



***Municipality of the District of Argyle***  
***Qualitative Assessment – Balance Sheet***  
***As of August 31, 2024***

***September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024***

**Balance Sheet Assessment**

The balance sheet will become a regular report presented to the council. The income statement is a representation of activity for a period of time, while the balance sheet represents the financial position of the organization on a particular day.

The balance sheet includes all the assets and liabilities of the operating fund of the organization. Major assets include cash, taxes, and loans receivable. Major liabilities include due to operating reserve and capital reserve funds, and tax sale surplus held in trust.

The balance sheet at the end of August always shows a high cash balance, as a large percentage of taxes are billed and collected at the beginning of the year but are to be spent for the entire fiscal year. The comparative balance represents August of last year, so we are comparing the same period of time (August 31, 2024, and 2023).

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**Overall assets are reasonably comparable from year to year.**

Liabilities to the capital reserve fund are significantly higher than last year, the actual transfers occurred in September, and the amounts are simply timing related. The difference from last year is \$880,000.

Surplus and equity number is significantly overstated this time of year, as actual revenues and expenses in the accounting system are not prorated.

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