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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Lacombe County for the year ended December 31, 2020, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves:

### **Financial Statements**

We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement dated January 14, 2021, for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards; in particular, the financial statements are fairly presented in accordance therewith.

- The methods, significant assumptions, and data used in making accounting estimates and their related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement and/or disclosure that are reasonable in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.
- Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of Canadian public sector accounting standards.
- All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which Canadian public sector accounting standards require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- The financial statements of the entity use appropriate accounting policies that have been properly disclosed and consistently applied.
- The effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole. A list of the uncorrected misstatements is attached to the representation letter.
- We have reviewed and approved all journal entries recommended by the practitioners during the audit. A list of the journal entries is attached to the representation letter.

### **Information Provided**

- We have provided you with:
  - access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation and other matters;
  - additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit; and
  - unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

- We are responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls to prevent, detect and correct fraud and error, and have communicated to you all deficiencies in internal control of which we are aware.
- All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
- We have disclosed to you the identity of the entity's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

## **Fraud and Error**

- We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- We have disclosed to you all information in relation to fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of and that affects the entity and involves:
  - management;
  - employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
  - others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- We have disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, or others.

## **General Representations**

- Where the value of any asset has been impaired, an appropriate provision has been made in the financial statements or has otherwise been disclosed to you.
- We have provided you with significant assumptions that in our opinion are reasonable and appropriately reflect our intent and ability to carry out specific courses of action on behalf of the entity when relevant to the use of fair value measurements or disclosures in the financial statements.
- We confirm that there are no derivatives or off-balance sheet financial instruments held at year end that have not been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements.
- Except as disclosed in the financial statements, there have been no changes to title, control over assets, liens or assets pledged as security for liabilities or collateral.
- The entity has complied with all provisions in its agreements related to debt and there were no defaults in principal or interest, or in the covenants and conditions contained in such agreements.
- There have been no plans or intentions that may materially affect the recognition, measurement, presentation or disclosure of assets and liabilities (actual and contingent).
- The nature of all material uncertainties have been appropriately measured and disclosed in the financial statements, including all estimates where it is reasonably possible that the estimate

will change in the near term and the effect of the change could be material to the financial statements.

- There were no direct contingencies or provisions (including those associated with guarantees or indemnification provisions), unusual contractual obligations nor any substantial commitments, whether oral or written, other than in the ordinary course of business, which would materially affect the financial statements or financial position of the entity, except as disclosed in the financial statements.

### **Other Representations Where the Situation Exists**

- We have informed you of all known actual or possible litigation and claims, whether or not they have been discussed with legal counsel. Since there are no actual, outstanding or possible litigation and claims, no disclosure is required in the financial statements.

Yours truly,

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**Lacombe County**  
**Summary of Unadjusted Misstatements**  
December 31, 2020

Description of Misstatement	Identified Misstatements	Projections of Identified Misstatements	Estimates	Proposed Adjustments			
				Assets Dr(Cr)	Liabilities Dr(Cr)	Opening R/E Dr(Cr)	Income Dr(Cr)
To record credit balance in Property Tax Receivables	48,178			48,178	(48,178)		
Estimated Sick leave liability sensitivity analysis			86,000		(86,000)		86,000
Land returned in 2020 was a security deposit, not an asset.	555,310					555,310	(555,310)
Inventory of sand excluded in inventory for 2020	62,691			62,691			(62,691)
Likely Aggregate Misstatements Before Effect of Previous Year's Errors and Estimates	666,179	-	86,000	110,869	(134,178)	555,310	(532,001)
Effect of Previous Year's Errors				-	-	-	-
Likely Aggregate Misstatements				110,869	(134,178)	555,310	(532,001)

<p>Details of why no adjustment has been made to the financial statements for the above items:</p> <p>Unadjusted items listed above are immaterial in aggregate. The large value noted is a correction of a historical accounting error and has no carry forward impact.</p>
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