



~2011 Annual Report~

~Financial Statements & Auditor's Report~



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Town Council is pleased to present the 2011 Annual Report. Inside this report you will find an Auditor's Report, various financial statements and summaries from each department within the Town, informing you of important happenings throughout 2011.

**TOWN OF BARRHEAD
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011**

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To The Members of Council:

Auditor's Report

Ellerington LLP
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



Report on the Consolidated Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements for the Town of Barrhead, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2011, and the statements of operations, change in net financial assets (debt) and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated 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

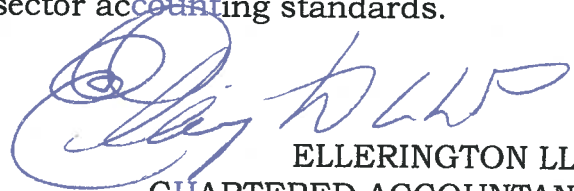
evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

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 financial position of the Town of Barrhead as at December 31, 2011, the results of its operations, change in its net financial assets (debt) and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Barrhead, Alberta
February 10, 2012

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. J. W.', is written over the printed name 'ELLERINGTON LLP'.

ELLERINGTON LLP
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

TOWN OF BARRHEAD
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at December 31, 2011

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and Temporary Investments (Note 2)	4,060,776	1,159,443
Receivables		
Taxes and Grants In Lieu of Taxes (Note 3)	94,949	174,346
Trade and Other Receivables	999,586	3,614,198
Land for Resale Inventory	-	-
Investments	30	30
Debt Charges Recoverable	-	-
Other Current/Long Term Assets	141,233	131,324
	<u>5,296,574</u>	<u>5,079,341</u>
 LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	154,968	584,033
Deposit Liabilities	72,026	69,271
Deferred Revenue (Note 4)	1,075,645	439,854
Provision for landfill closure and post-closing costs (Note 5)	30,425	-
Long Term Debt (Note 6)	2,124,289	2,898,410
	<u>3,457,353</u>	<u>3,991,568</u>
 NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (DEBT)	 <u>1,839,221</u>	 <u>1,087,773</u>
 NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible Capital Assets	50,174,295	50,673,307
Inventory for Consumption	48,395	48,395
Prepaid Expenses	73,346	80,757
	<u>50,296,036</u>	<u>50,802,459</u>
 ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Schedule 1)	 <u>52,135,257</u>	 <u>51,890,232</u>

Contingencies - See Note 10

TOWN OF BARRHEAD
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

REVENUES	Budget (Unaudited)	2011 \$	2010 \$
Net Municipal Taxes (Schedule 3)	3,693,843	3,677,966	3,222,147
Sales, User Charges, Franchise & Rentals	2,819,576	2,740,869	2,581,922
Government Transfers for Operating (Schedule 4)	1,864,418	1,493,242	1,558,105
Investment Income	29,997	44,409	33,464
Penalties and Costs on Taxes	51,000	44,315	47,978
Development Levies	10,000	6,750	13,075
Licenses, Permits and Fines	70,400	73,943	57,956
Contributed Assets	-	45,000	-
Other Revenues	302,138	360,209	296,938
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>8,841,372</u>	<u>8,486,703</u>	<u>7,811,585</u>
 EXPENDITURES			
Council and Other Legislative	191,310	140,379	146,277
General Administration	747,215	763,698	638,996
RCMP	176,490	172,593	177,111
Fire	717,681	610,042	447,311
Disaster and Emergency Measures	500	42	238
Ambulance	1,256,360	1,122,929	1,065,275
Bylaw Enforcement	129,475	99,189	49,676
Common Services	577,982	509,505	434,685
Roads, Streets, Walks, Lighting	1,534,946	1,523,334	1,441,404
Airport	18,262	17,819	17,685
Storm Sewers and Drainage	131,997	141,185	125,630
Water Supply and Distribution	872,279	814,606	800,164
Wastewater Treatment and Disposal	500,770	521,107	450,456
Waste Management	629,047	628,469	545,298
Family and Community Support	348,565	348,565	343,565
Cemeteries	12,073	2,395	5,191
Land Use, Planning, Zoning and Development	90,245	84,235	75,368
Economic Development	73,314	58,867	69,323
Subdivision Land and Development	30,920	30,920	45,250
Parks and Recreation	1,830,199	1,521,808	1,585,736
Culture: Libraries, Museums, Halls	218,454	149,706	187,714
Other Expenditures	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>10,088,084</u>	<u>9,261,393</u>	<u>8,652,353</u>
EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES - BEFORE OTHER	<u>(1,246,712)</u>	<u>(774,690)</u>	<u>(840,768)</u>
 OTHER			
Government Transfers for Capital (Schedule 4)	2,461,205	1,019,715	4,384,626
Unrestricted Fund Transfers	-	-	(122,705)
	<u>2,461,205</u>	<u>1,019,715</u>	<u>4,261,921</u>
EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>1,214,493</u>	<u>245,025</u>	<u>3,421,153</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>51,890,232</u>	<u>51,890,232</u>	<u>48,469,079</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	<u>53,104,725</u>	<u>52,135,257</u>	<u>51,890,232</u>

TOWN OF BARRHEAD
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (DEBT)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

	Budget (Unaudited)	<u>2011</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>2010</u> <u>\$</u>
EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>1,214,493</u>	<u>245,025</u>	<u>3,421,153</u>
Acquisition of Tangible Capital Assets	(2,925,849)	(1,432,909)	(4,991,965)
Proceeds on Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	-	36,053	-
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	1,842,300	1,908,932	1,820,280
(Gain) Loss on Sale of Tangible Capital Assets	-	(13,064)	-
	<u>(1,083,549)</u>	<u>499,012</u>	<u>(3,171,685)</u>
Acquisition of Prepaid Assets	-	7,411	(8,315)
Use of Prepaid Assets	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,411</u>	<u>(8,315)</u>
(INCREASE) DECREASE IN NET DEBT	<u>130,944</u>	<u>751,448</u>	<u>241,153</u>
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (DEBT), BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,087,773</u>	<u>1,087,773</u>	<u>846,620</u>
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (DEBT), END OF YEAR	<u><u>1,218,717</u></u>	<u><u>1,839,221</u></u>	<u><u>1,087,773</u></u>

TOWN OF BARRHEAD
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

NET INFLOW (OUTFLOW) OF CASH RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
OPERATING		
Excess (shortfall) of revenues over expenses	245,025	3,421,153
Non-cash items included in excess (shortfall) of revenues over expenses:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	1,908,932	1,820,280
Loss (Gain) on disposal of tangible capital assets	(13,064)	-
Non-cash charges to operations (net change)		
Decrease (increase) in taxes and grants-in-lieu receivable	79,397	(8,326)
Decrease (increase) in trade and other receivables	2,614,612	(1,668,229)
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	7,411	(8,315)
Decrease (increase) in current/long term assets	(9,909)	1,700
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(429,065)	10,651
Increase (decrease) in deposit liabilities	2,755	(1,733)
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	635,791	(705,548)
Increase (decrease) in provision for landfill closure/post-closure	30,425	-
Cash provided by operating transactions	<u>5,072,310</u>	<u>2,861,633</u>
CAPITAL		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(1,432,909)	(4,991,965)
Sale of tangible capital assets	36,053	-
Cash applied to capital transactions	<u>(1,396,856)</u>	<u>(4,991,965)</u>
INVESTING		
Decrease (increase) in restricted cash or equivalents	<u>(637,968)</u>	<u>707,923</u>
Cash provided by (applied to) investing transactions	<u>(637,968)</u>	<u>707,923</u>
FINANCING		
Debt charges recovered	-	21,167
Long-term debt issued	-	-
Long-term debt repaid	<u>(774,121)</u>	<u>(752,635)</u>
Cash provided by (applied to) financing transactions	<u>(774,121)</u>	<u>(731,468)</u>
CHANGE IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS DURING YEAR	2,263,365	(2,153,877)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>731,746</u>	<u>2,885,623</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	<u>2,995,111</u>	<u>731,746</u>
Cash and cash equivalents is made up of:		
Cash and temporary investments (Note 2)	4,060,776	1,159,443
Less: restricted portion of cash and temporary investments (Note 2)	<u>(1,065,665)</u>	<u>(427,697)</u>
	2,995,111	731,746

TOWN OF BARRHEAD
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED SURPLUS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011
Schedule 1

	Unrestricted Surplus	Restricted Surplus	Equity in Tangible Capital Assets	2011 \$	2010 \$
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	312,224	3,803,111	47,774,897	51,890,232	48,469,079
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	245,025	-	-	245,025	3,543,858
Unrestricted funds designated for future use	(1,166,064)	1,166,064	-	-	-
Restricted funds used for operations	203,532	(203,532)	-	-	-
Restricted funds used for tangible capital assets	-	(993,618)	993,618	-	-
Current year funds used for tangible capital assets	(394,291)	-	394,291	-	-
Contributed tangible capital assets	(45,000)	-	45,000	-	-
Disposal of tangible capital assets	22,989	-	(22,989)	-	-
Annual amortization expense	1,908,932	-	(1,908,932)	-	-
Long term debt issued	-	-	-	-	-
Long term debt repaid	(774,121)	-	774,121	-	-
Capital debt used for TCA	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted fund transfers	-	-	-	-	(122,705)
Change in Accumulated Surplus	<u>1,002</u>	<u>(31,086)</u>	<u>275,109</u>	<u>245,025</u>	<u>3,421,153</u>
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>313,226</u>	<u>3,772,025</u>	<u>48,050,006</u>	<u>52,135,257</u>	<u>51,890,232</u>

**TOWN OF BARRHEAD
SCHEDULE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011**

Schedule 2

	Land	Land Improvements	Buildings	Engineered Structures	Machinery and Equipment	Vehicles	2011 \$	2010 \$
COST:								
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	946,800	1,537,921	11,748,459	65,657,340	3,794,023	1,883,968	85,568,511	80,576,546
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	-	492,339	298,604	280,933	361,033	1,432,909	750,850
Construction-in-progress	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,241,115
Disposal of tangible capital assets	-	-	-	-	(33,695)	-	(33,695)	-
Write down of tangible capital assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>946,800</u>	<u>1,537,921</u>	<u>12,240,798</u>	<u>65,955,944</u>	<u>4,041,261</u>	<u>2,245,001</u>	<u>86,967,725</u>	<u>85,568,511</u>
ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION:								
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	376,640	2,630,324	30,282,196	834,722	771,322	34,895,204	33,074,924
Annual amortization	-	67,217	208,161	1,376,158	146,919	110,477	1,908,932	1,820,280
Accumulated amortization on disposals	-	-	-	-	(10,706)	-	(10,706)	-
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>-</u>	<u>443,857</u>	<u>2,838,485</u>	<u>31,658,354</u>	<u>970,935</u>	<u>881,799</u>	<u>36,793,430</u>	<u>34,895,204</u>
NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	<u>946,800</u>	<u>1,094,064</u>	<u>9,402,313</u>	<u>34,297,590</u>	<u>3,070,326</u>	<u>1,363,202</u>	<u>50,174,295</u>	<u>50,673,307</u>
 2010 NET BOOK VALUE OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	<u>946,800</u>	<u>1,161,281</u>	<u>9,118,135</u>	<u>35,375,144</u>	<u>2,959,301</u>	<u>1,112,646</u>	<u>50,673,307</u>	

TOWN OF BARRHEAD
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY AND OTHER TAXES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

Schedule 3

TAXATION	Budget (Unaudited)	2011 <u>\$</u>	2010 <u>\$</u>
Real Property Taxes	4,654,486	4,639,615	4,117,714
Linear Property Taxes	101,727	101,765	98,875
Government Grants In Lieu of Property Taxes	115,972	114,928	104,415
Special Assessment and Local Improvement Taxes	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL TAXATION	<u>4,872,185</u>	<u>4,856,308</u>	<u>4,321,004</u>
 REQUISITIONS			
Alberta School Foundation	1,110,497	1,110,497	1,033,602
Barrhead & District Social Housing	50,661	50,661	48,621
Requisitions - Previous Year Underlevy	<u>17,184</u>	<u>17,184</u>	<u>16,634</u>
TOTAL REQUISITIONS	<u>1,178,342</u>	<u>1,178,342</u>	<u>1,098,857</u>
 NET MUNICIPAL TAXES	 <u>3,693,843</u>	 <u>3,677,966</u>	 <u>3,222,147</u>

TOWN OF BARRHEAD
SCHEDULE OF GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

Schedule 4

	Budget (Unaudited)	2011 \$	2010 \$
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TRANSFERS FOR OPERATING:			
Provincial Government	1,084,208	845,707	1,129,262
Federal Government	4,120	1,300	1,300
Other Local Government	<u>776,090</u>	<u>646,235</u>	<u>427,543</u>
	<u>1,864,418</u>	<u>1,493,242</u>	<u>1,558,105</u>
 TRANSFERS FOR CAPITAL:			
Provincial Government	1,529,774	795,188	2,827,052
Federal Government	642,136	175,404	1,349,171
Other Local Government	<u>289,295</u>	<u>49,123</u>	<u>208,403</u>
	<u>2,461,205</u>	<u>1,019,715</u>	<u>4,384,626</u>
 TOTAL GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	 <u><u>4,325,623</u></u>	 <u><u>2,512,957</u></u>	 <u><u>5,942,731</u></u>

TOWN OF BARRHEAD
SCHEDULE OF CONSOLIDATED EXPENSES BY OBJECT
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

Schedule 5

CONSOLIDATED EXPENSES BY OBJECT	Budget (Unaudited)	2011 <u>\$</u>	2010 <u>\$</u>
Salaries, Wages and Benefits	4,193,585	3,700,541	3,547,887
Contracted and General Services	1,656,400	1,289,843	1,197,401
Purchases from Other Governments	130,800	129,260	133,336
Materials, Goods, Supplies and Utilities	1,519,577	1,498,946	1,396,479
Provision for Allowances	11,177	19,779	15,074
Transfers to Other Governments	217,498	173,214	15,039
Transfers to Local Boards and Agencies	427,933	427,933	422,683
Transfers to Individuals and Organizations	14,145	7,850	8,045
Bank Charges and Short Term Interest	250	255	227
Interest on Long Term Debt	74,416	74,415	95,902
Other Expenditures	-	30,425	-
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	1,842,300	1,908,932	1,820,280
Loss on Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>10,088,081</u>	<u>9,261,393</u>	<u>8,652,353</u>

TOWN OF BARRHEAD
SCHEDULE OF SEGMENTED DISCLOSURE
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

Schedule 6

REVENUE	General Government	Protective Services	Transportation Services	Planning & Development	Recreation & Culture	Environmental Services	Other	2011 \$
Net Municipal Taxes	3,677,966	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,677,966
Sales, User Charges, Franchise & Rentals	215,932	607,310	16,918	66,041	354,276	1,477,192	3,200	2,740,869
Government Transfers	-	985,069	841,476	2,000	205,346	173,357	305,709	2,512,957
Investment Income	1,178	-	8,479	-	6,997	27,755	-	44,409
Penalties and Costs on Taxes	44,315	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,315
Development Levies	-	-	-	-	-	6,750	-	6,750
Licenses, Permits and Fines	30,040	40,128	-	3,775	-	-	-	73,943
Contributed Assets	-	-	45,000	-	-	-	-	45,000
Other Revenues	39,689	184,442	25,435	49,530	13,308	47,805	-	360,209
	<u>4,009,120</u>	<u>1,816,949</u>	<u>937,308</u>	<u>121,346</u>	<u>579,927</u>	<u>1,732,859</u>	<u>308,909</u>	<u>9,506,418</u>
 EXPENSES								
Salaries, Wages and Benefits	612,918	1,146,265	505,603	54,043	753,256	628,074	382	3,700,541
Contracted and General Services	180,332	290,579	226,510	30,630	246,738	313,040	2,014	1,289,843
Purchases from Other Governments	517	128,743	-	-	-	-	-	129,260
Materials, Goods, Supplies and Utilities	73,766	200,267	356,038	58,429	374,994	435,452	-	1,498,946
Transfers to Other Governments	1,000	156,798	13,747	-	1,669	-	-	173,214
Transfers to Local Boards and Agencies	-	-	-	-	79,368	-	348,565	427,933
Transfers to Individuals and Organizations	-	300	-	-	7,550	-	-	7,850
Interest on Long Term Debt	-	-	43,495	30,920	-	-	-	74,415
Other Expenditures	7,643	12,391	-	-	-	30,425	-	50,459
	<u>876,176</u>	<u>1,935,343</u>	<u>1,145,393</u>	<u>174,022</u>	<u>1,463,575</u>	<u>1,406,991</u>	<u>350,961</u>	<u>7,352,461</u>
 NET REVENUE, BEFORE AMORTIZATION	 3,132,944	 (118,394)	 (208,085)	 (52,676)	 (883,648)	 325,868	 (42,052)	 2,153,957
Amortization Expense	<u>(26,239)</u>	<u>(76,644)</u>	<u>(905,265)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(207,938)</u>	<u>(692,846)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,908,932)</u>
 NET REVENUE	 <u>3,106,705</u>	 <u>(195,038)</u>	 <u>(1,113,350)</u>	 <u>(52,676)</u>	 <u>(1,091,586)</u>	 <u>(366,978)</u>	 <u>(42,052)</u>	 <u>245,025</u>

TOWN OF BARRHEAD
SCHEDULE OF SALARY & BENEFITS DISCLOSURE
For Year Ended December 31, 2011

Schedule 7

SALARY & BENEFITS DISCLOSURE

Disclosure of salaries and benefits for Elected Municipal Officials, the Chief Administrative Officer and Designated Officers, as required by Alberta Regulation 313/2000, is as follows:

		<u>2011 Salary</u>	<u>2011 Benefits & Allowance</u>	<u>2011 \$</u>	<u>2010 \$</u>
<u>Mayor</u>					
Schulz, Brian D.		28,188	6,842	35,030	33,728
<u>Councillors</u>					
Assaf, Ty		15,488	1,961	17,449	5,348
McKenzie, David		14,504	1,725	16,229	16,702
Oswald, Shelley		15,168	2,679	17,847	15,125
Proft, Bert		-	-	-	12,409
Smith, Don		14,984	2,480	17,464	22,237
Ulmer, Roy		15,968	2,249	18,217	21,249
Wessel, Madelaine		9,337	944	10,281	-
West, Linda		4,537	1,288	5,825	17,863
<u>Appointed Officer</u>					
Municipal Manager	(3)	177,880	33,995	211,875	139,024
Designated Officers	(2)	176,405	24,295	200,700	191,915

Salary includes regular base pay, lump sum payments and any other direct cash remuneration for meeting per diems.

Benefits & Allowances includes amounts paid for the Employer's share of all employee benefits and amounts paid for travel & subsistence while conducting Town Business.

TOWN OF BARRHEAD
SCHEDULE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN
For Year Ended December 31, 2011

Schedule 8

LOCAL AUTHORITIES PENSION PLAN

Employees of the Town of Barrhead participate in the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP), which is one of the plans covered by the Alberta Public Sector Pension Plans Act. The LAPP serves about 206,000 people and 421 employers. The LAPP is financed by employer and employee contributions and by investment earnings of the LAPP fund. Contributions for current service are recorded as expenditures in the year in which they become due.

The Town of Barrhead is required to make current service contributions to the Plan of 9.49% of pensionable earnings up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings under the Canada Pension Plan and 13.13% on pensionable earnings above this amount. Employees of the Town are required to make current service contributions of 8.49% of pensionable salary up to the year's maximum pensionable salary and 12.13% on pensionable salary above this amount.

Total current service contributions by the Town of Barrhead to the Local Authorities Pension Plan in 2011 were \$ 192,357.05 (2010 - \$ 175,670.75). Total current service contributions by the employees of the Town to the Local Authorities Pension Plan in 2011 were \$ 173,573.41 (2010 - \$ 157,721.55).

TOWN OF BARRHEAD
SCHEDULE OF ACCUMULATED SURPLUS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

Schedule 9

Accumulated surplus consists of restricted and unrestricted amounts
and equity in tangible capital assets

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
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Unrestricted Surplus (Deficit)	313,226	312,224
Restricted surplus		
Tax Rate Stabilization	514,401	500,826
Roads	667,223	342,615
Water	679,808	806,406
Sewer	527,759	606,029
Garbage, Landfill, Recycling	339,965	207,866
Building replacement & renovations	332,267	448,188
Land Improvements	367,787	122,233
General Equipment replacement	342,815	768,948
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	3,772,025	3,803,111
Equity in Tangible Capital Assets	48,050,006	47,774,897
TOTAL ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	52,135,257	51,890,232

**TOWN OF BARRHEAD
SCHEDULE OF DEBT LIMITS
For Year Ended December 31, 2011**

Schedule 10

DEBT LIMITS

Section 276 (2) of the Municipal Government Act requires that debt and debt limits as defined by Alberta Regulation 255/00 for the Town of Barrhead be disclosed as follows:

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Debt Limit	11,717,378	10,854,891
Total Debt	<u>2,124,289</u>	<u>2,898,410</u>
Amount of Debt Limit Unused	9,593,089	7,956,481
Debt Servicing Limit	1,952,896	1,809,149
Debt Servicing	<u>848,536</u>	<u>848,536</u>
Amount of Debt Servicing Limit Unused	1,104,360	960,613

The debt limit is calculated at 1.5 times revenue of the municipality (as defined by Alberta Regulation 255/00) and the debt service limit is calculated at .25 times such revenue. Incurring debt beyond these limitations requires approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. These thresholds are guidelines used by Alberta Municipal Affairs to identify municipalities that could be at financial risk if further debt is acquired. The calculation taken alone does not represent the financial stability of the municipality. Rather, the financial statements must be represented as a whole.

Town of Barrhead
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements of the Town of Barrhead are the representations of management prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board ("PSAB") of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA"). Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Town of Barrhead are as follows:

a) Reporting entity

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures, changes in fund balances and change in financial position of the reporting entity. This entity is comprised of the municipal operations plus all of the organizations that are owned or controlled by the Town and are, therefore, accountable to the Town Council for the administration of their financial affairs and resources.

The schedule of taxes levied also includes requisitions for education, health, social and other external organizations that are not part of the municipal reporting entity.

The statements exclude trust assets that are administered for the benefit of external parties. Interdepartmental and organizational transactions and balances are eliminated.

b) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting records revenue as it is earned and measurable. Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable based upon receipt of goods or services and/or the legal obligation to pay.

Funds from external parties and earnings thereon restricted by agreement or legislation are accounted for as deferred revenue until used for the purpose specified.

Government transfers, contributions and other amounts are received from third parties pursuant to legislation, regulation or agreement and may only be used for certain programs, in the completion of specific work, or for the purchase of tangible capital assets. In addition, certain user charges and fees are collected for which the related services have yet to be performed. Revenue is recognized in the period when the related expenses are incurred, services performed or the tangible capital assets are acquired.

c) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditure during the period. Where measurement uncertainty exists, the financial statements have been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

d) Investments

Investments are recorded at amortized cost. Investment premiums and discounts are amortized on the net present value basis over the term of the respective investments. When there has been a loss in value that is other than a temporary decline, the respective investment is written down to recognize the loss.

e) Debt Charges Recoverable

Debt charges recoverable consist of amounts that are recoverable from municipal agencies or other local governments with respect to outstanding debentures or other long-term debt pursuant to annexation orders or joint capital undertakings. These recoveries are recorded at a value that equals the offsetting portion of the unmatured long-term debt, less actuarial requirements for the retirement of any sinking fund debentures.

f) Requisition Over-levy and Under-levy

Over-levies and under-levies arise from the difference between the actual property tax levy made to cover each requisition and the actual amount requisitioned.

If the actual levy exceeds the requisition, the over-levy is accrued as a liability and property tax revenue is reduced. Where the actual levy is less than the requisition amount, the under-levy is accrued as a receivable and as property tax revenue.

Requisition tax rates in the subsequent year are adjusted for any over-levies or under-levies of the prior year.

g) Inventories for Resale

Land held for resale is recorded at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost includes costs for land acquisition and improvements required to prepare the land for servicing such as clearing, stripping and leveling charges. Related development costs incurred to provide infrastructure such as water and wastewater services, roads, sidewalks and street lighting are recorded as physical assets under their respective function.

h) Prepaid Local Improvement Charges

Construction and borrowing costs associated with local improvement projects are recovered through annual special assessments during the period of the related borrowings. These levies are collectable from property owners for work performed by the municipality.

Where a taxpayer has elected to prepay the outstanding local improvement charges, such amounts are recorded as deferred revenue. Deferred revenue is amortized to revenue on a straight-line basis over the remaining term of the related borrowings.

In the event that the prepaid amounts are applied against the related borrowings, the deferred revenue is amortized to revenue by an amount equal to the debt repayment.

i) Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Liability

Pursuant to the Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, the Town is required to fund the closure of its landfill site and provide for post-closure care of the facility. Closure and post-closure activities include the final clay cover, landscaping, as well as surface and ground water monitoring, leachate control, and visual inspection. The requirement is being provided for over the estimated remaining life of the landfill site based on usage.

j) Government Transfers

Government transfers are the transfer of assets from senior levels of government that are not the result of an exchange transaction, are not expected to be repaid in the future, or the result of a direct financial return.

Government transfers are recognized in the financial statements as revenue 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 determined.

k) 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 normal course of operations. The change in non-financial assets during the year, together with the excess of revenues over expenses, provides the consolidated Change in Net Financial Assets (Debt) for the year.

i. 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 is amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life as follows:

	<u>Years</u>
Land Improvements	15 - 20
Buildings	25 - 50
Engineered structures	
Water System	35 - 65
Storm Sewer System	35 - 65
Wastewater System	15 - 40
Machinery and equipment	5 - 20
Vehicles	3 - 20

One-half of the annual amortization is charged in the year of acquisition and in the year of disposal. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

ii. Contributions of Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets received as contributions are recorded at fair value at the date of receipt and are also recorded as revenue.

iii. Leases

Leases are classified as capital or operating leases. Leases which transfer substantially all of the benefits and risks incidental to ownership of property 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.

iv. Inventories

Inventories held for consumption are recorded at the lower of cost and replacement cost.

v. Cultural and Historical Tangible Capital Assets

Works of art for display are not recorded as tangible capital assets but are disclosed.

2. CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS

	2011 \$	2010 \$
Cash	408,007.10	406,674.24
Temporary Investments	<u>3,652,769.41</u>	<u>752,769.41</u>
	<u>4,060,776.51</u>	<u>1,159,443.65</u>

Temporary investments are short-term deposits with original maturities of 1 year or less.

Included in temporary investments are restricted amounts received and held for specific operational projects:

Municipal Sustainability Initiative	<u>\$ 28,270.00</u>
	<u>\$ 28,270.00</u>

Included in temporary investments are restricted amounts received and held for specific capital projects:

Municipal Sustainability Initiative	\$ 266,354.78
Federal Gas Tax Grant	\$ 235,388.00
Street Improvement Program	<u>\$ 535,652.36</u>
	<u>\$ 1,037,395.14</u>

3. TAXES AND GRANTS IN PLACE OF TAXES RECEIVABLE

	2011 \$	2010 \$
Current Taxes and Grants in Place of Taxes	98,793.72	130,542.43
Arrears Taxes	<u>19,776.46</u>	<u>60,037.07</u>
	<u>118,570.18</u>	<u>190,579.50</u>
Less Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	<u>(23,621.44)</u>	<u>(16,233.34)</u>
	<u>94,948.74</u>	<u>174,346.16</u>

4. DEFERRED REVENUE

	2011 \$	2010 \$
Agrena – Future Advertising Sign Rental	2,349.99	1,202.49
Mini Golf – Future Advertising	2,400.00	3,400.00
Prepaid Taxes	5,229.63	7,553.88
2009 Municipal Sustainability Initiative - Operating	2,920.00	2,895.00
2010 Municipal Sustainability Initiative - Operating	25,350.00	25,175.00
Sport for Life	0.00	2,109.00
Municipal Sustainability Initiative - Capital	266,354.78	94,036.00
Street Improvement Program	535,652.36	303,482.36
Federal Gas Tax Grant	<u>235,388.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>1,075,644.76</u>	<u>439,853.73</u>

Businesses may enter into a 3 year or 5 year contract for advertising signs that are placed in the Agrena and Mini Golf Course.

Prepaid taxes are recorded as credit balances on the tax roll. Operating and Capital Grants provide funding for specific projects for future years.

5. LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POST-CLOSURE LIABILITY

Alberta Environment law requires closure and post-closure care of landfill sites, which includes final covering and landscaping, pumping of ground water and leachates from the site, and ongoing environmental monitoring, site inspections and maintenance.

The estimated total liability is based on the sum of discounted future cash flows for closure and post-closure activities for 40 years after closure using a discount rate of 4% and assuming annual inflation of 2%

The accrued liability portion is based on the cumulative capacity used at year end compared to the estimated total landfill capacity. The total air space capacity of the site is estimated at 235,300 cubic meters. The estimated remaining air space capacity of the landfill site is 224,000 cubic meters. The existing landfill site is expected to reach capacity in approximately the year 2030.

The Town has not designed assets for settling closure and post-closure liabilities. The Barrhead Regional Landfill is jointly owned by the Town of Barrhead and the County of Barrhead No. 11 with each municipality being responsible for 50% of the estimated total liability.

	2011 \$	2010 \$
Estimated Closure Costs	620,520.00	0.00
Estimated Post-Closure Costs	863,500.00	0.00
Estimated Total Liability	<u>1,484,020.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Estimated Capacity Remaining	<u>95.9%</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Portion of Total Liability Remaining to be Recognized	<u>1,423,170.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Estimated Capacity Used	<u>4.1%</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Accrued Liability Portion	<u>60,850.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Town of Barrhead 50% Accrued Liability Portion	<u>\$ 30,425.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

6. LONG-TERM DEBT

	2011 \$	2010 \$
Tax supported debentures	2,124,289.35	2,898,410.34
Bank loans	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u><u>2,124,289.35</u></u>	<u><u>2,898,410.34</u></u>

The current portion of the long-term debt amounts to \$ 774,120.99 (2010 - \$752,634.68).

Interest on long-term debt amounted to \$ 74,415.23 (2010 - \$ 95,901.54).

Principal and interest repayments are as follows:

	Principal \$	Interest \$	Total \$
2012	796,249.63	52,286.59	848,536.22
2013	819,040.69	29,495.53	848,536.22
2014	<u>508,999.03</u>	<u>9,000.27</u>	<u>517,999.30</u>
	2,124,289.35	90,782.39	2,215,071.74

Debenture debt is repayable to Alberta Capital Finance Authority and bears interest rates between 2.284% to 3.6049% per annum, before Provincial subsidy, and matures in 2014. The average annual interest rate was 3.6049% for 2011. Debenture debt is issued on the credit and security of the Town at large.

7. EQUITY IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	2011 \$	2010 \$
Tangible Capital Assets (Schedule 2)	86,967,724.81	85,568,510.77
Accumulated Amortization (Schedule 2)	(36,793,430.00)	(34,895,204.00)
Long-term Debt (Note 6)	<u>(2,124,289.35)</u>	<u>(2,898,410.34)</u>
	<u><u>48,050,005.46</u></u>	<u><u>47,774,896.43</u></u>

8. SEGMENTED DISCLOSURE

The Town of Barrhead provides a range of services to its ratepayers. 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. The accounting policies used in these segments are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the financial statements as disclosed in Note 1.

Refer to the Schedule of Segmented Disclosure (Schedule 6).

9. TRUST FUNDS

	2011 \$	2010 \$
Tax Sale Trust	38,644.05	38,644.05
Columbarium Trust – Perpetual Care	<u>8,586.54</u>	<u>8,586.54</u>
	<u>47,230.59</u>	<u>47,230.59</u>

Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, and the Recovery of Taxes, the Town of Barrhead held a public auction in 2007 on Plan 1792 H,W., Block 5, Lot 16, the funds will be held in trust to 2017.

The Town of Barrhead has an agreement with Rose Garden Chapels Ltd. to hold, in trust monies paid for perpetual care for the columbarium. Once all blocks have been sold the Town will assume responsibility of the columbarium.

10. CONTINGENCIES

The Town is a member of the Alberta Municipal Insurance Exchange (MUNIX). Under the terms of the membership, the Town could become liable for its proportionate share of any claim losses in excess of the funds held by the exchange. Any liability incurred would be accounted for as a current transaction in the year the losses are determined.

The Town may be named in a potential lawsuit related to the construction of the new Sanitary Sewer Lift Station which was completed in 2011. At present no Court action has commenced.

11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Town's financial instruments consist of cash and temporary investments, accounts receivable, investments, debt charges recoverable, bank indebtedness, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, deposit liabilities, requisition over-levy, and long term debt. It is management's opinion that the Town is not exposed to significant interest or currency risks arising from these financial instruments.

The Town is subject to credit risk with respect to taxes and grants in place of taxes receivables and trade and other receivables. Credit risk arises from the possibility that taxpayers and entities to which the Town provides services may experience financial difficulty and be unable to fulfill their obligations. The large number and diversity of taxpayers and customers minimizes the credit risk.

Unless otherwise noted, the carrying value of the financial instrument approximates fair value.

12. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Council and Management have approved these financial statements.

The Town of Barrhead

2011 Year At A Glance

The Town of Barrhead Council is pleased to present the 2011 Annual Report and Year End Financial Statements.

During the extensive budget review process Council determined the project priorities and services to be provided in 2011. In order to continue to provide services at the same levels as in 2010 and to complete the desired projects, Council increased the municipal portion of the Property Tax Rate by 0.5 mills for non-residential properties and by 1 mill for residential properties.

In 2011 Council was able to continue with a number of major projects, totaling in excess of \$ 5 million, with the completion of the 46 Street and 48 Avenue rehabilitation projects and the upgrades to two of our sanitary sewer lift stations. With the additional financial assistance from the Federal Infrastructure Stimulus Program and the Provincial Municipal Sustainability Initiatives Program (MSI) Council was able to advance the timeline of these projects to 2010/2011.

A new garbage truck, boom lift, skid steer for our Recycle Department and a Toro Groundmaster Cab with track conversion package to assist with snow removal on our trails, sidewalks, parking lots, etc. were purchased and put into operation. The new truck fill package was purchased for our Bulk Water Station which was relocated next to the Town Public Works yard. In 2011 the MSI Operating Grant provided partial funding for the Town's contribution to the Barrhead Public Library and the Aquatic Centre utility costs. In partnership with the County of Barrhead, a new fire truck was purchased, with the Town's portion being funded from the Municipal Sponsorship Grant and the Provincial Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Program.

Town Council continually promotes inter-municipal cooperation on a number of levels. One key example is the Regional Economic Development Partnership of G.R.O.W.T.H. which provides support to economic development initiatives including Wild Alberta (Regional Tourism Initiative). The Town of Barrhead and County of Barrhead No. 11 jointly provide programs and services which are comprised of delivering Fire Protection, Emergency Response Centre operations, and the management and operation of the Regional Landfill Site and the Airport.

Additional services such as Family and Community Support Services and the Municipal Library (also includes Pembina Hills School Division) receive contributions from the municipalities in order to continue to provide services to the community. The County of Barrhead also provides funding towards the operations of the recreation facilities and summer programming for children. The RCMP School Liaison Officer is a position that is funded by several partners, including Pembina Hills Regional Division, the Town of Barrhead, the County of Barrhead and Woodlands County.

In 2013 the Town of Barrhead, County of Barrhead, Town of Westlock and Westlock County will host the 2013 Alberta 55-Plus Summer Games. We are very excited to be a partner in hosting this event and look forward to welcoming over 1,000 athletes from all areas of the province to our communities.

Town Council is pleased to be involved in enhancing the quality of life for the residents by providing worthwhile programs and services. Members of Council would like to take this opportunity to thank the countless volunteers and organizations that have provided generous assistance to the members of our community in this regard. Thank you all for your ongoing support, efforts and input throughout the year.

Planning & Development Overview

In 2011, the Planning and Development Department was kept busy with the issuance of 52 development permits for a total development value of \$ 2.35 million, down from last year's total of \$7 million.

4 permits were taken out for new residential construction with 2 of those being completed or in the process of being completed and 2 have not broken ground as of yet. The majority of permits taken out in 2011 were for renovations to existing buildings. Total Residential/Multi-residential development in the Town was \$ 1.8 million, down considerably from 2010, which was \$ 3.1 million.

Total Commercial development in Town for 2011 was \$500,000 again down from 2010, which was \$2.3 million. A majority of the projects for 2011 were renovations to existing commercial buildings.

In addition, a total of three subdivision applications were processed throughout the year. The department has also updated the Town's Land Use, Index and Street Address maps with the new subdivisions.

Beaver Brook Phase III Lots were on sale in 2011, with two lots sold to date.

The Town of Barrhead Geographical Information System (GIS) project is ongoing and is designed to provide web-map capabilities on the Town's website at www.barrhead.ca

Public Services Department Overview

The year 2011 started out with a very busy snow removal program. That was followed by culvert and catch basin steaming. Once things warmed up, the crews began their annual maintenance and replacement programs, which included street sweeping, crack sealing, road oiling, sidewalk repair and replacement, sewer main flushing, hydrant flushing and repairs and water and sewer line repair and replacement.

Projects that were completed in 2011 included the installation of a clean, used oil recycling facility at the Barrhead Regional Landfill and the installation of a chain link fence around the site. If you have clean, used oil you need to dispose of, you may take it to the Landfill on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Regular landfill hours were changed in 2011. The hours are now as follows:

Tuesday – 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday to Saturday – 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Closed on Sunday, Monday and all Statutory Holidays

Two of the Town's sanitary sewage lift stations had work completed. One had auxiliary power added and the other was a complete replacement with larger pumps and upgraded power supply and controls. The Town also opened up a new bulk water station next to the Town Public Works Shop (4406-62A Avenue).

The Town and County have established the Barrhead Regional Water Commission. With successful provincial funding, the Commission started on the construction of the new \$ 12 million water treatment plant. A new filtration system will be added to the Town's present system which will meet and exceed all new provincial standards and will provide a higher quality of water for another 25 years.

The Town recycling program is doing well, with volumes of recyclable material on the rise. The Town would like to thank all the residents for doing their part to keep Barrhead clean.

The crews were involved in various special events in town in 2011, such as the street festival, parades and rodeos.

Recreation Department Overview

The Barrhead Recreation Department continues to be involved in several community events, such as the Festival of Trees, Co-op Community Pumpkin Walk, Wildrose Rodeo Finals, Blue Heron Fair, Antique Car Run, Community Fun Run, Graduation, Canada Day Celebration, Soap Box Derby, Street Festival, Volunteer Appreciation and the Christmas Festival.

Summer Recreation Programs were very successful and well attended in 2011. New programs included the COP Camp and Overnight Water Adventure, along with the annual favorites such as Dune Daze, Mini Mountie Camp and Kids Kraze.

T'Rec's Mini Golf Course was open for the school's year end parties and continued for the public in July and August.

Town Beautification continues to be a key factor in the summer months. Numerous flowers are planted each year and parks are maintained for the communities' enjoyment.

The Splash Park continues to be a huge draw in the summer months and will feature a new washroom/change room and shade area in 2012.

The Queen of Hearts Triathlon was a success once again in 2011, with over 60 participants and 60 volunteers. The event had tremendous support from the local businesses and assistance from the various departments of the Town. We look forward to this event again in 2012.

In 2011 the Town provided a financial contribution to the Agrena Society for the new scoreclock located in the Agrena and covered the costs of the building renovations required for the installation.

The Barrhead Kinsmen Aquatic Centre continues to provide a safe and clean indoor swimming pool with certified lifeguards. The facility offers a 5 lane main pool, hot tub and kiddy pool and in 2012 the renovations to the sauna will be complete.

Red Cross Swimming Lessons are offered year round and Lifesaving Courses such as Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross and National Lifeguarding Service are offered once or twice a year. In 2012 we will be providing Study Guides/Test for the Pleasure Craft Operators Card.

Planning and designing of a new indoor swimming pool continues, with fundraising kicking off in the spring. Architectural Drawings/Plans will be available for viewing in 2012. Very exciting news for our community!

We hope that members of the Barrhead community continue to attend the numerous activities offered throughout the year.

Emergency Services Overview

Barrhead Fire Services

Barrhead Fire Services went through a few exciting changes in the last year, with renovations to the Emergency Operations Centre, a new Fire Chief and the addition of another Deputy Fire Chief position. In terms of responses, we attended 137 emergencies, for 1681 man hours this year. Our responses to structure, grass, wild land and ground fires in 2011 had slight increases with the dry spring and low precipitation levels. This past year, 631 burn permits were issued.

In 2011, members attended regional training courses in Parkland, Westlock, and Lac Ste Anne County. All combined, our fire fighters attended 1,371 hours of weekend training in addition to the 1,949 hours in our weekly training sessions.

The members of Barrhead Fire Services continue to serve our community with a high level of efficiency and integrity. The dedication to the community and the department is shown by the volunteer hours served by our members in the renovation of the Fire Hall, including the administrative offices, front entry, social room, training room, shop and laundry room. This cost was minimized to the department in these well needed and well deserved renovations. We take our responsibility to serve and protect very seriously and strive to be the best we can be. We are involved in many of the community events and continue to endorse Fire Safety and Public Education opportunities.

Although our membership is at an all time high in the last four years, the recruitment of new members is an ongoing task for us. If you would like to be involved with this noble and heroic effort, please contact the Fire Chief at 780-674-2087 for more information.

Statistics for:	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Members	35	23	32	31	36	37
Town Responses	64	63	77	64	56	52
County Responses	73	77	74	82	68	67
Town Response Man Hours	431.5	811.5	804.5	666	389.5	522.5
County Response Man Hours	1249.5	1196	1306	1289	1324	880.5
Local Training Man Hours	1949	1703.5	1898.5	1763.5	2112	1817
Other Training Man Hours	1371	624	424	1169	904	1280
Volunteer Hours Served	1156.5	520	501.5	560	630	
Investigation Report Files	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

We strongly encourage and challenge the citizens of our community to take every opportunity to practice fire safety with your family. Your attention to fire prevention will help us and ensure that we will not need to respond to your property.

Have a fire safe 2012.

Emergency Services Overview

Barrhead Ambulance Services

The Town of Barrhead Ambulance Division had 9 full-time employees consisting of one EMS Director, two Paramedics and six Emergency Medical Technicians. To supplement the service's full-time staff, a significant number of casual staff is called upon to fill the gaps from time-to-time.

In 2011, Barrhead Ambulance responded to a total of 1,249 calls. Of these, 613 were emergency calls, with 589 patients being transported to health facilities; 553 were Inter-facility calls, with 549 patients transported from a hospital to another health care facility. EMS crews also responded to 83 other EMS related calls i.e.; fire standby, back filling of ambulance coverage in other communities and hospital assist calls. The ambulances travelled a combined total of 118,705 kilometers.

Barrhead Ambulance Services provided medical standby coverage for the Alberta High School Rodeo, the Wildrose Rodeo and the Blue Heron Fair Days Rodeo as a sign of its commitment to making the Barrhead Community a safer place to live, work, and play.

The Town of Barrhead has been providing ambulance coverage since January 2008. In the fall of 2011 the Town elected to notify Alberta Health Services that they would not be putting in a request to renew their contract past March 31, 2012. Effective April 1, 2012, ambulance services will now be provided to the community by Associated Ambulance & Services (Whitecourt) Ltd.

Bylaw Enforcement Services

In 2011 the department dealt with several bylaw investigations, which ranged from yard cleanup to barking dog complaints. Public notices were used to let residents know about bylaws that may be particularly relevant, such as the Community Standards Bylaw and clearing sidewalks within 48 hours of a snow fall. A number of these bylaws can be found on the Town website www.barrhead.ca

A new Community Peace Officer was hired in January 2012.

In accordance with best practices reviews of existing bylaws are done on an annual basis. Presently the Traffic Bylaw and the Animal Control Bylaw are under review.

The Town of Barrhead wishes you all a safe and healthy 2012!