

# News Release

## "Council Resolves 2009 Centennial Celebrations Deficit"

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For immediate release

Mr. Robert Hobbs, Mayor of the Town of Bishop's Falls, today announced the financial outcome for the 2009 Centennial Celebrations. Mayor Hobbs stated "For nearly two (2) years Council has worked to bring about a clear understanding of the financial impact of the 2009 Centennial Celebrations. This was a responsibility inherited from the previous Council. As many residents suspected, the year's festivities resulted in a deficit, largely the result of difficult weather and other contributing factors. Subsequently, it was necessary for Council to step up to the plate to resolve the deficit that has been substantially reduced to \$81,945".

The Town commissioned a financial audit of the celebrations for fiscal years 2009 and 2010 (partial). The financial statements for those years, prepared by a Chartered Accountant, show the following in terms of total revenues and expenditures:

	2009	2010
Revenues	266,877	48,850
Expenditures	415,443	54,277
Surplus (Deficit)	(148,566)	(5,427)

Mayor Hobbs explains "The fiscal year 2010 is a partial year ending February 28, 2010. In the following months the Committee was able to liquidate its receivables and the Town, taking a leadership role in the process, was able to negotiate settlements with the creditors and secure monies owed to the corporation. As such, the actual deficit was reduced to \$81,945. This is still a considerable sum of money, but Council managed the expenditure accordingly to mitigate the impact on budget and services."

Council very much appreciated the cooperation and understanding of the creditors throughout this process. "Dealing with a deficit of this magnitude, especially for a municipality like Bishop's Falls, is a significant undertaking. It required much analysis and consideration. Throughout the process the creditors were understanding and cooperative, and Council greatly appreciated this gesture", said Mayor Hobbs.

In total, the Town contributed \$126,945 to the 2009 Centennial Celebrations. This represents a \$45,000 operating grant, provided by the previous Council, and the deficit recovery program. The financial statements referred to above can be reviewed at the Town Office during normal work hours.

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