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Message from the Mayor



From the Desk of Mayor Brad Unger

Good day residents of Gold River!

I am pleased to take this opportunity to provide the residents of Gold River with an update on the Village Services and Operations.

The Village continues to take steps to ensure the viability of its services and projects which are in line with Councils strategic planning. Council

has taken some ambitious steps in pursuing sustainable levels of service, and are committed to developing and maintaining those levels now and into the future.

Council have had some major successes this year as we have attained long term financial Agreements with both Grieg Seafoods and Nootka Sound Services. These long-range contracts provide the Village with stable revenues. Council will continue to pursue economic opportunities in the pursuit of minimizing the burden on the taxpayer.

Through 2019, staff have made great strides in implementing Councils Strategic plan. Specifically, staff have implemented a fulsome restructuring of the Village office, established a long overdue social media presence, and have developed a Bylaw Review Committee which supports a complete overview of all the municipal bylaws. As well, Council championed a long-range Parks and Trails Master Plan to guide Village green space use. Finally, staff have resurrected the bio-solids project by securing grant funding that was previously denied. Staff are in the process of managing this project with plans to break ground in the late summer of 2020.

The Economic Development Committee continues to work on its projects which were established through the Economic Development Strategy. The Committee has moved forward on several projects including the shop local program, and the development of a meeting space/kiosk area. The Committee has diligently pursued grants wherever possible and has been successful in attaining funding from several different agencies. The Committee is continuing to work hard to fulfill the mandate identified in the strategy, and have even created a Tourism Working Group to further its agenda.

The Village continues its strong relationship with the Mowachaht-Muchalat First Nations. We recognize the significance of this relationship and continue to look towards supporting economic and cultural opportunities as they present themselves.

I would like to thank all members of Council for their continued hard work to move the Village forward. As well, I would like to thank staff for their clear dedication in supporting Council initiatives and provide a high level of service to the community. Finally, a special thank you to those who volunteer in our community as your service is invaluable.

Sincerely,

Mayor Brad Unger

Vision and Mission

Vision

The Village of Gold River will continue to be an affordable, inclusive, sustainable community that supports community spirit while fostering economic diversification and smart growth.

Mission

The Village of Gold River will strive to provide a livable, sustainable, and economically diverse community that recognizes the needs of current and future residents.

Objectives and Strategies

2019 Objectives and Strategies

Governance

Support strong, positive and open relationship with the public and community partners.

- Develop efficient, legally compliant, manageable records management system: a review of current records management system and facilities was completed with identified budgetary requirements included in the 2020 budget.
- Develop Bylaw Review Advisory Committee: A Bylaw Review Committee was established
- Review of bylaws, both "housekeeping amendments" and fulsome reviews; a review of a high priority bylaw was initiated. Several bylaws have been identified either for amendments or full review.
- Structural review and organizational changes: The organizational was reviewed and updated with two hires completed and two positions identified for development.

Financial Sustainability

Ensure the smart and progressive management of Village finances to ensure sustainability

- Consider new sources of revenue, maintain infrastructure. Renegotiated a ten-year agreement with Grieg Seafood BC Ltd. And renegotiated an agreement with Nootka Sound. Provided necessary support for the Economic Development Committee acquire grants.
- Review Financial Sustainability Report and implement recommendations as appropriate and as directed by Council. This was delayed and will proceed in 2020.
- Development of asset management strategies, identifying financial and operational implications for the Village as a whole. The current asset inventory was reviewed and priority roads, sewer, water and storm lines were established for further analysis.
- Wharf Strategy long term economic strategy, maintenance plan. The financing of the wharf was reviewed and plans for repair of the dock was done and maintenance plans were reviewed.

Community Transparency

Develop more robust methods for the Village to communicate and access information from the Village.

- Implement a communications strategy using multi-platform approach. The Village developed, populated, and maintained social media platforms.
- Review Policies for public engagement. A Social Media policy was established.

Community Liveability

To support the overall betterment of the Village residents and our neighbors.

- Support community Wayfinding projects. The Economic Development Committee has applied for grant funding.
- Engage Mowachaht-Muchalaht First Nations in regular, meaningful discussions. CAO to CAO contact has been occurring with discussions regarding upcoming projects and opportunities.
- Develop a Village Park Master Plan: COMPLETED
- Assess status of Bio-Solids infrastructure in order to determine next steps. This was completed and grant funding was confirmed. A project management team was hired and site assessments and drawings completed.
- Muchalat Drive Bridge Sewer/ Water lines replacement. The grant application was unsuccessful, will be reviewed for further grant applications in 2020.
- Review of Operations for both Public Works and Recreation. This was done and will continue to be reviewed in conjunction with work towards financial sustainability.
- Achieve cellular service: COMPLETED
- Support the provision of highspeed internet access. This is an ongoing initiative that is waiting on the completion of new fibre connectivity to the village.
- Partner with Mowachaht-Muchalaht to secure Antler Lake Recreation Area. This initiative has been delayed to fall of 2020.

Economic Prosperity

To support a diverse and inclusive economic action plan.

- Regular review of grant projects put forward by the Economic Development Committee.
 There will be continued support of the Economic Development Committee grant applications, Requests for Proposals and further project development.
- Pursue Community Forest License Agreement with Mowachaht-Muchalaht First Nations.
 This initiative has been delayed to fall of 2020.

2020 Objectives and Strategies

Governance

Support strong, positive and open relationship with the public and community partners.

- Develop efficient, legally compliant, manageable records management system
- Review of bylaws, both "housekeeping amendments" and fulsome reviews
- Structural review and organizational changes
- Develop a Code of Conduct policy

Financial Sustainability

Ensure the smart and progressive management of Village finances to ensure sustainability

- Consider new sources of revenue, maintain infrastructure
- Review Financial Sustainability Report and implement recommendations as appropriate and as directed by Council
- Development of asset management strategies, identifying financial and operational implications for the Village as a whole
- Wharf Strategy long term economic strategy, maintenance plan
- Dock usage/ MMFN service fees

Community Transparency

Develop more robust methods for the Village to communicate and access information from the Village.

- Implement a communications strategy using multi-platform approach
- Increase public facing presence
- Review Policies for public engagement

Community Liveability

To support the overall betterment of the Village residents and our neighbors.

- Support community Wayfinding projects
- Engage Mowachaht-Muchalaht First Nations in regular, meaningful discussions
- Planning for multi-care facility
- Muchalat Drive Bridge Sewer/ Water lines replacement
- Support the provision of highspeed internet access
- Partner with Mowachaht-Muchalaht to secure Antler Lake Recreation Area
- Revitalize Nimpkish Park
- Explore the development of a community garden
- Review pool and arena programming

Economic Prosperity

To support a diverse and inclusive economic action plan.

- Regular review of grant projects put forward by the Economic Development Committee
- Pursue Community Forest License Agreement with Mowachaht-Muchalaht First Nations
- Explore rezoning of Conuma Park for future development

Village of Gold River Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting 2019 Financial Statements

May 19, 2020

The Council of the Village of Gold River has delegated the responsibility for the integrity and objectivity of the financial information contained in the financial statements to the management of the Village of Gold River. The financial statements which, in part, are based on informed judgments and estimates, have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, which have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

To assist in carrying out their responsibility, management maintains an accounting system and internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are executed and recorded in accordance with authorization, and that financial records are reliable for preparation of financial statements.

The Mayor and Council oversee management's responsibilities for the financial reporting and internal control systems. Mayor and Council review internal financial statements on a quarterly basis, and meet periodically with management to satisfy themselves that management's responsibilities are properly discharged. Council annually reviews and approves the financial statements.

The Village of Gold River's independent auditors, BDO Canada LLP, are engaged to express an opinion as to whether these financial statements present fairly the financial position, financial activities and cash flows in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. Their opinion is based on procedures they consider sufficient to support such an opinion in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards.

The financial statements have, in management's opinion, been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality and in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Mayor and Council of the Village of Gold River

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Village of Gold River (the "Village"), which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2019, the Statements of Operations, Changes in Net Financial Assets and Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Village as at December 31, 2019 and the results of its operations, change in net financial assets, and 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 Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Village in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the 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.

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

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 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 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 Village'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 Village'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 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 Village to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the 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.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

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BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Vancouver, British Columbia June 22, 2020

Village of Gold River Statement of Financial Position

December 31	2019	2018
Financial Assets	ć 2 244 492	ć 2.494.42E
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable	\$ 3,244,483 170,495	\$ 2,681,625 124,218
Portfolio investments (Note 1)	7,651,097	8,122,779
Taxes and rates receivable	97,426	93,316
	_11,163,501	11,021,938
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	284,590	281,138
Unearned revenue (Note 2)	1,445,149	1,106,635
Deferred contributions (Note 3)	140,485	140,485
	1,870,224	1,528,258
Net Financial Assets	9,293,277	9,493,680
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Non-Financial Assets Tangible capital assets (Note 5)	14,305,996	14,668,100
Tangible capital assets (Note 5) Prepaid expenses and inventories	13,913	7,865
Prepaid expenses and inventories	13,713	7,005
	14,319,909	14,675,965
Accumulated Surplus (Note 4)	\$23,613,186	\$ 24,169,645

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Village of Gold River Statement of Operations

For the year ended December 31		Budget 2019	2019	2018
Revenue (Schedule 2 and 3)				
Taxation (Note 7)	\$	941,400	\$ 942,376	\$ 913,843
Utility connection fees and user rates	•	450,600	451,141	421,810
Government grants and transfers		,	,	,
- Federal (Schedule 1)		74,400	15,654	99,153
- Provincial (Schedule 1)		896,700	563,747	593,536
Sales of services		647,100	651,352	658,847
Wharf services		75,000	116,517	381,634
Investment income		221,700	248,260	197,468
Other		48,900	71,892	48,585
	_	3,355,800	3,060,939	3,314,876
Expenses (Schedule 2 and 3)				
General departmental expenditures		3,157,800	2,953,295	2,817,544
Water system operations		270,800	281,826	285,192
Sewer system operations		390,200	373,093	455,717
Fiscal services	_	31,400	9,184	6,720
		3,850,200	3,617,398	3,565,173
Annual Deficit		(494,400)	(556,459)	(250,297)
Accumulated Surplus, beginning of year		24,169,645	24,169,645	24,419,942
Accumulated Surplus, end of year	\$	23,675,245	\$23,613,186	\$ 24,169,645

Village of Gold River Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets

For the year ended December 31		Budget 2019	2019	2018
Annual deficit	\$	(494,400)	\$ (556,459)	\$ (250,297)
Acquisition of tangible capital assets Amortization of tangible capital assets	_	792,800 480,800	(120,664) 482,768	(200,737) 480,665
Prepaid expenses and inventories	_	1,273,600	362,104 (6,048)	279,928 1,775
Change in net financial assets for the year		779,200	(200,403)	31,406
Net financial assets, beginning of year	_	9,493,680	9,493,680	9,462,274
Net financial assets, end of year	\$	10,272,880	\$ 9,293,277	\$ 9,493,680

Village of Gold River Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31		2019	2018
Cash provided by (used in)			
Operating transactions Annual deficit Items not involving cash	\$	(556,459) \$	(250,297)
Equity loss from Amortization of tangible capital assets	_	482,768	480,665
Changes in non-cash operating balances		(73,691)	230,368
Accounts, taxes and rates receivable		(50,387)	(18,014)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		3,452	(103,044)
Unearned revenue		338,514	(47,458)
Deferred contributions		-	(5,120)
Prepaids and inventories		(6,048)	1,775
		211,840	58,507
Capital transactions			
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	_	(120,664)	(200,737)
Investing transactions			
Proceeds from portfolio investments		516,102	40,258
Acquisition of portfolio investments		(44,420)	(269,772)
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	_	471,682	(229,514)
Increase (decrease) in cash during the year		562,858	(371,744)
Cash & cash equivalents, beginning of year	_	2,681,625	3,053,369
Cash & cash equivalents, end of year	\$	3,244,483 \$	2,681,625

December 31, 2019

The Village of Gold River (the "Village") is a municipality in the Province of British Columbia and operates under the provisions of the Community Charter. The Village provides municipal services such as fire, public works, planning, parks, recreation and other general government services. The Village prepares its financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards ("PSAS").

Investments

Portfolio investments are comprised of guaranteed investment certificates ("GICs") and a CIBC high interest savings account. The investments are carried at market value which approximates cost.

Tangible Capital Assets Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization and are classified according to their functional use. Cost includes all costs directly attributable to acquisition or construction of the tangible capital asset including transportation costs, installation costs, design and engineering fees, legal fees and site preparation costs. Amortization is recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated life of the tangible capital asset commencing once the asset is put into use. Donated tangible capital assets are recorded at fair value at the time of the donation.

Estimate useful lives of tangible capital assets are as follows:

Land improvements	10 to 60 years
Buildings	50 to 80 years
Equipment and vehicles	5 to 35 years
Road and bridges	50 to 60 years
Water infrastructure	50 to 100 years
Sewer infrastructure	50 to 100 years
Other	20 to 80 years

Collection of Taxes on Behalf of Other **Taxation Authorities**

The Village collects taxation revenue on behalf of other entities. Such levies, other revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities with respect to the operations of entities are not reflected in these financial statements.

Trust Funds

Trust funds held in trust by the Village, and their related operations, are not included in these financial statements. The financial activity and position of the trust funds are reported separately (Note 9).

Revenue Recognition

Taxes are recorded at estimated amounts when they meet the definition of an asset, have been authorized and the taxable event occurs. Taxes receivable are recognized net of allowance for anticipated uncollectible amounts.

Through the British Columbia Assessment's appeal process, taxes may be adjusted by way of supplementary roll adjustments. The affects of these adjustments on taxes are recognized at the time they are awarded. Levies imposed by other taxing authorities, including the Strathcona Regional District, are not included as taxes for municipal purposes.

Charges for sewer and water usage are recorded as user fees when services are delivered. Connection fee revenues are recognized when the connection has been established.

Government transfers, which include legislative grants, are recognized in the financial statements when received if the transfer is authorized and any eligibility criteria are met, except to the extent that transfer stipulations give rise to an obligation that meets the definition of liability. Transfers are recognized as deferred revenue when transfer stipulations give rise to a liability. Government grant revenue is recognized in the statement of operations as the stipulation liabilities are settled.

The most significant government transfer relates to Community Works (Gas tax) grant (Note 2). These funds are deferred until such time that they are spent on eligible projects.

Sales of services and other revenue is recognized on an accrual basis as the related service or other obligations are performed.

Unearned Revenue

Revenues from the sale of business licenses, dog tags, recreation time and rental revenues pertaining to the subsequent year have been deferred. These amounts will be recognized as revenue in the next fiscal year.

Financial Instruments

Financial instruments consist of cash, portfolio investments, receivables, accounts payable, and other liabilities. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Village is not exposed to significant interest rate, currency or credit risk arising from these financial instruments.

Village of Gold River Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

December 31, 2019

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future. Areas requiring the greatest degree of estimation include useful lives of tangible capital assets, collectibility of receivables, and estimation of contingencies.

Contaminated Sites

The Village is required to accrue a liability for the costs to remediate a contaminated site. Liabilities are recognized when an environmental standard exists, contamination exceeds the standard, the government has a responsibility for remediation, future economic benefits will be given up and a reasonable estimate can be made.

Management has assessed its potential liabilities, including sites that are no longer in productive use and sites for which the Village accepts responsibility. There were no such sites that had contamination in excess of an environmental standard which required remediation, therefore no liability at December 31, 2019 or December 31, 2018.

December 31, 2019

1.	Portfolio Investments		2019	2018
	High Interest Savings Account - CIBC (2.46%) Guaranteed Investment Certificates - RBC	\$	1,035,651	\$ 1,010,516
	 Maturities and interest range from April 2020 to April 2021, and 2.25% to 3.00% Guaranteed Investment Certificates - CWB 		2,555,143	2,535,858
	 Maturities and interest range from September 2020 to July 2021, and 2.54% to 3.00% Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Raymond James 		2,028,869	2,551,750
	 Maturities and interest range from January 2020 to July 21, and 2.40% to 2.95% 	_	2,031,434	2,024,655
		\$	7,651,097	\$ 8,122,779
2.	Community Works (Gas Tax) grant Prepaid taxes Biosolids Project Other grants Other	\$	2019 1,253,516 33,935 94,001 50,596 13,101	\$ 2018 1,016,014 29,706 22,113 22,448 16,354
		\$	1,445,149	\$ 1,106,635
	Below is the activity relating to gas tax agreement funds:	_	2019	2018
	Opening balance of unspent gas tax funds	\$	1,016,014	\$ 968,272
	Amounts received in the year Interest earned Less:		217,250 20,252	111,108 16,384
	Project expense	_	-	(79,750)
	Closing balance of unspent gas tax funds	\$	1,253,516	\$ 1,016,014

Gas tax funding is provided by the Government of Canada. The use of the funding is established by a funding agreement between the Village and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. Gas tax funding may be used towards designated disaster mitigation, energy, water, wastewater, solid waste, sustainability, transportation and infrastructure building projects as specified in the funding agreements. Any amounts that have not yet been spent on eligible projects continue to be recorded as deferred revenue.

3. Deferred Contributions

During 2004, the Village entered into an agreement with the Government of Canada to take over operations of the wharf. The Government of Canada contributed \$550,000 to the Village to be applied only to expenditures directly related to the operation of the wharf. These funds were fully utilized prior to December 31, 2018.

In conjunction with the above described arrangement, the Village also received \$529,925 in funds from the Government of Canada for costs relating to dredging work to be performed. Any unused portion of this contribution that remains as of March 30, 2023 must be repaid. During 2019, \$nil (2018 - \$nil) of expenditures were incurred. As of December 31, 2019, \$140,485 (2018- \$140,485) of this contribution remains unused.

4. Accumulated Surplus

The Village segregates its accumulated surplus in the following categories:

	2019	2018
Unrestricted Funds Internally Restricted Funds	\$ 1,706,891 3,637,456	\$ 1,918,047 3,627,434
Reserve Funds Investment in non-financial assets	3,948,930 14,319,909	3,948,199 14,675,965
	\$23,613,186	\$ 24,169,645

The investment in non-financial assets represents amounts already spent and invested in infrastructure and other non-financial assets.

Reserve funds represent funds set aside by bylaw for specific purposes. Details of reserve funds are shown below:

	2019	2018
Capital works (a) Water capital (b) Sewer capital (b) Municipal dock maintenance (c) Fish processing plant (d)	\$ 1,319,708 5 762,775 612,849 1,130,453 123,145	\$ 1,404,416 742,901 596,882 1,084,063 119,937
	\$ 3,948,930	\$ 3,948,199

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4. Accumulated Surplus (Continued)

(a) Capital Works Reserve

The Capital Works Reserve was established by Bylaw 109 to provide for new capital works, extensions or renewals of existing works and to provide for machinery and equipment necessary for capital projects, for the maintenance of municipal property or for the protection of persons and property. Money from the sale of land, current revenue or from General Operating Fund surpluses may be transferred into the Capital Works Reserve Fund. Bylaw 109 was repealed in 2005 and re-established within consolidated reserve Bylaw 644.

(b) Water and Sewer Capital Reserves

The Water and Sewer Capital Reserves were established by Bylaws 296 and 297, respectively. As utility reserves, they may receive transfers from current revenues, surplus from the general fund as available, and surpluses from operation of the utilities. Expenditures are restricted to utility capital expenditures or redemption of debentures issued for the utility. Bylaws 296 and 297 were repealed in 2005 and reestablished within consolidated reserve Bylaw 644.

(c) Municipal Dock Maintenance Reserve

The Municipal Dock Maintenance Reserve was established by Bylaw 644 for the purpose of providing for costs related to the ongoing maintenance, capital expenditures, improvements and machinery and equipment for the Municipal Port Facility.

(d) Fish Processing Plant Reserve

The Fish Processing Plant Reserve was established by Bylaw 644 for the purpose of providing costs related to the purchase or investment in a fish processing plant in the Village of Gold River, and the ongoing maintenance, capital expenditures, improvements and machinery and equipment for the Fish Processing Plant.

Village of Gold River Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2019

5. Tangible Capital Assets

	Land	Buildings	Equipment and Vehicles	Roads and Bridges	Other	Water Engineering Structure	Sewer Engineering Structure	2019 Total	2018 Total
Cost, beginning of year	\$ 2,072,062	\$ 8,902,321	\$ 8,902,321 \$ 4,273,590 \$ 4,901,743 \$	4,901,743 \$	882,023 \$	1,648,049	\$ 3,477,998	882,023 \$ 1,648,049 \$ 3,477,998 \$ 26,157,786 \$ 25,983,158	\$ 25,983,158
Additions		•	120,664		ı	1	Í	120,664	200,737
Disposals		·	(9,306)	٠		٠	٠	(9,306)	(26,109)
Cost, end of year	2,072,062	8,902,321	4,384,948	4,901,743	882,023	1,648,049	3,477,998	26,269,144	26,157,786
Accumulated amortization,									
beginning of year	•	3,539,072	2,482,382	2,918,889	363,358	770,156	1,441,938	11,515,795	11,035,130
Amortization	•	125,464	129,644	79,236	30,823	31,402	60,090	456,659	480,665
Disposals	•	•	(9,306)	•	•		•	(9,306)	(26,109)
Accumulated amortization, end of year		3,664,536	2,602,720	2,998,125	394,181	801,558	1,502,028	11,963,148	11,489,686
Net book value, end of year	\$ 2,072,062	\$ 5,237,785	\$ 2,072,062 \$ 5,237,785 \$ 1,782,228 \$ 1,903,618 \$	1,903,618 \$			5 1,975,970	846,491 \$ 1,975,970 \$ 14,305,996 \$ 14,668,100	\$ 14,668,100

6. Contingencies

- (a) The Village is responsible as a member of the Strathcona Regional District for its share of any operating deficits or long-term debt related to functions in which it participates. Management has assessed the risks as unlikely at this time therefore no provision has been recorded in the financial statements.
- (b) The Village is partially insured through the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia. Should the Association pay out claims in excess of premiums received, it is possible that the Village along with the other participants, would be required to contribute towards the deficit.

7. Taxation - Net

Taxation - Net	Budget 2019	Actual 2019	Actual 2018
Municipal Property Taxes Utilities 1% in Lieu Tax Collections for other governments	\$ 915,900 25,500	\$ 915,897 26,479	\$ 888,310 25,533
Province of British Columbia - school tax	515,900	515,855	515,275
Strathcona Regional District	32,000	32,030	28,766
Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District	81,900	81,897	87,552
Municipal Finance Authority	100	28	27
British Columbia Assessment Authority	5,800	5,817	5,850
Police Tax	54,200	54,136	53,116
Comox Valley Regional District	 28,800	28,768	20,509
Total taxes collected	 1,660,100	1,660,907	1,624,938
Transfers			
Province of British Columbia - school tax	515,900	515,855	515,275
Strathcona Regional District	32,000	32,030	28,766
Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District	81,900	81,897	87,552
Municipal Finance Authority	100	28	27
British Columbia Assessment Authority	5,800	5,817	5,850
Police Tax	54,200	54,136	53,116
Comox Valley Regional District	28,800	28,768	20,509
	718,700	718,531	711,095
Available for general municipal purposes	\$ 941,400	\$ 942,376	\$ 913,843

8. Pension Plan

The Village 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, 2018, the plan has about 205,000 active members and approximately 101,000 retired members. Active members include approximately 40,000 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 long-term 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 valuation for the Municipal Pension Plan as at December 31, 2018 indicated a \$2,866 million funding surplus for basic pension benefits on a going concern basis.

The Village paid \$81,174 (2018 - \$92,861) for employer contributions to the plan in fiscal 2019.

The next valuation will be as at December 31, 2021, with results available in later 2022.

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. Funds Held in Trust

At the year end, the Village held certain funds in trust which are not included in these financial statements. Certain assets have been conveyed or assigned to the Village to be administered as directed by agreement or statute.

The Cemetery Reserve is established pursuant to the provisions of the Community Charter. Monies in the reserve can be used for cemetery purposes only. The Village holds the assets for the benefit of the beneficiaries and acts in a fiduciary relationship for the beneficiaries.

The Village administrates Ray Watkins Memorial Trust Scholarship Fund. During the year, \$nil scholarships were awarded (2018 - \$250). The following trust funds and assets are excluded from the Village's financial statements:

	 2019	2018
Ray Watkins Memorial Trust Scholarship Fund Cemetery Trust	\$ 1,880 10,077	\$ 2,084 9,668
	\$ 11,957	\$ 11,752

10. Segmented Information

The Village is a diversified municipal government institution that provides a wide range of services to its citizens such as recreation, fire, sewer, water and solid waste. Distinguishable functional segments have been separately disclosed in the segmented information. The nature of the segments and the activities they encompass are as follows:

General Government

This item relates to the revenues and expenses of the operations of the Village public safety building and other costs that cannot be directly attributed to a specific segment including general administrative, legislative, and fiscal services shown separately on Schedule 2.

General Protective Services

Protection is comprised of fire protection services, building inspection, bylaw enforcement and emergency services. The fire department is responsible to provide fire suppression service, fire prevention programs, training and education. The members of the fire department consist of volunteers.

Public Works and Transportation

Public works and transportation is responsible for the maintenance of roads, sidewalks, cemetery maintenance, outdoor lighting, storm drains and mechanical services and public work buildings and yard.

Solid Waste and Recycling

Environmental services consists of providing solid waste and recycling services to citizens.

Parks and Recreation

This service area provides services meant to improve the health and development of the Village's citizens. Recreational programs like swimming and skating are provided at the arena and aquatic centre, along with outdoor activities in the parks and events at the community centre.

Community Development Services

This department provides a number of services including Village planning, economic development, tourist information centre, Jack Christensen Centre, and the municipal campground and library services.

Wharf/Dock

The Village operates the dock as a commercial enterprise leasing moorage and warehousing space and charging fees for off loading activities serving Nootka Sounds such as farmed fish and fuel deliveries. There is also a sections of floats (marina) for some boats that pay daily, monthly, yearly moorage.

11. Expenditures and Expenses by Function

	Operations	Capital Acquisitions	2019 Total
Goods and services Labour Amortization Expense	\$ 1,494,603 1,640,027 482,768	\$ 120,664 - -	\$ 1,615,267 1,640,027 482,768
Total Expenditures and Expenses	\$ 3,617,398	\$ 120,664	\$ 3,738,062
	Operations	Capital Acquisitions	2018 Total
Goods and services Labour Amortization Expense	\$ 1,462,098 1,622,410 480,665	\$ 200,737	\$ 1,662,835 1,622,410 480,665
Total Expenditures and Expenses	\$ 3,565,173	\$ 200.737	\$ 3,765,910

12. Contractual Rights

The Village has entered into various agreements with parties in relation to the use of the Wharf. Under the terms of these agreements, the Village is entitled to receive a minimum fixed fee of approximately \$125,000 throughout the subsequent four year period. The Village is also entitled to receive certain variable fees which are dependent on the level of specific future activities.

13. Subsequent Event

Subsequent to December 31, 2019, the global health crisis known as 'COVID-19' was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization and its impact on the global and Canadian economies increased significantly. At this time, the full potential impact of COVID-19 on the Village is not known. The disruption from this health crisis is thought to be temporary, however the actual duration of disruption and the related financial impact on the Village cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

Village of Gold River Schedule 1 - Government Grants and Transfers

For the year ended December 31	Budget 2019	2019	2018
Federal Government			
General Operating Grants in lieu of taxes Transport Canada Dock	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,569 -	\$ 8,662 5,120
Gas Tax - Arena Other Employment Canada	 5,400	6,085	24,750 5,621
	14,400	15,654	44,153
Capital Gas Tax - Sewer	 60,000	-	55,000
	\$ 74,400	\$ 15,654	\$ 99,153
Province of British Columbia			
General Operating Small Communities Protection Miscellaneous Provincial Infrastructure Planning	\$ 432,000 34,200 10,000	\$ 448,833 51,428 10,000	\$ 432,397 50,036
5 0 "	476,200	510,261	482,433
Sewer Operating Infrastructure Planning	85,000	53,486	-
Capital Sewer - Biosolids	 335,500	_	111,103
	\$ 896,700	\$ 563,747	\$ 593,536

Village of Gold River Schedule 2 - Combined Statement of Operations by Segment

ld River Segment	Total 2019 Budget	\$ 941,400 450,600	74,400 896,700 722,100 270,600	3,355,800	1,666,200 1,703,200	3,369,400	3,850,200	\$ (494,400)
Village of Gold River Operations by Segment	Total 2019 Actual	\$ 942,376 451,141	15,654 563,747 767,869 320,152	3,060,939	1,494,603 1,640,027	3,134,630 482,768	3,617,398	\$1,637,255 \$ (556,459) \$ (494,400)
Village of Gold River Schedule 2 - Combined Statement of Operations by Segment	Unallocated	\$ 942,376	9,569 448,833 - 236,477	1,637,255				\$1,637,255
ed Statem	Sewer Utility	\$ 277,047	53,486	338,875	194,791 118,212	313,003	373,093	\$ (34,218)
- Combine	Water Utility	\$ 174,094	10,000 13,781	197,875	139,607 110,817	250,424	281,826	\$ (83,951)
:hedule 2	Fiscal Services	· ·			9,184	9,184	9,184	\$ (9,184)
Sc	Wharf Services	· ·	- 116,517 -	116,517	20,027	20,027	50,850	\$ 65,667
	Community Development Services	· ·	3,382 13,692 32,119 1,302	50,495	152,446 25,992	178,438 8,235	186,673	\$ (136,178) \$
	Parks, Recreation and Culture	· ·	2,703 - 103,292 5,127	111,122	416,414 545,958	962,372 157,178	1,119,550	; (1,008,428)
	Solid Waste and Recycling	· ·	442,832	442,832	128,738 166,773	295,511 25,522	321,033	\$ 121,799 \$ (1,008,428)
	Public Works & Transportation	· ·	- 400 10,250	10,650	140,275 144,850	285,125 127,018	412,143	\$ (401,493)
1, 2019	General Protective Services	· ·	28,185 13,392 23,873	65,450	140,727 17,537	158,264 32,470	190,734	\$ (125,284)
ecember 3	Government Services	· ·	9,551 59,317 Je 21,001	89,869	152,394 509,888	662,282	672,312	\$ (582,443)
o ed Fogsthe year ended De	Beneral General Government Protective Services Services	Revenues General taxes, net Utility charges Government transfers	and grants - Federal - Provincial Sales of services		Expenses Operating Goods and services Labour	Amortization		Excess (deficiency) in revenues over expenses

Village of Gold River of Operations by Segment

For the year ended Dece	nber 31, 20	18					Sche	Schedule 3 - Combined Statement of Operations by Segment	ombined	Stateme	nt of Ope	rations b	Operations by Segment
al Beneral Ben	General Government Protective Services Services	s <e< th=""><th>Public Works & Transportation</th><th>Solid Waste and Recycling</th><th>Parks, Recreation I and Culture</th><th>Community Development Services</th><th>Wharf Services</th><th>Fiscal Services</th><th>Water Utility</th><th>Sewer Utility U</th><th>Unallocated</th><th>Total 2018 Actual</th><th>Total 2018 Budget</th></e<>	Public Works & Transportation	Solid Waste and Recycling	Parks, Recreation I and Culture	Community Development Services	Wharf Services	Fiscal Services	Water Utility	Sewer Utility U	Unallocated	Total 2018 Actual	Total 2018 Budget
Revenues General tax, net Utility charges Government transfers and	٠. ·	\$		 	s,	· ·	S	∽ 	- \$ 163,811	- \$ 257,999	\$ 913,843 \$	913,843 \$ 421,810	913,800 425,200
grants - Federal - Provincial Sales and services	- 58,605 12,846	- 14,305 11,250 8,920	- 13,055 4,059	439,930	27,333 500 103,965 7,379	3,038 26,667 32,042 6,303	5,120 - 381,634 -		- - 12,222	55,000 111,103 - 7,089	8,662 440,961 - 187,235	99,153 593,536 1,040,481 246,053	77,100 978,900 964,700 209,000
	71,451	34,475	17,114	439,930	139,177	68,050	386,754		176,033	431,191	1,550,701	3,314,876	3,568,700
Expenses Qgerating Yoods and services Labour	149,317 479,353	104,943 12,592	145,236 126,216	115,154 158,949	394,234 576,526	118,297 22,519	25,574	6,720	142,623 111,167	260,000 135,088		1,462,098 1,622,410	1,822,200
Amortization	628,670 8,562	117,535 32,177	271,452 125,486	274,103 25,522	970,760 157,829	140,816 8,235	25,574 30,823	6,720	253,790 31,402	395,088 60,629		3,084,508 480,665	3,487,400 479,800
	637,232	149,712	396,938	299,625	1,128,589	149,051	56,397	6,720	285,192	455,717		3,565,173	3,967,200
Excess (deficiency) in revenues over expenses	\$ (565,781) \$	\$ (115,237) \$	\$ (565,781) \$ (115,237) \$ (379,824) \$ 140,305	\$ 140,305	; (989,412) ;	\$ (989,412) \$ (81,001) \$ 330,357 \$	330,357 \$		(6,720) \$ (109,159) \$ (24,526) \$ 1,550,701 \$ (250,297) \$ (398,500)	(24,526) \$	1,550,701 \$	(250,297) \$	(398,500)

Village of Gold River Schedule 4 - Schedule of Reserve Fund Transactions

	Capital Works		Water Capital		Sewer Capital	Municipal Dock Maintenance	Fish Processing Plant	2019	2018
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 1,404,416	Ş	742,901	\$	596,882	\$ 1,084,063	\$ 119,937	\$3,948,199	\$ 3,872,372
Interest received	35,956		19,874		15,967	29,230	3,208	104,235	81,392
Expenditures	(120,664)				•	•	1	(120,664)	(81,892)
Transfers from current funds Operating Fund						17,160	'	17,160	76,327
Balance, end of year	\$ 1,319,708	Ş	762,775	❖	612,849	\$ 1,319,708 \$ 762,775 \$ 612,849 \$ 1,130,453 \$ 123,145	\$ 123,145	\$3,948,93 0 \$ 3,948,199	\$ 3,948,199

For the year ended December 31, 2019

2019 Permissive Tax Exemptions

Legal Description	Civic Address	Organization	Value of
			Permissive
			Exemption
Lot A, Plan VIP51943	Hwy #28	Gold River Golf Club	26,531.29
District Lot 129 & 663			
Nootka Land District			
Lot 2, Block K, Plan	402 Cedar Cres	Anglican Church	401.79
20004 District Lot			
637, Nootka Land			
District			
Lot 3, Block H, Plan	405 Trumpeter Drive	Royal Canadian Legion	4,630.31
20172, District Lot			
637, Nootka Land			
District			
	500 111 1 1 1 1		570.07
Lot A, Plan 48112,	600 Nimpkish Drive	Christian Fellowship Church	672.27
District Lot 637,			
Nootka Land District	200 Ni l i . l . D . i	CD Child Const CD Hardy Cons	2 655 22
Lot 2, Plan 32050,	396 Nimpkish Drive	GR Child Care, GR Health Care	3,655.22
District Lot 637,		Auxillory, Community Justice	
Nootka Land District		Program, VI Regional Library,	
		GR Museum & Archives,	
		C.U.P.E, Food Bank, PEP, Lion's	
		Club, JR Rangers	



VILLAGE OF GOLD RIVER

Schedule Showing the Remuneration and Expenses Paid to or on Behalf of Each Employee for the Year 2019

1.	Elected Officials, Employees Appointed by Cab	inet and Membe	ers of the Board of Directors	
	Employee	<u>Position</u>	<u>Remuneration</u>	Expenses
	Begon, Kirsty	Councillor	\$8,602.68	\$2,862.18
	Patrick, Brenda	Councillor	\$7,538.40	\$3,683.54
	Sinclair, Joe	Councillor	\$7,538.40	\$2,948.84
	Stratton, Rachel	Councillor	\$7,538.40	\$1,685.49
	Unger, Brad	Mayor	\$15,076.92	\$3,368.58
	Total Remuneration & Expenses	(A)	\$46,294.80	\$14,548.63

2.	Other Employees (excluding those listed in Name Employee's	n Part 1 above)	Remuneration (includes Taxable Benefits)	<u>Expenses</u>
	Lott, Michael		\$89,841.40	\$1,171.67
	Mann, Mick		\$93,677.92	\$0.00
	McLean, Maxine		\$103,630.18	\$2,412.44
	McRae, Donald (Brad)		\$87,525.93	\$3,642.40
	Plourde, Larry		\$123,002.15	\$3,903.59
	Consolidated Total of Employee's	< \$75,000	\$877,633.36	\$7,617.62
	Total Remuneration & Expenses	(B) \$1,375,310.94	\$18,747.72

3.	Reconciliation			
	Total Elected Officials	(A)	\$46,294.80	\$14,548.63
	Total Remuneration - Other Employee's	(B)	\$1,375,310.94	\$18,747.72
	Subtotal (equals T4's Box 14)		\$1,421,605.74	\$33,296.35
	Total per Schedule 2- Statement of Operations	_	\$1,640,026.00	
*	Variance		-\$218,420.26	

^{*} Variance - Statement of Revenue & Expenditures Labour amount from the Financial Statements includes non-taxable benefits and year end accruals that are not accounted for within this statement.

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, section 6 (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6)



VILLAGE OF GOLD RIVER Schedule of Statement of Severance Agreements for the Year 2019

1.	"Nil"	Statement	
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ı		There were NO severance agreements made between the Village of Gold River and its	
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		non-unionized employees during the fiscal year 2019.	
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ı	Tota	Covernos Agreements	
L	ivta	Severance Agreements nil	

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, subsection 6 (8)



VILLAGE OF GOLD RIVER

Schedule of Payments Made for the Provision of Goods or Services for 2019

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1. Alphabetical List of Suppliers who received aggregate payments exceeding \$25,000		
ANDERSON REFRIGERATION LTD.		30,297
BC Hydro		285,467
Comox Valley Regional District		124,395
COMOX-STRATHCONA REGIONAL HOSPITAL DIST.		82,897
CR92 Holdings DBA Coastal Mountain Fuels		34,195
GOLD RIVER AUTO PARTS PLUS LTD.		39,132
GOLD RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT		32,363
H.B. Energy		40,353
KOERS & ASSOCIATES ENGINEERING LTD.		37,630
MINISTER OF FINANCE		185,476
Municipal Insurance Association of		58,256
Municipal Pension Plan		152,696
Pacific Blue Cross		83,950
Pipe-Eye Video Inspections & Services		25,132
Receiver General for Canada		359,846
Royal Bank Visa		36,631
Strathcona Regional District		45,112
Superior Propane Inc.		61,766
TAYCO PAVING COMPANY		34,241
VANCOUVER ISLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY		46,820
Worksafe BC		37,353
Zuma Lift Service Inc.		114,325
Suppliers who receive aggregate payments of \$25,000 or more	(A)	1,948,332
2. Consolidated total paid to suppliers who received aggregate payments of \$25,000 or less	(B)	690,658
Total of payments to suppliers for grants and contributions exceeding \$25,000		
Consolidated total of grants exceeding \$25,000		*
Consolidated total of contributions exceeding \$25,000		*
Consolidated total of grants and contributions exceeding \$25,000	(C)	
. Reconciliation		
Total aggregate payments exceeding \$25,000 paid to suppliers	(A)	1,948,332
Consolidated total of payments of \$25,000 or less paid to suppliers	(B)	690,658
Consolidated total of all grants & contributions exceeding \$25,000	(C)	000,000
Sub-Total	(0)	2,638,990
Reconciling items ;Property Taxes-Other Governments/Payroll paid on other summaries, GST refunds and		2,030,550
Accruals		943,120
Total as per Schedule 2 - Goods & Services		1,494,602
Variance - miscellaneous non expense items, payroll accruals		201,268

The Financial Statements are prepared on a consolidated basis using the accrual method of accounting, whereas the Supplier Payments schedule is prepared on a calendar cash payment basis. Due to timing differences and some non-expense items processed through the AP system, variances exist between the Aggregated Payment Listing and the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures in the Financial Statements.

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, section 7 & the Financial Information Act, Section 2

VILLAGE OF GOLD RIVER Reconciliation Support for Payments Made for Provision of Goods Services

2019 Reconciling Items - Statement Goods & Services

2019 Aggregate Payments as Per Public Body Report			2,638,990
Amounts not included in Public Bodies report but are expenditures in our or or that are accounted for on another summary	operations		
Less: Amounts paid but are not expenses in our Financial Statements			
Other Agencies - Tax Requisitions			
Strathcona Regional District	32,030		
School District #84	515,855		
Comox Regional Hospital District	81,897		
Municipal Finance Authority	28		
B. C. Assessment Authority	5,817		
R.C.M.P. Policing Costs	54,136		
Comox Regional District	28,768		
Home Owners Grant - Receivable (10-3-321-3210)	-386,521		
		332,010	
ayroll-paid on Public Bodies, already reported			
CRA	298,816		
C.U.P.E. LOCAL 3399	14,782		
MSP - Minister of Finance (M1000) (taxable benefit)	11,213		
MPP -employee share	71,522		
PBC (BC Life taxable benefit only)	4,885		
		401,217	
aken from a review of the Public Bodies Report listing			
GST paid to suppliers/not expenses (ITC)	20,375		
GST paid to suppliers/not expenses (municipal rebate)	40,680		
Capital purchases	100 540		
Manlift	109,542		
PSB - Photocopier	11,123	101 720	
ccounts Payable		181,720	
Deduct - Trade Accounts Payable - opening balance	-72,978		
Deduct - Accrued Accounts Payable - opening balance	-58,112		
Deduct - Other Accounts Payable - opening balance	-8,166		
Add - Trade Accounts Payable - closing balance	77,363		
Add - Accrued Accounts Payable - closing balance	48,602		
Add - Other Accounts Payable - closing balance	8,166		
	Sub Total	-5,124	
ayments included on the Renumeration & Expenses Sheet		33,296	
Adjustment to Public Bod	ly Report		943,120
Total Adjusted Public Bodies S	Schedule	25	1,695,870
Financial Statements Schedule 2 - Goods &	Services		1,494,602
un recognized -	Variance	-	201,268
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Village of Gold River

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION APPROVAL

The undersigned, as authorized by the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, subsection 9 (2), approves all the statements and schedules included in this Statement of Financial Information, produced under the *Financial Information Act*.

Brad Unger, Mayor

Date

June 30 (2020 Date)

Maxine McLean, Director Finance

Prepared pursuant to the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule, 1, section 9



Village of Gold River 2019 Management Report

The Financial Statements contained in this Statement of Financial Information under the Financial Information Act have been prepared by management in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or stated accounting principles, and the integrity and objectivity of these statements are management's responsibility.

Management is also responsible for all the statements and schedules, and for ensuring that this information is consistent, where appropriate, with the information contained in the financial statements. Management is also responsible for implementing and maintaining a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that reliable financial information is produced.

The Village Council is responsible for ensuring that management fulfils its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control. Finance staff prepares monthly, quarterly and annual reports for Councils review with the Director of Finance. The reports are presented on a public agenda as part of a regular public Council meeting. The Villages Annual Financial Statements are reviewed and approved by Council along with the Auditors report.

The Villages Director of Finance has the responsibility for assessing the management systems and practices of the corporation. This is done on an ongoing basis and is reviewed annually with the external auditors.

The external auditors, BDO Canada LLP, conduct an independent examination, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and express their opinion on the Financial Statements. Their examination does not relate to the other schedules and statements required by the act. Their examination includes a review and evaluation of the corporation's system of internal control and appropriate tests and procedures to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements are presented fairly. The external auditors have full and free access to the Finance staff and members of Council including the Mayor.

Maxine McLean.

Director of Finance, Village of Gold River

June 26, 2020