### CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORT

### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

**DISTRICT OF TIMISKAMING** 

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

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### MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying financial statements of The Corporation of the Town of Cobalt are the responsibility of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt's management and have been prepared in compliance with legislation, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. A summary of the significant accounting policies is described in Note 1 to the financial statements. The preparation of financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgment, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods.

The Corporation of the Town of Cobalt'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.

Council meets with Management and the external auditors to review the financial statements and discuss any significant financial reporting or internal control matters prior to their approval of the financial statements.

The financial statements have been audited by Kemp Elliott & Blair LLP; independent external auditors appointed by the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt. The accompanying Independent Auditor's Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt's financial statements.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Council, Inhabitants and Ratepayers of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt:

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the consolidated statements of operations, change in net debt and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt as at December 31, 2024, and the results of its operations, change in net debt 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 *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt 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 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated 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 auditors' 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 Corporation of the Town of Cobalt'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 Corporation of the Town of Cobalt's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the 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 auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt 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.

Kemp Elliott & Blair LLP

Licensed Public Accountants New Liskeard, Ontario April 29, 2025

Chartered Professional Accountants

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### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

### AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024

FINANCIAL ASSETS		
	2024	2023
Cash	\$ 377,679	\$ 577,563
Taxes receivable	299,469	410,913
Accounts receivable	109,473	99,236
, locality is a second	786,621	1,087,712
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	268,944	486,982
Deferred revenue – other – note 5	194,683	258,412
Deferred revenue – obligatory reserve funds – note 6	125,490	128,947
Asset retirement obligations – note 7	650,420	673,895
Municipal debt – note 8	1,562,160	919,990
	2,801,697	2,468,226
NET DEBT	(2,015,076)	(1,380,514)
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Inventories of supplies	100,635	105,075
Prepaid expenses	53,728	46,292
Tangible capital assets – note 16	15,579,098	15,603,108
3.5	15,733,461	15,754,475
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS – note 13	\$ 13,718,385	\$ 14,373,961

Contingent liabilities – note 11 Contractual obligations and commitments – note 9

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The accompanying notes form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

On behalf of Council:

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer

### **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	20	)24	2024	2023
REVENUES	Bud	get	Actual	Actual
	(Note	: 14)		
Operating revenues				
Municipal taxation	\$ 825,	006 \$	•	\$ 712,318
Water and sewer user fees	574,	922	575,020	553,922
Policing fees	387,	768	381,564	365,925
User charges	186,	334	194,594	198,156
Provincial grants	1,142,	474	1,169,858	928,939
Federal grants	91,	759	77,451	83,328
Revenue from other municipalities	22,	000	28,245	24,670
Investment income	20,	000	22,868	23,610
Penalties and interest on taxes	45,	000	56,550	62,351
Land sales	53,	500	53,500	6,500
Gain (loss) on sale of tangible capital assets		5 <del>00</del> 2	(211,932)	9,596
Other	98,	800	141,816	118,522
	3,447,	863	3,308,540	3,087,837
Capital revenues				
Provincial grants	243,	453	146,222	181,330
Federal grants			₹	28,238
Other		000	10,000	
	253,		156,222	209,568
Total revenues	3,701,	316	3,464,762	3,297,405
EXPENDITURES				000.440
General government	692,		801,437	808,112
Protection to persons and property	624,		582,190	559,519
Transportation services	919,		867,873	821,653
Environmental services	1,338,		1,403,974	1,268,234
Health services	155,		147,398	155,572
Social and family services		679	87,966	97,956
Recreation and cultural services	203		216,049	256,266
Planning and development		571	13,451	 28,889
Total expenditures	4,042	165	4,120,338	 3,996,201
		>	(055 570)	(000 700)
ANNUAL DEFICIT	(340	849)	(655,576)	(698,796)
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	14,373	961	14,373,961	15,072,757
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR - note 13	\$ 14,033	112	\$ 13,718,385	\$ 14,373,961

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET DEBT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	-	2024 Budget (Note 14)	2024 Actual	2023 Actual
ANNUAL DEFICIT	\$	(340,849)	\$ (655,576)	\$ (698,796)
Acquisition of tangible capital assets Amortization of tangible capital assets Loss (gain) on sale of tangible capital assets Proceeds from sale of tangible capital assets Change in prepaid expenses Consumption (acquisition) of inventories of supplies	_	(961,941) 670,287 - - - -	(867,885) 679,965 211,932 - (7,438) 4,440	(323,684) 670,287 (9,596) 9,596 (13,025) (5,511)
Increase in net debt		(632,503)	(634,562)	(370,729)
Net debt, beginning of year	_	(1,380,514)	(1,380,514)	(1,009,785)
NET DEBT, END OF YEAR	\$	(2,013,017)	\$ (2,015,076)	\$ (1,380,514)

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

OPERATIONS		2024	2023
Annual deficit	\$ (	655,576)	\$ (698,796)
Charges not affecting cash –		679,965	670,287
Amortization of tangible capital assets		15,243	18,354
Accretion expense		211.932	(9,596)
Loss (gain) on disposal of tangible capital assets		251,564	(19,751)
Other sources (uses) of cash –	-		
Change in taxes receivable		111,444	(15,933)
Change in accounts receivable		(10,237)	138,245
Change in inventories of supplies		4,440	(5,511)
Change in prepaid expenses		(7,438)	(13,025)
Change in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(	218,038)	32,726
Change in deferred revenue – other		(63,729)	111,296
Change in deferred revenue – obligatory reserve funds		(3,457)	21,622
	(	187,015)	269,420
Total cash provided by operations	-	64,549	249,669
CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS			
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(	(867,885)	(323,684)
Proceeds from sale of tangible capital assets	`	( <b></b>	9,596
Settlement of asset retirement obligation		(38,718)	 
Total cash used for capital transactions	(	(906,603)	(314,088)
FINANCING TRANSACTIONS		713,201	<u></u>
Proceeds from municipal debt		(71,031)	(61,485)
Repayment of municipal debt	-	642,170	(61,485)
Total cash provided by (used for) financing transactions	-	042,170	(01,100)
DECREASE IN CASH	11	(199,884)	(125,904)
Cash, beginning of year		577,563	703,467
CASH, END OF YEAR	\$	377,679	\$ 577,563
Cash	\$	377,679	\$ 577,563

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

The Corporation of the Town of Cobalt is a Town in the Province of Ontario, Canada. It conducts its operations guided by the provisions of provincial statutes such as the Municipal Act 2001, Provincial Offences Act and other related legislation.

1. Accounting policies

The consolidated financial statements of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt are the representation of management and council and are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local government as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada as prescribed for Ontario municipalities by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

### Use of estimates

Management has made estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in preparing these consolidated financial statements. Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates relate to the determination of tangible capital assets historical cost, estimated useful life and related amortization and usage, remaining life, inflation rates and discount rates related to asset retirement obligations.

### Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements reflect financial assets, liabilities, operating revenues and expenditures, reserves and changes in investment in tangible capital assets of the Town and include the activities of all committees of Council and the following boards, municipal enterprises and utilities which are under the control of Council:

Waterworks Library Board Cemetery Board Wetlands

All interfund assets and liabilities and sources of financing and expenditures have been eliminated.

The Classic Theatre, The Bunker and the Historic Cobalt Corporation (including the Cobalt Mining Museum) are separate legal entities. They are <u>not</u> part of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt. Only the Town's donations to these entities are reflected in the consolidated financial statements.

### Non-consolidated entities

The following local boards, joint local boards, municipal enterprises and utilities are not consolidated:

Timiskaming District Health Unit

District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board

Although these are joint local boards they run autonomously to provide those services mandated by the Province. The Town has no control over these programs or their financing. These joint local boards are not proportionately consolidated. The yearly requisitions of these boards are expensed by the Town in its statements.

Temiskaming Municipal Services Association

The Temiskaming Municipal Services Association provides the services of a Chief Building Officer and Planner to 21 municipalities. The operations of this organization are not proportionately consolidated into these statements because the Town does not have control. Fees for building inspection and planning services are transferred to this organization.

Tri Town Transit System

This joint local board is a cooperative effort by two municipalities to jointly provide public transit services. These statements reflect only the Town's contribution to this board.

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

### 1. Accounting policies – continued

### Accounting for school board transactions

The taxation, other revenues, expenditures, assets and liabilities with respect to the operations of the school boards are not reflected in these statements.

### Trust funds

Trust funds and their related operations administered by the Town are not consolidated, but are reported separately on the "Trust Funds Statement of Financial Position" and "Statement of Operations."

### Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost, which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. The cost, less residual value, of the tangible capital assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings	50 years
Vehicles	10 to 25 years
Equipment	10 to 25 years
Heavy equipment	25 years
Roads	15 to 30 years
Bridges	75 years
Underground networks	50 years

A full year of amortization is charged in the year of acquisition and no amortization is charged in the year of disposal. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for use.

The Town has no capitalization threshold for land and buildings, a capitalization threshold of \$10,000 for infrastructure systems and \$5,000 for all other assets. Individual assets of lesser value may be capitalized if they are pooled, or because, collectively, they have significant value.

The Town manages and controls various works of art and historical cultural assets including buildings, artifacts, paintings and sculptures located at Town sites and public display areas. These assets are not recorded as tangible capital assets and are not amortized.

### Inventories of supplies

Inventories of supplies held for consumption are recorded at lower of cost or replacement cost.

### Deferred revenue - other

The Town receives certain amounts pursuant to funding agreements that may only be used in the conduct of certain programs or in the delivery of specific services and transactions. These amounts are recorded as deferred revenue and are recognized as revenue in the fiscal year the eligibility criteria has been met except when stipulations are present and to the extent that the transfer give rise to an obligation that meets the definition of a liability.

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

### Accounting policies – continued

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Deferred revenue - obligatory reserve funds

The Town receives funding from the Canada Community Building Fund under the authority of the Federal legislation. These funds, by their nature, are restricted in their use and until applied to specific expenses, are recorded as deferred revenue. Amounts applied to qualifying expenses are recorded as revenue in the fiscal period they are expended.

Asset retirement obligations

Asset retirement obligations represent the legal obligation associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset that result from its acquisition, construction, development, or normal use.

The liability associated with an asset retirement obligation is measured with reference to the best estimate of the amount required to ultimately remediate the liability at the consolidated financial statement date to the extent that all recognition criteria are met. Asset retirement obligations are only recognized when there is a legal obligation for the Town to incur costs in relation to a specific tangible capital asset, when the past transaction or event causing the liability has already occurred, when economic benefits will need to be given up in order to remediate the liability and when a reasonable estimate of such amount can be made. The best estimate of the liability includes all costs directly attributable to the remediation of the asset retirement obligation, based on the most reliable information that is available as at the applicable reporting date. Where cash flows are expected over future periods, the liability is recognized using a present value technique.

When a liability for an asset retirement obligation is initially recognized, a corresponding adjustment to the related tangible capital asset is also recognized. Through the passage of time in subsequent reporting periods, the carrying value of the liability is adjusted to reflect accretion expenses incurred in the current period. This expense ensures that the time value of money is considered when recognizing outstanding liabilities at each reporting date. The capitalized asset retirement cost within tangible capital assets is also simultaneously depreciated on the same basis as the underlying asset to which it relates.

At remediation, the Town derecognizes the liability that was established. In some circumstances, gains or losses may be incurred upon settlement related to the ongoing measurement of the liability and corresponding estimates that were made and are recognized in the consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus.

### Revenue recognition

Government transfers (provincial and federal grants)

Government transfers are transfers from senior levels of government that are not the result of an exchange transaction and are not expected to be repaid in the future. Government transfers without eligibility criteria or stipulations are recognized as revenue when the transfer is authorized. A transfer with eligibility criteria is recognized as revenue when the transfer is authorized and all eligibility criteria have been met. A transfer with or without eligibility criteria but with stipulation is recognized as revenue in the period the transfer is authorized and all eligibility criteria have been met, except where and to the extent that the transfer gives rise to an obligation that meets the definition of a liability. Government transfers that meet the definition of a liability are recognized as revenue as the liability is extinguished.

### Taxation and related revenues

Property tax billings are prepared by the Town based on assessment rolls issued by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation ("MPAC"). Tax rates are established annually by Council, incorporating amounts to be raised for local services and amounts the Town is required to collect on behalf of the Province of Ontario in respect of education taxes. A normal part of the assessment process is the issue of supplementary assessment rolls, which provide updated information with respect to changes in property assessment.

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

### 1. Accounting policies – continued Revenue recognition – continued

Once a supplementary assessment roll is received, the Town determines the taxes applicable and renders supplementary tax billings. Taxation revenues are recorded when they meet the definition of an asset, the tax is authorized and the taxable event has occurred. Assessments and the related property taxes are subject to appeal. Tax adjustments as a result of appeals are recorded when the results of the appeal process are known.

The Town is entitled to collect interest and penalties on overdue taxes. These revenues are recorded in the period the interest and penalties are levied.

Fees, service charges and other revenue

Fees, service charges and other revenue are recognized when earned.

### Financial instruments

The Town recognizes its financial instruments when the municipality becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. All financial instruments are initially recorded at their fair value, including financial assets and liabilities originated and issued in a related party transaction with management. Financial assets and liabilities originated and issued in all other related party transactions are initially measured at their carrying or exchange amount in accordance with Section PS 3420 Inter-entity Transactions.

At initial recognition, the municipality may irrevocably elect to subsequently measure any financial instrument at fair value. The Town has not made such an election during the year.

Transaction costs and financing fees directly attributable to the origination, acquisition, issuance or assumption of financial instruments subsequently measured at fair value are immediately recognized in the excess of revenues over expenses for the current period. Conversely, transaction costs and financing fees are added to the carrying amount for those financial instruments subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost.

### 2. Operations of school boards

Further to note 1, the taxation levied on behalf of and due to the school boards is:

	2024		2023
	\$	81,940	\$ 81,340
Contributions to Joint Boards Further to note 1, the following contributions were made by the Town to these	e boa	rds: 2024	2023
Timiskaming Health Unit	\$	57,680	\$ 54,933
District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board	\$	169,154	\$ 192,129
Tri-Town Transit System	\$	74,671	\$ 58,841

4. Revolving line of credit

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The Town has a \$250,000 business operating line negotiated with CIBC with a balance outstanding of \$nil (2023 \$nil). Interest is at bank prime plus 0.5% (currently 5.95%).

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

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5	Deferred	revenue -	- other

	Deferred revenue – other consists of	the fo	llowing:						
		Dec	ember 31 2023		Funds Received		Revenue Earned	De	cember 31 2024
	Provincial government - OCIF Provincial government - NORDS Federal government - CHCI	\$	248,148 4,951 5,313	\$	206,560 70,642	\$	260,025 75,593 5,313	\$	194,683 - -
		\$	258,412	\$	277,202	\$	340,931	\$	194,683
6	Deferred revenue – obligatory reserved	rve fu e fund	<b>ınds</b> İs consist of t	the fo	llowing:				
		Dec	cember 31 2023		Funds Received		Revenue Earned	De	cember 31 2024
	Canada Community Building Fund	\$	128,947	\$	65,042	\$	68,499	\$	125,490
7.	Asset retirement obligations					i <del>.                                    </del>	2024		2023
	Balance, beginning of year Settlement during the year Accretion expense					\$	673,895 (38,718) 15,243	\$	655,541 - 18,354
	Balance, end of year					\$	650,420	\$	673,895
	The asset retirement obligation at year	ar enc	l is as follows	<b>S</b> :			2024		2023
	Asbestos removal Fuel storage tank					\$	644,543 5,877	\$	668,157 5,738
	Balance, end of year					\$	650,420	\$	673,895

The discount rate used to present value future cash outputs is 2.4% (2023 2.80%).

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

### 7. Asset retirement obligations - continued Asbestos removal

The Town owns buildings and sewer segments which contain asbestos, and therefore, the Town is legally required to perform abatement activities upon renovation or demolition of these assets. Abatement activities include handling and disposing of the asbestos in a prescribed manner when it is disturbed. Assumptions were made regarding the remaining useful life of the assets that contains materials with asbestos in order to estimate when the costs of rehabilitation would be incurred.

Fuel storage tank

The Town owns above ground fuel tanks which represents an environmental hazard upon removal and there are legal obligations regarding how they must be removed. Assumptions were used to quantify unit time for the summary of service costs

8. Municipal debt

The balance of the municipal debt reported on the "Consolidated Statement of Financial Position" is made up of all the long-term liabilities incurred by the Town and outstanding at the end of the year.

	2024	2023
A serial debenture with Ontario Infrastructure repayable in semi-annual (March and September) blended (principal and interest) payments of \$25,466 with interest at 2.47% per annum and the debenture matures in September 2041. The loan relates to a new garage.	\$ 703,549	\$ 736,492
A serial debenture with Ontario Infrastructure repayable in semi-annual (March and September) blended (principal and interest) payments of \$12,235 with interest at 1.43% per annum and the debenture matures in September 2030. The loan relates to the purchase of a wheel loader.	140,222	162,449
A serial debenture with Ontario Infrastructure repayable in semi-annual (March and September) blended (principal and interest) payments of \$22,938 with interest at 4.41% per annum and the debenture matures in September 2044. The loan relates to the purchase of a fire truck.	605,500	
A loan with Ford Credit, payable in monthly installments of \$619 with interest at 0%. The final installment is due October 2026. The loan relates to the purchase of a vehicle.	13,620	21,049
A loan with Ford Credit, payable in monthly blended (principal and interest) payments of \$948 with interest at 8.65% per annum. The final payment is due in November 2029. The loan relates to the purchase of a vehicle.	99,269	 
	\$ 1,562,160	\$ 919,990

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

### 8. Municipal debt - continued

Principal payments are due as follows:

2025	\$	99,860
2026		102,158
2027		100,505
2028		103,728
2029		106,017
2030 +	1	,049,892
	\$ 1	562 160

Total interest paid during the year on the long-term debt is \$25,069 (2023 \$21,346).

### 9. Contractual obligations and commitments

Contracts for services - The municipality has entered into contracts with third parties to provide services to the Town. The minimum anticipated payments under these contracts are as follows:

2025	\$ 313,425
2026	305,793
2027	303,153
2028	299,464
2029	305,744
2030+	568,116

Through its normal course of operations, the Town enters into long-term contracts for the purchase of goods and services. The future value of certain long-term contracts is unknown. Annually, the Town includes estimated payments required for the upcoming year as part of its budget to ensure that sufficient funding is available for these contracts.

### 10. Trust funds

Trust funds administered by the Town amounting to \$32,082 (2023 \$30,842) have not been included in the "Consolidated Statement of Financial Position" nor have their operations been included in the "Consolidated Statement of Operations".

### 11. Contingent liabilities

### Non-consolidated entities

The Town is contingently liable for the deficits and long-term debt of the non-consolidated entities.

### **Funding agreements**

Under the terms of various funding agreements, the Town could have provincial and federal grants become repayable if it is determined that funding was applied towards ineligible costs or if other terms of the agreements were not met. At year end management is of the opinion that all conditions have been met and funding was applied towards eligible costs.

### Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement Fund

All permanent, full-time employees of the Town are eligible to be members of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System ("OMERS"), a multi-employer pension plan. The plan provides defined pension benefits to employees based on their length of service and rates of pay. The Town's contributions equal the employee contributions to the plan.

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

### 11. Contingent liabilities - continued

### Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement Fund - continued

As this is a multi-employer pension plan, the contributions by the Town are recognized as an expenditure. No pension liability for this type of plan is recognized in the Town's consolidated financial statements. Contributions made by the Town to OMERS for 2024 were \$57,373 (2023 \$57,588). The plan had an actuarial deficit of \$2.9 billion at the end of 2024.

### Liability for vacation pay, overtime and other post-employment benefits

Employees are allowed to carry forward vacation pay and banked overtime which an employee may become entitled to if they were to leave the Town's employment. The liability for these items, to the extent that they have vested and could be taken in cash by an employee on termination, amounted to \$24,652 (2023 \$32,717) at the end of the year. This is reflected as a liability on the consolidated statement of financial position.

Municipal employees retiring do not receive any other retirement allowance that either vests or accrues over the period of employment. Sick benefits do not accrue and are not vested. The Town recognizes the expenses for sick time when the event obliges the Town to pay. No other post-employment benefits are payable by the Town.

### Guarantee

The Town became guarantor for a Provincial Contribution Agreement between Co-Tem Pro Native Non-Profit Housing Inc. (Co-Tem) and the Province of Ontario in March 2010 for the purpose of offering affordable housing for a period of 20 years. The contribution from the Province was \$1,517,500.

### Contaminated and hazardous sites

The Corporation of the Town of Cobalt has many old mine sites and tailing ponds throughout its municipality. Based on past experience, the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM) has always taken responsibility for the costs associated with the remediation of contaminated sites and resolving any issues caused by old mine sites. It is of management's opinion that all contaminated sites have been remedied by MNDM and that the Town is not responsible for future liabilities, if any, related to old mine sites or tailing ponds.

### 12. Financial instruments

The Town, as part of its operations, carries a number of financial instruments. It is management's opinion that the Town is not exposed to significant interest, currency, liquidity, market, other price or credit risks arising from these financial instruments except as otherwise disclosed.

### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss because of a counter party to a financial instrument fails to discharge its contractual obligations.

The Town manages its credit risk by establishing an allowance for doubtful accounts based on factors surrounding the credit risk of specific accounts, historical trends and other information. The Town has a significant number of customers and ratepayers which minimizes concentration of credit risk. Further, the Town has available to it a tax registration process to recover unpaid municipal taxes by way of forced transfer of properties with multi-year arrears.

### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. In seeking to minimize the risks from interest rate fluctuations, the Town manages exposure through its normal operating and financing activities. The Town is exposed to interest rate risk primarily through its floating interest rate bank indebtedness, fixed rate GIC and credit facilities.

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

### 12. Financial instruments - continued

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivery of cash or another financial asset. The Town is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its receipt of funds from its customers and ratepayers, and other related sources, and accounts payable.

The Town manages the liquidity risk resulting from its accounts payable by maintaining cash and investing in other liquid assets.

### 13. Accumulated surplus

Reserves represent an appropriation of surplus for a specific purpose, determined by council, are non-statutory and subject to change by council at any time.

•		2024	2023
Reserves, surpluses and deficits			
Fire reserve	\$	7. <del>9</del> .	\$ 10,000
Library reserve		18,075	18,075
General municipal deficit		(394,438)	(444,432)
Library surplus		19,163	16,588
Cemetery surplus		33,036	53,272
Sewer (wetlands) surplus		521,532	509,050
Waterworks surplus		136	50,818
VVaterworks surplus		197,504	213,371
Amounts to be recovered			
Unfinanced municipal debt		(1,562,160)	(919,990)
Unfinanced asset retirement obligations		(650,420)	(673,895)
Net debt		(2.015.076)	(1.380,514)
Non-financial assets			
Inventories of supplies		100,635	105,075
Prepaid expenses		53,728	46,292
Invested in tangible capital assets	_	15,579,098	15,603,108
myodod in tangisio capital access	-	15,733,461	15,754,475
Accumulated surplus	\$	13,718,385	\$ 14,373,961

### 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. The change in non-financial assets during the year, together with the excess of revenues over expenses, provides the Change in Net Debt for the year.

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

### 14. Budget

The Budget adopted by Council was not prepared on a basis consistent with that used to report actual result according to Public Sector Accounting Standards used on the Consolidated Statement of Operations on page 5. The budget was prepared on a modified accrual basis while Public Sector Accounting Standards now require a full accrual basis. The actual budget is reflected in note 17. It expenses all tangible capital expenditures, does not include amortization expense, reflects proceeds of long-term debt as revenue, principal repayments of long-term debt as an expense and the full proceeds from the sale of tangible capital assets as revenue. As a result, the budget figures presented in the consolidated statements of operations and change in net financial assets represent the financial plan adopted by Council with adjustments as follows:

		2024
Actual Add:	I budget deficit for the year – note 17 Repayment of long-term debt Investment in tangible capital assets	\$ (37,500) 96,840 961,941
Less:	Estimated amortization Proceeds from long-term debt Estimated accretion expenses	 (670,287) (673,488) (18,355)
Budge	et deficit per statement of operations – page 5	\$ (340,849)

### 15. Segmented information

The Corporation of the Town of Cobalt is a diversified municipal government institution that provides a wide range of services to its citizens, including General Government Services, Protection Services, Transportation Services, Environmental Services, Health Services, Social and Family Services, Recreational and Cultural Services and Planning and Development Services. Service areas were created for the purpose of recording specific activities to attain certain objectives in accordance with regulations, restrictions or limitations.

Municipal services are provided by departments and their activities are reported in these service areas. Departments disclosed in the segmented information, along with the services they provide, are as follows:

### **General Government Services**

General government services consists of departments that are responsible for adopting bylaws; adopting administrative policy; levying taxes; acquiring, disposing and managing municipal assets; ensuring effective financial management; monitoring performance and ensuring that high quality municipal service standards are met.

### **Protection Services**

Protection services consists of departments that are responsible for the enforcement of laws, prevention of crime, and maintenance of peace, order, and security by protecting life, property and the environment through the provision of emergency response, thus ensuring safe homes and safe communities.

### **Transportation Services**

Transportation services consists of departments that are responsible for the delivery of municipal public works services related to planning, design, construction, cleaning, repair, snow removal and signage of roadway systems.

### **Environmental Services**

Environmental services include water, sewer, garbage and recycling services. Water and sewer services include the operation and distribution of water and networking of sewer mains and the wetlands. The garbage and recycling services group are responsible for the delivery of municipal services including garbage collection and recycling.

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

### 15. Segmented information - continued

**Health Services** 

The Town funds a range of public health services through the Timiskaming Health Unit and provides ambulance services through the District Social Services Administration Board. The town also provides cemetery services.

**Social and Family Services** 

The Town funds a range of family and social services through the District Social Services Administration Board which includes social housing, childcare and general assistance.

**Recreation and Cultural Services** 

Recreation and cultural services consists of departments that are responsible for providing, facilitating the development of, and maintaining high quality parks, recreational facilities, and cultural services.

**Planning and Development Services** 

Planning and development services consists of departments that are responsible for preparing land use plans, bylaws and policies for sustainable development of the Town and for reviewing and approving new development.

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

15. Segmented information – continued	d					Focial and	Recreation	Planning and		
			Transportation	Environmental		Family	Cultural	Development	Total	Total
Revenues	Services	Services	Services	Services	Services	Services	Services	Services	7074	2023
Operating revenues			,				Î	6	\$ 040 006 B	710 218
Municipal taxation	\$ 819,006 \$	*	·	<i>₽</i>	16	A 10 A		·	013,000	
Water and sewer user fees	(1)		7	575,020	t	Ŀ	•	Ĭ.	5/5,020	228,553
Policina fees	76	381,564	1	ä	æ	<b>(t</b> )	×	*	381,564	365,925
User charges	172,087	6,373	969	000	6,316	d.	4,336	4,786	194,594	198,156
Provincial grants	942,064	i.	75,593	145,959	(10)	ğ	6,242	*	1,169,858	928,939
Federal grants	9	1	r	58,034	, Ė	T	17,089	2,328	77,451	83,328
Revenue from other municipalities	4		r	24,495	1,750	ť	2,000	9	28,245	24,670
Investment income	22.751	į	*	30	117	(A)	100	1	22,868	23,610
Penalties and interest on taxes	39,100	3		17,450	Ê	i	70		56,550	62,351
l and sales	53,500	a a	7		ï	ı	15		53,500	6,500
Gain (loss) on sale of tangible	-									
canital assets	b	(63,000)	83	Q.	×	*	(148,932)	ï.	(211,932)	9,596
Othor	77 389	3.930	•		2,443	i	58,054	*	141,816	118,522
	2,125,897	328,867	76,289	820,958	10,626	<u>(a</u>	(61,211)	7,114	3,308,540	3,087,837
Capital revenues									4 40 000	404
Provincial grants	9	31	ï	146,222	***	•)	ť	<b>7</b> €15	146,222	055,181
Federal grants		(1)	3	Ì	٠	Ü	t.	f:	100	28,238
Other	•	10,000	ā	i	•	(1)	AC.	E	10,000	
Total reveniles	2.125.897	338,867	76,289	967,180	10,626	<u></u>	(61,211)	7,114	3,464,762	3,297,405
Expenditures	1			, T	6 047		64.350		955 046	981 884
Wages and benefits	365,687	49,632	320,410	152,920	2,047		000,10	. 3	25,050	21.346
Long-term debt interest	•	ì	25,069	ij	Ď.		9		600,02	21,340
Materials	175,818	84,456	275,625	234,555	2,967	Ē(	66,162	1	839,583	925,186
Contracted services	137,385	426,073	84,256	660,424	ï	6	18,289	13,451	1,339,878	1,204,175
Rents and financial expenses	38,693		138	9,567	ï	ž	5,565	é	53,963	46,260
External transfers	*	Ť		19	138,868	87,966			226,834	247,063
Amortization	83.854	22.029	162,375	346,508	516	4	64,683	Î	679,965	670,287
Total expenditures	801.437	582,190	867,873	1,403,974	147,398	87,966	216,049	13,451	4,120,338	3,996,201
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ 1.324.460 \$ (243.323)	\$ (243.323)	8	\$ (436.794)	\$ (136,772)	\$ (87,966)	\$ (277,260)	G	(6.337) \$ (655.576) \$ (698.796)	(962'869) \$

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

16.	Schedule of tangible capital assets	tal assets				2024				
		Opening Cost Dec 31, 2023	Additions	Disposals	Ending Cost Additions Disposals Dec 31, 2024	Opening Accumulated Accumulated Accumulated Amortization on Dec 31, 2023 Disposals	Opening Accumulated umulated Amortization on 31, 2023 Disposals	mulated ortization on Current Disposals Amortization	Ending Accumulated Amortization Dec 31, 2024	Net Assets Dec 31, 2024
	General Land improvements Buildings Vehicles Equipment Heavy equipment	\$ 811,219 \$ 16,296,152 446,687 735,835 717,159	\$ - \$ 67,493 646,014 5,640	\$ 257,650 175,000 93,663	\$ 811,219 16,105,995 917,701 741,475 623,496	\$ 311,157 5,885,248 356,476 544,745 352,657	\$ 108,720 112,000 - 93,663	\$ 28,878 315,930 36,200 34,536 23,058	\$ 340,035 6,092,458 280,676 579,281 282,052	\$ 471,184 10,013,537 637,025 162,194 341,444
	Infrastructure Roads Bridges Underground networks	5,091,555 311,703 7,600,369	148,738		5,091,555 311,703 7,749,107	3,299,973 82,360 5,574,955	(C C C	92,916 6,234 142,213	3,392,889 88,594 5,717,168	1,698,666 223,109 2,031,939
	Total	\$ 32,010,679	\$ 867,885	\$ 526,313	\$32,352,251	\$32,010,679 \$867,885 \$526,313 \$32,352,251 \$16,407,571 \$314,383 \$679,965 \$16,773,153 \$15,579,098	\$ 314,383	\$ 679,965	\$ 16,773,153	\$ 15,579,098

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

16.	Schedule of tangible capital assets - continued	al assets - c	ontine	per			2023				
		Opening	ning			Ending	Accı	Opening Accumulated Imulated Amortization		Ending Accumulated	Net
			Cost		Disposals/	/ Cost	Amortization	o	Current	Amortization	Assets
		Dec 31, 2	2022	Additions	transfers	Dec 31, 2022 Additions transfers Dec 31, 2023	Dec 31, 2022	Disposals	Disposals Amortization	Dec 31, 2023	Dec 31, 2023
	General										
	Land improvements	\$ 720,	720,360 \$	390,859	&	. \$ 811,219	\$ 282,279	1 <del>69</del>	\$ 28,878	\$ 311,157	\$ 500,062
	Buildings	15,536,186	186	92,056	92,056 (667,910)	) 16,296,152	5,564,110		321,138	5,885,248	10,410,904
	Vehicles	465,175	175		18,488	446,687	363,428	18,488	11,536	356,476	90,211
	Equipment	756,	.667	11,499		735,835	535,725	32,331	41,351	544,745	191,090
	Heavy equipment	717,159	,159		25	717,159	329,599	1	23,058	352,657	364,502
	Inirastructure Poade	4 962 285	285	129 270	-	- 5 091 555	3.201.120	a	98,853	3,299,973	1,791,582
	Bridge	311	311 703			311,703			6,234	82,360	229,343
	Underground networks	7,600,369	369	·		7,600,369	5,4	£	139,239	5,574,955	2,025,414
			_								
	Assets under construction	299	667,910		- 667,910		•	1	3	•	Ŀ
	Total	\$ 31,737,814 \$ 323.	814	323,68	4 \$50,819	\$ 32.010.67	684 \$50,819 \$32,010,679 \$15,788,103 \$ 50,819 \$ 670,287 \$16,407,571 \$15,603,108	\$ 50,819	\$ 670,287	\$16,407,571	\$15,603,108

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

### 17. Budgeting

The Town budgets to determine an appropriate tax rate based on all budgeted revenues and expenditures.

The consolidated statement of operations on page 5 has been modified here to exclude amortization and accretion expenses and to include tangible capital asset expenditures and the principal repayments on long-term debt.

This modified statement of operations (budget based) is consistent with the budget format used and is presented here with the 2024 budget.

REVENUES		2024		2024 Actual		2023 Actual
Operating revenues	\$	Budget 825,006	\$	819,006	\$	712,318
Municipal taxation	Φ	574,922	Ψ	575,020	Ψ	553,922
Water and sewer user fees		387,768		381,564		365,925
Policing fees		186,634		194,594		198,156
User charges		1,142,474		1,169,858		928,939
Provincial grants		91,759		77,451		83,328
Federal grants		22,000		28,245		24,670
Revenue from other municipalities		20,000		22,868		23,610
Investment income		45,000		56,550		62,351
Penalties and interest on taxes		53,500		53,500		6,500
Land sales		55,500		33,300		9,596
Proceeds from sale of tangible capital assets		98,800		141,816		118,522
Other	_	3,447,863		3,520,472		3,087,837
	_	3,447,003		3,020,472		0,007,007
Capital revenues		042 452		146,222		181,330
Provincial grants		243,453		140,222		28,238
Federal grants		10.000		10,000		20,230
Other		10,000		713,201		_
Long-term debt proceeds	-	673,488 926,941		869,423		209,568
T. I. I.	( <del>-</del>	4,374,804		4,389,895		3,297,405
Total revenues	_	4,374,004		4,309,093		5,237,400
EXPENDITURES						
Operating expenditures						700 744
General government		607,506		717,583		722,741
Protection to persons and property		617,880		560,161		552,448
Transportation services		760,713		701,788		655,024
Environmental services		976,565		1,047,031		919,898
Health services		155,644		146,882		155,572
Social and family services		99,679		87,966		97,956
Recreation and cultural services		127,965		217,000		180,543
Planning and development	_	7,571		13,451		28,889
		3,353,523		3,491,862		3,313,071
Capital expenditures		961,941		867,885		323,684
Long-term debt repayments		96,840		71,031		61,485
Total expenditures		4,412,304		4,430,778		3,698,240
Deficit - full budget based	\$	(37,500)	9	(40,883)	\$	(400,835)

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

### 18. Waterworks – Schedule of Operations

This statement is <u>not</u> prepared according to PSAB. It is operational. It excludes amortization, includes capital revenue and expenses, and includes proceeds and repayment of long-term debt.

		2024	2023
Revenue Sale of water – Cobalt residents Sale of water – Coleman Township Interest charges on collection Provincial grants – operating Federal grants – operating Total revenue	\$	415,533 24,496 12,610 9,500 58,034 520,173	\$ 393,186 20,920 14,330 - 53,778 482,214
Expenditures Salaries and benefits Materials, supplies and utilities Contracted services Total expenditures	_	86,998 283,967 199,890 570,855	 98,356 270,819 208,699 577,874
Annual deficit		(50,682)	(95,660)
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	-	50,818	146,478
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$	136	\$ 50,818

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

### 19. Sewer (Wetlands) – Schedule of Operations

This statement is <u>not</u> prepared according to PSAB. It is operational. It excludes amortization, includes capital revenue and expenses, and includes proceeds and repayment of long-term debt.

	_	2024	2023
Revenue			
Sewer (Wetlands) user fees	\$	159,486	\$ 160,736
Interest charges on collection		4,840	5,860
Provincial grants – operating		81,099	2,393
Provincial grants – capital	_	146,222	52,059
Total revenue		391,647	 221,048
Expenditures			
Salaries and benefits		65,921	72,897
Materials, supplies and utilities		7,754	8,803
Contracted services		156,722	63,825
Capital expenditures	_	148,768	 <u>52,976</u>
Total expenditures	_	379,165	 198,501
Annual surplus		12,482	22,547
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	_	509,050	 486,503
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$	521,532	\$ 509,050

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### COMPILATION ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members of Council, Inhabitants and Ratepayers of the Corporation of the TOWN OF COBALT:

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of the <u>TRUST FUNDS</u> of the Corporation of the <u>TOWN OF COBALT</u> as at December 31, 2024 and the statement of continuity for the year then ended, and Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information ("financial information").

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it and the selection of the basis of accounting.

We performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, Compilation Engagements, which requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements. Our responsibility is to assist management in the preparation of the financial information.

We did not perform an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor were we required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

Readers are cautioned that the financial information may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Kemp Elliott & Blair LLP

Licensed Public Accountants New Liskeard, Ontario April 29, 2025

**Chartered Professional Accountants** 

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### PERPETUAL CARE CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

### AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024

		2024	2023
FINANCIAL ASSETS Short-term investments Due from the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt	\$	30,959 1,123	\$ 31,252
Due nom the corporation of the fown of costate		32,082	31,252
LIABILITIES  Due to the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt		Ē	410
FUND BALANCE	·	32,082	30,842
	\$	32,082	\$ 31,252

### STATEMENT OF CONTINUITY

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

		2024	2023
Fund balance, beginning of year Capital receipts	\$ ——	30,842 1,240	\$ 30,312 530
Fund balance, end of year	\$	32,082	\$ 30,842

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Basis of accounting

The accompanying compiled financial information has been prepared on the historical cost basis, reflecting cash transactions with the addition of:

- short-term investments recorded at cost plus accrued income
- amounts due to/from the Town of Cobalt as at the reporting date

### 2. Interest

Interest earned by the Perpetual Care Cemetery Trust Funds is recorded as revenue by the Town and is not reflected in this statement.