Financial Report

Township of West Lincoln

2014

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Independent auditor's report

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To the Members of Council, Inhabitants and Taxpayers of the **Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2014, and the consolidated statements of operations, changes in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

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

Auditor's responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.



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

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln as at December 31, 2014, and the results of its operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Grant Thornton LLP

Port Colborne, Canada August 24, 2015

Chartered Accountants Licensed Public Accountants

As at December 31	2014	2013
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 8,432,821	\$ 9,375,937
Portfolio investments (Note 3)	5,608,356	4,515,979
Taxes receivable	3,035,481	2,553,515
User charges receivable	551,771	500,967
Accounts receivable	682,099	439,100
Long term receivables	258,076	233,302
Investment in subsidiary (Note 4)	7,252,467	7,175,620
	25,821,071	24,794,420
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,121,717	1,764,264
Other liabilities	1,443,204	1,082,272
Due to trust funds	153,874	148,156
Deferred revenue (Note 5)	3,597,867	3,504,123
YMCA obligation (Note 6)	420,000	-
Liability for contaminated site (Note 7)	257,600	-
Employee benefit obligations (Note 8)	716,927	591,332
	9,711,189	7,090,147
Net financial assets	16,109,882	17,704,273
Non-financial assets		
Tangible capital assets (Pages 23 and 24)	53,906,460	53,250,144
Prepaid expenses	1,474	2,759
	53,907,934	53,252,903
Accumulated surplus (Note 9)	\$ 70,017,816	\$ 70,957,176

Township of West Lincoln Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Contingencies and commitment (Notes 18 and 19)

Approved by

Chief Administrative Officer

Treasurer

Township of West Lincoln Consolidated Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Povonuo	Budget <u>2014</u> (Note 21)	Actual <u>2014</u>	Actual <u>2013</u>
Revenue Taxation (Note 11) User charges (Note 13) Government transfers (Note 14) Other (Note 15)	\$ 5,370,400 3,365,500 799,400 577,000	\$ 5,354,408 3,498,998 829,800 <u>794,865</u>	\$ 5,260,984 3,328,498 856,902 1,052,106
	10,112,300	10,478,071	10,498,490
Expenses General government Protection to persons and property Transportation services Environmental services Health services Recreation and culture services Planning and development	1,648,123 1,227,615 3,741,740 2,977,599 68,201 1,581,479 723,807	2,383,893 1,244,494 3,912,476 3,063,767 58,658 1,478,804 567,145	1,452,607 1,183,551 3,316,149 2,908,625 60,373 1,498,791 599,521
Net expenses	<u>11,968,564</u> (1,856,264)	<u>12,709,237</u> (2,231,166)	<u>11,019,617</u> (521,127)
	<u>(1,000,204)</u>	<u>(2,231,100)</u>	<u> </u>
Other Revenue related to tangible capital asset User charges (Note 13) Government transfers (Note 14) Other (Note 15) Contributed tangible capital assets Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets Change in equity of subsidiary (Note 4)	s 89,000 818,250 - - - - - - 907,250	68,721 839,589 513 477,167 (171,031) <u>76,847</u> <u>1,291,806</u>	695 375,382 15,876 - (199,132) (197,234) (4,413)
Annual deficit	(949,014)	(939,360)	(525,540)
Accumulated surplus (Note 9) Beginning of year	70,957,176	70,957,176	71,482,716
End of year	\$ 70,008,162	\$ 70,017,816	\$ 70,957,176

Township of West Lincoln Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Budget <u>2014</u> (Note 21)	Actual <u>2014</u>	Actual <u>2013</u>
\$ (949,014) 2,168,647 (2,545,086)	\$ (939,360) 2,168,647 (3,235,768)	\$ (525,540) 2,158,734 (1,204,958)
-	86,618 171,031	- 199,132
 (1,325,453)	<u>153,156</u> (1,595,676)	<u>83,594</u> 710,962
	1,285	7,737
s (1,325,453)	(1,594,391)	718,699
<u>17,704,273</u> \$ 16,378,820	<u>17,704,273</u> \$ 16,109,882	<u>16,985,574</u> \$ 17,704,273
	2014 (Note 21) \$ (949,014) 2,168,647 (2,545,086) - - - (1,325,453) - - (1,325,453) - - (1,325,453) -	$\begin{array}{c cccc} \underline{2014} & \underline{2014} \\ (Note 21) & & \\ $

Township of West Lincoln Consolidated Statement of Cash Flo	WS	
For the Year Ended December 31	2014	2013
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		
Operating activities		
Annual deficit	\$ (939,360)	\$ (525,540)
Non-cash items		
Amortization	2,168,647	2,158,734
Loss on sale of tangible capital assets	171,031	199,132
(Increase) decrease in taxes receivable	(481,966)	139,392
Increase in user charges receivable	(50,804)	(29,944)
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(242,999)	35,227
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,357,453	77,090
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	360,932	(255,299)
Increase in due to trust funds	5,718	6,017
Increase in deferred revenue	93,744	445,348
Increase in YMCA obligation	420,000	-
Increase in liability for contaminated sites	257,600	-
Increase (decrease) in employee benefit obligations	125,595	(31,727)
Decrease in prepaid expenses	1,285	7,737
	3,246,876	2,226,167
Capital activities		
Proceeds from sale of tangible capital assets	153,156	83,594
Capitalization of prior year construction in progress	86,618	-
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(3,235,768)	(1,204,958)
	(2,995,994)	(1,121,364)
Investing activities		
Increase in portfolio investments	(1,092,377)	(90,537)
(Increase) decrease in investment in subsidiary	(76,847)	197,234
Increase in long term receivables	(24,774)	(111,177)
U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U	(1,193,998)	(4,480)
	(1,195,990)	(4,400)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(943,116)	1,100,323
Cash and cash equivalents		
Beginning of year	<u>9,375,937</u>	8,275,614
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End of year	\$ 8,432,821	\$ 9,375,937

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

1. Significant accounting policies

The consolidated financial statements of the Township of West Lincoln ("Municipality") are the responsibility of and prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. The preparation of the consolidated 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 significant accounting policies used are as follows:

(a) Reporting entity

The consolidated financial statements reflect the financial assets, liabilities, nonfinancial assets, revenues, expenses and changes in accumulated surplus of the reporting entity. The reporting entity is comprised of all organizations and enterprises accountable for the administration of their affairs and resources to the Municipality and which are owned or controlled by the Municipality. In addition to general government tax-supported operations, they include the following:

West Lincoln Public Library Board

Interdepartmental and organizational transactions and balances are eliminated.

Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. is a subsidiary corporation of the Municipality and is accounted for on a modified equity basis, consistent with the generally accepted accounting treatment for government business enterprises (Note 4). Under the modified equity basis, the business enterprise's accounting principles are not adjusted to conform with those of the Municipality, and inter-organizational transactions and balances are not eliminated.

The statements exclude trust assets that are administered for the benefit of external parties (Note 17).

(b) Basis of accounting

Sources of revenue and expenses are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting records revenues in the period they are earned and measurable and expenses in the period the goods and services are acquired and a liability is incurred.

(c) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are represented by cash on hand, cash on deposit in chartered banks and investments that mature within three months.

(d) Portfolio investments

Portfolio investments are valued at the lower of cost and market value. Interest income is reported as revenue in the period earned.

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(e) Deferred revenue

Receipts that are restricted by legislation of senior governments or by agreement with external parties are deferred and reported as restricted revenues. When qualifying expenses are incurred, restricted revenues are brought into revenue at equal amounts. Revenues received in advance of expenses that will be incurred in a later period are deferred until they are earned by being matched against those expenses.

(f) Employee future benefits

The present value of the cost of providing employees with future benefit programs is expensed as employees earn these entitlements through service. Vacation entitlements are accrued for as entitlements are earned.

(g) Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost. Cost includes all directly attributable expenses in the acquisition, construction, development and/or betterment of the asset required to install the asset at the location and in the condition necessary for its intended use. Contributed tangible capital assets are capitalized at their estimated fair value upon acquisition.

The Municipality does not capitalize interest as part of the costs of its capital assets.

Works of art for display in municipal property are not included as capital assets. The works of art are held for exhibition, educational and historical interest. Such assets are deemed worthy of preservation because of the social rather than financial benefits they provide to the community. The cost of art is not determinable or relevant to their significance. No valuation of the collection has been conducted or disclosed in the consolidated financial statements.

Leases are classified as capital or operating leases. Leases that transfer substantially all benefits incidental to ownership are accounted for as capital leases. All other leases are accounted for as operating leases and the related lease payments are charged to expenses as incurred.

Amortization is calculated on a straight-line basis to write-off the net cost of each asset over its estimated useful life for all classes except land. Land is considered to have an infinite life without amortization. Residual values of assets are assumed to be zero with any net gain or loss arising from the disposal of assets recognized in the consolidated statement of operations.

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(g) Tangible capital assets (continued)

Classification	<u>Useful Life</u>
Land improvements	15 to 40 years
Facilities	20 to 50 years
Rolling stock	5 to 20 years
Equipment	5 to 20 years
Infrastructure – transportation	10 to 75 years
Infrastructure – environmental	15 to 80 years

No amortization is charged in the year of acquisition and a full year amortization is taken in year of disposal. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

(h) Subdivision infrastructure

Subdivision streets, lighting, sidewalks, drainage and other infrastructure are required to be provided by subdivision developers. Upon completion they are turned over to the Municipality. The Municipality is not involved in the construction and does not budget for either the contribution from the developer or the capital expense.

(i) Reserves for future expenses

Certain amounts, as approved by Council, are set aside in reserves and reserve funds for future operating and capital expenses.

(j) Revenue recognition

i) Taxation

Property tax billings are prepared by the Municipality 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 Municipality is required to collect on behalf of the Region of Niagara and the Province of Ontario in respect of education taxes. Realty taxes are billed based on the assessment rolls provided by MPAC. Taxation revenues are recorded at the time tax billings are issued.

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. Once a supplementary roll is received, the Municipality determines the taxes applicable and renders supplementary tax billings. Assessments of the related property taxes are subject to appeal. Any supplementary billing adjustments made necessary by the determination of such changes will be recognized in the fiscal year they are determined and the effect shared with the Region of Niagara and school boards, as appropriate.

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(j) Revenue recognition (continued)

ii) User charges

User charges are recognized when the services are performed or goods are delivered and there is reasonable assurance of collection.

iii) Government transfers

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

iv) Other

Other revenue is recorded when it is earned and collection is reasonably assured.

v) Investment income

Investment income earned on operating surplus funds and reserves and reserve funds (other than obligatory reserve funds) are recorded as revenue in the period earned. Investment income earned on obligatory reserve funds are recorded directly to each respective fund balance and forms part of the deferred revenue – obligatory reserve funds balance.

(k) Local improvements

The Municipality records capital expenses funded by local improvement agreements as they are incurred. Revenues are recognized in the year they become payable.

(I) Region of Niagara and school board transactions

The taxation, other revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities with respect to the operations of the school boards and the Region of Niagara are not reflected in the accumulated surplus of these financial statements.

(m) Use of estimates and measurement uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

2. Cash and cash equivalents	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Cash and temporary investments are comprised of:		
Cash on hand Cash held in banks Cash held in investment accounts	\$ 646 8,432,168 <u>7</u> \$ 8,432,821	\$ 768 9,372,036 <u>3,133</u> \$ 9,375,937
3. Portfolio investments	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Guaranteed investment certificates Debentures and bonds	\$ 2,759,147 <u>2,849,209</u>	\$ 1,711,218 <u>2,804,761</u>
	\$ 5,608,356	\$ 4,515,979

Portfolio investments carry an effective interest rate ranging from 0.98% to 5.18% and maturity dates ranging from February, 2015 to December, 2042. Interest is receivable on an annual basis. Portfolio investments reported on the consolidated statement of financial position have a market value of \$ 4,613,817 (2013 - \$ 4,697,635).

4. Subsidiary operations

Peninsula West Power Inc. (PWPI), established by Municipal Council under Municipal Bylaw 2004-45, is an amalgamation of hydro-electric commissions from the municipalities of Lincoln, West Lincoln and Pelham. PWPI wholly-owns Peninsula West Services Ltd. (PWSL), which provides water heater, sentinel lights and related services and owns a 25.5% share of Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc., which provides electric distribution services. The Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln has a 24% interest in PWPI.

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4. Subsidiary operations (continued)

The following table provides condensed supplementary financial information for Peninsula West Power Inc. (PWPI):

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Financial position Current assets Capital assets Investment	\$ 1,205,555 103,528 <u>33,922,308</u>	\$ 1,104,146 95,676 <u>33,629,805</u>
Total assets	35,231,391	34,829,627
Current liabilities Future payments in lieu of taxes	62,349 <u>4,950,428</u>	44,691 <u>4,886,521</u>
Total liabilities	5,012,777	4,931,212
Net assets	\$ 30,218,614	\$ 29,898,415
Township of West Lincoln's interest – 24%	\$ 7,252,467	\$ 7,175,620
Change in equity investment in subsidiary Revenues Expenses Payment in lieu of income taxes	\$ 238,890 (193,240) (74,402)	\$ 282,568 (229,738) (37,874)
(Loss) income from operations	(28,752)	14,956
Other items related to merger	598,503	371,836
Net income	569,751	386,792
Dividends	(249,552)	(1,208,600)
Net increase (decrease) in equity of subsidiary	\$ 320,199	\$ (821,808)
Change in equity of subsidiary - 24%	\$ 76,847	<u>\$ (197,234)</u>

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4. Subsidiary operations (continued)

The financial position information is as reported by PWPI at December 31, 2014 and the results of operations are as reported for the year ended December 31, 2014. The comparative financial position and results of operations figures are as reported by PWPI at December 31, 2013.

The following summarizes the Municipality's related party transactions with Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. for the year. All transactions are in the normal course of operations, and are recorded at the exchange value based on normal commercial rates, or as agreed to by the parties.

by the parties.	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Electricity purchased Contracted services	\$211,153 13,298	\$ 198,662 21,097
5. Deferred revenue	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Development Charges Act Recreational land (Planning Act) Gas tax revenue Grants	\$ 3,169,753 258,275 167,612 <u>2,227</u>	\$ 2,722,179 271,405 508,312 <u>2,227</u>
	\$ 3,597,867	\$ 3,504,123
The deferred revenue is made up of the following:		
Balance, beginning of year	<u>\$ 3,504,123</u>	<u>\$ 3,058,775</u>
Contributions from Development Charges Act Interest earned Federal gas tax grants received Other	538,679 41,316 411,447 	444,997 36,913 403,898 12,950
	991,442	898,758
Utilized for Operations Tangible capital asset acquisitions	(72,042) <u>(825,656</u>)	(453,410)
	<u>(897,698)</u>	(453,410)
Balance, end of year	\$ 3,597,867	\$ 3,504,123

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6. YMCA obligation

In 2010, Council received and supported a request for a capital contribution of \$ 420,000 to the West Niagara YMCA over a five year period in equal instalments commencing on a date to be established by the Municipality. In 2015, as part of the budget process, the following payment schedule was approved, over an eight year period, with the first contribution to be distributed before August, 2015.

2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022	\$ 52,500 52,500 52,500 52,500 52,500 52,500 52,500 52,500 52,500
	\$ 420,000

7. Liability for contaminated site

In 2002, a Consulting Geotechnical and Environmental Engineering firm was hired by the Township to complete an Environmental Site Assessment at 5490 Vaughn Road, the former public works yard owned by the Township of West Lincoln.

The assessment indicated that soil and groundwater quality exceedences of current MOEE industrial/commercial land use standards due to the long term effects of salt storage. The estimated remediation cost to employ a stratified depth clean-up approach would be in the range of \$ 150,000 to \$ 175,000.

The 2014 Statistics Canada Construction Price index for the Toronto Census Metropolitan Area has been applied to \$ 175,000 to reflect the present value of this estimated remediation cost.

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8. Employee benefit obligations	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Accrued vacation pay Retirement benefits	\$ 189,146 527,781	\$ 192,363 398,969
	716,927	591,332
Less: accrued vacation pay funded	 189,146	 192,363
Liabilities to be recovered in the future	\$ 527,781	\$ 398,969

Retirement benefits

The Municipality provides employees with health and dental benefits between the time an employee retires under the OMERS retirement provisions to the age of sixty-five. The estimated liability at December 31, 2014 is \$ 527,781 (2013 - \$ 398,969). This liability is reported on the consolidated statement of financial position and the unfunded liability is reported as liabilities to be recovered in the future. The liability was determined using a discount rate of 5.5%. Medical costs were assumed to increase at a rate of 10% per year and dental costs were assumed to increase at 5% per year. In order to qualify for retirement benefits, CUPE employees must be employed by the Municipality for at least ten years and be a part of OMERS for at least twenty-five years, non-CUPE employees must be employed by the Municipality for at least twenty years

9. Accumulated surplus	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Operating (deficit) surplus Investment in tangible capital assets Investment in subsidiary Unfunded:	\$ (32,087) 53,906,460 7,252,467	\$ 1,119,847 53,250,144 7,175,620
Employee benefit obligations Liability for contaminated sites Reserves and reserve funds (Note 10)	(527,781) (257,600) <u>9,676,357</u>	(398,969) - <u>9,810,534</u>
	\$ 70,017,816	\$ 70,957,176

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10. Reserves and reserve funds	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Reserves set aside for specific purposes by Council		
Corporate and administrative services		
Accessibility	\$ 34,764	\$-
Working funds	363,159	363,159
Contingencies	1,122,034	688,115
Technology	230,855	212,847
Hospital	1,250,000	1,250,000
Insurance	137,655	154,655
Rate stabilization Election	59,000 6,106	59,000
Recreation	11,598	42,310 11,598
Capital	<u>1,125,221</u>	1,325,618
	4,340,392	4,107,302
Public works and engineering	077 001	101 705
Fire trucks and equipment	277,381 601,377	191,705
Road equipment Industrial park	1,173,704	558,282 1,390,678
Bridges	68,468	112,622
Sidewalks	147,344	252,735
Facilities	214,822	185,406
Streetlights	19,186	10,205
Sewers	677,543	826,817
Water	614,874	864,739
Winter control	105,500	125,000
Cemeteries	26,614	25,675
	3,926,813	4,543,864
Planning and development		
Planning	171,524	101,719
Building revenues	373,415	258,083
Arena building	114,855	106,381
Library	744,672	688,552
	1,404,466	
	9,671,671	9,805,901
Reserve funds set aside for specific purposes by Council		
Subdivision	4,686	4,633
	\$ 9,676,357	\$ 9,810,534

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11. Taxation	Budget <u>2014</u>	Actual <u>2014</u>	Actual <u>2013</u>
Real property	\$ 18,437,976	\$ 18,557,749	\$ 18,156,610
From other governments Payments in lieu of taxes	1,082,074	1,081,429	1,079,738
	19,520,050	<u>19,639,178</u>	19,236,348
Less: taxation collected on behalf of (Note Region of Niagara School boards	12) 10,247,857 <u>3,901,793</u> <u>14,149,650</u>	10,338,882 <u>3,945,888</u> <u>14,284,770</u>	10,034,079 <u>3,941,285</u> <u>13,975,364</u>
Net taxes available for municipal purposes	\$ 5,370,400	\$ 5,354,408	\$ 5,260,984
Residential and farm Commercial Industrial	\$ 4,345,583 828,015 <u>196,802</u>	\$ 4,317,364 837,458 <u>199,586</u>	\$ 4,234,032 833,994 <u>192,958</u>
Net taxes available for municipal purposes	\$ 5,370,400	\$ 5,354,408	\$ 5,260,984

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12. Collections for the Region of Niagara and school boards

Total taxation and development charges received or receivable on behalf of the Region of Niagara and the school boards were as follows:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Region of Niagara School boards	\$ 10,338,882 <u>3,945,888</u>	\$ 10,034,079 <u>3,941,285</u>
	\$ 14,284,770	\$ 13,975,364

The Municipality is required to levy and collect taxes on behalf of the Region of Niagara and the school boards. These taxes are recorded as revenue at the amounts levied. The taxes levied over (under) the amounts requisitioned are recorded as accounts payable (receivable).

The Municipality collects development charges on behalf of the Region of Niagara. Development charges collected in excess of those paid to the Region are recorded as accounts payable.

13. User charges	Budget <u>2014</u>	Actual 2014	Actual <u>2013</u>
Operating			
Direct water and sewer billings	\$ 2,491,500	\$ 2,465,154	\$ 2,394,265
Licences and permits	249,700	352,107	295,455
Lot levies and development charges	37,000	72,042	10,000
Recreation	295,800	284,798	290,399
Rents and concessions	60,100	62,061	98,353
Other	231,400	262,836	240,026
	3,365,500	3,498,998	3,328,498
Capital			
Lot levies and development charges	89,000	68,721	695
	\$ 3,454,500	\$ 3,567,719	\$ 3,329,193

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14. Government transfers	Budget <u>2014</u>	Actual <u>2014</u>	Actual <u>2013</u>
Operating Province of Ontario Government of Canada Municipal	\$ 799,400 	\$ 770,946 19,181 <u> </u>	\$ 737,545 70,704 <u>48,653</u>
	799,400	829,800	856,902
Capital Province of Ontario Government of Canada Municipal	- 743,250 75,000 <u>818,250</u> \$ 1,617,650	- 738,909 <u>100,680</u> <u>839,589</u> \$ 1,669,389	20,067 355,315
15. Other revenue	Budget <u>2014</u>	Actual <u>2014</u>	Actual <u>2013</u>
Operating Penalties and interest on taxes Other fines	\$ 350,000 32,000	\$ 432,360 43,054	\$ 446,839
Interest and dividend income Interest income – reserves and reserve funds Other	165,000 	43,034 275,236 8,010 <u>36,205</u> 794,865	42,421 488,837 7,127 <u>66,882</u> 1,052,106

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16. Pension agreements

The Municipality makes contributions to the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System ("OMERS"), which is a multi-employer plan, on behalf of the members of its staff. The plan is a defined benefit plan that specifies the amount of the retirement benefit to be received by the employees based on the length of service and rates of pay. Employees and employers contribute jointly to the plan.

Since OMERS is a multi-employer pension plan, the Municipality does not recognize any share of the pension plan deficit of \$ 5.3 billion (2013 - \$ 8.3 billion) based on the fair market value of the Plan's assets, as this is a joint responsibility of all Ontario municipal entities and their employees. Contributions were made in the 2014 calendar year at rates ranging from 9.0% to 15.9% depending on the member's designated retirement age and level of earnings. Employer contributions for current and past service are included as an expense in the consolidated statement of operations. Employer contributions to OMERS for 2014 current and past service was \$ 292,926 (2013 - \$ 290,316) and were matched by employee contributions in a similar amount.

17. Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln - Trust Funds

Trust funds administered by the Municipality amounting to \$ 153,874 (2013 - \$ 148,155) have not been included in the consolidated statement of financial position nor have these operations been included in the consolidated statement of operations.

18. Contingencies

The Municipality is involved from time to time in litigation, which arises in the normal course of business. In respect to any outstanding claims, the Municipality believes that insurance coverage is adequate and that no material exposure exists on the eventual settlement of such litigation, therefore no provision has been made in the financial statements.

19. Commitment

In 2002, Council entered into a five year agreement to provide funds in the amount of \$1,250,000 to the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation for construction of a new hospital. A reserve has been established, and any funds accumulated will be released after construction has commenced.

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20. Measurement uncertainty

Property tax billings are prepared by the Municipality based on an assessment roll prepared by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation ("MPAC"), an agency of the Ontario government. All assessed property values in the Municipality were reviewed and new values established based on a common valuation date that was used by the Municipality in computing the property tax bills. However, the property tax revenue and tax receivables of the Municipality are subject to measurement uncertainty as a number of appeals submitted by taxpayers have yet to be heard. Any adjustments made necessary by the determination of such changes will be recognized in the fiscal year they are determined and the effect shared with the Region of Niagara and school boards, as appropriate.

21. Budget

The budget by-law adopted by Council on March 24, 2014 was not prepared on a basis consistent with that used to report actual results in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. The budget was prepared on a modified accrual basis while Canadian public sector accounting standards require a full accrual basis. As a result, the budget figures presented in the consolidated statements of operations and changes in net financial assets represent the budget approved by Council with the following adjustments:

Approved budge	\$ (713,000)	
	n of tangible capital assets to/from reserves and reserve funds - net	2,545,086 (612,453)
Less: Amortizat	ion of tangible capital assets	 <u>(2,168,647)</u>
Budgeted deficit	\$ (949,014)	

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22. Segmented information

The Municipality provides a wide range of services to its citizens. Municipal services are provided by departments and their activities are reported in the consolidated statement of operations. Certain departments that have been separately disclosed in the segmented information, along with the services they provide, are as follows:

General government

General government is comprised of Municipal Council, administrative and clerks departments.

Protection to persons and property

Protection to persons and property is comprised of the fire, building, by-law enforcement and animal control departments.

Transportation services

The transportation services department is responsible for the delivery of public works services related to maintenance of roadway systems, maintenance of parks and open spaces, winter control, street lighting, air transportation and maintenance of Municipal buildings.

Environmental services

The environmental services department consists of water, wastewater and solid waste disposal utilities. The department provides drinking water, collecting and treating wastewater, and providing collection disposal and waste minimization programs and facilities.

Health services

Health services department is responsible for cemetery operations.

Recreation and culture services

Recreation and culture services department is responsible for the delivery and upkeep of all recreation programs and facilities including arena, recreation complex, parks and library.

Planning and development

Planning and development is responsible for providing planning and zoning advice to the residents of the Municipality and construction and maintenance of Municipal drains.

For each reported segment, revenues and expenses represent both amounts that are directly attributable to the segment and amounts that are allocated on a reasonable basis. Taxation revenue is allocated to segments based on budgeted amounts with any supplementary tax revenue being allocated to the general government segment.

The accounting policies used in these segments are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements as disclosed in Note 1. The consolidated schedule of segment disclosure and the consolidated schedules of segment disclosure with budget information follow the notes.

Township of West Lincoln Consolidated Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Land	Land Improvements	Facilities	Rolling <u>Stock</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	Infrastructure	Construction in Process	<u>2014</u>
Cost Beginning of year	\$ 3,983,115	\$ 2,236,400	\$ 5,558,637	\$ 4,517,816	\$ 2,288,649	\$ 64,438,217	\$ 137,090	\$ 83,159,924
Add additions Less disposals	142,450 (33,647)	293,163 (9,335)	18,779	112,081 (44,795)	88,265 (282,359)	2,576,732 (485,786)	4,298 <u>(86,618)</u>	3,235,768 (942,540)
End of year	4,091,918	2,520,228	5,577,416	4,585,102	2,094,555	66,529,163	54,770	85,453,152
Accumulated amortization Beginning of year	-	1,503,234	2,074,613	2,447,770	1,091,446	22,792,717	-	29,909,780
Add amortization Less amortization on disposals	- S	56,177 (9,335)	107,977	289,301 (44,795)	219,833 (282,359)	1,495,359 (195,246)	- 	2,168,647 (531,735)
End of year		1,550,076	2,182,590	2,692,276	1,028,920	24,092,830	<u> </u>	31,546,692
Net book value	\$ 4,091,918	\$ 970,152	\$ 3,394,826	\$ 1,892,826	\$ 1,065,635	\$ 42,436,333	\$ 54,770	\$ 53,906,460

Township of West Lincoln Consolidated Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets

For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Land	Land Improvements	Facilities	Rolling <u>Stock</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	Infrastructure	Construction in Process	<u>2013</u>
Cost Beginning of year	\$ 4,021,549	\$ 2,190,891	\$ 5,558,637	\$ 4,278,984	\$ 2,166,398	\$ 64,745,470	\$-	\$ 82,961,929
Add additions Less disposals	- (38,434)	45,509 	- 	358,105 (119,273)	225,977 (103,726)	438,277 (745,530)	137,090	1,204,958 (1,006,963)
End of year	3,983,115	2,236,400	5,558,637	4,517,816	2,288,649	64,438,217	137,090	83,159,924
Accumulated amortization Beginning of year	-	1,449,744	1,966,636	2,299,555	985,471	21,773,877	-	28,475,283
Add amortization Less amortization on disposals	- 3	53,490 	107,977 	267,488 (119,273)	209,701 (103,726)	1,520,078 (501,238)	- 	2,158,734 (724,237)
End of year	<u> </u>	1,503,234	2,074,613	2,447,770	1,091,446	22,792,717	<u>-</u>	29,909,780
Net book value	\$ 3,983,115	\$ 733,166	\$ 3,484,024	\$ 2,070,046	\$ 1,197,203	\$ 41,645,500	\$ 137,090	\$ 53,250,144

Township of West Lincoln Consolidated Schedule of Segment Disclosure

For the year ended December 31, 2014

	General Government	Protection to Persons and Property	Transportation Services	Environmental Services	Health Services	Recreation and Culture Services	Planning and Development	Eliminations	Consolidated
Revenues									
Taxation	\$ 309,186	\$ 984,972	\$ 2,868,722	\$ -	\$ 57,031	\$ 998,596	\$ 135,901	\$-	\$ 5,354,408
User charges	31,014	354,407	7,902	2,504,826	7,416	358,056	304,098	-	3,567,719
Grants	721,500	-	788,291	39,673	-	106,517	13,408	-	1,669,389
Other	761,900	-	10,691	-	1,895	20,892	-	-	795,378
Contributed tangible capital	10.000								
assets	10,069	-	34,632	432,466	-	-	-	-	477,167
Gain (loss) on disposal of	440,400		(00.070)	(045.047)					(474.004)
tangible capital assets	113,188	-	(68,372)	(215,847)	-	-	-	-	(171,031)
Change in equity of subsidiary	76,847								76 947
Subsidialy	70,047	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76,847
	2,023,704	1,339,379	3,641,866	2,761,118	66,342	1,484,061	453,407	-	11,769,877
Expenses									
Salaries and benefits	1,342,499	721,313	1,327,263	253,969	-	778,675	393,417	-	4,817,136
Operating materials and supplies	312,328	230,722	1,072,950	64,646	9,496	389,395	12,022	-	2,091,559
Contracted services	441,380	86,744	605,079	1,691,253	37,662	67,319	154,100	-	3,083,537
Rent and financial expenses	41,990	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	46,990
External transfers to others	433,265	-	6,008	19,000	11,200	4,900	-	-	474,373
Tax write-offs	26,408	-	587	-	-	-	-	-	26,995
Interfunctional adjustments	(321,800)	33,800	(220,100)	425,200	-	79,900	3,000	-	-
Amortization	107,823	171,915	1,120,689	609,699	300	153,615	4,606	-	2,168,647
	2,383,893	1,244,494	3,912,476	3,063,767	58,658	1,478,804	567,145	<u> </u>	12,709,237
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ (360,189)	\$ 94,885	\$ (270,610)	\$ (302,649)	\$ 7,684	\$ 5,257	\$ (113,738)	\$-	\$ (939,360)

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Township of West Lincoln Consolidated Schedule of Segment Disclosure

For the year ended December 31, 2013

	General Government	Protection to Persons and Property	Transportation Services	Environmental Services	Health Services	Recreation and Culture Services	Planning and Development	Eliminations	Consolidated
Revenues									
Taxation	\$ 458,094	\$ 998,279	\$ 2,645,512	\$ -	\$ 62,572	\$ 871,281	\$ 225,246	\$ -	\$ 5,260,984
User charges	12,756	304,082	2,389	2,394,265	8,448	301,065	306,188	-	3,329,193
Grants	699,267	-	426,019	992	-	45,368	60,638	-	1,232,284
Other	993,736	1,531	30,723	-	-	41,992	-	-	1,067,982
Gain (loss) on disposal of	,	,	, -			,			, ,
tangible capital assets	200	1,000	(200,332)	-	-	-	-	-	(199,132)
Change in equity of		,	(, , ,						
subsidiary	(197,234)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(197,234)
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	1,966,819	1,304,892	2,904,311	2,395,257	71,020	1,259,706	592,072		10,494,077
Expenses	1 100 400	654 050	1 001 510	052 540		777 042	270 240		A A45 660
Salaries and benefits	1,169,400	651,858	1,231,510	253,518	-	737,043	372,340	-	4,415,669
Operating materials and supplies	240,491	215,317	827,444	55,863	7,640	420,438	8,448	-	1,775,641
Contracted services	182,536	117,482	343,990	1,564,934	41,133	104,559	211,126	-	2,565,760
Rent and financial expenses	37,628	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	42,628
External transfers to others	12,615	-	-	-	11,300	-	-	-	23,915
Tax write-offs	35,355	-	1,372	543	-	-	-	-	37,270
Interfunctional adjustments	(321,800)	33,800	(220,100)	425,200	-	79,900	3,000	-	-
Amortization	96,382	165,094	1,131,933	608,567	300	151,851	4,607	-	2,158,734
-	1,452,607	1,183,551	3,316,149	2,908,625	60,373	1,498,791	599,521	-	11,019,617
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ 514,212	\$ 121,341	\$ (411,838)	\$ (513,368)	\$ 10,647	\$ (239,085)	\$ (7,449)	\$-	\$ (525,540)

Township of West Lincoln Consolidated Schedule of Segment Disclosure with Budget Information For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Budget	Actual	Actual
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
General government	<u></u>		<u></u>
Revenue			
Taxation	\$ 310,108	\$ 309,186	\$ 458,094
User charges	9,300	31,014	12,756
Government transfers	751,500	721,500	699,267
Other	552,000	761,900	993,736
Contributed tangible capital assets	-	10,069	-
Gain on disposal of tangible		-)	
capital assets	-	113,188	200
Change in equity of subsidiary	-	76,847	(197,234)
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	1,622,908	2,023,704	1,966,819
Expenses			
Salaries and benefits	1,271,200	1,342,499	1,169,400
Operating materials and supplies	304,500	312,328	240,491
Contracted services	179,100	441,380	182,536
Rent and financial expenses	39,600	41,990	37,628
External transfers to others	12,700	433,265	12,615
Tax write-offs	55,000	26,408	35,355
Interfunctional adjustments	(321,800)	(321,800)	(321,800)
Amortization	107,823	107,823	96,382
	1,648,123	2,383,893	1,452,607
Annual (deficit) surplus	\$ (25,215)	\$ (360,189)	\$ 514,212
Protection to persons and property			
Revenue			
Taxation	\$ 987,915	\$ 984,972	\$ 998,279
User charges	252,700	354,407	304,082
Gain on disposal of tangible			
capital assets	-	-	1,000
Other		<u> </u>	1,531
	1 040 615	1 220 270	1 204 202
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Expenses Salaries and benefits	600 100	701 010	651 050
	688,100 222,650	721,313	651,858
Operating materials and supplies Contracted services	111,150	230,722 86,744	215,317 117,482
Interfunctional adjustments	33,800	33,800	33,800
Amortization	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	1/1,910	171,915	100,094
	1,227,615	1,244,494	1,183,551
Annual surplus	\$ 13,000	\$ 94,885	\$ 121,341

Township of West Lincoln Consolidated Schedule of Segment Disclosure with Budget Information For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Budget <u>2014</u>	Actual <u>2014</u>	Actual <u>2013</u>
Transportation services			
Revenue	• • •		• • • · - · •
Taxation	\$ 2,877,290	\$ 2,868,722	\$ 2,645,512
User charges	13,900	7,902	2,389
Government transfers	743,250	788,291	426,019
Other	7,300	10,691 24,622	30,723
Contributed tangible capital assets Loss on disposal of tangible	-	34,632	-
capital assets	-	(68,372)	(200,332)
Capital assets		(00,072)	<u> (200,002)</u>
	3,641,740	3,641,866	2,904,311
Expenses			
Salaries and benefits	1,251,350	1,327,263	1,231,510
Operating materials and supplies	1,096,901	1,072,950	827,444
Contracted services	491,900	605,079	343,990
External transfers to others	-	6,008	-
Tax write-offs	1,000	587	1,372
Interfunctional adjustments	(220,100)	(220,100)	(220,100)
Amortization	1,120,689	1,120,689	1,131,933
	3,741,740	3,912,476	3,316,149
Annual deficit	\$ (100,000)	<u>\$ (270,610)</u>	\$ (411,838)
Environmental services			
Revenue	* • • • • = • •		* • • • • • • • •
User charges	\$ 2,491,500	\$ 2,504,826	\$ 2,394,265
Government transfers	-	39,673	992
Contributed tangible capital assets	-	432,466	-
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets		<u>(215,847)</u>	<u> </u>
	2.491.500	2.761.118	2.395.257
Expenses	2,491,500	2,701,110	2,395,257
Salaries and benefits	231,700	253,969	253,518
Operating materials and supplies	179,500	64,646	55,863
Contracted services	1,530,500	1,691,253	1,564,934
Tax write-offs	1,000	19,000	543
Interfunctional adjustments	425,200	425,200	425,200
Amortization	609,699	609,699	608,567
	2,977,599	3,063,767	2,908,625
Annual deficit	\$ (486,099)	<u>\$ (302,649)</u>	\$ (513,368)

Township of West Lincoln Consolidated Schedule of Segment Disclosure with Budget Information For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Budget	Actual	Actual
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Health services			
Revenue	ф <u>г</u> д оо4	* 57 004	ф <u>00</u> 570
Taxation	\$ 57,201	\$ 57,031	\$ 62,572
User charges Other	5,000	7,416	8,448
Other		<u> </u>	
	62,201	66,342	71,020
Expenses			
Operating materials and supplies	16,001	9,496	7,640
Contracted services	40,700	37,662	41,133
External transfers to others	11,200	11,200	11,300
Amortization	300	300	300
	68,201	58,658	60,373
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ (6,000)	\$ 7,684	\$ 10,647
Recreation and culture services			
Taxation	\$ 1,001,579	\$ 998,596	\$ 871,281
User charges	381,600	358,056	301,065
Government transfers	102,900	106,517	45,368
Other	17,700	20,892	41,992
	1,503,779	1,484,061	1,259,706
Expenses			
Salaries and benefits	817,650	778,675	737,043
Operating materials and supplies	480,014	389,395	420,438
Contracted services	40,400	67,319	104,559
Rent and financial expenses	5,000	5,000	5,000
External transfers to others	4,900	4,900	-
Interfunctional adjustments	79,900	79,900	79,900
Amortization	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>151,851</u>
	1,581,479	1,478,804	1,498,791
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ (77,700)	\$ 5,257	\$ (239,085)

Township of West Lincoln Consolidated Schedule of Segment Disclosure with Budget Information

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Budget <u>2014</u>	Actual <u>2014</u>	Actual <u>2013</u>
Planning and development Revenue Taxation User charges Government transfers	\$ 136,307 300,500 <u>20,000</u>	\$ 135,901 304,098 <u>13,408</u>	\$ 225,246 306,188 <u>60,638</u>
	456,807	453,407	592,072
Expenses			
Salaries and benefits	396,500	393,417	372,340
Operating materials and supplies	222,301	12,022	8,448
Contracted services	97,400	154,100	211,126
Interfunctional adjustments	3,000	3,000	3,000
Amortization	4,606	4,606	4,607
	723,807	567,145	599,521
Annual deficit	\$ (267,000)	\$ (113,738)	\$ (7,449)



Independent auditor's report

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To the Members of Council, Inhabitants and Taxpayers of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Trust Funds of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2014, and the statement of operations for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information. The financial statements have been prepared by management based on the financial reporting provisions prescribed for Ontario municipalities by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

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

Auditor's responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.



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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Trust Funds of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln as at December 31, 2014, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Basis of accounting and restriction on use

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared to assist the Trust Funds of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln to comply with the reporting provisions of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Township of West Lincoln and should not be used by parties other than the Township.

Grant Thouton LLP

Port Colborne, Canada August 24, 2015

Chartered Accountants Licensed Public Accountants

Township of West Lincoln Trust Funds

Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31, 2014

	Bethel Cemetery Perpetual <u>Care</u>	Cemetery Perpetual <u>Care</u>	Marker Perpetual <u>Care</u>	St. Ann's <u>Cemetery</u>
Financial assets Due from Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln	<u>\$ 15,686</u>	<u>\$ 57,257</u>	<u>\$ 12,354</u>	<u>\$ 5,564</u>
Net financial assets and accumulated surplus	<u>\$ 15,686</u>	\$ 27,257	\$ 12,354	\$ 5,564
Statement of Operations For the Year Ended December 31, 2014				
Revenue Perpetual care agreements Donations Interest earned	\$- 	\$ 3,600 	\$ 400 	\$ - 63
Expenses Other	178 	4,227 	538 	63
Annual surplus	178	4,227	538	63
Accumulated surplus Beginning of year	<u> 15,508</u>	53,030	<u> 11,816</u>	<u> </u>
End of year	\$ 15,686	\$ 57,257	\$ 12,354	\$ 5,564

Waite Cemetery <u>Trust</u>	Union Cemetery <u>Trust</u>	Union Cemetery <u>Monuments</u>	Union Cemetery Care & <u>Maintenance</u>	2014 <u>Total</u>	2013 <u>Total</u>
<u>\$ 6,357</u>	<u>\$ 32,896</u>	<u>\$ 6,936</u>	<u>\$ 16,824</u>	<u>\$ 153,874</u>	<u>\$ 148,155</u>
\$ 6,357	\$ 32,896	\$ 6,936	\$ 16,824	\$ 153,874	\$ 148,155
\$ - -	\$ - -	\$ - -	\$ - -	\$ 4,000 -	\$ 4,400
72	372	79	190	<u> </u>	1,616
72	372	79	190	5,719	6,016
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
72	372	79	190	5,719	6,016
6,285	32,524	6,857	16,634	148,155	142,139
\$ 6,357	\$ 32,896	\$ 6,936	<u>\$ 16,824</u>	\$ 153,874	\$ 148,155

See accompanying note to the financial statements

Township of West Lincoln Trust Funds Note to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements of the Trust Funds of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln are prepared by management in accordance with accounting policies prescribed for Ontario municipalities by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Since precise determination of many assets and liabilities is dependent upon future events, the preparation of periodic financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates and approximations. These have been made using careful judgements.

(a) Basis of accounting

Sources of revenue and expenses are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues as they become available and measurable; expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable.