

# **SIPEKNE'KATIK**

## **CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**MARCH 31, 2022**

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MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

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The accompanying consolidated financial statements of Sipekne'katik are the responsibility of management and have been approved by 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 of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada and as such include amounts that are the best estimates and judgments of management.

Management is responsible for the integrity and objectivity of these statements and for implementing and maintaining a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that reliable financial information is produced.

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.

Council meets periodically with management, as well as the external auditors, to discuss internal controls over the financial reporting process, auditing matters and financial reporting issues, to satisfy themselves that each party is properly discharging their responsibilities, and to review the consolidated financial statements and the external auditor's report.

The external auditors, Lenehan McCain & Associates, Chartered Professional Accountants, conduct an independent examination, in accordance with Canadian auditing standards, and express their opinion on the consolidated financial statements. The external auditors have full and free access to financial management of Sipekne'katik and meet when required.

On behalf of Sipekne'katik:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Financial Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Chief, Council and Members of  
Sipekne'katik

### *Opinion*

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Sipekne'katik, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2022, and the consolidated statements of operations, change in net debt, cash flows and the related schedules for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the First Nation as at March 31, 2022, and the results of its consolidated operations and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

### *Basis for Opinion*

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 First Nation 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 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 First Nation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the First Nation'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 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 First Nation'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 First Nation'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 First Nation 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.

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.

*Len L. McCain & Associates*

**Lenahan McCain & Associates**  
**Chartered Professional Accountants**

**Woodstock, New Brunswick**  
**March 19, 2024**

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT MARCH 31, 2022

	2022	2021
<b>Financial Assets</b>		
Cash and term deposits (Note 3)	\$ 19,181,926	\$ 10,092,896
Restricted cash (Note 3)	882,536	882,536
Accounts receivable (Note 4)	4,336,941	2,459,448
Funds on deposit with ISC (Note 5)	90,279	88,575
Funds held in trust (Note 6)	10,899	10,899
Debt reserve fund (Note 7)	2,124,957	2,092,824
Promissory note receivable (Note 8)	35,125,157	35,714,286
Inventory (Note 9)	379,860	313,082
Interest receivable - Limited Partnership (Note 8)	1,182,136	-
	<u>63,314,691</u>	<u>51,654,546</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable (Note 10)	2,811,983	6,000,522
Deferred revenue (Note 11)	19,731,008	9,697,745
Due to minor band members (Note 12)	476,758	517,258
Investments (Note 13)	1,024	1,287
Long-term debt (Note 14)	48,142,069	49,566,665
	<u>71,162,842</u>	<u>65,783,477</u>
<b>Net debt</b>	<u>(7,848,151)</u>	<u>(14,128,931)</u>
<b>Non-financial Assets</b>		
Tangible capital assets (Note 15)	29,829,695	29,684,614
Prepaid expenses (Note 16)	239,136	5,000
	<u>30,068,831</u>	<u>29,689,614</u>
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>	<u>\$ 22,220,680</u>	<u>\$ 15,560,683</u>

Approved on behalf of the Sipekne'katik

, Chief

, Executive Financial Officer

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET DEBT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

	<b>2022 Budget</b>	<b>2022 Actual</b>	2021 Actual
<b>Surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (749,686)</b>	<b>\$ 6,660,000</b>	<b>\$ (2,449,265)</b>
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	(2,041,881)	(2,963,725)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	<b>1,800,000</b>	<b>1,896,797</b>	1,871,276
	<b>1,800,000</b>	<b>(145,084)</b>	(1,092,443)
Change in prepaid expenses	-	(234,136)	-
Increase (decrease) in net financial assets	<b>1,050,314</b>	<b>6,280,780</b>	(3,541,708)
Net debt at beginning of year	<b>(14,128,931)</b>	<b>(14,128,931)</b>	(10,587,223)
<b>Net debt at end of year</b>	<b>\$ (13,078,617)</b>	<b>\$ (7,848,151)</b>	<b>\$ (14,128,931)</b>

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Actual
<b>Revenue</b>			
Indigenous Services Canada	\$ 9,498,066	\$ 18,831,062	\$ 12,653,399
Mi'kmaw Kina'matneway	9,132,510	10,333,633	9,559,121
Tobacco store	9,400,000	9,257,716	9,009,843
Fisheries	3,785,000	5,530,855	2,561,404
Health Canada	1,981,867	3,144,449	3,102,432
Fisheries - Investments	-	2,717,479	-
Other	2,133,134	6,399,034	6,189,694
Gas bar	1,890,000	2,257,865	1,842,377
Gaming	2,801,000	2,257,602	2,318,297
METS	983,001	968,270	839,168
Deferred revenue, opening	-	9,697,745	2,144,452
Deferred revenue, closing	-	(19,731,008)	(9,697,745)
	<b>41,604,578</b>	<b>51,664,702</b>	<b>40,522,442</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Social Development	5,997,600	7,637,144	6,542,361
Band Administration	2,925,333	2,508,832	2,950,937
Education	8,447,131	8,380,093	8,213,264
Capital and Housing	1,477,100	1,545,210	1,696,832
Operating and Maintenance	2,891,680	2,043,240	1,914,877
Economic Development	197,700	194,302	174,575
Community Health	1,939,515	2,079,556	1,922,658
Employment Training	1,061,505	1,433,968	830,445
Gaming	1,742,200	1,674,933	1,522,293
Tobacco Store	878,600	8,235,542	8,316,370
Fisheries	3,253,500	3,322,868	3,356,770
Housing Projects	542,000	547,095	540,101
Gas Bar	251,600	2,396,921	1,946,262
Covid-19 Emergency Funding	-	94,792	749,653
Fisheries - Investments	-	807,451	-
	<b>31,605,464</b>	<b>42,901,947</b>	<b>40,677,398</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) before other expenses</b>	<b>1,050,314</b>	<b>8,762,755</b>	<b>(154,956)</b>
<b>Other expenses</b>			
Amortization	(1,800,000)	(1,896,797)	(1,871,276)
Interest on long term debt	-	(205,958)	(423,033)
	<b>(1,800,000)</b>	<b>(2,102,755)</b>	<b>(2,294,309)</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>(749,686)</b>	<b>6,660,000</b>	<b>(2,449,265)</b>
<b>Accumulated surplus at beginning of year</b>	<b>15,560,678</b>	<b>15,560,678</b>	<b>18,009,943</b>
<b>Accumulated surplus at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 14,810,992</b>	<b>\$ 22,220,678</b>	<b>\$ 15,560,678</b>

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

	2022	2021
<b>Cash flows from</b>		
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Surplus (deficit)	\$ 6,660,000	\$ (2,449,265)
Items not affecting cash		
Amortization expense	1,896,797	1,871,276
Investment in Wallace Hill	(263)	647
	8,556,534	(577,342)
Change in non-cash operating working capital		
Accounts receivable	(1,877,493)	6,519,345
Inventory	(66,778)	(244,318)
Prepaid expenses	(234,136)	-
Funds on deposit with ISC	(1,704)	(1,683)
Funds held in trust	-	124,960
Accounts payable	(3,188,539)	728,446
Deferred revenue	10,033,263	7,553,293
Due to minor band members	(40,500)	(37,500)
Interest receivable - Limited Partnership	(1,182,136)	-
	11,998,511	14,065,201
<b>Capital activities</b>		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(2,041,879)	(2,963,725)
Investment in Limited Partnership	589,129	(35,714,286)
	(1,452,750)	(38,678,011)
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Proceeds of long-term debt	-	40,115,251
Repayment of long-term debt	(1,424,598)	(6,865,186)
Debt reserve fund	(32,133)	(1,566,839)
	(1,456,731)	31,683,226
<b>Increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>9,089,030</b>	<b>7,070,416</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year</b>	<b>10,975,432</b>	<b>3,905,016</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 20,064,462</b>	<b>\$ 10,975,432</b>

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### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### **1. Reporting Entity**

The consolidated financial statements of Sipekne'katik reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenditures, changes in net debt and accumulated surplus of the reporting entity. The reporting entity is comprised of the organizations accountable for the administration of their affairs and resources to the Chief and Council or controlled by the First Nation. Inter-fund and inter-corporate balances and transactions have been eliminated.

Sipekne'katik provides services to its community members for various programs detailed in Schedules 1 to 14.

#### **2. Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies**

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards for governments as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada.

##### **(a) Cash**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, balances with banks net of bank overdrafts and term deposits having a maturity of one year or less at acquisition which are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments.

##### **(b) Principles of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of all funds and operations in which Sipekne'katik has a controlling interest. All interfund balances have been eliminated on consolidation but in order to present the results of operations for each specific fund, transactions between funds have not been eliminated on the individual schedules.

Under the modified equity method of accounting, only Sipekne'katik's investment in the government business enterprise and 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 Sipekne'katik.

The organization accounted for on a modified equity basis is Wallace Hill Development Inc.

##### **(c) Inventory**

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost, determined on the first in first out basis, and net realizable value. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less any applicable variable selling costs.

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**2. Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**(d) Tangible capital assets**

Tangible capital assets (TCAs) are items that can be physically touched, are used to provide First Nation services, are used for First Nation administration purposes or are used for the construction and/or maintenance of other TCAs owned by the First Nation, will be useful for a period greater than one year and will be used by the First Nation on a regular basis.

Certain tangible capital assets, including but not limited to roads and infrastructure, have been recorded at a nominal amount of \$1 as specific historical data was not available. Whereas all such assets are amortized over a period not longer than twenty five years, it is management's opinion that all assets acquired prior to 1997 would now be fully amortized.

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost, which includes all amounts directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset, and are amortized on the declining balance method over their estimated useful lives. Amortization begins in the year acquired. Current descriptions and useful lives are as follows:

Buildings and housing	5-10 % Declining balance
Vehicles	30 % Declining balance
Furniture and fixtures	20 % Declining balance
Equipment and public works	20 % Declining balance
Paving	8 % Declining balance
Recreational facilities	10 % Declining balance
Pump/gaming renovations	20 % Declining balance
Fishing vessels and zodiacs	15 % Declining balance

**(e) Net Debt**

The First Nation's financial statements are presented so as to highlight net debt as the measurement of financial position. The net debt of the First Nation is determined by its liabilities less its financial assets. Net debt is comprised of two components, non-financial assets, and accumulated surplus.

**(f) Deferred Revenue**

Government funding and other revenue not fully expended at year end has been treated as deferred revenue by the First Nation and will be recorded in revenue in the fiscal year when the related expenditures are incurred.

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**2. Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**(g) Revenue recognition**

Revenues are recognized in the period in which the transactions or events occurred that gave rise to the revenues. All revenues are recorded on an accrual basis, except when the accruals cannot be determined with a reasonable degree of certainty or when their estimation is impracticable.

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 from other sources are deferred when restrictions are placed on their use by the contributor, and are recognized as revenue when used for the specific purpose.

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.

Tobacco store and gas bar revenues are recorded at the point of sale.

**(h) Expense Recognition**

Expenses are recorded on the accrual basis as they are incurred and measurable based on receipt of goods or services and obligation to pay.

**(i) Use of estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with 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 revenue and expenses during the reporting period. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty. Specifically, estimates are required relating to the provision for doubtful accounts and the useful lives of tangible capital assets. The effect of changes in such estimates on the financial statements in future periods is indeterminable.

**(j) Asset Classification**

Assets are classified as either financial or non-financial. Financial assets are assets that could be used to discharge existing liabilities or finance future operations. Non-financial assets are acquired, constructed or developed assets that do not provide resources to discharge existing liabilities but are employed to deliver government services, may be consumed in normal operations and are not for resale. Non-financial assets include tangible capital assets and prepaid expenses.

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**2. Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**(k) Segment Disclosure**

The financial statements of Sipekne'katik provide supporting schedules which are established by program based on government funding provided. The various programs have been amalgamated for the purpose of presentation in the consolidated financial statements. Details of the operations of each program are set out in the supplementary schedules for management information purposes.

**(l) Financial instruments**

Financial instruments are financial assets or liabilities of the First Nation where the First Nation has the right to receive cash or another financial asset from another party or has the obligation to pay cash or other financial assets to another party or equity instruments of another entity.

All significant financial assets, financial liabilities and equity instruments of the First Nation are either recognized or disclosed in the financial statements together with other information relevant for making a reasonable assessment of future cash flows, interest rate risk and credit risk.

**(m) Investments**

Investments other than Wallace Hill Development Inc., which is accounted for using the modified equity basis of accounting, are accounted for using the cost basis of accounting.

**3. Cash and term deposits / cheques written in excess of deposits**

Under the terms of agreement with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Sipekne'katik must set aside funds annually for the anticipated repair, maintenance and replacement of assets under the Section 95 program. These funds are to be held in a separate bank account and invested only in accounts or instruments insured by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation or as otherwise approved by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of the following:

	2022	2021
Cash on hand	\$ 21,327	\$ 21,327
Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GIC's) at 0.10% - 0.50%, due April 2022 - March 2023	4,030,106	3,580,106
Bank balances	15,130,494	6,491,463
Externally restricted CMHC reserve GIC	882,536	882,536
	<u>\$ 20,064,463</u>	<u>\$ 10,975,432</u>

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**4. Accounts receivable**

	2022	2021
Indigenous Services Canada	\$ 2,261,695	\$ 568,336
Wallace Hill Development Incorporated	512,848	534,398
Other government departments	176,158	310,092
Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey	418,928	245,501
Health Canada	42,937	-
Gaming program	172,287	172,287
METS programs	167,218	175,220
Other	318,688	296,145
Employees and other band members	34,393	34,282
Department of Fisheries and Oceans	185,194	223,282
Leases licences - fisheries	48,499	48,499
Confederacy of Mainland Mi'gmaq	8,649	8,649
HST recoverable	405,197	258,507
	4,752,691	2,875,198
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(415,750)	(415,750)
	\$ 4,336,941	\$ 2,459,448

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**5. Funds on deposit with ISC**

	March 31, 2021	Additions (interest)	Withdrawals	March 31, 2022
Revenue	\$ 48,236	\$ 1,704	\$ -	\$ 49,940
Capital	40,339	-	-	40,339
	\$ 88,575	\$ 1,704	\$ -	\$ 90,279

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**6. Funds held in trust**

Funds held in trust consist of a holdback on a construction project.

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**7. Debt reserve fund**

As part of the loan agreement with First Nations Finance Authority, 5% of loan balances are held on deposit in the Debt Reserve Fund.

**8. Promissory note receivable**

	2022	2021
<b>FNFIG Limited Partnership promissory note receivable</b>	<b>\$ 35,125,157</b>	<b>\$ 35,714,286</b>

6.14% loan to First Nations Fisheries Interest Group Limited Partnership, repayable in equal annual blended instalments of principal plus interest in the amount of \$2,607,176, payable quarterly on each of March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1, maturing in fiscal 2051.

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

2023 - \$2,607,176  
2024 - \$2,607,176  
2025 - \$2,607,176  
2026 - \$2,607,176  
2027 - \$2,607,176

**9. Inventory**

	2022	2021
Fuel for resale	\$ 25,153	\$ 22,323
Tobacco for resale	317,301	234,724
Cannabis for resale	37,407	56,035
	<b>\$ 379,861</b>	<b>\$ 313,082</b>

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**10. Accounts payable**

	2022	2021
<b>Current</b>		
Trade	\$ 2,251,850	\$ 2,161,384
Receiver General	214,049	142,121
Accrued payroll	233,550	359,946
Worker's compensation	55,876	54,490
Due to Health Canada	56,658	-
	<u>2,811,983</u>	<u>2,717,941</u>
<b>Long term</b>		
Trade accrued liabilities	-	3,282,581
	<u>\$ 2,811,983</u>	<u>\$ 6,000,522</u>

**11. Deferred revenue**

	2022	2021
Indigenous Services Canada	\$ 9,815,132	\$ 2,890,994
Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey	3,986,516	1,845,390
Health Canada	2,924,508	1,749,140
Canada Mortgage and Housign Corporation	2,831,456	2,725,360
Other	173,396	486,861
	<u>\$ 19,731,008</u>	<u>\$ 9,697,745</u>

**12. Due to minor band members**

Annually from 2006 to 2011, Council approved Christmas bonuses of \$250 to be paid to each Band member. Band members are not entitled to receive their bonus until they attain the age of 18.

	2022	2021
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 517,258	\$ 554,758
Deduct: payments related to previous years	(40,500)	(37,500)
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 476,758</u>	<u>\$ 517,258</u>

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**13. Investments**

	2022	2021
Investment in Wallace Hill Development Inc.	\$ 1	\$ 1
Investment in Beaubassin Mi'kmaq Wind Mgmt Ltd.	1	1
Investment in 3270886 Nova Scotia Limited	1	1
Equity (deficit) in Wallace Hill Development Inc.	(1,027)	(1,290)
	<u>\$ (1,024)</u>	<u>\$ (1,287)</u>

**14. Long-term debt**

	2022	2021
Royal Bank of Canada Section 95 housing project mortgages due September 2024 to November 2024, bearing interest at 1.54% to 2.72%, payable in equal monthly amounts of principal and interest totaling \$3,129. Mortgages are guaranteed by the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada.	\$ 93,741	\$ 128,839
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Section 95 housing project mortgages due May 2022 to December 2026, bearing interest at 0.30% to 2.68%, payable in equal monthly amounts of principal and interest totaling \$21,512. Mortgages are guaranteed by the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada.	3,275,715	3,437,624
First Nations Finance Authority 1.90% loan, payable \$130,882 monthly including interest, due June 2030, secured by Clearwater Seafood Limited revenue stream	36,610,320	37,473,296
Royal Bank of Canada 4.20% loan, payable \$4,627 monthly including interest, due March 2022, secured by fisheries building	-	54,318
First Nations Finance Authority 3.65% loan, payable \$23,927 monthly including interest, due June 2028, secured by provincial gaming revenue stream	3,314,961	3,472,588
Royal Bank of Canada 2.85% loan, payable in equal monthly amounts of principal and interest totalling \$23,318, due December 31, 2025, secured by Hammonds Plains entertainment centre	4,847,332	5,000,000
	<u>48,142,069</u>	<u>49,566,665</u>

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**14. Long-term debt, continued**

	2022	2021
Current portion	\$ 1,418,719	\$ 1,324,743

Approximate principal portion of long-term debt due within each of the next five years, assuming re-financing of the mortgages under similar terms, is as follows:

2022-23	\$ 1,418,719
2023-24	1,447,621
2024-25	1,462,882
2025-26	1,473,151
2026-27	1,505,401
2027 and thereafter	42,339,696
	\$ 48,142,069

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**15. Tangible Capital Assets**

	Balance, beginning of year	Balance, end of year	Cost	Balance, beginning of year	Amortization	Balance, end of year	2022 net book value
		Additions					
Land	\$ 2,241,402	-	\$ 2,241,402	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,241,402
Buildings	11,866,672	10,556	11,877,228	2,109,306	487,088	2,596,394	9,280,834
Vehicles	1,872,298	-	1,872,298	1,495,107	113,158	1,608,265	264,033
Band housing projects	18,586,837	688,651	19,275,488	9,889,559	452,080	10,341,639	8,933,849
Furniture and equipment	1,112,825	10,240	1,123,065	787,062	66,611	853,673	269,392
Community centre	2,958,266	-	2,958,266	2,859,870	19,680	2,879,550	78,716
Pump/gaming renovations	30,896	-	30,896	28,969	385	29,354	1,542
Community housing	2,371,070	-	2,371,070	1,767,229	60,384	1,827,613	543,457
Administration building	917,433	-	917,433	812,392	10,504	822,896	94,537
Health centre	873,671	-	873,671	725,613	14,806	740,419	133,252
P-12 school	7,654,484	-	7,654,484	3,522,646	206,592	3,729,238	3,925,246
Recreational facilities	246,593	-	246,593	170,230	7,636	177,866	68,727
Infrastructure	4,246,489	-	4,246,489	3,291,003	76,439	3,367,442	879,047
Public works dept	1,798,116	-	1,798,116	1,350,786	89,466	1,440,252	357,864
Roads	1,963,954	32,430	1,996,384	1,031,063	75,755	1,106,818	889,566
Fishing vessels and zodiacs	1,677,831	1,300,000	2,977,831	893,388	216,212	1,109,600	1,868,231
	\$ 60,418,837	\$ 2,041,877	\$ 62,460,714	\$ 30,734,223	\$ 1,896,796	\$ 32,631,019	\$ 29,829,695

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	Balance, beginning of year	Additions	Balance, end of year	Cost	Balance, beginning of year	Amortization	Balance, end of year	Accumulated amortization	2021 Net book value
Land	\$ 2,241,402	\$ -	\$ 2,241,402	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,241,402
Buildings	9,845,902	2,020,770	11,866,672	1,648,939	460,367	2,109,306	9,757,366		
Vehicles	1,968,996	(96,698)	1,872,298	1,336,653	158,454	1,495,107	377,191		
Band housing projects	18,266,131	320,706	18,586,837	9,440,247	449,312	9,889,559	8,697,278		
Furniture and equipment	1,020,826	91,999	1,112,825	714,404	72,658	787,062	325,763		
Community centres	2,958,266	-	2,958,266	2,835,271	24,599	2,859,870	98,396		
Pump/gaming renovations	30,896	-	30,896	28,488	481	28,969	1,927		
Community housing	2,371,070	-	2,371,070	1,700,136	67,093	1,767,229	603,841		
Administration building	917,433	-	917,433	800,720	11,672	812,392	105,041		
Health centre	873,671	-	873,671	709,162	16,451	725,613	148,058		
P-12 school	7,654,484	-	7,654,484	3,305,181	217,465	3,522,646	4,131,838		
Recreational facilities	246,593	-	246,593	161,745	8,485	170,230	76,363		
Infrastructure	4,246,489	-	4,246,489	3,207,918	83,085	3,291,003	955,486		
Public works dept	1,790,616	7,500	1,798,116	1,239,891	110,895	1,350,786	447,330		
Roads	1,344,508	619,446	1,963,954	979,237	51,826	1,031,063	932,891		
Fishing vessels and zodiacs	1,677,831	-	1,677,831	754,957	138,431	893,388	784,443		
	\$ 57,455,114	\$ 2,963,723	\$ 60,418,837	\$ 28,862,949	\$ 1,871,274	\$ 30,734,223	\$ 29,684,614		

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**16. Prepaid expenses**

	2022	2021
Principal and interest - FNFA	\$ 231,636	\$ -
Retainer - consulting	5,000	5,000
Other	2,500	-
	<u>\$ 239,136</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>

**17. Due from related parties**

The First Nation advanced funds to a related party with the following amount outstanding at March 31, 2022:

Wallace Hill Development Inc. - \$512,848 (2021 - \$534,398)

The balance due from Wallace Hill Development Inc. is unsecured, non-interest bearing with no specific terms of repayment.

**18. Comparative Amounts**

Certain comparative amounts have been reclassified to conform with the presentation adopted in the current period. There have been no changes to the accumulated surplus balance due to these reclassifications.

**19. Economic Dependence**

Sipekne'katik receives a significant portion of its revenue pursuant to a funding agreement with Indigenous Services Canada and other federal government agencies.

**20. Contingent Liabilities**

Sipekne'katik has entered into contribution agreements with various federal government departments. Funding received under these contribution agreements is subject to repayment if the First Nation fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the agreements. The likelihood of compliance reviews and any potential findings are not determinable as at the date on the auditor's report.

In addition, in the normal course of its operations, Sipekne'katik becomes involved in legal actions. Some of these potential liabilities may become actual liabilities when one or more future events occur or fail to occur. To the extent that the future event is likely to occur, and a reasonable estimate of the loss can be made, an estimated liability is accrued and an expense recorded on Sipekne'katik's financial statements.

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**21. Financial Instruments Risks and Uncertainties**

The First Nation is exposed to the following risks in respect of certain of the financial instruments held:

**Credit risk**

The financial instruments that potentially subject the First Nation to a significant concentration of credit risk consist primarily of cash and accounts receivable.

The First Nation maintains cash balances with Canadian chartered banks which is insured by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation up to CDN \$100,000. From time to time, these balances exceed the federally insured limits and expose the First Nation to credit risk from concentration of cash. The First Nation limits this risk by transacting with reputable financial institutions.

The First Nation does have credit risk in accounts receivable \$4,336,941 (2021 - \$2,459,448). Credit risk is the risk that one party to a transaction will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The First Nation reduces its exposure to credit risk by performing valuations on a regular basis and creating an allowance for bad debts when applicable. The First Nation derives substantially all of its revenues and therefore, accounts receivable, from government sources. In the opinion of management, the credit risk exposure to the First Nation is low and is not material.

**Liquidity risk**

The First Nation does have a liquidity risk in the operating loan, accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$2,811,983 (2021 - \$6,000,522). Liquidity risk is the risk that the First Nation cannot repay its obligations when they become due to its creditors. The First Nation reduces its exposure to liquidity risk by ensuring that it documents when authorized payments become due and maintains a responsible cash position. In the opinion of management, the liquidity risk is low but material.

**Interest rate risk**

At times, the First Nation may be exposed to interest rate risk. This risk exists due to interest rate exposure on certain term loans, which are variable based on the bank's prime rates. This exposure may have an effect on its interest expenses in future periods. The First Nation reduces its exposure to interest rate risk by regularly monitoring published bank prime interest rates. There are some loans payable that are at fixed term rates and therefore, do not affect interest rate risk. The 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 the First Nation is low and is not material.

**22. Budgeted figures**

Unaudited budgeted figures have been provided for comparison purposes and have been derived from the estimates approved by the Chief and Council.

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**23. Pension plan**

The First Nation participates in an individual defined contribution pension plan for its employees. The plan is not mandatory and there is no required waiting period for permanent employees to enroll in the plan. The First Nation contributes amounts equal to the employee's contribution up to a maximum of 5.5% of the employee's gross earnings. Employer contributions, which are expensed in the period incurred, totalled \$272,344 (2021 - \$241,608) during the year.

**24. Annual Surplus Net of Capital Related Revenues and Amortization**

	2022	2021
Annual surplus	\$ 6,660,000	\$ (2,449,265)
Deduct: Federal government transfers for capital	(1,300,000)	(294,481)
Add: Amortization expense included in annual surplus	1,896,797	1,871,276
	596,797	1,576,795
Annual surplus net of capital related revenues and amortization	\$ 7,256,797	\$ (872,470)

**25. Expenses by object**

	2022	2021
Wages and benefits	\$ 13,366,088	\$ 13,193,742
Community support/disbursements	860,220	757,029
Fuel and tobacco purchases	9,383,733	9,123,614
Social program expenses	7,337,448	5,897,288
Health program expenses	375,949	470,541
Travel	261,058	240,490
Tuition	1,452,245	1,251,587
Supplies and services	4,974,289	4,134,038
Interest and bank charges	1,173,523	604,012
Professional services	621,394	1,357,296
Repairs	1,036,842	1,197,177
Other	2,265,116	2,537,568
Amortization	1,896,797	1,871,276
Total	\$ 45,004,702	\$ 42,635,658

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**26. Subsequent event**

Subsequent to year end, Sipekne'katik agreed to purchase 100% of the shares of 3292609 Nova Scotia Ltd. for \$2,700,000. The purchase includes all assets and liabilities of the Shubenacadie Tidal Bore Rafting Resort located in Urbania, NS.