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Consolidated Financial Statements

Pictou Landing Band Council

March 31, 2018

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Independent Auditor's Report

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To the Chief and Councillors of the

Pictou Landing Band Council

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statement of financial position of the Pictou Landing Band Council (the "Band Council") as at March 31, 2018, and the consolidated statement of operations, changes in net financial liabilities, statement of fund balances, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

The Band Council's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk

assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Band Council's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements 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 Band Council's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Band Council's management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

Basis for qualified opinion

The statement of financial position includes intangible assets in the amount of \$5,015,021 (2017 - \$3,192,100) for fishing licenses and permits purchased by the Band. Recording intangible assets is a departure from Canadian public sector accounting standards. Accordingly, both the purchased licenses and permits and accumulated surplus are overstated by \$5,015,021 (2017 - \$3,192,100) as at March 31, 2018.

If intangible assets were not recorded in order to be in compliance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, purchased licenses and permits and accumulated surplus would both decrease by \$5,015,021 (2017 - \$3,192,100).

Qualified opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the *Basis for qualified opinion* paragraph, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Pictou Landing Band Council as at March 31, 2018, and the results of its operations, changes in its net financial liabilities, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Sydney, Canada

August 21, 2018

Grant Thornton LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

Year ended March 31	Budget	2018	2017
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See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

March 31

2018

2017

Financial assets

Cash	\$ 1,127,755	\$ 144,680
Receivables (Note 2)	2,020,614	1,182,028
Inventory	51,619	40,528
Restricted funds (Note 3)	22,589,167	23,387,888
Investment in Mi'kmaq Wind4All Communities LP	495,692	689,512
	<u>26,284,847</u>	<u>25,444,636</u>

Financial liabilities

Payables and accruals (Note 5)	522,650	613,275
Deferred revenue (Note 6)	214,976	118,191
Long term debt (Note 7)	6,593,201	4,931,999
Long term payable (Note 8)	168,000	224,000
Restricted funds (Note 3)	22,097,985	22,855,112
	<u>29,596,812</u>	<u>28,742,577</u>

Net financial liabilities (Page 6) (3,311,965) (3,297,941)

Non-financial assets


Capital assets (Note 9)	14,614,803	14,592,814
Purchased fishing licenses and permits (Note 10)	5,015,021	3,192,100
Prepays	12,421	-
	<u>19,642,245</u>	<u>17,784,914</u>

Accumulated surplus (Page 4) \$ 16,330,280 \$ 14,486,973

Contingencies (Note 11)

On behalf of the Band Council

 Chief

 Councillor

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Financial Liabilities

Year ended March 31	Budget	2018	2017
Net revenues	\$ 982,163	\$ 1,843,307	\$ 980,231
Depreciation	-	950,902	917,708
Licenses and permits acquired	-	(1,822,921)	-
Inventory	-	-	-
Capital assets acquired	-	(972,891)	(1,488,915)
	<u>982,163</u>	<u>(1,603)</u>	<u>409,024</u>
Acquisition of prepaids, net of usage	-	(12,421)	6,934
Change in net financial liabilities	982,163	(14,024)	415,958
Net financial liabilities, beginning of year	<u>(3,297,941)</u>	<u>(3,297,941)</u>	<u>(3,713,899)</u>
Net financial liabilities, end of year	<u>\$ (2,315,778)</u>	<u>\$ (3,311,965)</u>	<u>\$ (3,297,941)</u>

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended March 31

2018

2017

Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents

Operating

Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ 1,843,307	\$ 980,231
Share of partnership (income) loss	(116,225)	97,332
Depreciation	<u>950,902</u>	<u>917,708</u>
	2,677,984	1,995,271
Change in non-cash operating working capital		
Receivables	(838,586)	(596,087)
Prepays	(12,421)	6,934
Inventory	(11,091)	803
Payables and accruals	(90,625)	69,513
Deferred revenue	<u>96,785</u>	<u>87,337</u>
	<u>1,822,046</u>	<u>1,563,771</u>

Financing

Decrease in A' Se' K Seven Generations Trust funds	(757,127)	(219,014)
Repayment of long term payable	(56,000)	(56,000)
Receipt long term debt	2,183,510	105,932
Repayment of long term debt	<u>(522,308)</u>	<u>(499,661)</u>
	<u>848,075</u>	<u>(668,743)</u>

Investing

Investment in Mi'kmaq Wind4All Communities LP	-	(402,932)
Withdrawals from Mi'kmaq Wind4All Communities LP	310,045	-
Licenses and permits acquired	(1,822,921)	-
Investments	-	-
Capital assets acquired	<u>(972,891)</u>	<u>(1,488,915)</u>
	<u>(2,485,767)</u>	<u>(1,891,847)</u>

Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	184,354	(996,819)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>23,532,568</u>	<u>24,529,387</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 23,716,922</u>	<u>\$ 23,532,568</u>

Cash and cash equivalents consist of:

Cash	\$ 1,227,755	\$ 144,680
Restricted cash	<u>22,489,167</u>	<u>23,387,888</u>
	<u>\$ 23,716,922</u>	<u>\$ 23,532,568</u>

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

March 31, 2018

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Reporting entity and principles of financial reporting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards. The consolidated financial statements of the Pictou Landing Band Council are the representations of management prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for public sector entities, as required by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada.

The focus of PSAB financial statements is on the financial position of the Band and the changes thereto. The consolidated statement of financial position includes all the assets and liabilities of the Band.

Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Band are as follows:

Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of all funds and operations in which the Band has a controlling interest, after the elimination of inter-fund transactions and balances. The entities include the following Pictou Landing Band Council, Pictou Landing Housing Fund, and the Victoria Corner Market.

Revenue recognition

Government transfers received are recognized in the financial statements as revenue when the transfers are authorized and all eligibility criteria have been met except when there is a stipulation that gives rise to an obligation that meets the definition of a liability. In that case, the transfer is recorded as a liability and recognized as revenue as the stipulations are met.

Government transfers to individuals and other entities are recognized as an expense when the transfers are authorized and all eligibility criteria have been met.

Revenue from housing is recognized on a monthly basis as rents are received. Rents are based on the Band's established market rent for on reserve housing programs.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, balances with banks, and term deposits net of bank overdraft.

Purchased fishing licenses and permits

Purchased fishing licenses and permits assets are intangible assets. These indefinite-lived fishing licenses and permits are recognized at cost and are not amortized. The capitalization of intangible assets is a departure from Canadian public sector accounting standards.

The Band evaluates the carrying value of its licenses and permits annually for impairment. Should a permanent impairment be identified, the impairment will be recognized as a reduction in the carrying value and as a charge against income on the statement of operations in the period the impairment occurred.

The Band also owns other communal fishing licenses and permits which were not purchased by the Band but were given to or granted to the Band.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization and impairment.

Depreciation

Rates and bases of depreciation applied to write off the cost of property and equipment over their estimated lives are as follows:

Buildings	4% declining balance
Housing properties	25 year straight line
Infrastructure	4% declining balance
Fishing vessels	15% declining balance
Equipment	20% declining balance
Motor vehicles	30% declining balance
Computer hardware and software	30% declining balance
Fencing/compound	10% declining balance

Use of estimates

In preparing the Band's financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Income taxes

The Band Council is exempt from income taxes under Section 149(l) (c) of the *Canadian Income Tax Act*.

Inventory

The cost of inventories is comprised of directly attributable costs and includes the purchase price plus other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition, such as freight. The cost is reduced by the value of rebates and allowances received from vendors. The Band estimates net realizable value as the amount that inventories are expected to be sold. Inventories are written down to net realizable value when the cost of inventories is not estimated to be recoverable due to obsolescence, damage, or declining selling prices. When circumstances that previously caused inventories to be written down below cost no longer exist or when there is clear evidence of an increase in selling price, the amount of the write-down previously recorded is reversed. Costs that do not contribute to bringing inventories to their present location and condition, such as storage and administrative overheads, are specifically excluded from the cost of inventories and are expensed in the period incurred.

The cost of inventory recognized as an expense during fiscal 2018 was \$3,000,886 (2017 - \$2,844,893). No write-down of inventories below their cost to their net realizable value was made in fiscal 2018. There were no reversals of inventories written down previously that are no longer estimated to sell below cost.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Moveable Capital Asset Reserve

The Band is required to maintain a Moveable Capital Asset Reserve in accordance with the consolidated contribution agreement with Health Canada. The reserve is for the maintenance or replacement of capital assets transferred to the band by Health Canada. Expenditures of capital funds under the reserve are restricted to expenditures on these assets only and there can be no transfer of these funds to the operating budget.

Net debt

The Band's financial statements are presented so as to highlight net debt as the measurement of financial position. The net debt of the Band is determined by its liabilities less its financial assets.

2. Receivables	2018	2017
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada	\$ 339,504	\$ 485,713
Department of Fisheries and Oceans	687,200	
Commodity taxes receivable	150,839	106,260
Loans to fishers – band members	7,612	13,899
Federal government departments	59,513	145,845
Province of Nova Scotia	244,737	89,200
Mi'kmaq Employment Training Secretariat	73,322	140,953
Mi'Kmaq Kina'matnewey	187,179	129,040
Trade	200,927	57,432
Sundry	72,731	16,636
	2,023,564	1,184,978
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	(2,950)	(2,950)
	<u>\$ 2,020,614</u>	<u>\$ 1,182,028</u>

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3. Restricted funds	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
A' Se' K Seven Generations Trust (a)	\$ 22,097,985	\$ 22,855,112
Funds on deposit with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (b)	4,939	4,836
CMHC funds held in trust (c)	10,151	10,151
Replacement reserve (d)	<u>376,092</u>	<u>517,789</u>
	<u>\$ 22,489,167</u>	<u>\$ 23,387,888</u>

- a) In July 1993, the First Nation reached a settlement agreement with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada. This agreement established the Boat Harbour Trust Fund, which contained funds that were to be used for continuing compensation of band members, band compensation and development, and community development. To access these funds, the First Nation was required to hold a referendum with residents to approve the disbursement of such funds.

In July 2014, the Trust expired and the funds were allocated as follows: the band member compensation was paid directly from the Trust to individual band members, the band compensation and development funds which are accessible via a Band Council Resolution. As such, these funds have been recorded as restricted funds with an offsetting trust fund liability in the statement of financial position. As funds are accessed, they are recorded as revenue in the consolidated financial statements. The funds are currently held within the A' Se' K Seven Generations Trust.

- b) Funds on deposit with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada refers to monies that were derived from capital revenue sources as outlined in Section 32 of the Indian act. These funds are held in trust in the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Government of Canada and are subject to audit by the Office of the Auditor General of Canada. The management of these funds is primarily governed by Sections 63 to 69 of the Indian Act and restricted for specific purposes.
- c) Funds on deposit with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation that are to be applied as principal repayments when certain mortgages are renewed.
- d) Under the terms of the agreement with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), replacement reserve funds are required to be set aside for housing repairs or replacements. The funds may only be used as approved by the CMHC.

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4. Bank indebtedness

The First Nation has an established line of credit of \$400,000, plus \$100,000 overdraft limit, which is secured by Band Council Resolutions. The lines of credit bear interest at prime plus 1%. At the year end, the line of credit had a balance outstanding of \$nil (2017 – \$nil).

5. Payables and accruals	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Trade payables	\$ 367,684	\$ 529,840
Government remittances	16,861	9,314
Accrued liabilities	<u>138,105</u>	<u>74,121</u>
	<u>\$ 522,650</u>	<u>\$ 613,275</u>

6. Deferred revenue	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada		
School replacement	\$ 89,976	\$ 30,854
Fire protection	-	87,337
Housing	75,000	-
Waste water	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 214,976</u>	<u>\$ 118,191</u>

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7. Long term debt	2018	2017
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation		
.98% - 2.41% mortgages, repayable under various terms by 2044.	\$ 2,222,494	\$ 1,905,832
Royal Bank of Canada		
1.94 – 2.9% mortgages, repayable under various terms by 2021.	125,959	153,758
Bank of Montreal		
Prime plus .75% demand loan, repayable in annual principal instalments of \$291,667, plus interest paid monthly, maturing in September 2026.	2,216,667	2,508,333
Prime plus 1% demand loan repaid during the year	-	6,232
2.84 – 3.89% mortgages, repayable under various terms by 2032.	328,081	357,844
Prime plus .75% demand loan, repayable in annual principal instalments of \$141,672 plus interest paid monthly, maturing in 2030.	1,700,000	-
	6,593,201	4,931,999
Current portion of long term debt	650,000	595,284
	<u>\$ 5,943,201</u>	<u>\$ 4,336,715</u>

As security for all mortgages, the Band has provided a Band Council Resolution providing an irrevocable authorization to the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada to assign all funding until all loans are repaid to the bank and a floating charge on the assets of the Band Council. As security for the Bank of Montreal demand loan, the Band has provided a Band Council Resolution and pledged all related fishing licenses, gear, and equipment.

Repayments in each of the next five (5) years are as follows:

2019	\$ 650,000
2020	\$ 637,176
2021	\$ 634,668
2022	\$ 679,655
2023	\$ 619,375
Thereafter	\$ 3,372,327

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8. Long term payable

The long term payable consists of an outstanding account owed to Chignecto Regional School Board. The Band is committed to annual minimum principal repayments of \$56,000, plus interest, at prime minus 1.625%.

9. Capital assets

	Land	Buildings	Computer equipment	Equipment	Fencing	Fishing vessels
Cost:						
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 286,289	\$ 21,366,995	\$ 140,395	\$ 2,060,604	\$ 130,515	\$ 1,745,984
Additions	168,045	872,158	15,820	53,889	-	231,277
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	45,233
Balance, end of year	454,334	22,239,153	156,215	2,114,493	130,515	1,932,028
Accumulated amortization:						
Balance, beginning of year	-	10,344,799	78,049	1,618,921	71,451	1,174,320
Amortization	-	632,704	21,165	90,096	5,906	103,095
Amortization on disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance, end of year	-	10,977,503	99,214	1,709,017	77,357	1,277,415
Net book value	\$ 454,334	\$ 11,261,651	\$ 57,001	\$ 405,476	\$ 53,158	\$ 654,613

	Infrastructure	Vehicle	Assets under construction	Total 2018	Total 2017
Cost:					
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 2,951,902	\$ 383,898	\$ 383,132	29,449,715	27,960,800
Additions	-	47,500	-	1,388,689	1,488,915
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	370,565	415,798	-
Balance, end of year	2,951,902	431,398	12,567	30,422,606	29,449,715
Accumulated amortization:					
Balance, beginning of year	1,233,783	335,578	-	14,856,901	13,939,193
Amortization	76,314	21,621	-	950,901	917,708
Amortization on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Balance, end of year	1,310,097	357,199	-	15,807,802	14,856,901
Net book value	\$ 1,641,805	\$ 74,199	\$ 12,567	\$ 14,614,803	\$ 14,592,814

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10. Purchased fishing licenses and permits	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Purchased fishing licenses and permits	<u>\$ 5,015,021</u>	<u>\$ 3,192,100</u>

The Band records all purchased commercial fishing licenses and permits as intangible assets. All other permits and licenses owned by Pictou Landing Band Council have been granted for a nil consideration and therefore have not been capitalized.

11. Contingencies

- As a result of certain deficiencies in its working capital position, the First Nation is also party to a Remedial Management Plan agreement (RMP) with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada which expires March 31, 2022. Under the terms of the RMP agreement, funding from the arrangement with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada can be suspended if the terms of the RMP are not complied with by the First Nation.
- The Band has entered into contribution agreements with various government departments. Funding received under these contribution agreements is subject to repayment if the band fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the agreements.
- The Band has pledged to Ultramar Ltd. an \$8,000 letter of credit with the Bank of Montreal as security for inventory.

12. Accumulated surplus

The Band segregates its accumulated surplus into the following categories:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Unallocated	\$ 15,858,180	\$ 14,005,274
Funds on deposit with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada	4,939	4,836
Moveable capital asset reserve (Health Canada)	156,056	144,621
Replacement reserve	<u>311,105</u>	<u>332,242</u>
	<u>\$ 16,330,280</u>	<u>\$ 14,486,973</u>

The funds on deposits have been set aside to be spent on specific projects.

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13. Pension plan

Pictou Landing First Nation maintains a registered pension plan on behalf of eligible employees. The plan is a defined contribution plan for all permanent employees. The plan is funded at the rate of 8.1% of the annual earnings for Native employees and 5.5% for non-native employees.

Pictou Landing First Nation matches these contributions. Upon cessation of employment, employees are required to withdraw the plan balance or are given the option to convert to a personal plan. Total contributions during the year amounted to \$157,919 (2017 - \$146,728).

14. Government transfers

	Operating	2018 Capital	Total	Operating	2017 Capital	Total
Indigenous and Northern						
Affairs Canada	\$ 3,765,005		\$ 3,765,005	\$ 3,949,640	458,479	\$ 4,408,119
Health Canada	991,203		\$ 991,203	944,715	-	\$ 944,715
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	209,474		\$ 209,474	-	-	\$ -
			\$ -	104,101	-	\$ 104,101
Mikmaw Kina'matnewey	1,760,374		\$ 1,760,374	1,391,228	-	\$ 1,391,228
Other	519,580	614,005	\$ 1,133,585	480,986	-	\$ 480,986
Total	7,245,638	614,005	\$ 7,859,641	6,870,670	458,479	\$ 7,329,149
Province of Nova Scotia	118,765	-	\$ 118,765	184,574	-	\$ 184,574
	\$ 7,364,401	\$ 614,005	\$ 7,978,406	\$ 7,055,244	\$ 458,479	\$ 7,513,723