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To The Members of Council, Inhabitants and Ratepayers of the Corporation of the County of Huron,

We have audited the consolidated statement of financial position of the Corporation of the County of Huron as at December 31, 2003 and the consolidated statements of financial activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These statements are the responsibility of the County's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation of the County of Huron as at December 31, 2003, the results of its financial activities and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles for municipal governments established by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. To The Members of Council, Inhabitants and Ratepayers of the Corporation of the County of Huron.

Vodden, Bender & Seebach Chartered Accountants

Goderich, Ontario May 28, 2004

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Positions

at December 31, 2003

	2003	2002
	\$	\$
Financial Assets		
Cash and short-term investments	15,638,902	15,641,961
Accounts receivable	2,381,563	2,215,633
Other current assets	28,004	119,982
Total assets	18,048,469	17,977,576
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	5,967,499	7,420,041
Fund Balances		
Operating fund	78,167	6,735
Reserves and reserve funds	12,002,803	10,550,800
Total municipal position	12,080,970	10,557,535
Total liabilities and municipal position	18,048,469	17,977,576

These financial highlights reflect the financial activities, assets, liabilities and fund balances of the County of Huron including the Huron County Board of Health and the Huron County Library Board. The Huron Addiction Services Program and Heart Health Program administered by the Huron County Board of Health and funded entirely by the Province of Ontario are not consolidated. Trust funds under administration totaling \$573,246 (2002- \$589,567) are not consolidated.

Copies of the audited financial report from which these highlights were extracted may be examined at the office of the Clerk-Administrator, County of Huron Court House, Goderich, Ontario.

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended December 31, 2003

	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Actual 2002
Revenues			
Taxation & User Fees	26,737,822	29,022,094	26,796,969
Government Transfers	28,049,068	26,958,516	25,571,962
Other Revenue	1,242,600	1,713,215	1,502,529
Total Revenues	56,029,490	57,693,825	53,871,460
Expenditures			
Operating			
General government	4,147,871	3,456,798	3,524,487
Protection to persons or property	606,600	775,307	292,405
Transportation services	8,538,386	7,188,948	9,194,204
Environmental services	149,500	194,414	119,165
Health services	7,818,616	8,716,474	6,973,483
Social and family services	25,534,240	25,907,400	23,644,173
Social and public housing	3,005,250	2,919,734	2,857,771
Recreation and cultural services	2,387,565	2,301,126	2,037,748
Planning and development	3,175,391	2,226,860	2,795,617
	55,363,419	53,687,061	51,439,053

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Expenditures Capital General government 453,000 1,017,552 382,988 Protection to persons and property 6,000 5,949 Transportation services 6,000 543,989 967,478 Environmental services 500 500 500 281,516 Health services 281,000 1,638,277 Social and family services 116,000 116,011 331,713 Social and public housing 250,000 249,846 330,243 Recreation and cultural services 85,000 230,535 249,720 Planning and development 36,500 37,431 18,765 3,919,684 1,234,000 2,483,329 **Total expenditures** 56,597,419 56,170,390 55,358,737 Net expenditures 567,929 (1,523,435)1,487,277 Opening municipal position 10,557,535 10,557,535 12,044,812 Closing municipal position 9,989,606 12,080,970 10,557,535

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