SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2017

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MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying financial statements of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (the "District") are the responsibility of management and have been prepared in compliance with legislation, and in accordance with public sector accounting standards for local governments, recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. A summary of the significant accounting policies are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. The preparation of financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgement, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods.

The District's management maintains a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and recorded in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements, and reliable financial information is available on a timely basis for preparation of the financial statements. These systems are monitored and evaluated by management.

The Board of Trustees meet with management and the external auditors to review the financial statements and discuss any significant reporting or internal control matters prior to their acceptance of the financial statements.

The financial statements have been audited by McLean, Lizotte, Wheadon and Company, independent external auditors appointed by the District. The accompanying Independent Auditor's Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination, and their opinion on the District's financial statements.

Signature on file	Signature on file
Arjuna George, Chief	Andrew Peat, Corporate Administrator





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2017, and the statement of operations, and accumulated surplus, changes in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District as at December 31, 2017, and its results of operations, its changes in net financial assets, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Other Matter

The statement of financial position as at December 31, 2016, and the statement of operations, and accumulated surplus and changes in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended were audited by another firm of Chartered Professional Accountants who expressed an opinion without qualification on April 20, 2017.

April 12, 2018 Salt Spring Island, British Columbia McLean, Lizate, Wheader and Company
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SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2017	Restated 2016
FINANCIAL ASSETS		****
Cash and cash equivalents - Note 3	\$ 1,900,714	\$ 1,982,727
Accounts receivable	9,439	8,089
Investments	254,015	252,888
	2,164,168	2,243,704
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 61,872	\$ 53,966
Compensated absences and post-employment benefits	116,340	106,770
Deferred revenue	1,150,000	1,150,000
Long-term debt - Note 4	397,771	547,735
	1,725,983	1,858,471
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	438,185	385,233
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible capital assets - Note 5	2,501,143	2,256,699
Prepaid expenses	23,382	151,256
	2,524,525	2,407,955
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - Note 7	\$ 2,962,710	\$ 2,793,188

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Signature on file		
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SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND ACCUMULATED SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR-ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	Restated 2016 Actual
REVENUES			
Taxation	\$ 2,475,000	\$ 2,644,706	\$ 2,684,771
Capital reserve fund	-	-	10,000
Interest income	8,000	12,583	12,410
Other income		165,864	3,360
	2,483,000	2,823,153	2,710,541
EXPENSES			
Administration (schedule 1)	169,200	172,752	164,983
Amortization	-	160,768	159,517
Interest on long-term debt	-	16,697	22,696
Operation (schedule 2)	308,600	293,862	244,287
Wages and benefits	2,005,450	2,009,552	2,039,318
Extraordinary and/or contingency reserve	50,000	-	-
	2,533,250	2,653,631	2,630,801
ANNUAL SURPLUS	(50,250)	169,522	79,740
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,793,188	2,793,188	2,713,448
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	\$ 2,742,938	\$ 2,962,710	\$ 2,793,188

SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS FOR THE YEAR-ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

		2017 Budget	2017 Actual		Restated 2016 Actual	
ANNUAL SURPLUS	\$	(50,250)	\$	169,522	\$	79,740
Acquisition of capital assets Amortization of capital assets Acquisition of prepaid expenses Use of prepaid expenses		(25,000)		(405,212) 160,768 (23,382) 151,256		(13,286) 159,517 (151,256) 35,474
CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS		(75,250)		52,952		110,189
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		385,233		385,233		275,044
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$	309,983	\$	438,185	\$	385,233

SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR-ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

				2017		Restated 2016
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN):			-		,	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Annual surplus Items not involving cash:			\$	169,522	\$	79,740
Amortization		•		160,768		159,517
Changes in non-cash assets and liabi	į. lities:			330,290		239,257
Accounts receivable Accounts payable				(1,350) 7,906	٠	7,890 7,207
Prepaid expenses Post employment benefits Deferred revenue				127,874 9,570	·	(115,783) 106,770
Net change in cash from operating	activities			474,290		1,150,000 1,395,341
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES:						
Cash used to acquire tangible capita Net change in cash from capital act				(405,212) (405,212)		(13,286) (13,286)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		:				
Redemption (Purchase) of investment Net change in cash from financing				(1,127) (1,127)		329,112 329,112
FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Repayment of long-term debt				(149,964)		(144 210)
Net change in cash from financing	activities			(149,964)		(144,219) (144,219)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH E	QUIVALENTS		\$	(82,013)	\$	1,566,948
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BE	GINNING OF YEA	NR		1,982,727		415,779
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, EN	ID OF YEAR		\$	1,900,714	\$	1,982,727

NOTE 1 - PURPOSE OF THE DISTRICT

The Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (the "District") was incorporated in 1959 and is subject to the provisions contained in the Local Government Act, a statute of the provincial government. The principal activity of the District is to provide fire protection services to the residents of the District.

NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. Significant accounting policies adopted by the District are as follows:

Reporting entity

The financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, accumulated surplus, revenues and expenses of the District. These are comprised of the Operating Fund, Tangible Capital Assets Fund, and Capital Works Renewal Reserve Fund that are accountable for the administration of their financial affairs and resources to the Board and are controlled by the District. Interfund transactions have been eliminated.

Basis of accounting

The District follows the accrual method of accounting for revenues and expenses. Revenues are normally recognized in the year in which they are earned and measurable. Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipt of goods or services and/or the creation of a legal obligation to pay.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Cash and cash equivalents allocated between unrestricted and restricted cash. Restricted cash represents funds set aside for the Capital Works Renewal Reserve Fund. Unrestricted cash is available to fund operations.

Investments

Investments are comprised of term deposits not expected to be redeemed within ninety (90) days from the fiscal year end and accrued interest.

Compensated absences and post-employment benefits

It is the policy of the District to record banked post-employment benefits and compensated absences as an expense in the year earned.

Employee future benefits

The District and its employees make contributions to the Municipal Pension Plan. The District's contributions are expensed as incurred.

Deferred revenue

Deferred revenue consists of a tax advance received from the provincial government for the subsequent fiscal year. Revenue is recognized in the period when the related services are performed.

Long-term debt

Long -term debt is recorded net of repayments and actuarial adjustments.

Reserves

Reserve funds and accounts represent amounts set aside from past and current operations for future capital expenditures.

Non-financial assets

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

NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

I. Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost which includes amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. The cost of the capital asset is amortized on a declining balance basis at the following annual rates:

Building		5%
Computers		30%
Containers and storage		10%
Equipment		20%
Vehicles		10%

Amortization is charged annually, commencing when the asset is acquired or available for use. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use. The District does not capitalize interest associated with the acquisition of a capital asset.

I. Prepaid expenses

Prepaid expenses are recorded at the lower of cost or replacement cost value.

Use of estimates

Preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires the Board 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 financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant estimates include assumptions used in estimating historical cost and useful lives of tangible capital assets and estimating provisions for accrued liabilities. Actual results could differ from these estimates and adjustments, if any, will be reflected in the period of settlement or upon a change in the estimate.

Revenue recognition

The provincial government collects and distributes taxes to the District. Taxation revenues are recorded in the year in for which they are levied. In addition, the provincial government also collects taxes for the capital advance tax levy, which is used to offset the long term debt held with the provincial government.

Financial instruments

The District's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, investments, accounts payable, deferred revenue, and long-term debt. The carrying amount of these financial instruments approximates their fair value because they are short-term in nature or because they bear interest at market rates.

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the District is not exposed to significant financial, liquidity or credit risk arising from these financial instruments.

The District does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to interest rate risk as management does not consider the risk material.

NOTE 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2017	2016
Restricted cash	\$ 344,620	\$ 340,115
Unrestricted cash	1,556,093	1,642,612
Balance, end of year	\$ 1,900,713	\$ 1,982,727

Restricted cash was establised by Bylaw #39 to fund the Capital Works Renewal Reserve Fund. This fund can only be disbursed via an approved bylaw passed by the Trustees and approved by the Inspector of Municipalities of the Province of British Columbia for the purposes of upgrading or replacing existing tangible capital assets.

NOTE 4 - LONG-TERM DEBT

·		2017	2016		
Bylaw 94	\$	59,094	\$	115,108	
Bylaw 114		189,622		249,067	
Bylaw 115	·	149,055	_	183,560	
Balance, end of year	<u>\$</u>	397,771	\$	547,735	

Bylaw 94 - Capital Tax Advance issued, for the purpose of financing the purchase of a 2003 fire truck in the amount of \$638,000, requiring annual payments of \$62,345 and bearing interest at 5.5% per annum, maturing July 1, 2018. Interest paid in 2017 was \$4,799 (2016 - \$7,770)

Bylaw 114 - Capital Tax Advance issued, for the purpose of financing the purchase of a 2011 compress air foam truck in the amount of \$575,000, requiring annual payments of \$67,166 and bearing interest at 3.1% per annum, maturing July 1, 2020. Interest paid in 2017 was \$6,750 (2016 - \$8,654)

Bylaw 115 - Capital Tax Advance issued, for the purpose of financing the purchase of a 2011 mini pumper truck in the amount of \$345,000, requiring annual payments of \$40,196 and bearing interest at 3.1% per annum, maturing July 1, 2021. Interest paid in 2017 was \$5,148 (2016 - \$6,272)

The aggregate principal repayments required on these debts in each of the next five years are as follow:

2018	\$ 155,957
2019	99,866
2020	102,961
2021	38,987
2022	-
	\$ 397,771

NOTE 5 - TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

•	De	Balance at ecember 31,	_				D	Balance at ecember 31,
Cost		2016	А	dditions	Dis	posals		2017
Land	\$	801,492	\$	-	\$	_	\$	801,492
Building		530,877		7,348				538,225
Computers		44,789		1,759				46,548
Containers and storage		28,410						28,410
Equipment		535,302		4,367				539,669
Vehicles		2,697,874		391,737				3,089,611
Assets under construction		188,391		-				188,391
	\$	4,827,135	\$	405,211	\$	_	\$	5,232,346

Accumulated Amortization	De	Balance at ecember 31, 2016	Am	ortization	Amor	nulated tization sposals	D	Balance at ecember 31, 2017
Land	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Building		399,533		6,751	·		•	406,284
Computers		41,081		1,376	•			42,457
Containers and storage		16,006		1,240				17,246
Equipment		340,893		39,318				380,211
Vehicles		1,772,923		112,082				1,885,005
Assets under construction		-						-
	\$	2,570,436	\$	160,767	\$	-	\$	2,731,203

Net Book Value	D	ecember 31, 2017	D	ecember 31, 2016
Land	\$	801,492	\$	801,492
Building		131,941		131,344
Computers		4,091		3,708
Containers and storage		11,164		12,404
Equipment		159,458		194,409
Vehicles		1,204,606		924,951
Assets under construction		188,391		188,391
	\$	2,501,143	\$	2,256,699

NOTE 6 - CAPITAL WORKS RENEWAL RESERVE FUND

		2017	2016 Restated		
Balance,	beginning of year	\$ 593,002	\$	582,788	
Add:	Transfer from operations Interest earned	5,633			
Less:	Capital expenditures (Bylaw #131)	(339,000)			
Prior per	iod adjustment	<u> </u>		10,214	
Balance,	end of year	\$ 259,635	\$	593,002	

The Capital Works Renewal Reserve Fund was establised by bylaw #39. These funds can only be disbursed through bylaws approved and passed by the Trustees and further approved by the Inspector of Municipalities of the Province of British Columbia for the purposes of upgrading or replacing existing tangible capital assets.

Transfers to the Reserve will be made periodically from operating surplus or the sale of existing tangible capital assets. Transfers from the Reserve will be made periodically to account for approved disbursements for the purchase or upgrade of tangible capital assets.

NOTE 7 - ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

	2017	2016 Restated
Surplus from operations	\$ 599,704	\$ 491,222
Invested in tangible capital assets	2,103,371	1,708,964
	2,703,075	2,200,186
RESERVES SET ASIDE FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSE BY THE BOARD:		
Capital Works Renewal Reserve Fund	259,635	593,002
	\$ 2,962,710	\$ 2,793,188

Surplus from operations is used to record the operating activities of the District.

Tangible capital assets surplus is used to record and account for the District's tangible capital and associated long-term debt.

Capital Works Renewal Reserve Fund is described in note 6.

NOTE 8 - EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN

The District and certain of its employees contribute to the Municipal Pension Plan ("the plan"). The plan is a multi-employer defined benefit plan. The British Columbia Pension Corporation administers the Plan, including the payment of pension benefits on behalf of employers and employees in accordance with the Public Sector Pension Plans Act and the Municipal Pension Plan Rules. The risks and rewards associated with the Plan's unfunded liability or surplus are shared between the employers and the Plan's members and may be reflected in their future contributions.

During the year, the District contributed \$166,714 (2016 - \$166,062) on behalf of the employees. Based on the most recent actuarial valuation as of December 2015, the Municipal Pension Plan has a surplus, member contributions will remain the same, and employer contribution rates were simplified beginning January 1, 2017. The next valuation is expected to occur as at December 31, 2018, with results available in 2019.

Employers participating in the plan record their pension expense as the amount of employer contributions made during the fiscal year. 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.

NOTE 9 - CORRECTION OF PRIOR PERIOD ERROR

The District has determined that interest income earned on the Capital Works Renewal Reserve during the 2015 and 2016 fiscal year was not allocated to the reserve fund for purposes of calculating the ending reserve fund balance at December 31, 2015 and 2016. The interest income earned in both years on the Capital Works Renewal Reserve assets was \$6,778 for 2015 and \$3,436 for 2016.

As a result, the comparative figures for the Capital Renewal Reserve Fund were restated to include the interest income earned in the 2015 and 2016 fiscal years.

The correction of this prior period error does not affect current or prior year assets, liabilities, cumulative accumulated surplus or annual surplus. The 2016 comparative figures have been restated for the effects of this prior period error.

The District has determined that a banked compensated absences and post-employment benefits liability existed as at December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$106,770.

The correction of this prior period error does not affect the current year, but affects the liabilities, cumulative accumulated surplus, annual surplus and wages and benefits expense for the 2016 fiscal year. As a result, the comparative figures for the liability, accumulated surplus, annual surplus and wages and benefits expense were restated to include the additional liability and associated expense.

The correction of the prior period error as resulted in:

- An increase to compensated absences and post-employment benefits liability of \$106,770;
- An decrease to accumulated surplus of \$106,770;
- An increase to the Capital Works Renewal Reserve Fund of \$10,214:
- A decrease to the unrestricted accumulated surplus of \$10,214.
- An increase to wages and benefit expense of \$106,770; and
- A decrease to annual surplus of \$106,770.

NOTE 10 - BUDGET

The financial plan is prepared on a revenue and expenditure basis. The unaudited budget figures presented in these financial statements have been approved by the trustees for the year and are presented for information purposes only.

NOTE 11 - COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been restated to conform to current year's presentation. The financial statements for the 2016 fiscal year were audited by another firm of Chartered Professional Accountants who expressed an opinion without qualification on April 20, 2017.

NOTE 12 - CONTINGENT LIABILITY

Certain employee's employment relationship is governed by a Collective Agreement between the District and The Salt Spring Island Firefighters' Association Local 4467 of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF). The term of the existing Collective Agreement expired on December 31, 2016. The District is a member of the Greater Victoria labour Relations Association (GVLRA) and the British Columbia Labour Relations Board has accepted an application for them to be its accredited bargaining agent. Negotiations between the GVLRA and the IAFF Local 4467 have not yet commenced. It is likely that when negotiations conclude, agreed upon wages adjustments will be retroactive to January 1, 2017. The potential liability of the District for accrued wages and benefits owing is not known or estimable and no allowance has been made for it in the financial statements.

SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR-ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

SCHEDULE 1 - ADMINISTRATION		2017 BUDGET		2017		2016 Restated
Advertising and election	\$	0.000	o	14 440	· •	E 00E
Convention, dues and subscriptions	Ş	9,000	\$	11,419	\$	5,005
		7,500		10,092		3,881
Insurance		35,000		43,780		34,607
Office		40,700		27,811		44,384
Licenses		7,000		5,270		9,344
Professional fees		45,500		50,614		38,398
Professional development		2,000		735		7,402
Annual dinner		5,000		5,318		4,342
Fireworks		2,500		2,500		2,519
Telecommunications		15,000		15,213		15,101
	\$	169,200	\$	172,752	\$	164,983

SCHEDULE 2 - OPERATION		2017 BUDGET	2017	2016 Restated
Awards and recognition	\$	5,000	\$ 5,344	\$ 3,862
Automotive		90,000	86,498	67,323
Fire protection		9,000	27,438	19,567
Repairs and maintenance - building	. •	31,600	25,959	26,500
Repairs and maintenance - equipment		75,000	75,149	52,670
Training		70,000	45,916	51,841
Utilities		28,000	27,558	22,524
	\$	308,600	\$ 293,862	\$ 244,287