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**Garden River First Nation**  
**Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting**  
**March 31, 2024**

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The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Garden River First Nation are the responsibility of management and have been approved by the Chief and Council.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards prescribed for governments as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board. Management is responsible for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The First Nation Council is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control and is ultimately responsible for reviewing and approving the consolidated financial statements.

The external auditors, BDO Canada LLP, conduct an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, and express their opinion on the consolidated financial statements. The external auditors have access to financial management of Garden River First Nation and meet when required.



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Karen Bell

Chief



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Chief Executive Officer

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## Independent Auditor's Report

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To the Chief and Council of Garden River First Nation

### Qualified Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Garden River First Nation and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2024 and the consolidated statements of operations, changes in net financial assets (debt) and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Group as at March 31, 2024, and its consolidated results of operations, its consolidated changes in net financial assets (debt) and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

### Basis for Qualified Opinion

Effective April 1, 2022, the First Nation was required to adopt PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations which requires the recognition of legal obligations associated with the retirement of tangible capital assets by public sector entities. Under the modified retrospective application method, the asset retirement obligation on transition is to be recorded using assumptions as of April 1, 2022. The corresponding asset retirement cost is added to the carrying value of the related tangible capital assets adjusted for amortization since the time the legal obligation was incurred. The net adjustment is charged to accumulated surplus. Comparative figures are to be restated to reflect this change in accounting policy. Management has not completed its assessment of the tangible capital assets for potential asset retirement obligations. As a result, it is not possible to quantify the impact of this departure from Canadian public sector accounting standards on expenses and annual surplus for the years ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, tangible capital assets and the asset retirement obligation as at March 31, 2024 and 2023, and accumulated surplus as at April 1 and March 31 for both the 2024 and 2023 years.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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## Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

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Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

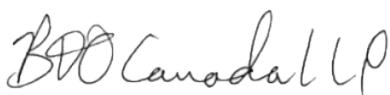
### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

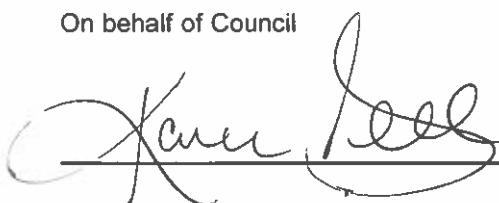


Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario  
March 5, 2025

**Garden River First Nation**  
**Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

| March 31  | 2024                  | 2023                 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Financial assets</b>                               |                       |                      |
| Cash and short term securities (Note 9)               | \$ 24,840,986         | \$ 27,052,476        |
| Accounts receivable                                   | 11,656,940            | 12,221,379           |
| Due from the Community Trust (Note 4)                 | 415,540               | 322,309              |
| Robinson Huron Treaty Settlement Receivable (Note 19) | 617,986,777           | -                    |
| Inventories held for sale                             | 108,811               | 78,670               |
| Investments in subsidiaries (Note 2)                  | 5,692,397             | 4,913,559            |
| Portfolio investments (Note 10)                       | 12,192,113            | 11,784,171           |
| Trust Funds held by Federal Government (Note 8)       | 623,115               | 591,902              |
|   | <u>673,516,679</u>    | <u>56,964,466</u>    |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                    |                       |                      |
| Bank indebtedness                                     | -                     | 25,000               |
| Accounts payable                                      | 6,281,779             | 8,641,838            |
| Due to Indigenous Services Canada (Note 14)           | 298,290               | 346,303              |
| Due to Province                                       | 1,107,759             | 1,167,424            |
| Deferred revenue (Note 5)                             | 23,663,908            | 22,719,190           |
| Post employment retirement benefits (Note 3)          | 5,754                 | 5,754                |
| Long term debt (Note 6)                               | 8,240,046             | 7,819,323            |
|   | <u>39,597,536</u>     | <u>40,724,832</u>    |
| <b>Net financial assets (debt)</b>                    | <u>633,919,143</u>    | <u>16,239,634</u>    |
| <b>Non-financial assets</b>                           |                       |                      |
| Tangible capital assets (Schedule 1)                  | 34,294,823            | 29,897,679           |
| Prepaid expenses and inventory of supplies            | 487,838               | 418,152              |
|   | <u>34,782,661</u>     | <u>30,315,831</u>    |
| <b>Accumulated surplus (Note 7)</b>                   | <u>\$ 668,701,804</u> | <u>\$ 46,555,465</u> |
| <b>Accumulated surplus is comprised of:</b>           |                       |                      |
| Accumulated operating surplus                         | \$ 668,613,021        | \$ 46,373,017        |
| Accumulated remeasurement gains (losses)              | 88,783                | 182,448              |
|   | <u>\$ 668,701,804</u> | <u>\$ 46,555,465</u> |

On behalf of Council



Chief



Chief Executive Officer

## Garden River First Nation Consolidated Statement of Operations

| For the year ended March 31   | Budget               | 2024                  | 2023                 |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>  |                      |                       |                      |
| Indigenous Services Canada  | \$ 29,930,536        | <b>22,950,780</b>     | \$ 21,836,321        |
| Canada  | 5,159,202            | <b>649,550</b>        | 4,555,554            |
| Ontario   | 2,765,987            | <b>2,397,986</b>      | 3,505,356            |
| Other Indigenous organizations  | 2,563,455            | <b>1,611,488</b>      | 2,556,187            |
| Garden River First Nation trusts                                      | 199,048              | <b>115,700</b>        | 252,498              |
| OFNLP   | -                    | <b>1,870,421</b>      | 1,299,593            |
| Interest and other revenue  | 10,366,844           | <b>4,204,150</b>      | 4,484,841            |
| User fees, rental income, sales,<br>fund raising and gravel royalties | 6,095,285            | <b>17,120,286</b>     | 17,052,899           |
| FHIT (Note 8)   | -                    | <b>31,213</b>         | 30,520               |
| Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (Note 18)                       | -                    | <b>617,986,777</b>    | -                    |
|   | <hr/>                | <hr/>                 | <hr/>                |
| Due (to) from Indigenous Services Canada                              | 57,080,357           | <b>668,938,351</b>    | 55,573,769           |
| Due (to) from Province of Ontario                                     | -                    | <b>(2,100)</b>        | (186,621)            |
|   | <hr/>                | <hr/>                 | <hr/>                |
|   | 57,080,357           | <b>668,538,752</b>    | 55,181,210           |
| <b>Expenses</b>   |                      |                       |                      |
| Social and family services  | 3,143,404            | <b>4,807,271</b>      | 4,495,040            |
| Administration, lands and economic development                        | 5,121,938            | <b>4,142,926</b>      | 3,217,195            |
| Education   | 9,418,850            | <b>9,866,249</b>      | 10,319,228           |
| Operations and maintenance  | 1,823,889            | <b>2,932,759</b>      | 2,697,675            |
| Housing development   | 1,826,110            | <b>2,092,019</b>      | 2,035,162            |
| Medical and other health services                                     | 7,620,612            | <b>5,947,714</b>      | 5,696,079            |
| Enterprises   | 9,655,071            | <b>14,227,325</b>     | 15,427,504           |
| Other   | 509,251              | <b>3,061,323</b>      | 2,630,238            |
|   | <hr/>                | <hr/>                 | <hr/>                |
|   | 39,119,125           | <b>47,077,586</b>     | 46,518,121           |
|   | <hr/>                | <hr/>                 | <hr/>                |
|   | 17,961,232           | <b>621,461,166</b>    | 8,663,089            |
| <b>Annual surplus (loss) from enterprises</b>                         |                      |                       |                      |
| Construction Equipment Co. (Sault) Inc.                               | -                    | <b>785,551</b>        | 627,004              |
| 2104298 Ontario Inc   | -                    | <b>(6,713)</b>        | 17,237               |
|   | <hr/>                | <hr/>                 | <hr/>                |
|   | -                    | <b>778,838</b>        | 644,241              |
| <b>Annual surplus</b>   |                      |                       |                      |
|   | 17,961,232           | <b>622,240,004</b>    | 9,307,330            |
| <b>Accumulated surplus, beginning of year</b>                         |                      |                       |                      |
|   | 46,373,017           | <b>46,373,017</b>     | 37,065,687           |
| <b>Accumulated surplus, end of year</b>                               |                      |                       |                      |
|   | <b>\$ 64,334,249</b> | <b>\$ 668,613,021</b> | <b>\$ 46,373,017</b> |

**Garden River First Nation**  
**Consolidated Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses**

| <b>For the year ended March 31</b>                         | <b>2024</b>      | <b>2023</b>       |
|--|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Accumulated remeasurement gains</b> , beginning of year | \$ 182,448       | \$ -              |
| Adoption of Section 3450 Financial Instruments (Note 2)    | - -              | 69,475            |
| Unrealized gains (losses) attributable to:                 |                  |                   |
| Portfolio investments                                      | <u>88,783</u>    | 182,448           |
|  | 271,231          | 251,923           |
| Amounts reclassified to the statement of operations:       |                  |                   |
| Portfolio investments                                      | <u>(182,448)</u> | (69,475)          |
| <b>Accumulated remeasurement gains</b> , end of year       | <b>\$ 88,783</b> | <b>\$ 182,448</b> |

**Garden River First Nation**  
**Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets (Debt)**

| <b>For the year ended March 31</b>                  | <b>Budget</b>        | <b>2024</b>           | <b>2023</b>          |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Annual surplus</b>                               | <b>\$ 17,961,232</b> | <b>\$ 622,240,004</b> | <b>\$ 9,307,330</b>  |
| Acquisition of tangible capital assets              | (106,053)            | <b>(6,730,525)</b>    | (6,577,278)          |
| Amortization of tangible capital assets             | -                    | <b>2,318,508</b>      | 2,108,547            |
| Gain or loss on disposal of tangible capital assets | -                    | -                     | 7,764                |
| Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets         | -                    | <b>14,873</b>         | 21,485               |
| Unrealized gains on portfolio investments           | -                    | <b>88,783</b>         | 182,448              |
| Realized (gain) loss on portfolio investments       | -                    | <b>(182,448)</b>      | -                    |
| Prepaid expenses and inventory of supplies          | -                    | <b>(69,686)</b>       | 314,454              |
| <b>Net change in net financial assets</b>           | <b>17,855,179</b>    | <b>617,679,509</b>    | 5,364,750            |
| <b>Net financial assets</b> , beginning of year     | <b>16,239,634</b>    | <b>16,239,634</b>     | 10,874,884           |
| <b>Net financial assets</b> , end of year           | <b>\$ 34,094,813</b> | <b>\$ 633,919,143</b> | <b>\$ 16,239,634</b> |

**Garden River First Nation**  
**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

| For the year ended March 31                               | 2024                 | 2023          |
|---|----------------------|---------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>               |                      |               |
| Annual surplus  | \$ 622,240,004       | \$ 9,307,330  |
| Items not involving cash                                  |                      |               |
| Net income - Construction Equipment Co. (Sault) Inc.      | (785,551)            | (627,004)     |
| Net income - 2104298 Ontario Inc.                         | 6,713                | (17,237)      |
| Amortization  | 2,318,508            | 2,108,547     |
| Remeasurement gain  | (93,665)             | 182,448       |
| Gain on disposal of asset                                 | 14,873               | 29,250        |
|   | <u>623,700,882</u>   | 10,983,334    |
| Changes in non-cash working capital balances              |                      |               |
| Accounts receivable                                       | 564,439              | (5,027,259)   |
| Due to/from Indigenous Services Canada                    | (618,034,790)        | 186,621       |
| Inventory for resale                                      | (30,141)             | (15,907)      |
| Due to/from Community Trust                               | (93,231)             | 102,418       |
| Accounts payable  | (2,419,724)          | 2,107,303     |
| Deferred revenue  | 944,718              | 6,315,735     |
| Prepaid expenses and inventory of supplies                | (69,687)             | 314,453       |
| Trust Funds held by Federal Government                    | (31,213)             | (30,520)      |
|   | <u>4,531,253</u>     | 14,936,178    |
| <b>Cash flows from capital transactions</b>               |                      |               |
| Acquisition of tangible capital assets                    | (6,730,525)          | (6,577,278)   |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>               |                      |               |
| Contribution to Belleville Affordable Housing Partnership | -                    | 175,000       |
| Purchase of marketable securities                         | (407,941)            | (959,315)     |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>               |                      |               |
| Bank operating line of credit                             | (25,000)             | 25,000        |
| Long term debt issued                                     | 1,554,534            | -             |
| Long term debt repaid                                     | (1,133,811)          | (703,484)     |
| <b>Increase (decrease) in cash</b>                        | <u>(2,211,490)</u>   | 6,896,101     |
| <b>Cash, beginning of year</b>                            | <u>27,052,476</u>    | 20,156,375    |
| <b>Cash, end of year</b>                                  | <u>\$ 24,840,986</u> | \$ 27,052,476 |

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# Garden River First Nation

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

**March 31, 2024**

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### **1. Summary of significant accounting policies**

**a) Basis of accounting** These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards prescribed for governments as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board.

**b) Reporting entity** The Garden River First Nation reporting entity includes the First Nation government and all entities that are controlled by the First Nation.

**c) Principles of consolidation** All controlled entities are fully consolidated on a line-by-line basis except for commercial enterprises which meet the definition of a government business enterprise, which are included in the consolidated financial statements on a modified equity basis. Inter-organizational balances and transactions are eliminated upon consolidation.  
Organizations accounted for on a modified equity basis include:  
- 2104298 Ontario Inc.  
- Construction Equipment Co. (Sault) Inc.  
Under the modified equity method of accounting, only Garden River First Nation's portion of the enterprise's net income and other changes in equity are recorded. No adjustment is made for accounting policies of the enterprise that are different from those of the First Nation, and inter-organizational balances and transactions are not eliminated.  
In addition the Belleville Affordable Housing Limited Partnership, a joint partnership, has been proportionately consolidated at 25%

**d) Cash and short term securities** Cash and short term securities consist of cash on hand, bank balances and guaranteed investment certificates with a duration of less than a year from the date of acquisition.

**e) Inventories for resale** Inventories of supplies and goods available for resale are recorded at the lower of cost and net realizable value.

**f) Tangible capital assets** Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Cost includes all costs directly attributable to acquisition or construction of the tangible capital asset including transportation costs, installation costs, design and engineering fees, legal fees and site preparation costs. Contributed tangible capital assets are recorded at fair value at the time of the donation, with a corresponding amount recorded as revenue. Amortization is recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated life of the tangible capital asset commencing in the year the asset is available for productive use as follows:

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Land improvements       | 15 years       |
| Buildings               | 20 to 40 years |
| Infrastructure          | 15 to 45 years |
| Vehicles                | 7 years        |
| Machinery and equipment | 10 to 20 years |

In the year of acquisition tangible capital assets are amortized at one-half the above rates.

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## Garden River First Nation Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

**March 31, 2024**

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### 1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Tangible capital assets under construction, development or that have been removed from service are not amortized until they are available to be put into service.

**g) Financial Instruments** Cash and equity instruments quoted in an active market are measured at fair value. Accounts receivable, accounts payable, and long-term debt are measured at cost or amortized cost. The carrying amount of each of these financial instruments is presented on the statement of financial position.

Unrealized gains and losses from changes in the fair value of financial instruments are recognized in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses. Upon settlement, the cumulative gain or loss is reclassified from the statement of remeasurement gains and losses and recognized in the statement of operations. Interest and dividends attributable to financial instruments are reported in the statement of operations.

When investment income and realized and unrealized gains and losses from changes in the fair value of financial instruments are externally restricted, the investment income and fair value changes are recognized as revenue in the period in which the resources are used for the purpose specified.

For financial instruments measured using amortized cost, the effective interest rate method is used to determine interest revenue or expense.

All financial assets are tested annually for impairment. When financial assets are impaired, impairment losses are recorded in the statement of operations.

Transaction costs are added to the carrying value for financial instruments measured using cost or amortized cost. Transaction costs are expensed for financial instruments measured at fair value.

**h) Pension plan**

Garden River First Nation provides a defined contribution plan for its employees. The pension costs are charged to operations as contributions are due. Contributions are a defined amount whereby the employer matches that paid by the employee.

**i) Revenue recognition**

Revenue is recognized in the period in which the transactions or events occurred that gave rise to the revenue. All revenue is recorded on an accrual basis.

Government transfers are recognized as revenues when the transfer is authorized and any eligibility criteria are met, except to the extent that transfer stipulations give rise to an obligation that meets the definition of a liability. Transfers are recognized as deferred revenue when transfer stipulations give rise to a liability. Transfer revenue is recognized in the statement of operations as the stipulation liabilities are settled.

Contributions, other than government transfers, are deferred when restrictions are placed on their use by the external contributor, and are recognized as revenue when used for the specific purpose.

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## Garden River First Nation Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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### **1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

Revenue related to fees or services received in advance of the fee being earned or the service is performed is deferred and recognized when the fee is earned or service performed.

#### **k) Use of estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

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### **2. Investments in subsidiaries**

Garden River First Nation accounts for its investments in Construction Equipment Co. (Sault) Inc., 2104298 Ontario Inc., by the modified equity method. The equity method initially records the investment at cost and then is increased or decreased by the First Nation's pro-rata share of income or loss and is reduced by distributions received.

|  | <b>2024</b>             | <b>2023</b>      |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|
| Construction Equipment Co. (Sault) Inc.: |                         |                  |
| Issued common shares - 100               | \$ 502                  | \$ 502           |
| Capital contributions                    | 117,942                 | 117,942          |
| Accumulated surplus                      | <u>5,075,781</u>        | 4,290,230        |
|  | <br><b>5,194,225</b>    | <br>4,408,674    |
| Advances receivable, interest free       | <br><b>198,052</b>      | <br>198,052      |
|  | <br><b>5,392,277</b>    | <br>4,606,726    |
| 2104298 Ontario Inc.:                    |                         |                  |
| Issued common shares - 1                 | 1                       | 1                |
| Accumulated surplus                      | <u>282,545</u>          | 289,258          |
|  | <br><b>282,546</b>      | <br>289,259      |
| Advances receivable, interest free       | <br><b>17,574</b>       | <br>17,574       |
|  | <br><b>300,120</b>      | <br>306,833      |
|  | <br><b>\$ 5,692,397</b> | <br>\$ 4,913,559 |

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## Garden River First Nation Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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### 2. Investments in subsidiaries (continued)

Financial information for the year ended March 31, 2024 is as follows:

|   | Construction<br>Equipment Co. (Sault) Inc - 50% | 2104298<br>Ontario Inc. - 50% |              |
|---|---|-------------------------------|--------------|
|   | 2024  | 2023                          | 2024         |
|   | 2023  |                               | 2023         |
| Assets                                      | \$ 26,325,436                                   | \$ 20,328,921                 | \$ 1,443,254 |
| Liabilities and<br>non-controlling interest | \$ 15,936,987                                   | \$ 11,511,574                 | \$ 878,163   |
| Revenue                                     | \$ 15,713,311                                   | \$ 15,022,349                 | \$ 104,798   |
| Net income (loss)                           | \$ 1,571,102                                    | \$ 1,254,008                  | \$ (13,426)  |
|   |   |                               | \$ 34,474    |

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### 3. Post employment and retirement benefits

Employees are eligible to participate in a defined contribution pension plan. Employer contributions totaled \$497,333 (2023 - \$396,454) and were fully expensed.

On February 28, 2012 Garden River First Nation approved a retirement policy in recognition of employees hired prior to 1997. The policy allows employees hired before 1997 and who have had no break in employment, may upon meeting specific retirement criteria, become entitled to two week's pay at their current rate, for every continuous year of service prior and up to 1997.

The liability for these accumulated weeks, to the extent that they have vested and could be taken in cash by an employee on retirement amounted to \$5,754 (2023 - \$5,754) at the end of the year.

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### 4. Garden River First Nation Community Trust

The funds are advanced to the First Nation as a beneficiary of the Trust and are subject to the Trust provisions governing the disbursement of such funds.

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### 5. Deferred revenue

|                            | Balance<br>March 31, 2023 | Funding<br>Received<br>2024 | Revenue<br>Recognized<br>2024 | Balance<br>March 31, 2024 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Indigenous Affairs         | \$ 19,766,947             | \$ 23,405,593               | \$ 22,816,302                 | \$ 20,356,238             |
| Province of Ontario        | 1,082,108                 | 2,780,647                   | 2,700,419                     | 1,162,336                 |
| North Shore Tribal Council | 867,269                   | 971,165                     | 951,419                       | 887,015                   |
| Union of Indians           | 468,375                   | 817,012                     | 591,192                       | 694,195                   |
| Other                      | 534,491                   | 2,122,170                   | 2,092,537                     | 564,124                   |
|                            | <hr/> \$ 22,719,190       | <hr/> \$ 30,096,587         | <hr/> \$ 29,151,869           | <hr/> \$ 23,663,908       |

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**5. Deferred revenue (continued)**

**Deferred revenue by program is as follows:**

|                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Social and family support         |                      |
| Niigaaniin - Administration       | \$ 204,379           |
| Homemakers                        | 135,549              |
| Day Care - Other Activities       | 694,195              |
| Day Care Transformation           | 79,434               |
| Administration                    |                      |
| Forest Sector Strategy            | 127,399              |
| Government - Bylaw Process        | 50,244               |
| Economic development              |                      |
| Labour Market Info                | 35,310               |
| Economic Development Officer      | 73,680               |
| Water Feasibility Study           | 50,384               |
| Education                         |                      |
| Support and Ancillary             | 1,361,242            |
| New Path Proposals                | 210,995              |
| Reginal Education Agreements      | 61,013               |
| Private School                    | 5,066,984            |
| Mentored Work Experience          | 891,622              |
| Transportation                    | 188,459              |
| Jordan's Principal                | 1,383,922            |
| Post Secondary                    | 971,250              |
| Operations and maintenance        |                      |
| Community Building Capital        | 379,178              |
| Fire and Ambulance                | 610,864              |
| Health Services                   |                      |
| Health transfer programs          | 2,762,717            |
| Human Rights Tribunal             | 25,186               |
| Community Well Being              | 1,012,680            |
| Diabetes Program                  | 5,446                |
| Housing                           |                      |
| On-Reserve Housing                | 317,544              |
| Tiny House Project                | 1,142,469            |
| Emergency Shelters                | 1,840,791            |
| Lands                             |                      |
| FHIT - Utilities Commission       | 72,800               |
| Enterprises                       |                      |
| Public Works MTO                  | 303,629              |
| Other                             |                      |
| Jordan's Principal - Cultural     | 1,117,938            |
| Spiritual and Other Cultural      | 314,630              |
| NSTC Administration               | 405,924              |
| NSTC Job Development              | 271,267              |
| Indigenous Languages and Cultures | 120,513              |
| Recreation Centre                 | 1,280,599            |
| Golf Resorts                      |                      |
| Golf Memberships                  | 83,376               |
| CMHC                              | 10,296               |
|                                   | <hr/>                |
|                                   | <b>\$ 23,663,908</b> |

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**6. Long term debt**

|  | <b>2024</b>         | <b>2023</b>         |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>CMHC rental housing mortgages</b>   |                     |                     |
| Canada Mortgage and Housing Mortgages, payable in blended monthly payments ranging from \$1,006 to \$6,492 including interest at various rates from 0.73% to 3.81%, renewals on various dates from 2024 to 2028, secured by Ministerial guarantees by the Indigenous Services Canada | \$ 5,178,098        | \$ 5,831,865        |
| Canada Mortgage and Housing, loan advances   | 668,986             | 683,859             |
| <b>Bank loans</b>  |                     |                     |
| Royal Bank term loan, repayable \$16,740 monthly including interest at 3.12%, due August 2024  | 851,893             | 1,008,019           |
| CMHC seed loan, interest free, due November 2024   | 7,975               | 7,975               |
| Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation loan, interest at 3.4%, due July 2073, not currently under repayment   | 1,281,744           | -                   |
| Bank of Montreal line of credit, maximum limit of \$1,000,000 interest at prime plus 5%, due on demand   | 164,345             | 242,579             |
| <b>Equipment loans</b>   |                     |                     |
| Nissan loan, repayable \$540 monthly including interest, at 5.79%, due October 2024, secured by equipment  | 9,328               | 15,088              |
| Ford loan, repayable \$487 monthly including interest, at 1.99%, due August 2029, secured by equipment   | 65,166              | -                   |
| Ford loan, repayable \$644 monthly including interest, at 0.99%, due April 2025, secured by equipment  | 10,397              | 17,981              |
| Ford loan, repayable \$826 monthly including interest, at 0.99%, due April 2024, secured by equipment  | 2,114               | 11,957              |
|  | <b>\$ 8,240,046</b> | <b>\$ 7,819,323</b> |

Interest paid on long term debt during the year amounted to \$160,831 (2023 - \$52,837). Assuming renewal on comparable terms, principal payments required on long term debt for the next five years and thereafter are due as follows:

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Amount</b>              |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| 2024        | \$ 864,122                 |
| 2025        | 831,354                    |
| 2026        | 749,079                    |
| 2027        | 710,451                    |
| 2028        | 554,559                    |
| Thereafter  | <u>4,530,481</u>           |
|             | <b><u>\$ 8,240,046</u></b> |

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**7. Accumulated surplus**

|   | <b>2024</b>  | <b>2023</b>  |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Reserves set aside for specific purposes by Chief and Council:</b> |              |              |
| Working capital   | \$ 5,343,646 | \$ 5,343,646 |
| Education - feathers fund   | 59,611       | 64,377       |
| GRFN initiatives  | 7,273        | 7,273        |
| Post secondary  | 631,238      | 631,238      |
| Private school - AIM curriculum                                       | 298,070      | 298,070      |
| Daycare   | 115,618      | 4,477        |
| Housing demonstration   | 67,442       | 67,442       |
| Lands department  | (132,927)    | (132,927)    |
| NSTC - MOU  | 32,978       | 32,978       |
| Great lakes brushing  | 82,265       | 82,265       |
| Community building capital  | 238,479      | 238,479      |
| Union gas brushing  | 59,791       | -            |
| Housing - non-social  | 31,332       | 31,332       |
| Food bank / Christmas Cheer   | 122,949      | 128,461      |
| OFNLP - 2008 Limited partnership agreement                            | 3,272,371    | 3,384,647    |
| Education capital building  | 45,044       | 45,044       |
| Grader operations   | 10,000       | 10,000       |
| Community Trust - addition AIM  | 12,780       | 12,780       |
| Annual golf classic   | 11,739       | 11,739       |
| Western boundary  | 46,607       | 46,607       |
| Education vans  | 172,478      | 186,976      |
| Lands and trust   | 67,153       | 67,153       |
| Library   | 1,778        | 1,778        |
| Public works fleet  | 368,379      | 140,270      |
| Membership  | 22,148       | 22,148       |
| Joint Venture - Dexterra  | 162,809      | -            |
| Forestry preservation   | 19,188       | 19,188       |
| School of medicine  | 20,614       | 20,614       |
| Niigaaniin van  | 1,715        | 1,715        |
| Business Income   | 139,845      | 36,000       |
| CHRT  | 143,802      | 143,802      |
| Dialysis  | 74,853       | 74,853       |
| ONFFS   | 41,104       | 41,104       |
| Little NHL  | 7,973        | 7,973        |
| National Aboriginal Day   | 2,100        | 2,100        |
| Renovations   | 162,311      | 162,311      |
| Ojibway Park  | 2,951        | 2,951        |
| Tobacco Distribution  | 318,531      | 257,420      |
| Western Boundary Settlement   | 9,053,992    | 8,676,436    |
| Robinson Huron Treaty   | 617,986,777  | -            |
| Argonaut Gold/Prodigy Gold  | 122,781      | -            |

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**7. Accumulated surplus (continued)**

|  | <b>2024</b>                  | <b>2023</b>                 |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Reserve funds:</b>                                |                              |                             |
| Health Canada - moveable asset reserve               | 323,621                      | 323,621                     |
| Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation              | 336,851                      | 231,898                     |
| Squirrel Island                                      | 95,034                       | 95,034                      |
| Funds held in trust                                  | <u>4,188,806</u>             | 4,018,866                   |
|  | 644,193,900                  | 24,842,139                  |
| Equity in tangible capital assets                    | 26,054,777                   | 22,078,356                  |
| General surplus (deficit)                            | (8,482,801)                  | (6,476,735)                 |
| Equity in enterprises (excludes advances receivable) | 5,536,869                    | 4,758,031                   |
| Unfunded expenditures to be recovered in future      | -                            | (14,406)                    |
| Community Trust                                      | 687,161                      | 593,930                     |
| Funds held in trust by Federal Government            | <u>623,115</u>               | 591,902                     |
|  | <u><u>\$ 668,613,021</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 46,373,217</u></u> |
| <b>Allocation of annual surplus:</b>                 |                              |                             |
| Reserves   | \$ 619,351,761               | \$ 1,236,787                |
| Equity in tangible capital assets                    | 3,976,421                    | 5,142,928                   |
| General surplus (deficit)                            | (2,005,866)                  | 2,033,651                   |
| Equity in enterprises                                | 778,838                      | 644,241                     |
| Unfunded expenditures to be recovered in future      | 14,406                       | 50,000                      |
| Community trust reserve                              | 93,231                       | 169,203                     |
| Funds held in trust                                  | <u>31,213</u>                | 30,520                      |
|  | <u><u>\$ 622,240,004</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 9,307,330</u></u>  |

**Unfunded liabilities to be recovered in future years are as follows:**

|                                   |      |           |
|-----------------------------------|------|-----------|
| Public works automotive equipment | \$ - | \$ 14,406 |
|-----------------------------------|------|-----------|

The Public works automotive equipment amounts are to be recovered from future Public Works contracts and other revenues.

**8. Trust Funds held by Federal Government**

|         | March 31, 2023    | Additions<br>2024 | Withdrawals<br>2024 | <b>March 31, 2024</b> |
|---------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Revenue | \$ 457,256        | \$ 31,213         | \$ -                | \$ 488,469            |
| Capital | 134,646           | -                 | -                   | 134,646               |
|         | <u>\$ 591,902</u> | <u>\$ 31,213</u>  | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ 623,115</u>     |

The trust funds arise from monies derived from capital or revenue sources as outlined in Section 62 of the Indian Act. These funds are held in trust in the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Government of Canada. The management of these funds is primarily governed by Section 63 to 69 of the Indian Act.

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### 9. Cash and short term securities

|                       | 2024                 | 2023                 |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Cash                  | \$ 23,597,376        | \$ 25,856,391        |
| Short term securities | <u>1,243,610</u>     | <u>1,196,085</u>     |
|                       | <b>\$ 24,840,986</b> | <b>\$ 27,052,476</b> |

Cash is represented by deposits at financial institutions and cash amounts on hand at year end.

Short term securities is represented by an investment in guaranteed investment certificates with a maturity dates in June 2024 and an interest rates of 5.02% - 5.03%.

All interest earned from the investments is recorded under the accrual method and is included in interest income.

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### 10. Portfolio investments

|                    | 2024                     | 2023                     |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Market value       |                          |                          |
| Peace Hills Trust  | \$ 11,919,490            | 11,343,780               |
| Argonaut Gold Inc. | <u>272,623</u>           | <u>440,391</u>           |
|                    | <b><u>12,192,113</u></b> | <b><u>11,784,171</u></b> |
| Total investments  | <b>\$ 12,192,113</b>     | <b>\$ 11,784,171</b>     |

The market value of investments held by Peace Hills Trust is represented by term deposits and bonds with a maturity dates ranging from April 2024 to July 2024 and interest rates of 0.39% -2.58%.

All interest earned from the investments is recorded under the accrual method and is included in interest income.

Financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value are grouped into Levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the fair value is observable:

- Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities using the last bid price;
- Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and
- Level 3 fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for assets or liabilities that are not based on observable market date (unobservable inputs).

Fair value of First Nation's portfolio investments have been determined using Level 1 measures in the fair value hierarchy.

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### **11. Credit facilities**

The First Nation has a \$500,000 operating line of credit bearing interest at prime plus 1%. As at March 31, 2024, a balance of \$NIL was outstanding on this credit facility.

The First Nation has a \$200,000 operating line of credit for Bingo Hall operations bearing interest at prime plus 1%. As at March 31, 2024, a balance of \$NIL was outstanding on this credit facility.

The First Nation has a \$2,000,000 revolving lease line of credit by way of leases bearing interest at 4%. As at March 31, 2024, a balance of \$9,202 was outstanding on this credit facility.

The above credit facilities are secured by Band Council Resolution, \$300,000 guaranteed investment certificate and a general security agreement constituting a first security interest in all assets of the Borrower except real property.

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### **12. Commitments**

The First Nation has entered into agreements to lease office and golf course equipment and solar panels for various periods until 2028. Minimum lease payments for each of the next four years are as follows:

|      |    |         |
|------|----|---------|
| 2025 | \$ | 176,733 |
| 2026 | \$ | 167,806 |
| 2027 | \$ | 163,427 |
| 2028 | \$ | 135,976 |

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### **13. Financial instruments**

First Nation's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, portfolio investments, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The nature of the risks to which First Nation may be subject to are as follows:

#### **a) Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial transaction will fail to discharge a financial obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. First Nation is exposed to this risk relating to its cash, portfolio investments and accounts receivable.

First Nation holds its cash accounts and portfolio investments with large reputable financial institutions, from which management believes the risk of loss due to credit risk to be remote.

First Nation is exposed to credit risk in accounts receivable which includes government and other receivables. First Nation measures its exposure to credit risk with respect to accounts receivable based on how long the amounts have been outstanding and management's analysis of accounts including managements on-going monitoring of outstanding accounts, collections, and allowance for doubtful accounts. In the opinion of management, the credit risk exposure in accounts receivable is considered to be moderate.

#### **b) Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the company cannot repay its obligations when they become due to its creditors. First Nation is exposed to this risk relating to its accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and loan payable.

First Nation reduces its exposure to liquidity risk by monitoring cash and investing activities and expected outflow through extensive budgeting and maintaining enough cash and investments to repay trade creditors as payables become due. In the opinion of management, the liquidity risk exposure to First Nation is low.

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### **13. Financial instruments (continued)**

#### **c) Market risk**

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises two types of risk: interest rate risk and other price risk.

##### **i) Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the potential for financial loss caused by fluctuations in fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments because of changes in market interest rates. First Nation is exposed to this risk through its interest-bearing investments and long term debt held.

First Nation's GIC portfolio has fixed interest rates ranging from 5.02%-5.03% and maturities in June 2024. First Nation does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to interest rate risk. In the opinion of management, the interest rate risk exposure to First Nation is low.

The First Nation holds long-term debt with fixed interest rates; which therefore, limits the exposure to interest rate risk for the First Nation.

##### **ii) Other price risk**

Other price risk is the uncertainty associated with the valuation of financial assets arising from changes in equity markets. First Nation is exposed to this risk through its equity holdings in its investment portfolio.

The maximum exposure to other price risk through First Nation's equity holdings is detailed in note 10 to the financial statements. Management reduces its exposure to other price risk by monitoring the value of its holdings on a regular basis. In the opinion of management, the other price risk exposure to First Nation is low.

There have not been significant changes from the previous year in the exposure to all of the above risks or policies, procedures and methods used to measure these risks.

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### **14. Indigenous Services Canada funding**

The Garden River First Nation has a contribution arrangement with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). The funds are used by the First Nation to administer its operations and provide service to its members in accordance with the terms of the funding arrangement.

The following is a reconciliation of funding provided:

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| ISC revenue per consolidated statement of operations | \$ 22,950,780               |
| Less: Deferred revenue, beginning of year            | (19,766,947)                |
| Add: Deferred revenue, end of year                   | <u>20,356,238</u>           |
|  | <u><b>\$ 23,540,071</b></u> |

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Indigenous Services Canada funding per confirmation report | <u><b>\$ 23,540,071</b></u> |
|--|-----------------------------|

Amounts due (to) / from ISC:

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| - Tuition - 2014/15 and prior | \$ (1,490)                 |
| - Tuition - 2015/16           | -                          |
| - Tuition - 2017/18           | 148,973                    |
| - Repayable to funder         | <u>(445,773)</u>           |
|                               | <u><b>\$ (298,290)</b></u> |

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### **15. Youth trust accounts**

As part of the Western Boundary Settlement there was a one time "per capita" distribution in fiscal 2020 to the members of \$7,808,195. For those members who were under the age of 18 at the date of distribution, these monies are held by The Garden River First Nation Boundary Claim Settlement until such time as the member reached the age of 18. These monies will be distributed to the members as they achieve the age of 18 at the principal amount plus interest calculated at the bank rate plus one percent.

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### **16. Contingencies**

#### ***Loan guarantees***

The First Nation has an agreement with the Royal Bank under the First Nation on Reserve Loan Program providing for an aggregate credit facility in the amount of \$10,000,000 for qualified members of Garden River First Nation. The First Nation must guarantee the full amount of the loan, however in the event the First Nation transfers for fair market value the building or improvement in respect of which the loan was made and the fair market value is less than the amount paid by the First Nation to the Bank under the guarantee, the Bank shall reimburse to the First Nation 20% of the shortfall as subject to the provisions in the loan agreement. As of March 31, 2024 the First Nation has guaranteed loans in the amount of \$10,178,053.

The First Nation has an agreement with the Bank of Montreal under the First Nation on Reserve Loan Program providing for an aggregate credit facility in the amount of \$3,900,000 and \$250,000 under the First Nation on Reserve Renovation Loan Program for qualified members of Garden River First Nation. As of March 31, 2024 the First Nation has guaranteed loans in the amount of \$3,192,052.

The Garden River First Nation also has guaranteed housing program loans on behalf of various band members and is contingently liable to the Deposit Insurance Corporation of Ontario if band members default. As at March 31, 2024 the balance of loans outstanding is \$100,000.

The First Nation has provided a guarantee in the amount of \$507,500 in favour of the Bank of Montreal on behalf of the Robinson Huron Treaty Ojibewa (Anishinabe). This represents 7% of the total loan of \$7,250,000 being guaranteed by 21 participating First Nation Communities that are settlors and beneficiaries of the Robinson Huron Treaty Trust.

The First Nation has also provided a guarantee in the amount of \$250,000 in favour of the Bank of Montreal on behalf of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte. This represents 25% of the total loan of \$1,000,000 being guaranteed by fellow limited partners of the Belleville Affordable Housing Limited Partnership.

#### ***Litigation***

There is a claim for constructive dismissal against GRFN, however the outcome is not presently determinable.

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### **17. Segmented information**

The Garden River First Nation is a diversified government institution that provides a wide range of services to its members, including education, infrastructure maintenance, medical and other health services, administration, capital, enterprises and other services. For management reporting purposes the First Nation's operations and activities are organized and reported by department. Department were created for the purpose of recording specific activities to attain certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations.

Services are provided by departments and their activities are reported in these department. Certain departments that have been separately disclosed in the segmented information, along with the services they provide, are as follows:

#### ***Social and family services***

This department is responsible for administering programs focusing on improving the lives of members and families of the First Nation, including social assistance, funeral and adult care policies, and as well, providing services directed towards members including day care and employment support initiatives.

#### ***Administration, lands & trusts and economic development***

The administration department oversees the delivery of all governmental services. The department is responsible for ensuring that there are adequate policies and procedures in place to safeguard assets and to properly report financial activities. In addition, this department includes the governance activities of chief and council. This department also oversees economic development programs within the community.

#### ***Education***

The education department provides services to elementary and secondary students primarily by entering into service contracts with provincially funded area school boards, as well as native language study. In addition, the department reimburses tuition costs and provides living and other allowances to students who are attending post-secondary institutions.

#### ***Operations and maintenance***

The infrastructure department provides public services that contribute to community development and sustainability through the provision of operating services such as roads, water and sanitation, fire protection, electrical and community buildings.

#### ***Housing development***

This department oversees construction and renovation of housing in the community and as well, operates the CMHC projects and other band-owned homes.

#### ***Medical and other health services***

The community wellness department provides a diverse bundle of services directed towards the well-being of members including such activities as long term care, medical transportation, pre-natal and early childhood care, nursing, health representation, traditional healing, family violence prevention and many other smaller programs designed to enhance the health of members.

#### ***Enterprises***

Band operated enterprises are activities conducted by the First Nation with the objective of promoting economic self-sufficiency. These activities could include income generated from renting out band-owned equipment, lease income and other projects from time to time.

#### ***Other services***

The First Nation provides a wide array of other services, including youth employment projects, forestry, library, spiritual, cultural and recreation activities.

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### **17. Segmented information (continued)**

For each reported segment, revenues and expenses include amounts that are directly attributable to the segment and amounts that are allocated on a reasonable basis. Therefore, certain allocation methodologies are employed in the preparation of segmented financial information, including transfers that have been apportioned based on a percentage of budgeted expenses.

Expenses are grouped based on object. Contracted services include items such as professional fees, telephone, utilities, insurance, repairs and maintenance, advertising and subcontracts. Rentals and financial expenses includes items such as rent, equipment rental and interest and bank charges.

The accounting policies used in these segments are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements as disclosed in the summary of significant accounting policies. For additional information see Schedule 2 - Consolidated Segment Disclosure.

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### **18. Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund**

On August 31, 2023, the First Nation, as a member of the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund ("RHTLF") entered into a settlement agreement with the Federal Government and Ontario Provincial Government for past compensation arising from obligations to the First Nations from the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850. The settlement arises from claims put forward by the First Nations in 2012, that the Crown breached its obligations under the treaty.

As a result, a receivable of \$617,986,777 has been recorded in these financial statements. The funds owing will be divided into tranches, paid to the First Nation over time. Subsequent to year end, the First Nation committed to the payment of a per capita distribution to each of its members and the balance of the funds would be contributed to a trust for the benefit of the First Nation and its members.

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### **19. Budget**

The budget adopted by the First Nation was not prepared on a basis consistent with that used to report actual results (Public Sector Accounting Standards). The budget was prepared on a modified accrual basis while Public Sector Accounting Standards require a full accrual basis. The budget figures anticipated use of reserves to reduce current year expenditures. In addition, the budget expensed all tangible capital expenditures rather than including amortization expense, and expensed principal payments of debt. As a result, the budget figures presented in the statements of operations and change in net financial assets represent the budget adopted by the First Nation with adjustments as follows:

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| <b>Budget deficit for the year</b>                | \$ 17,855,179        |
| <b>Add:</b>                                       |                      |
| Capital expenditures                              | 106,053              |
| Principal portion of loan payments                | -                    |
| <b>Budget surplus per statement of operations</b> | <u>\$ 17,961,232</u> |

**Garden River First Nation**  
**Schedule 1 - Consolidated Tangible Capital Assets**

**For the year ended March 31, 2024**

|   | Land                | Land Improvements   | Buildings            | Machinery and Equipment | Vehicles            | Infrastructure      | Construction in Progress | Total                |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Cost</b> , beginning of year                     | \$ 2,666,993        | \$ 2,764,948        | \$ 29,341,519        | \$ 8,071,168            | \$ 4,783,519        | \$ 15,245,383       | \$ 2,111,631             | \$ 64,985,161        |
| Additions   | -                   | -                   | 1,099,966            | 1,294,999               | 1,784,639           | 708,650             | 1,842,271                | 6,730,525            |
| Disposals   | -                   | -                   | -                    | (153,000)               | -                   | -                   | (14,873)                 | (167,873)            |
| <b>Cost</b> , end of year                           | <b>2,666,993</b>    | <b>2,764,948</b>    | <b>30,441,485</b>    | <b>9,213,167</b>        | <b>6,568,158</b>    | <b>15,954,033</b>   | <b>3,939,029</b>         | <b>71,547,813</b>    |
| <b>Accumulated amortization</b> , beginning of year | -                   | 1,033,747           | 16,353,017           | 5,395,629               | 2,840,124           | 9,464,965           | -                        | 35,087,482           |
| Amortization  | -                   | 69,567              | 879,248              | 534,046                 | 599,444             | 236,203             | -                        | 2,318,508            |
| Disposals   | -                   | -                   | -                    | (153,000)               | -                   | -                   | -                        | (153,000)            |
| <b>Accumulated amortization</b> , end of year       | -                   | 1,103,314           | 17,232,265           | 5,776,675               | 3,439,568           | 9,701,168           | -                        | 37,252,990           |
| <b>Net carrying amount</b> , end of year            | <b>\$ 2,666,993</b> | <b>\$ 1,661,634</b> | <b>\$ 13,209,220</b> | <b>\$ 3,436,492</b>     | <b>\$ 3,128,590</b> | <b>\$ 6,252,865</b> | <b>\$ 3,939,029</b>      | <b>\$ 34,294,823</b> |

The net book value of tangible capital assets not being amortized because they are under construction/development or have been removed from service is \$3,939,029 (2023 - \$2,111,631).

The First Nation holds various works of art and historical treasures. These items are not recognized as tangible capital assets in the financial statements because a reasonable estimate of the future benefits association with such property cannot be made.

**Garden River First Nation**  
**Schedule 1 - Consolidated Tangible Capital Assets (continued)**

**For the year ended March 31, 2023 (comparative figures)**

|  | Land         | Land Improve-<br>ments | Buildings     | Machinery<br>and<br>Equipment | Vehicles     | Infrastructure | Construction<br>in Progress | Total         |
|--|--------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Cost</b> , beginning of year                        | \$ 2,666,993 | \$ 2,753,744           | \$ 28,671,670 | \$ 7,428,864                  | \$ 4,662,604 | \$ 11,576,392  | \$ 705,344                  | \$ 58,465,611 |
| Additions  | -            | 11,204                 | 669,849       | 642,304                       | 157,158      | 3,668,991      | 1,427,772                   | 6,577,278     |
| Disposals  | -            | -                      | -             | -                             | (36,243)     | -              | (21,485)                    | (57,728)      |
| <b>Cost</b> , end of year                              | 2,666,993    | 2,764,948              | 29,341,519    | 8,071,168                     | 4,783,519    | 15,245,383     | 2,111,631                   | 64,985,161    |
| <b>Accumulated amortization</b> ,<br>beginning of year | -            | 962,688                | 15,478,451    | 4,942,625                     | 2,362,987    | 9,260,663      | -                           | 33,007,414    |
| Amortization   | -            | 71,059                 | 874,566       | 453,004                       | 505,616      | 204,302        | -                           | 2,108,547     |
| Disposals  | -            | -                      | -             | -                             | (28,479)     | -              | -                           | (28,479)      |
| <b>Accumulated amortization</b> ,<br>end of year       | -            | 1,033,747              | 16,353,017    | 5,395,629                     | 2,840,124    | 9,464,965      | -                           | 35,087,482    |
| <b>Net carrying amount</b> , end<br>of year            | \$ 2,666,993 | \$ 1,731,201           | \$ 12,988,502 | \$ 2,675,539                  | \$ 1,943,395 | \$ 5,780,418   | \$ 2,111,631                | \$ 29,897,679 |

The net book value of tangible capital assets not being amortized because they are under construction (or development or have been removed from service) is \$2,111,631 (2022 - \$705,344).

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**Garden River First Nation**  
**Schedule 2 - Consolidated Schedule of Segment Disclosure**

**For the year ended March 31, 2024**

|   | Social and Family Services | Administration & Economic Development | Lands Trusts        | Operations and Maintenance | Housing Development | Medical and Other Health Services | Enterprises      | Other               | Consolidated Total    |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                                      |                            |                                       |                     |                            |                     |                                   |                  |                     |                       |
| Indigenous Services Canada                          | \$ 2,367,659               | \$ 1,674,645                          | \$ 10,954,568       | \$ 1,665,150               | \$ 1,525,084        | \$ 4,032,714                      | \$ -             | \$ 730,960          | \$ 22,950,780         |
| Canada  | -                          | 183,244                               | -                   | -                          | 394,840             | 16,504                            | -                | 54,962              | 649,550               |
| Ontario   | 950,202                    | 280,466                               | -                   | 250,980                    | -                   | 635,374                           | -                | 280,964             | 2,397,986             |
| Other aboriginal organizations                      | 642,269                    | 16,147                                | 7,766               | -                          | -                   | 455,387                           | -                | 489,919             | 1,611,488             |
| Trust income  | -                          | -                                     | -                   | -                          | -                   | -                                 | -                | 146,913             | 146,913               |
| OFNLP   | -                          | -                                     | -                   | -                          | -                   | -                                 | 1,870,421        | -                   | 1,870,421             |
| Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund               | -                          | 617,986,777                           | -                   | -                          | -                   | -                                 | -                | -                   | 617,986,777           |
| Interest and other revenue                          | 131,176                    | 1,487,433                             | (49,066)            | 180,864                    | 147,137             | 943,271                           | 310,366          | 1,052,969           | 4,204,150             |
| User fees, rental income, sales and fund raising    | 116,045                    | -                                     | -                   | 76,618                     | 836,327             | -                                 | 13,818,878       | 2,272,418           | 17,120,286            |
| Transfer between segments                           | -                          | 554,996                               | -                   | 750,714                    | -                   | -                                 | (1,675,972)      | 370,262             | -                     |
|   | 4,207,351                  | 622,183,708                           | 10,913,268          | 2,924,326                  | 2,903,388           | 6,083,250                         | 14,323,693       | 5,399,367           | 668,938,351           |
| Due from (to) Province of Ontario                   | -                          | -                                     | -                   | -                          | -                   | (73,284)                          | -                | (324,215)           | (397,499)             |
| Due from (to) Indigenous Services Canada            | -                          | -                                     | -                   | (2,100)                    | -                   | -                                 | -                | -                   | (2,100)               |
|   | 4,207,351                  | 622,183,708                           | 10,913,268          | 2,922,226                  | 2,903,388           | 6,009,966                         | 14,323,693       | 5,075,152           | 668,538,752           |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                     |                            |                                       |                     |                            |                     |                                   |                  |                     |                       |
| Salaries, wages and benefits                        | 2,159,334                  | 3,024,007                             | 1,697,344           | 1,410,973                  | 412,123             | 3,603,679                         | 3,545,668        | 2,222,445           | 18,075,573            |
| Materials and supplies                              | 1,040,940                  | 731,758                               | 763,658             | 291,285                    | 377,116             | 393,819                           | 1,642,681        | 607,018             | 5,848,275             |
| Contracted services                                 | 1,236,263                  | 1,902,713                             | 995,113             | 596,203                    | 575,258             | 1,117,132                         | 988,028          | 341,133             | 7,751,843             |
| Rents and financial expenses                        | 21,500                     | 192,993                               | (635)               | 6,711                      | 31,228              | 14,770                            | 393,977          | 26,966              | 687,510               |
| External transfers and other                        | -                          | -                                     | 5,293,046           | -                          | -                   | -                                 | 6,966,503        | 136,329             | 12,395,878            |
| Amortization  | 29,445                     | 103,342                               | 106,589             | 551,617                    | 540,454             | 115,232                           | 783,468          | 88,360              | 2,318,507             |
| Transfers between segments                          | 319,789                    | (1,811,887)                           | 1,011,134           | 75,970                     | 155,840             | 703,082                           | (93,000)         | (360,928)           | -                     |
|   | 4,807,271                  | 4,142,926                             | 9,866,249           | 2,932,759                  | 2,092,019           | 5,947,714                         | 14,227,325       | 3,061,323           | 47,077,586            |
| <b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses</b> | <b>\$ (599,920)</b>        | <b>\$ 618,040,782</b>                 | <b>\$ 1,047,019</b> | <b>\$ (10,533)</b>         | <b>\$ 811,369</b>   | <b>\$ 62,252</b>                  | <b>\$ 96,368</b> | <b>\$ 2,013,829</b> | <b>\$ 621,461,166</b> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Garden River First Nation**  
**Schedule 2 - Consolidated Schedule of Segment Disclosure (continued)**

**For the year ended March 31, 2023**

|   | Social and Family Services | Lands & Economic Development | Administration    | Operations and Maintenance | Housing Development | Medical and Other Health Services | Enterprises         | Other             | Consolidated Total  |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                                      |                            |                              |                   |                            |                     |                                   |                     |                   |                     |
| Indigenous Services Canada                          | \$ 1,776,381               | \$ 2,102,246                 | \$ 10,231,458     | \$ 2,006,082               | \$ 350,280          | \$ 3,933,164                      | \$ 412,533          | \$ 1,024,177      | \$ 21,836,321       |
| Canada  | -                          | 3,039,588                    | -                 | -                          | 1,434,248           | 30,634                            | -                   | 51,084            | 4,555,554           |
| Ontario   | 963,585                    | 343,788                      | -                 | 188,836                    | -                   | 614,437                           | 189,481             | 184,229           | 2,484,356           |
| Other aboriginal organizations                      | 1,651,253                  | 34,786                       | 44,664            | 70,316                     | -                   | 431,655                           | -                   | 323,513           | 2,556,187           |
| Trust income  | -                          | -                            | -                 | -                          | -                   | -                                 | -                   | 283,018           | 283,018             |
| OFNLP   | -                          | -                            | -                 | -                          | -                   | -                                 | 1,299,593           | -                 | 1,299,593           |
| Interest and other revenue                          | 5,000                      | 1,899,157                    | 221,792           | 78,871                     | 643,362             | 1,261,628                         | 118,154             | 256,877           | 4,484,841           |
| User fees, rental income, sales and fund raising    | 62,746                     | -                            | -                 | 72,160                     | 852,347             | -                                 | 15,808,420          | 257,226           | 17,052,899          |
| Transfers between segments                          | -                          | 308,105                      | -                 | 210,548                    | -                   | -                                 | (762,735)           | 244,082           | -                   |
|   | 4,458,965                  | 7,727,670                    | 10,497,914        | 2,626,813                  | 3,280,237           | 6,271,518                         | 17,065,446          | 2,624,206         | 54,552,769          |
| Due from (to) Indigenous Services Canada            |                            | -                            | -                 | -                          | -                   | (186,621)                         | -                   | -                 | (186,621)           |
| Due from (to) other funders                         |                            | (175,438)                    | -                 | -                          | -                   | (30,500)                          | -                   | -                 | (205,938)           |
|   | 4,458,965                  | 7,552,232                    | 10,497,914        | 2,626,813                  | 3,280,237           | 6,054,397                         | 17,065,446          | 2,624,206         | 54,160,210          |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                     |                            |                              |                   |                            |                     |                                   |                     |                   |                     |
| Salaries, wages and benefits                        | 1,686,979                  | 2,405,362                    | 1,803,748         | 1,133,622                  | 377,544             | 3,320,530                         | 3,122,197           | 1,343,792         | 15,193,774          |
| Materials and supplies                              | 143,059                    | 447,947                      | 194,133           | 403,810                    | 88,255              | 335,889                           | 1,758,069           | 606,554           | 3,977,716           |
| Contracted services                                 | 1,188,464                  | 1,901,032                    | 853,371           | 542,528                    | 784,592             | 1,535,411                         | 2,439,533           | 375,965           | 9,620,896           |
| Rents and financial expenses                        | 1,298                      | 20,356                       | -                 | 167,005                    | 155,219             | 20,884                            | 628,094             | 21,356            | 1,014,212           |
| External transfers and other                        | 1,089,079                  | -                            | 6,728,089         | -                          | -                   | -                                 | 6,702,282           | 83,524            | 14,602,974          |
| Amortization  | 49,545                     | 25,508                       | 19,237            | 515,124                    | 538,108             | 108,779                           | 783,856             | 68,392            | 2,108,549           |
| Transfers between segments                          | 336,616                    | (1,583,010)                  | 720,650           | (64,414)                   | 91,444              | 374,586                           | (6,527)             | 130,655           | -                   |
|   | 4,495,040                  | 3,217,195                    | 10,319,228        | 2,697,675                  | 2,035,162           | 5,696,079                         | 15,427,504          | 2,630,238         | 46,518,121          |
| <b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses</b> | <b>\$ (36,075)</b>         | <b>\$ 4,335,037</b>          | <b>\$ 178,686</b> | <b>\$ (70,862)</b>         | <b>\$ 1,245,075</b> | <b>\$ 358,318</b>                 | <b>\$ 1,637,942</b> | <b>\$ (6,032)</b> | <b>\$ 7,642,089</b> |

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