,504,247
Expenses			
General government	3,906,157	4,261,079	3,822,517
Protective services	5,285,830	4,914,051	4,672,379
Solid waste management	2,291,625	2,632,290	1,863,581
Affordable housing	28,660	35,267	35,267
Development services	2,351,403	1,267,644	687,202
Transportation	4,110,354	4,667,949	4,512,611
Parks, recreation, and culture	6,468,122	6,059,987	5,439,315
Marina	61,070	202,710	283,581
Water services	3,657,091	3,115,073	3,166,185
Sewer services	3,710,025	3,149,596	2,836,487
	31,870,337	30,305,646	27,319,125
Annual surplus	702,584	12,364,596	11,185,122
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	133,278,466	133,278,466	122,093,344
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$ 133,981,050	\$ 145,643,062	\$ 133,278,466

#### Town of Comox

Consolidated Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses Year Ended December 31, 2024

		2024	2023
Accumulated remeasurement gains (losses), beginning of the year	\$	88,623	\$ (160,933)
Unrealized gains attributable to portfolio investments		261,108	249,556
Accumulated remeasurement gains, end of year	\$ 349	9,731	\$ 88,623

#### Town of Comox Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Budget	2024	2023
	(Note 15)		
Annual surplus	\$ 702,584	\$ 12,364,596	\$ 11,185,122
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(12,496,190)	(8,522,598)	(12,181,724)
Disposition of tangible capital assets	-	171,933	-
Increase(decrease) in tangible capital assets due to			
asset retirement obligations	-	19,331	(251,134)
Tangible capital assets contributed	<u> </u>	(2,579,470)	(422,486)
Additions of Capital Assets	(12,496,190)	(10,910,804)	(12,855,344)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	3,300,000	4,060,802	3,542,399
	(8,493,606)	5,514,594	1,872,177
Unrealized gain on investments	_	261,108	249,556
(Increase) / decrease in supply inventory	-	(18,543)	19,963
(Increase) in prepaid expenses	-	(185,469)	(56,009)
	-	57,096	213,510
Increase (decrease) in Net Financial Assets	(8,493,606)	5,571,690	2,085,687
Net Financial Assets at beginning of year	33,887,856	33,887,856	31,802,169
Net Financial Assets at end of year	\$ 25,394,250	\$ 39,459,546	\$ 33,887,856

		2024		2023
Net inflow (outflow) of cash related to the following activities:				
Operating activities:				
Annual surplus	\$	12,364,596	\$	11,185,122
Non-cash items included in operations:				
Contribution from developers		(2,579,470)		(422,486)
Amortization of tangible capital assets		4,060,802		3,542,399
Accretion		17,909		24,268
Disposition of tangible capital assets		171,933		-
Actuarial adjustment on debt		· -		(11,907)
Unrealized gain on investments		261,108		249,556
Net changes to financial assets & liabilities through operations:				
(Increase) in receivables		(1,767,388)		(1,529,554)
Increase in payables		621,468		504,628
Increase in deferred revenue		297,584		93,222
(Decrease) / increase in restricted revenue		(270,733)		222,673
(Increase) in other deposits		(1,761,182)		(62,360)
(Decrease) in future employee obligations		(105,509)		(47,427)
(Increase) / decrease in supply inventory		(18,543)		19,963
(Increase) in prepaid expenses		(185,469)		(56,009)
		11,107,106		13,712,088
Investing Activities				
Short-term investing		(602,733)		(11,765,721)
Capital Activities				
Acquisition of tangible capital assets		(8,522,598)		(12,181,724)
Financing activities:				
Debenture principal repaid		-		(8,464)
Equipment financing		_		1,804,024
Capital lease borrowing		1,822,887		-
Capital lease repayment		(152,477)		-
Equipment financing repayment		(331,058)		(104,477)
		1,339,352		1,691,083
Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		3,321,127		(8,544,274)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		2,370,240		10,914,514
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ !	5,691,367	\$ :	2,370,240
Supplemental cash flow information				
Interest paid Interest received	\$ \$	197,901 2,574,887		77,386 1,916,700

#### 1. PURPOSE

The Town of Comox was incorporated in 1946 to provide municipal services to its residents, and is governed by the Community Charter and the Local Government Act of British Columbia.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (a) British Columbia Municipalities

It is the policy of the Town to follow accounting principles generally accepted for British Columbia municipalities and to apply such principles consistently. As part of this policy, the resources and operation of the Town are segregated into various funds for accounting and financial reporting purposes, each being treated as a separate entity with responsibility for the stewardship of the assets allocated to it.

The consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with recommendations of the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB). The consolidated financial statements include the financial position, financial operations, change in remeasurement gains and losses, change in net financial assets, and change in cash flows of the one economic entity of the Town of Comox. Inter-fund transactions and fund balances have been eliminated on consolidation.

#### (b) Investments and Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are classified into two categories fair value or cost.

- (i) Fair value category: investments quoted in an active market are reflected at fair value as at the reporting date. Sales and purchases of investments are recorded on the trade date. Transaction costs related to the acquisition of investments are recorded as an expense. Unrealized gains and losses on financial assets are recognized in the Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses until such time that the financial asset is derecognized due to disposal or impairment. At the time of derecognition, the related realized gains and losses are recognized in the Statement of Operations and related balances reversed from the Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses.
- (ii) Cost category: investments not quoted in an active market, financial assets and liabilities are recorded at cost or amortized cost. Gains and losses are recognized in the Statement of Operations when the financial asset is derecognized due to disposal or impairment. Sales and purchases of investments are recorded on the trade date.

Transaction costs related to the acquisition of financial assets are included in the cost of the related instrument.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued) Financial assets are assessed for impairment on an annual basis. If there is an indicator of impairment, the Town of Comox determines if there is a significant adverse change in the expected amount or timing of future cash flows from the financial asset. If there is a significant adverse change in the expected cash flows, the carrying value of the financial asset is reduced to the highest of the present value of the expected cash flows, the amount that could be realized from selling the financial asset or the amount the Town of Comox expects to realize by exercising its right to any collateral. If events and circumstances reverse in a future period, an impairment loss will be reversed to the extent of the improvement, not exceeding the initial adjusted cost base.

#### (c) Short-term Investments

Investments are comprised of various investment funds which have fluctuating returns and are carried at the market value, which is equal to the carrying value, and Guaranteed Investment Certificates with maturities ranging from January 2025 to September 2028 with interest rates ranging from 4.45% to 6.25% which are recorded at cost.

Short-term Investments	2024	2023
Municipal Finance Authority of BC Funds:		
Short-term Bond Fund *	\$ 5,377	\$ 5,105
Intermediate Bond Fund	4,861,983	4,617,062
Money Market Fund *	15,662	14,943
Adjusted for Trust Fund	4,883,021	\$ 4,637,110
Guaranteed Investment Certificates		
Scotiabank	-	2,000,000
Scotiabank (30-day Note Plan)	7,058,858	4,220,849
Coast Capital Savings	11,217,832	10,526,807
Raymond James	26,827,787	28,000,000
Subtotal	45,104,477	44,747,656
	\$ 49,987,499	\$ 49,384,766

#### (d) Trust Fund

A Town-administered trust fund has been excluded from the consolidated financial statements. The balance in the fund was \$301,665 at December 31, 2024 (2023 - \$286,469). It was invested in the MFA Short-term Bond Fund in 2024 and 2023.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### (e) Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost, net of disposals, write-downs and amortization. Acquisitions exceeding the capitalization thresholds are capitalized. The Town records certain infrastructure assets as one network without breaking down the asset into component parts. Expenditures to replace components of such a network are expensed as incurred. Amortization is calculated straight line over the estimated life of the class of assets. Amortization is not taken until the asset is in use. Repairs and maintenance are not capitalized, but are expensed in the period in which they occur. Betterments which enhance the asset life or capacity are capitalized.

Major Asset Category	Threshold	Estimated Life
Land	\$ 10,000	Indefinite
Land improvements	\$ 10,000	25 years
Buildings	\$ 10,000	50 years
Vehicles, Machinery and	\$ 10,000	8 to 20 years
Computers and programs	\$ 10,000	5 years
Engineered Structures		
Road surfaces	\$ 10,000	25 years
Road sub-surfaces	\$ 10,000	50 years
Sidewalks	\$ 10,000	50 years
Storm drains surface	\$ 10,000	25 years
Storm drains sub-surface	\$ 10,000	75 years
Water	\$ 10,000	75 years
Sewer	\$ 10,000	75 years
Other surface structures	\$ 10,000	25 years

#### (f) Future Payroll Obligations

Earned but unpaid vacation is fully accrued and recorded in the financial statements.

An accrual is made for expected payments of employee sick leave, payout on retirement, disability or death, and termination pay discounted from expected future values to net present value at year-end.

#### (g) Inventory

Inventory of supplies is recorded as a non-financial asset and is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined by the first-in, first-out method. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less estimated costs of completion and selling costs.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued) (h) Funds The financial operations of the Town of Comox are divided into seven funds: General Operating Fund, General Capital Fund, Reserve Fund, Water Operating Fund, Water Capital Fund, Sewer Operating Fund and Sewer Capital Fund. Functionally, the Water and Sewer Funds are used for the services of distribution of potable water and collection and treatment of sanitary sewage respectively. The General Operating Fund is used for all other Town services. Capital Funds (General, Water and Sewer are used to segregate tangible capital assets and related debt). All revenue and expenses for services are recognized in the operating funds. The Reserve Fund is used to segregate capital and other statutory reserves. (i) Revenue Recognition Property tax revenues are recognized in the year they are levied. User fees and garbage revenues are recognized when the performance obligation is satisfied. Interest and operating grants are recognized as earned. Grants in lieu of taxes are recorded on an accrual basis when it is possible to reasonably estimate the amounts receivable. Permit fees are recognized as revenue as the performance obligation is satisfied. Development cost charges are deferred and recognized as revenue in the year an acquisition authorized by bylaw is incurred. Contributed tangible capital assets are recorded at fair market value when the contribution is received. Government transfers are recognized in the consolidated financial statements as revenues in the period in which events giving rise to the transfer occur, providing the transfers are authorized, any eligibility criteria have been met, and reasonable estimates of the amounts can be made, except when and to the extent the transfer gives rise to an obligation that meets the definitition of a liability. (j) Liability for contaminated sites A liability for remediation of a contaminated site is recognized at the best estimate of the amount required to remediate the contaminated site when contamination exceeding an environmental standard exists, the Town is either directly responsible or accepts responsibility, it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up, and a reasonable estimate of the amount is determinable. The best estimate of the liability includes all costs directly attributable to remediation activities and is reduced by expected net recoveries based on information available at December 31, 2024. Page | 9

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

At each financial reporting date, the Town reviews the carrying amount of the liability. Any revisions required to the amount previously recognized is accounted for in the period revisions are made. The Town continues to recognize the liability until it is settled or otherwise extinguished. Disbursements made to settle the liability are deducted from the reported liability when they are made. As at December 31, 2024 the Town has not recorded any liability for contaminated sites as no such sites have been identified.

#### (k) Measurement Uncertainty

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector Accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant areas requiring management estimates are the estimated life of tangible capital assets (used to establish amortization), asset retirement obligations, determination of future payroll obligations, collectability of accounts receivable and provisions for contingencies. Actual results may vary from the estimates and adjustments will be reported and reflected in operations as they become known. Liabilities for contaminated sites are estimated based on the best information available regarding potentially contaminated sites that the Town is responsible for.

#### (I) Asset Retirement Obligation

A liability for an asset retirement obligation is required at the best estimate of the amount required to retire a tangible capital asset (or a component thereof) at the financial statement date when there is a legal obligation for the Town to incur retirement costs in relation to a tangible capital asset (or component thereof), the past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred, it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up, and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made. The best estimate of an asset retirement obligation incorporates present value technique, when the cash flows required to settle or otherwise extinguish an obligation are expected to occur over extended future periods.

When a liability for an asset retirement obligation is initially recognized, a corresponding asset retirement cost is capitalized to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset (or a component thereof). The asset retirement cost is amortized over the useful life of the related asset. At each financial reporting date, the Town reviews the carrying amount of the liability. The Town recognizes period-to-period changes to the liability due to the passage of time as accretion expense. Changes to the liability arising from revisions to either the timing, the amount of the original estimate of undisclosed cash flows or the discount rate are recognized as an increase or decrease to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset. The Town continues to recognize the liability until it is settled or otherwise extinguished. Disbursement made to settle the liability are deducted from the reported liability when they are made.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(m) Change in Accounting Policy

Revenue

Effective January 1, 2024, the Town adopted the Public Sector Accounting Board's (PSAB) new standard for the recognition, measurement and disclosure of revenue under PS 3400 Revenue. The new standard establishes when to recognize and how to measure revenue, and provides the related financial statement presentation and disclosure requirements. Pursuant to these recommendations, the change was applied prospectively, and prior periods have not been restated.

Under the new standard, revenue is differentiated between revenue arising from transactions that include performance obligations, referred to as "exchange transactions", and transactions that do not have performance obligations.

There was no material impact on the consolidated financial statements from the prospective application of the new accounting recommendations.

#### 3. RECEIVABLES

Receivables are composed of the following amounts:

	2024	2023
Employees	\$ 7,147	\$ 1,617
Governments	983,715	674,611
Other	3,785,627	2,332,873
Total receivables	\$ 4,776,489	\$ 3,009,101

#### 4. PAYABLES

Payables are composed of the following amounts:

	2024	2023		
Wages payable	\$ 402,538	\$	377,265	
Governments	3,726,049		1,732,925	
Trade & Other	974,288	• •		
Total payables	\$ 5,102,875	\$ 4	,481,407	

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#### 5. CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Effective January 1, 2024, the Town entered into a 10 year agreement with Emterra Environmental for the use of solid waste carts with monthly payments of \$18,318. This lease is deemed to hold an interest rate of 3.84% which is in line with the Municipal Finance Authority's 10-year borrowing rate.

The required minimum lease payments over the next 9 years are as follows:

2025	\$ 219,811
2026	219,811
2027	219,811
2028	219,811
2029	219,811
2030	219,811
2031	219,811
2032	219,811
2033	 219,811
Total minimum lease payments	1,978,295
Less: amounts representing interest	 307,885
Present value of net minimum capital lease payments	\$ 1,670,410

The interest expense for the current year was \$67,334 (2023 - \$NIL) Investments are comprised of various investment funds with interest rates ranging from 4.45% to Tangible capital assets of \$1,822,887 have been recorded in relation to the capital lease. Amortization of \$182,289 has been recorded in 2024 and the net book value as at December 31, 2024 is \$1,640,598.

#### 6. EQUIPMENT FINANCING

	Balance, Beginning of		Principal		Balance,
General Capital Fund	Year	Additions	Payments .	Interest Paid	End of Year
Equipment Financing	\$ 1,699,547	-	(331,058)	(81,550)	\$ 1,368,489

The entire loan is repayable on-demand by the Municipal Finance Authority. The applicable rate of interest is variable, based on the annual variable rate offered by the Municipal Finance Authority. The average rate of interest for the payments in 2024 was 4.80%, it may increase or decreased based upon market fluctuations. The requirements for future repayments of principal and interest on existing debt for the next five years are estimated as follows:

General Capital Luliu					
	Principal	Interest			
2025 \$	370,563	\$ 42,046			
2026	384,668	27,941			
2027	397,952	14,657			
2028_	215,307	<u>2,246</u>			
Total	\$ 1,368,489	\$ 86,889			

General Capital Fund

December 31, 2024

#### 7. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

- (a) Regional District Debt Regional District debt is, under the provisions of the Local Government Act (Section 836), a direct, joint and several liability of the District and each member municipality within the District, including the Town of Comox. Readers are referred to the Comox Valley Regional District 2024 Audited Financial Statements for specific information and detail.
- (b) Comox Fire Department The Comox Fire Department protects both the Town of Comox and the Comox Rural Fire Protection Improvement District, and so is jointly funded by the Town and the District. In the event that this relationship ended, the Town would have to compensate the District for its share of the equity of Fire Department assets. At December 31, 2024 the District's share of those tangible capital assets (at cost and net book value) were \$1,293,292 and \$969,487 respectively (\$1,424,243 and \$709,776 in 2023) and its share of a Fire Department Capital Reserve was \$219,366 (2023 \$411,770). Due to the new Asset Retirement Obligation rules (See Note 17), the Improvement District has a related balance of \$13,041 which is for the buildings they maintain 1/3 ownership in.

#### (c) Claims

At December 31st there existed outstanding claims against the Town. These claims have been referred to legal counsel and to the Town's liability insurers. It is not possible to determine the Town's potential liability, if any, with respect to these matters.

#### 8. PENSION INFORMATION

The Town of Comox and its employees contribute to the Municipal Pension Plan (a jointly trusteed pension plan). The board of trustees, representing plan members and employers, is responsible for administering the plan, including investment of assets and administration of benefits. The plan is a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. Basic pension benefits are based on a formula. As at December 31, 2023, the plan has about 256,000 active members and approximately 129,000 retired members. Active members include approximately 45,000 contributors from local governments.

Every three years, an actuarial valuation is performed to assess the financial position of the plan and adequacy of plan funding. The actuary determines an appropriate combined employer and member contribution rate to fund the plan. The actuary's calculated contribution rate is based on the entry- age normal cost method, which produces the longterm rate of member and employer contributions sufficient to provide benefits for average future entrants to the plan. This rate may be adjusted for the amortization of any actuarial funding surplus and will be adjusted for the amortization of any unfunded actuarial liability.

The most recent actuarial valuation for the Municipal Pension Plan as at December 31, 2021, indicated a \$3,761 million funding surplus for basic pension benefits on a going concern basis.

The next valuation will be as at December 31, 2024.

The Town of Comox paid \$609,836 for employer contributions to the plan in fiscal 2024 (2023 - \$563,594).

Employers participating in the plan record their pension expense as the amount of employer contributions made during the fiscal year (defined contribution pension plan accounting). This is because the plan records accrued liabilities and accrued assets for the plan in aggregate, resulting in no consistent and reliable basis for allocating the obligation, assets and cost to individual employers participating in the plan.

#### 9. FUTURE PAYROLL OBLIGATIONS

The Town calculates the value of vacation, sick, severance, and meritorious service accruals to be \$978,675 at December 31, 2024 (2023 - \$1,084,184).

Vacation Accrual is calculated to be \$459,458 at December 31, 2024 (2023 - \$548,302). Sick, Severance, & Meritorious Service is calculated to be \$519,217 at December 31, 2024 (2023 - \$535,883). In 2024, an unamortized net actuarial gain of \$162,110 (2023 - \$110,906) was recognized as a result of an overvaluation from prior years.

Meritorious Service is for Town employees who have worked at least 10 years for the Town and then retire, become permanently disabled, or die receive 2 days pay for each year of service. The reported liability reflects the likelihood that employees will become eligible for this benefit. The calculations were projected into the future with an inflation factor of 6% and discounted back at a discount rate of 4.20% (2023 - 4.10%). Employee retirement benefit payments are being funded by an accounting charge on wages paid in the year.

#### 10. FINANCIAL RISKS AND CONCENTRATION OF RISK

The Town of Comox is potentially exposed to credit risk, market and interest rate risk, and liquidity risk from the Town's financial instruments. Qualitative and quantitative analysis of the significant risks from the Town's financial instruments is provided below by type of risk.

- (a) Credit Risk: Credit risk primarily arises from the Town's cash, investments and accounts receivable. The risk exposure is limited to their carrying amounts as at the date of the statement of financial position. Accounts receivable primarily consist of amounts receivable from other government organizations and residents. To reduce the risk, the Town regularly reviews the collectability of its accounts receivable and if needed, will establish an allowance based on its best estimate of potentially uncollectible amounts. As at December 31, 2024, the amount of allowance for uncollectible amounts was nil (2023 nil). The Town historically has not had difficulty collecting receivables, nor have counterparties defaulted on any payments.
- (b) Market and Interest Rate Risk: Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices and inputs, such as interest rates, will affect the Town's income. The objective of market risk management is to control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters while optimizing the return on risk. The Town manages market risk by holding cash balances with top rated Canadian Schedule I financial institutions. The investments are managed following the investment policy which is approved by the Town's council. The Town periodically reviews its investments and is satisfied that the portfolio investments are being managed in accordance with the investment policy. Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in the market interest rates. The Town's investments are disclosed in Note 2 and changes in the fair value of investments have parallel changes in unrealized gains or losses until realized on disposal. The Town's exposure to interest rate risk in relation to debt instruments is limited to long-term debt and short-term financing. The risk applies only to long-term debt when amortization periods exceed the initial locked-in term. Short-term financing is subject to daily floating rates, which can result in variability over the course of short-term financing. Interest rate risk related to debt instruments is managed through budget and cash forecasts. Interest rates have decreased during the year, which primarily affects interest costs of short-term debt, and interest earnings on investments.

#### (c) Liquidity Risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Town will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they become due. The Town manages liquidity risk by continually monitoring actual and forecasted cash flows from operations, anticipated investing, and financial activities to ensure that its financial obligations are met.

#### 11. FEDERAL PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAX

Although the Town is not economically dependent upon receipt of Federal Payments in Lieu of Tax (PILT), it normally receives 15% of its revenue from taxation from this source of revenue. Were the Government of Canada to halt its PILT, there would be a significant impact on operations that could result in either a reduction in service levels and/or an increase in property tax rates.

#### 12. RESTRICTION ON DEFERRED REVENUE

The Town receives Development Cost Charges from developers. Section 935 of the Local Government Act requires that these funds are deposited to reserves and limits the use of those reserves (including the interest earned on them) to capital costs related to the purpose for which the charge was collected. Section 941 of the Local Government Act similarly limits the use of cash payments received in lieu of the 5% parklands provided at subdivision of land, for acquisitions of parkland. See Schedule 2 for details of deferred revenues.

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#### 13. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Town of Comox is a local government that provides a wide range of services to its citizens. For management and reporting purposes the Town's operations are organized and reported by segments. Schedules 5 and 6 (for 2024 and 2023, respectively) of these Financial Statements disclose the Town's revenue and expenses split into the following segments:

General Government – including the activities of Council plus general Town administration, finance, and enforcement of Town bylaws.

Protective Services – including the activities of the RCMP on behalf of Comox, plus the Comox Volunteer Fire Department, building inspection, emergency planning and animal control.

Transportation – including roads, sidewalks, street lighting, traffic control and storm drains.

Solid Waste Management – including collection and disposal of garbage, recyclables and yard waste. The Town does not operate any landfills or transfer facilities.

Development Services – including Town planning and our annual grants to the Downtown Business Improvement Area Association.

Marina – is operation of the Town's marina.

Parks, Recreation, and Culture – including operating the Town's recreation centre and public recreation programs, Town parks and greenways, cultural grants from the Town and events sponsored for the Town, Christmas lighting, and Town buildings used for recreation and cultural activities. The Town is a member of the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL), and owns library space that it rents to VIRL, which operates the Comox library branch.

Water Service – is the distribution of water to Town residents. The Town buys treated bulk water from the Comox Valley Regional District, so the Town neither produces nor treats the water it distributes.

Sanitary Sewer Service – is the collection of sanitary sewage and transmission of the same to the sanitary sewer treatment system operated by the Comox Valley Regional District. The Regional District charges the Town for a share of the costs to operate its system.

Certain allocations are employed in the preparation of segmented financial information. General Property Taxation, Payments in Lieu thereof, and Investment income are not allocated between segments, but are allocated to General Government. Government grants and DCCs used for capital acquisitions are allocated to segments depending on the purpose of the grant. Investment income is allocated to segments depending on the nature of the capital reserves that it has been earned on. Some expenses are allocated to segments based on an estimated use of resources.

The accounting policies used in these segments are consistent with those followed in preparation of the consolidated financial statements as disclosed in Note 2.

There are no inter-segment sales of goods or services.

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#### 14. COMMUNITY WORKS (FEDERAL GAS TAX) FUNDS

The Town receives transfers of Community Works (federal gas tax) Funds through the Union of BC Municipalities that can be used to fund eligible expenditures.

Continuity of Funds:	2024	2023
Opening balance at start of year	\$ 4,156,558	5,329,402
Transfers received during year	737,586	704,736
Interest on investments	202,906	269,466
Draws to fund eligible projects	(73,782)	(2,147,046)
Closing balance at end of year	\$ 5,023,268	4,156,558

These transfers are recorded as conditional grant revenue because they can only be used for eligible expenditures under the terms of a 2024 agreement between the Government of Canada and the Union of BC Municipalities.

#### 15. RECONCILIATION OF 2024 BUDGET

The Town's budget figures come from a five-year Financial Plan adopted May 01, 2024 in accordance with Section 165 of the Community Charter of BC. That section requires that municipalities must set out for each year of their Plan, the proposed expenditures (including debt principal repayments, transfers to reserves, and tangible capital asset acquisitions) and the proposed funding sources for them (including debt issues and transfers from reserves and accumulated surplus). However, for financial reporting purposes the Town follows public sector accounting standards and reports revenues and expenses, so the following adjustments must be made to the budgeted figures to reconcile them to the Towns 2024 Financial Plan:

Reconciliation of Budget Reported to Financial Plan:	2024
Net budget for 2024 reported	\$ 702,584
Investments are comprised of various investment funds with interest	(12,496,190)
Tatansfers from capital reserves in Financial Plan	12,800,191
Transfers to capital reserves in Financial Plan	(3,952,184)
Debt principal repayments in Financial	(354,401)
Rlaortization expense	3,300,000
Net of Financial Plan	\$ -

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements For the year ended December 31, 2024

#### 16. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

Operating Funds - comprise the principal operating activities of the Town and are separated into General, Water, and Sanitary Sewer Funds.

Capital Funds - used to record the acquisition and disposal of tangible capital assets and related financing and are similarly separated into General, Water and Sanitary Sewer Funds. The General Capital Fund also contains shares in Courtenay Golf Club Ltd. carried at a value of \$8,750.

Reserve Funds - created to hold cash, and investments for specific future requirements. They are comprised of the funds shown in Schedule 1.

Accumulated Surplus	2024	2023		
General Operating Fund Water Operating Fund Sanitary Sewer Operating Fund	\$ 3,589,783 3,713,232 6,004,721	\$ 2,977,984 2,771,083 4,614,975		
Capital Funds: (Schedule 3) General Capital Fund Water Capital Fund	13,307,736 84,847,491 9,299,227	10,364,042 80,280,443 9,029,090		
Sanitary Sewer Capital Fund	8,740,786 102,887,504	8,067,321 97,376,854		
Reserve Funds (Schedule 1)	29,447,822	25,537,570		
	\$ 145,643,062	\$ 133,278,466		

#### 17. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

The Town of Comox owns and operates several assets that are known to have asbestos, which represent a health hazard upon demolition or renovation of the assets. There is a legal obligation to remove and dispose of the hazardous materials. Following adoption of Public Sector Accounting Standard PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations, the Town recognized an obligation relating to the removal of the hazardous materials in these assets as estimated at January 1, 2023.

The transition and recognition of asset retirement obligations involved an accompanying increase to the Buildings and Fire capital assets. The increase in capital assets is amortized on a straight-line basis over the remaining expected useful life of the related assets.

Estimated costs totalling \$295,979 (2023 - \$251,134) have been discounted using a present value calculation with a discount rate of 4.52% (2023 - 4.72%). The timing of these expenditures is estimated to occur between 2025 and 2074 with the regular replacement, renovation or disposal of assets. No recoveries are expected at this time.

#### 17. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS (Continued)

		2024		2023
Opening Asset Retirement Obligation	\$	275,402	\$	
Initial recognition of expected discounted cash flows				251,134
Disposals		(22,000)		-
Increase due to accretion		20,578		24,268
Closing Asset Retirement Obligation	\$ 27	73,980	\$ 27	5,402

#### 18. GROWING COMMUNITIES FUND

The Province of British Columbia distributed conditional GCF grants to communities at amenities to meet the demands of population growth. The GCF provided a one-time grant to all municipalties in British Columbia.

The Town of Comox received \$4,693,000 of GCF funding in March 2023.

Growing Communities Fund	2024	2023
Opening Balance	\$ 3,664,495 \$	-
Grant	-	4,693,000
Interest received	166,834	
Eligible Costs		
Queens Ave. Storm Drainage	271,649	(271,649)
Town Hall Reengineer	(17,348)	(17,237)
Net Zero Project	-	(739,619)
Balance, end of year	\$ 4,085,631	\$ 3,664,495

#### 19. COMMITMENT

The Town has entered into a ten-year service agreement with Emterra Environmental for garbage, recycling and composite pickup and disposal which expires December 31, 2033. Part of the agreement resulted in a capital lease commitment (note 5). Contracted cost estimate for 2025 is \$1,819,490.

#### 20. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to current year's presentation.

Schedule of Continuity of Reserve Funds Year ended December 31, 2024 Schedule 1 (unaudited)

		2024		2023
Opening balance of reserve funds	\$	25,537,570	\$	20,974,58
Contributions to funds from operations		9,076,447		13,567,43
Interest earned on funds		1,436,009		1,060,52
Withdrawals from funds for capital acquisitions		(6,602,204)		(10,064,96
Closing balance of reserve funds	\$ 2	9,447,822	\$ 2	25,537,570
Represented by the following financial assets:				
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 29	9,447,822	\$ 2	25,537,570
Including the following reserve funds:	<b>c</b>	200 020	Φ	407.04
Affordable housing reserve	\$	206,836	\$	197,34
Equipment replacement reserve		1,040,741	\$	2,367,76
Federal gas tax (community works) funds (Note 14)		5,023,268		4,156,55
Fire department capital reserve - town share		445,433		836,93
General capital growing community reserve (Note 18) General capital housing accelerator reserve		4,085,631 1,110,786		3,664,49
General capital works reserve		3,779,648		3,572,92
General capital works sewer conveyance reserve		2,193,979		-
Infrastructure renewal fund reserve		384,978		_
Lancaster sewer lift station capital reserve		91,180		86,99
Municipal marina reserve		789,755		658,09
Point holmes sewer lift station capital reserve		60,132		57,37
Public safety reserve		446,096		330,21
Recreation centre capital reserve		6,616		6,31
Sewer enterprise reserve		6,663,884		6,223,63
Water utility reserve Waterfront walkway reserve		2,899,109 384		2,966,78 36
		29,228,456	\$ 2	5,125,800
Fire department capital reserve CFPID share (Note 7b)		219,366	\$	411,77
	\$ 2	9,447,822		25,537,

Schedule 2	
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	2023							Recognized	2024
	Balance		Receipts		Interest		Refunded	as Revenue	Balance
referred Revenue									
Prepaid property taxes	\$ 1,144,812	\$	1,399,919	\$	19,095	\$	-	\$ 1,144,812	\$ 1,419,01
Prepaid marina fees	40				-		_	- · · · -	4
General unearned income	100,325		100,590		-		-	100,325	100,59
Recreation unearned income	451,015		474,133		-		-	451,015	474,13
Recreation unearned income - 2nd account	2,094		-		-			1	2,09
Prepaid recreation	453,109		474,133		-		-	451,016	476,22
Total Deferred Revenue	\$ 1,698,286	\$	1,974,642	\$	19,095	\$	-	\$ 1,696,153	\$ 1,995,870
ashisted Davis							3664495	\$ 3,664,495	
estricted Revenue Development charges:							0004400	\$ -	
Open space development cost charges	\$ 4,030,233	\$	2,172	\$	206,560	\$	_	\$ 291,141	\$ 3,947,824
Water development cost charges	969,573	Ψ	3,664,495	Ψ	51,859	Ψ	3,664,495	\$ 7,326,337	\$ 1,024,08
Major road development cost charges	1,267,344		227,585		62,886		-	207,758	\$ 1,350,057
Storm drain development cost charges	426,803		(3,664,495)		7,982		3,572,929	233,001	\$ 110,218
Sanitary sewer development cost charges	516,647		67,144		26,519		-	76,565	\$ 533,745
	7,210,600		296,901		355,806		7,237,424	8,134,802	6,965,92
Other Restricted Revenue									
5% Payment in lieu of parks dedication	281,778		146,306		22,378			-	\$ 450,4
Developer payments in lieu of parking	33,303				1,776			-	\$ 35,0
Developer contribution for public amenities	10,569				564			-	\$ 11,1
Developer payments for affordable housing	177,430				9,466			-	\$ 186,896
Provincial government, climate action	270,164		395,800					665,964	\$
Provincial government, planning	-		293,867		6,455			162,425	\$ 137,897
Provincial government, roadworks	-		625,000		10,036			420,636	\$ 214,400
Regional government, transportation	250,000							250,000	\$
Provincial government, community economic development	23,685							23,685	\$
Provincial government, fire	15,000							15,000	\$
	1,023,244		1,460,973		50,675		-	1,499,025	1,035,86
Total Restricted Revenue	\$ 8,272,529	\$ 1.	,757,874	\$	406,481	\$	10,901,919	\$ 13,337,007	\$ 8,001,796

### Continuity of Equity in Tangible Capital Assets Year ended December 31, 2024

Schedule 3

	2024		2023
Opening balance of equity in tangible capital assets	\$ 97,376,854	\$	89,743,085
Changes in Capital Assets			
Acquisitions of tangible capital assets	8,522,598		12,181,724
Increase (decrease) in tangible capital assets due to asset			
retirement obligations	(19,331)		251,134
Tangible capital assets contributed	2,579,470		422,486
Additions of Capital Assets	11,082,737		12,855,344
Write-offs of assets replaced (at NBV)	(171,933)		-
Amortization expense	(4,060,802)		(3,542,399)
Changes in related liabilities			
Principal payment on debenture (to sinking fund)			8,464
Actuarial earnings on debenture sinking fund	-		11,907
Borrowing in year	(1,822,887)		(1,804,024)
Capital lease principal repayment	152,477		-
Equipment financing principal repayment	331,058		104,477
Closing Balance of Equity in Tangible Capital Assets	\$ 102,887,504	\$	97,376,854
Represented by the following:			
Tangible capital assets at net book value (Schedule 4)			
Capital assets at cost	\$ 171,346,949	9	\$ 161,326,096
Less accumulated amortization	(65,429,296)		(62,258,445)
Tangible capital assets at net book value	105,917,653		99,067,651
Capital lease (Note 5)	(1,670,410)		-
Equipment financing (Note 6)	(1,368,489)		(1,699,547)
Shares in Courtenay Golf Club Ltd.	8,750		8,750
	\$ 102,887,504 \$		97,376,854

### Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets Year ended December 31, 2024

		Land							Work in		
	Land	Improvements	Buildings	Equipment	Transportation	Storm Drain	Water Service	Sewer Service	Progress	 2024	2023
Cost											
Opening costs Additions during the year Add/(Less): Assets put to use	\$ 9,138,380 - -	\$ 5,381,294 347,624	\$ 23,829,785 \$ - 410,506	10,807,243 5,140,695	\$ 57,246,832 2,149,942 1,727,229 99,100	\$ 24,071,722 \$ 1,350,946 -	14,848,294 \$ 496,203 -	12,603,619 \$ 858,772 228,531	3,398,927 757,886 (2,465,366)	\$ 161,326,096 \$ 11,102,068	148,981,583 12,604,210 -
Additions due to ARO recognition Note (17)										-	251,134
Disposals and write downs	-	-	(44,351)	(1,020,409)	-	-	-	-	(16,455)	 (1,081,215)	(510,831)
Closing costs	9,138,380	5,728,918	24,195,940	16,654,758	59,495,874	25,422,668	15,344,497	13,690,922	1,674,992	171,346,949	161,326,096
Accumulated Amortization Opening accumulated amortization Amortization	\$ - -	\$ 2,988,727 \$ 175,894	6,240,971 \$ 508,369	1,030,425	28,119,840 1,602,450	\$ 8,300,904 \$ 332,291	5,730,286 \$ 226,066	4,721,025 \$ 185,307	-	\$ <b>62,258,445</b> \$ 4,060,802	59,226,877 3,542,399
Accum Amort Adj for Disp/WD		-	(25,020)	(864,931)	-	-	-	-	-	 (889,951)	(510,831)
Closing accumulated amortization		3,164,621	6,724,320	6,322,186	29,722,290	8,633,195	5,956,352	4,906,332		 65,429,296	62,258,445
Net Book Value of Tangible Capital Assets	\$ 9,138,380 \$	2,564,297	\$ 17,471,620\$	10,332,572\$	29,773,584	5 16,789,473 \$	9,388,145\$	8,784,590\$	1,674,992	\$ <b>105,917,653</b> \$	99,067,651

Schedule 4

### Schedule 5

	General Government	Protective Services	Waste Disposal	Affordable Housing	Development Services	Transportation	Recreation & Culture	Marina	Water	Sanitary Sewer	Total All Segments	2024 Budget
Taxation	\$ 14,237,128 \$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73,185 \$	4,239 \$	- \$	\$ 513,833	460,425 \$	499,090 <b>\$ 1</b>	<b>5,274,067</b> \$ 15,222,	234 3,701,413
Sale of Services Government	198,048	1,147,467	2,600,828		228,862	87,230	2,118,101		3,490,729	14,086,511	13,409,905	
Transfers Investment	3,320,958	95,939		9,493	338,233	3,420,635	134,795	-	- 25,000	<b>7,335,560</b> 3,312,782	247,001 333,986 <b>2,</b> 5	<b>574,887</b> 400,000
Income Development	598,795	59,276			182,937	904,862	206,881	31,656	302,108	3 479,926 <b>3,280,475</b> 3	75,000	
Contributions Gain (loss) on				2,027,2	91 471,150 200 62,500	) (78,653) 250 12	8,945 5,500	-	-  - (15,70	3) -		
Disposals Other								-	134,44	<b>15</b> 153,000		
								-				
	18,484,074	1,365,182	2,600,828	9,493	823,217	6,365,604	2,936,677	545,489	4,500,263	5,039,415	42,670,242	32,572,921
Expenses												
Employees	2,155,953	1,982,524	69 6,813	-	623,735	1,373,393	3,136,761	22,887	186,371	47,825	9,529,518	10,084,973
Materials	270,300	255,454	2,375,286	-	2,743	207,774	684,607	2,737	2,544,924	23,916	3,999,268	4,169,874
Services	1,506,183	2,429,966	67,334	-	641,166	667,355	1,746,004	101,937	157,712	2,892,548	12,518,157	14,202,840
Interest	49,017	-		-	-	81,550	-		197,90	<b>1</b> 112,650 226,066 18	35,307 <b>4,060,802</b> 3,3	300,000
Amortization	279,626	246,107	182,788	35,267	•	2,337,877	492,615	-				
	4,261,079	4,914,051	2,632,290	35,267	1,267,644	4,667,949	6,059,987	2 <b>03,119</b>	3,115,073	3,149,596	30,305,646	31,870,337
Surplus (deficit) for the year	\$ 14,222,995 \$ (3,54	8,869) \$	(31,462) \$	(25,774)	\$ (444,427) \$ 1,697,6	55 \$ (3,123,310) \$		342,779\$	1,385,190\$	1,889,819 <b>\$ 12,364,</b>	<b>596</b> \$	702,584

Y ear ended December 31, 2023

Schedule 6

	General Government	Protective Services	Waste Disposal	Affordable Housing	Development Services	Transportation	Parks, Recreation & Culture	Marina	Water Sanitary S	Sewer Segments 202	Total All 23 Budget	
Revenue												
Taxation	\$ 13,140,435 \$	-	\$ - \$	-	\$ 72,874\$	4,239\$	- \$	\$ 487,632	440,564\$	467,770 \$ 14,	125,882 \$ 14,045,73	9 3,322,216
Sale of services	204,048 1,63	36,528 2,111,323 -	170,065 598,586 1,891,0	080 5,606,786 84,0	00 \$ 72,874 1,03	3,768 3,664,495 1,23	35,222 88,372 -		3,265,326	13,686,804 12	2,645,770	
Government transfers	9,498 - 299,5	563 -						-	7,993,29	92 5,960,054 6,949	277,096 1,916,700 4	00,000 74,578
Investment income								-	60,534 42	27,543 79,500		
Development contributions	237	7,930 54,501						-	205,282	2 -		
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	3,664	4,495 204,900 3,66	64,495 136,223 3,662	- 2,943 5,916				-	148,744	145,000		
Other								-				
	20,322,714	1,812,562	2,111,323	9,498	(3,664,495)	2,381,929	3,572,929	487,632	3,787,417	4,127,616	38,504,247	33,276,063
Expenses												
Employees	1,859,558	1,777,489		-	576,332	1,272,301	3,010,680	47,582	228,359	53,907	8,826,208	9,093,813
Materials	227,412	316,158	1,863,581	-	1,557	276,618	466,788	35,822	2,552,773	41,151	3,918,279	3,788,037
Services	1,438,638	2,428,976	-	_	109,313	741,031	1,537,007	118,221	155,584	2,562,501	10,954,852	11,879,16
Interest	40,707	2,420,970	-	-	109,313	•	1,557,007		3,619	- 178,928	77,386	78,560
Amortization	256,202	<sup>-</sup> 149,756	-	35 <b>,</b> 2̄67		33,060 2,189,601	424,840	-	225,850		3,542,400	3,300,000
	3,822,517	4,672,379	1,863,581	35,267	687,202	4,512,611	5,439,315	2 <b>83,98</b> 6	3,166,185	2,836,487	27,319,125	28,139,576
Surplus (deficit) for the year	\$ 16,500,197 \$ (2,85	9.817) \$	247,742\$	(25.769) \$ (	(4.351.697) \$ (2.130	,682) \$ (1,866,386) \$		204,051\$	621.232 \$ 1.3	291,129 \$ 11,185,12	2 \$ 5.136.487	



# Permissive Property Tax Exemptions Comox Town Council has granted these permissive tax exemptions:

Effect of Exemptions:

Description of Property	Description of Exemption	2024
Comox Golf Course	All of land & buildings	\$ 28,626
Filberg Lodge & Park	All of land & buildings	\$ 111,127
Comox Archives & Museum	All of land & building	\$ 7,537
Pearl Ellis Art Gallery	All of land & building	\$ 2,979
Comox Lions Club	All of land & building	\$ 6,782
Unity Comox Valley	All of land & building	\$ 1,765
Tigger Too Day Care	Half of land & building	\$ 1,922
Marine Rescue Station	All of float building	\$ 211
Pt. Holmes Boat Launch	All of land & structures	\$ 13,131
United Church	All of land	\$ 9,179
Pentecostal Church	All of land	\$ 6,696
Anglican Church	All of land	\$ 5,588
Bay Community Church	All of land	\$ 6,128
Presbyterian Church	All of land	\$ 6,075
Providence Living Society & Thrift Store	All of land & building	\$ 121,764
d'Esterre Seniors Centre	All of land & building	\$ 23,265
Comox Legion	All of land & building	\$ 16,320
Nature Trust of BC	All of land	\$ 16,906
888 (Komox) RCAF Wing	Class 8 land & building	\$ 4,054
Affordable Housing 1582 Balmoral	All of land & building	\$ 17,027
Tennis Clubhouse	All of land & building	\$ 621
Dawn to Dawn	All of land & building	\$ 2,724
Aspen Grove Children's Centre	Half of leased space	\$ 1,094
Living Hope Church	All of land	\$ 8,026
Affordable Housing 1742 Beaufort	All of land & building	\$ 19,392
Estimated total taxes exempted		\$ 438,939
Estimated Town share exempted		\$ 249,887

