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a. The number of customers billed would be approximately 215 (residential and commercial) and the number of billing units would be as submitted in our Annual Report to the Commission of 276 billing units. The revenue for 2025 was \$55,290.00.

b. The forecast revenue will increase with approximately 4 – 5 new single residential units being built over the next 2 – 3 years with a revenue increase of \$800.00 to \$1000.00. There is still the possibility of the multi-unit hotel being built within the municipality although there is no projected start-up or completion date.

6. The total number of billing units would be 276 as submitted in our Annual Report. The number as mentioned in the Application of approximately 207 was only taking into account the residential customers and not the commercial customers.

The correct number for billing would be 276 billing units.

7. The number presented in the application only represented the residential customers and not the total billing units.

8. The anticipated revenue for 2026 would be \$55,400.00 (an increase of \$400.00) and we anticipate for 2027 - 2028 the revenue would be \$56,000.00 (an additional increase of \$600.00).

9.

The **operational costs** are for the company contracted to oversee the operation of the sewers infrastructure, testing, videoing recording and regular maintenance of the system.

The **administrative wage** is the fee billed to the sewer commission by the municipality for the regular costs associated with sending out bills, collecting payments, contacting necessary individuals to continue with other maintenance issues such as grass cutting. The administrative wage would oversee the logistical cost of running the utility.

10.

a. The amount paid for repairs and maintenance in 2025 was \$13,943.00. This would include fuel for the generators, grass cutting, cost for maintaining the pumps (servicing and cleaning). This would have been invoiced to the municipality and not included in the operation costs from the operator.

b. This is calculated through assumptions and historical averages.

c. There should be no difference either with rate change or without rate change as this is a fee for service expense.

We don't see there being a significant difference in the costs for the years 2026 – 2028.

11.

The Contractual Service of \$500.00 is the annual contract fee associated for a registered company to monitor and maintain the three generators at the lift stations. They would ensure the units are tested, fueled and running as required. They would address any issue that would arise. Any costs associated with replacing parts would be included in Repairs and Maintenance. For instance, we had to replace a 'transfer switch' on one of the generators at a cost of approximately \$9000.00

12.

a. The amount of approximately \$30,000.00 was for the outstanding amount of a loan associated with the extension of the sewer system. It was paid to the Provincial Credit Union (Formerly Evangeline Credit Union).

b - c. The amount was not included as it has since been paid.

d. We are not looking at recovering this amount from our customers.

e. The cost was amortized and paid in accordance with the agreement with the Provincial Credit Union.

13.

I cannot see the reason depreciation was reported in previous years and why it was not included in 2025. This would have been assessed by our auditor. The utility does not have any assets except for the system itself, catch basins and manholes and the land the settling ponds are located.

14.

a. The interest included is for outstanding accounts. We had a few customers who were substantially behind in their payments but have since settled their accounts. We still have a few customers who are just slightly behind so the interest should not be forecast as \$0.00

b. The difference in the amounts of \$258 to \$2580 was an error. The correct amount would be \$258.00

In conclusion I would like to add that we met with our 'Operator' and he stated that the province will be requiring all municipalities to treat their waste to ensure bacterial counts are safe. One way to treat the waste is to install an ultraviolet light system at the output. It was stated that the system would cost approximately \$100,000.00.

It was also stated that we will have to remove the sludge accumulated in the settling ponds. It will be measured and assessed as to when this has to be done. We don't have a cost associated with this yet.

Also, as of now we don't foresee the need to replace any sewer lines but if there is a collapse of any line or if, for example, a tree root punctures the line there would be a cost to repair and replace the affected line.

Phillip LeBlanc, Mayor

Rural Municipality of Abram-Village