

McDowell Lake First Nation
Financial Statements
For the year ended March 31, 2019

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McDowell Lake First Nation Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

To the Members of
McDowell Lake First Nation

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The accompanying financial statements of McDowell Lake First Nation for the year ended March 31, 2019 are the responsibility of management and have been approved by Chief and Council.

The 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.

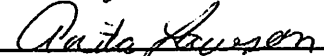
Chief and Council are responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control and is ultimately responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements.

Chief and Council meet 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 financial statements and the external auditor's report.

The external auditors, BDO Canada LLP, conduct an independent examination, in accordance with Canadian auditing standards, and express their opinion on the financial statements. The external auditors have full and free access to financial management of McDowell Lake First Nation and meet when required.

On behalf of McDowell Lake First Nation:

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of
McDowell Lake First Nation

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of the McDowell Lake First Nation (the First Nation), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2019, and the statements of operations, changes in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the First Nation as at March 31, 2019, and its results of operations, its change in net assets, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with 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 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 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 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with 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.

In preparing the 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 unless management either intends to liquidate the First Nation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 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 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 financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the 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.

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Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

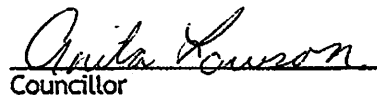
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McDowell Lake First Nation
Statement of Financial Position

March 31	2019	2018
		(Note 1 - Restated)
Financial Assets		
Cash (Note 2)	\$ 1,652,583	\$ 948,562
Short term investment (Note 3)	1,949,894	1,926,698
Accounts receivable (Note 4)	237,705	322,207
Long term investments (Note 5)	841,411	789,299
Total Financial Assets	<u>4,681,593</u>	<u>3,986,766</u>
 Liabilities		
Accounts payable (Note 6)	1,041,228	797,278
Deferred revenue (Note 7)	369,076	209,015
Total Liabilities	<u>1,410,304</u>	<u>1,006,293</u>
 Net Financial Assets	<u>3,271,289</u>	<u>2,980,473</u>
 Non-financial Assets		
Prepays	5,000	15,956
Tangible capital assets (Note 8)	761,547	736,070
Total Non-financial Assets	<u>766,547</u>	<u>752,026</u>
Accumulated Surplus (Note 11)	<u>\$ 4,037,836</u>	<u>\$ 3,732,499</u>

Approved on Behalf


Chief


Councillor

McDowell Lake First Nation

Statement of Operations

For the year ended March 31	Budget	2019	2018
			(Note 1 - Restated)
Revenue (Note 12)			
Government Transfers			
Federal	\$ 987,332	\$ 578,956	\$ 551,714
Provincial	167,060	86,691	132,622
Other Grants	171,127	121,394	361,802
Other Revenues	-	629,601	503,410
Net income (loss) from government business enterprise (Note 5)	-	42,696	(3,382)
	<u>1,325,519</u>	<u>1,459,338</u>	<u>1,546,166</u>
Expenses			
Band administration	-	180,339	201,385
Education	53,865	47,034	13,753
Community and Economic Development	344,978	641,441	1,245,444
Health	926,676	285,187	445,618
	<u>1,325,519</u>	<u>1,154,001</u>	<u>1,906,200</u>
Annual surplus (deficit)	<u>\$ -</u>	305,337	(360,034)
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year		<u>3,732,499</u>	4,092,533
Accumulated surplus, end of year		<u>\$ 4,037,836</u>	<u>\$ 3,732,499</u>

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes are an integral part to these financial statements.

McDowell Lake First Nation
Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets

For the year ended March 31	Budget	2019	2018
			(Note 1 - Restated)
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ -	\$ 305,337	\$ (360,034)
Addition to capital assets	-	(81,354)	(229,056)
Amortization of capital assets	-	55,877	41,434
Increase (decrease) in prepaids	-	10,956	(780)
Net change in net financial assets	<u>\$ -</u>	290,816	(548,436)
Net financial assets, beginning of year		<u>2,980,473</u>	<u>3,528,909</u>
Net financial assets, end of year		\$ 3,271,289	\$ 2,980,473

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes are an integral part to these financial statements.

McDowell Lake First Nation Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended March 31	2019	2018
		(Note 1 - Restated)
Operating Transactions		
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ 305,337	\$ (360,034)
Amortization	55,877	41,434
	<u>361,214</u>	<u>(318,600)</u>
Changes in non-cash operating balances		
Accounts receivable	84,502	(189,471)
Accounts payable	243,950	662,178
Deferred revenue	160,061	196,988
Prepays	10,956	(780)
	<u>860,683</u>	<u>350,315</u>
Investing transactions		
Increase in investment in Government Business Enterprises	(52,112)	(614,242)
(Increase) decrease in short term investment	(23,196)	733,422
	<u>(75,308)</u>	<u>119,180</u>
Capital transactions		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(81,354)	(229,056)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents during the year	<u>704,021</u>	<u>240,439</u>
Cash, beginning of year	<u>948,562</u>	<u>708,123</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 1,652,583</u>	<u>\$ 948,562</u>

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes are an integral part to these financial statements.

McDowell Lake First Nation

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

March 31, 2019

General	McDowell Lake First Nation (the "First Nation") is a local government whose primary objective is to provide a variety of services to its members.
Basis of Preparation	The financial statements of the First Nation are the representations of management. They have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments as prescribed by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada and as recommended by Indigenous Services Canada.
Reporting Entity	<p>The reporting entity includes the First Nation and all entities that are controlled by the First Nation. All controlled entities are consolidated according to the First Nation's percentage ownership except for entities that meet the definition of a government business enterprise or a government business partnership, which are included in the financial statements on a modified equity basis.</p> <p>Under the modified equity method of accounting, only the First Nation's investment in the entity and the First Nation's portion of the entity's net income and other changes in equity are recorded. No adjustment is made for inter-organizational balances and transactions are not eliminated.</p> <p>Magnus James Enterprises LP is the only government business enterprise reflected in the financial statements.</p>
Portfolio Investments	Portfolio investments are investments that do not form part of the government reporting entity and are recorded at cost. When there is a loss in value that is other than temporary, the investment is written down to recognize the loss.
Short Term Investments	Temporary investments are recorded at cost, unless the market value has declined below cost, in which case they are written down to market value. Investment income earned is reported as revenue in the period earned.

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Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

March 31, 2019

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, installment costs, design and engineering 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 once the asset is available for productive use as follows:

Asset	Basis	Rate
Buildings	Straight-line	40 years
Equipment	Straight-line	5 and 25 years
Docks	Straight-line	15 years
Leaseholds	Straight-line	10 years

When a capital asset no longer contributes to the First Nation's ability to provide services, its carrying amount is written-down to its residual value.

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 purposes.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of certain assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of certain revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimated.

Pension Plan

The First Nation maintains a defined contribution pension plan for its personnel. Expenses for this plan are equal to the First Nations required contribution for the year.

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Notes to Financial Statements

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1. Prior Period Adjustment

During the current year, the First Nation noted that revenues from a third party for the 2018 fiscal year in the amount of \$172,960 had not been recorded. This error has been corrected retroactively with restatement of the prior period. The correction had the following effect on the comparative financial statements:

	2018
Statement of Financial Position	
Increase in Accounts Receivable	\$ 172,960
Increase in Accumulated Surplus	172,960
Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus	
Increase in Revenue	172,960
Decrease in Annual Deficit	172,960

The net impact on accumulated surplus of the restatement above is as follows:

	2018
Opening accumulated surplus, previously stated	\$ 3,559,539
Net effect of restatement	172,960
Opening accumulated surplus, as restated	<u>\$ 3,732,499</u>

2. Cash

Included in cash are three bank accounts - one held at CIBC of \$189,335 (2018 - \$60,771), one held at Scotia Bank of \$1,429,261 (2018 - \$853,905) and one held in trust of \$33,886 (2018 - \$33,886). The cash held at CIBC is designated for OFNLP programming.

3. Short-Term Investment

The short-term investment designated for OFNLP programming is comprised of a guaranteed investment certificate with a variable prime interest rate less 1.85%, maturing December 11, 2019.

4. Accounts Receivable

	2019	2018
Indigenous Services Canada	\$ 121,978	\$ -
Keewaytinook Okimakanak	50,000	55,675
HST	55,856	31,699
Other	9,871	234,833
	<u>\$ 237,705</u>	<u>\$ 322,207</u>

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5. Long Term Investments

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>Portfolio Investments</u>		
Investment in K-Net LP - 165 of 1990 Common Units	\$ 23,675	\$ 23,675
Investment in First Nation LP - 100 of 2001 Common Units	1	1
Investment in NCC Development LP - 165 of 1000 Common Units	1	1
Investment in Magnus James Enterprises Inc. - 100 of 100 Common shares	(32)	(32)
<u>Investment in Government Business Enterprise</u>		
Investment in Magnus James Enterprises LP - 99 of 100 Common Units	817,766	765,654
	<u>\$ 841,411</u>	<u>\$ 789,299</u>

The Magnus James Enterprise LP is owned and controlled by McDowell Lake First Nation. The following information provides condensed supplementary information for the enterprise for the year ended March 31, 2019.

<u>Financial Position</u>		
Current assets	\$ 152,184	\$ 90,872
Non-current assets	670,404	674,750
	<u>\$ 822,588</u>	<u>\$ 765,622</u>
<u>Total Assets</u>		
	\$ 822,588	\$ 765,622
<u>Liabilities</u>	\$ 4,854	\$ -
<u>Net Assets</u>	817,734	765,622
	<u>\$ 822,588</u>	<u>\$ 765,622</u>
<u>Revenue</u>	\$ 130,493	\$ 89,674
<u>Expenses</u>	87,797	93,056

6. Accounts Payable

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Trade and other	\$ 210,563	\$ 520,010
Contributions repayable	830,665	277,268
	<u>\$ 1,041,228</u>	<u>\$ 797,278</u>

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7. Deferred Revenue

Deferred contributions related to expenses of future periods represent unspent funding.

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 209,015	\$ 12,027
Add: Amount received during the year	371,214	232,900
Less: Amount recognized as revenue in the year	<u>(211,153)</u>	<u>(35,912)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 369,076</u>	<u>\$ 209,015</u>

The balance at year end is made up of the following:

Nishnawbe Aski Nation	\$ -	\$ 11,679
Indigenous Services Canada	<u>369,076</u>	<u>197,336</u>
	<u>\$ 369,076</u>	<u>\$ 209,015</u>

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8. Tangible Capital Assets

	2019					
	Buildings	Equipment	Docks	Leaseholds	Capital Work in Progress	Total
Cost, Beginning of Year	\$ 101,496	\$ 330,390	\$ 15,000	\$ 93,328	\$ 306,237	\$ 846,451
Additions	81,354	-	-	-	-	81,354
Transfers	306,237	-	-	-	(306,237)	-
Cost, End of Year	489,087	330,390	15,000	93,328	-	927,805
Accumulated Amortization, Beginning of Year	18,988	66,894	7,000	17,499	-	110,381
Amortization	3,554	41,991	1,000	9,332	-	55,877
Accumulated Amortization, End of Year	22,542	108,885	8,000	26,831	-	166,258
Net Carrying Amount, End of Year	\$ 466,545	\$ 221,505	\$ 7,000	\$ 66,497	\$ -	\$ 761,547
	2018					
	Buildings	Equipment	Docks	Leaseholds	Capital Work in Progress	Total
Cost, Beginning of Year	\$ 101,496	\$ 138,971	\$ 15,000	\$ 93,328	\$ 268,600	\$ 617,395
Additions	-	191,419	-	-	37,637	229,056
Cost, End of Year	101,496	330,390	15,000	93,328	306,237	846,451
Accumulated Amortization, Beginning of Year	16,451	38,329	6,000	8,167	-	68,947
Amortization	2,537	28,565	1,000	9,332	-	41,434
Accumulated Amortization, End of Year	18,988	66,894	7,000	17,499	-	110,381
Net Carrying Amount, End of Year	\$ 82,508	\$ 263,496	\$ 8,000	\$ 75,829	\$ 306,237	\$ 736,070

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9. Segmented Information

For the year ended March 31, 2019

	Administration	Education	Community & Economic Development	Health	Total
Revenue					
Grants	\$ 54,743	\$ 34,368	\$ 334,933	\$ 362,997	\$ 787,041
Other	52,470	-	577,131	-	629,601
Net loss from government business enterprise	42,696	-	-	-	42,696
	<u>149,909</u>	<u>34,368</u>	<u>912,064</u>	<u>362,997</u>	<u>1,459,338</u>
Expenses					
Administration, office and other	38,271	-	10,413	7,347	56,031
Supplies and program expenses	14,019	-	255,911	65,736	335,666
Rent and utilities	69,240	-	6,282	50,267	125,789
Travel and training	2,932	8,874	62,279	38,593	112,678
Salaries and benefits	-	38,160	306,556	123,244	467,960
Amortization	55,877	-	-	-	55,877
	<u>180,339</u>	<u>47,034</u>	<u>641,441</u>	<u>285,187</u>	<u>1,154,001</u>
Annual surplus	\$ (30,430)	\$ (12,666)	\$ 270,623	\$ 77,810	\$ 305,337

For the year ended March 31, 2018

	Administration	Education	Community & Economic Development	Health	Total
Revenue					
Grants	\$ 54,743	\$ 51,390	\$ 416,511	\$ 523,494	\$ 1,046,138
Other	32,465	-	470,945	-	503,410
Net loss from government business enterprise	(3,382)	-	-	-	(3,382)
	<u>83,826</u>	<u>51,390</u>	<u>887,456</u>	<u>523,494</u>	<u>1,546,166</u>
Expenses					
Administration, office and other	31,994	-	12,813	34,432	79,239
Supplies and program expenses	31,931	-	525,672	211,323	768,926
Rent and utilities	78,160	-	3,000	23,354	104,514
Travel and training	17,866	5,483	338,395	41,478	403,222
Salaries and benefits	-	8,270	365,564	135,031	508,865
Amortization	41,434	-	-	-	41,434
	<u>201,385</u>	<u>13,753</u>	<u>1,245,444</u>	<u>445,618</u>	<u>1,906,200</u>
Annual Surplus	\$ (117,559)	\$ 37,637	\$ (357,988)	\$ 77,876	\$ (360,034)

McDowell Lake First Nation Notes to Financial Statements

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9. Segmented Information - continued

Administration

Administration is comprised of the administration and finance department. This department performs a management and administrative role by holding Council Meetings to administer the delivery of programs and services and to help develop a strategy for the future.

Education

Education includes the activities of the Sioux Lookout Area Aboriginal Management Board ("SLAAMB") program and other educational activities that enhance the educational development of community members.

Health

The First Nation health programs provide health awareness and prevention and assistance programs for community members.

Community and Economic Development

Community and economic development includes governance activities, land use planning initiatives and environmental planning to improve the economic and social well-being of community members.

10. Budget

The program budgets approved by Chief and Council were not prepared on a basis consistent with that used to report actual financial statement results (Public Sector Accounting Standards). The budgets were prepared on a modified accrual basis while Public Sector Accounting Standards require a full accrual basis. The budgets expensed all capital expenditures rather than including amortization expense. As well, the budget approved by Chief and Council was not prepared on a consolidated basis and does not include all of the activities of the First Nation. As a result, budget figures are only presented where available.

11. Accumulated Surplus

The First Nation segregates its accumulated surplus into the following categories:

	2019	2018
Current funds	\$ (178,307)	\$ (277,696)
Investment in capital assets	761,547	736,070
Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership	2,636,830	2,508,471
Magnus James	817,766	765,654
	<u>\$ 4,037,836</u>	<u>\$ 3,732,499</u>

The investment in capital assets represents amounts already spent and invested in capital assets.

Current funds represent the general activities of the First Nation.

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12. Government Transfers

	2019		
	Operating	Capital	Total
Government Transfers			
Federal government transfers			
Indigenous Services Canada	\$ 229,063	\$ -	\$ 229,063
Health Canada	349,893	-	349,893
	<u>578,956</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>578,956</u>
Provincial government transfers			
Ministry of Natural Resources	72,668	-	72,668
Ministry of Health and Long Term Care	14,023	-	14,023
	<u>86,691</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,691</u>
Total revenue	<u>\$ 665,647</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 665,647</u>
	2018		
	Operating	Capital	Total
Government Transfers			
Federal government transfers			
Indigenous Services Canada	\$ 125,307	\$ -	\$ 125,307
Health Canada	426,407	-	426,407
	<u>551,714</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>551,714</u>
Provincial government transfers			
Ministry of Natural Resources	77,586	-	77,586
Ministry of Health and Long Term Care	55,036	-	55,036
	<u>132,622</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,622</u>
Total revenue	<u>\$ 684,336</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 684,336</u>

McDowell Lake First Nation
Notes to Financial Statements

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13. Commitments

The First Nation is committed to a three year lease with a related party for premises at \$4,600 a month expiring 2021.

The First Nation is committed to a two year lease for premises at \$1,804 a month plus HST expiring December 2019.

14. Contingency

The First Nation has been named as a defendant in a lawsuit arising in the ordinary course of operations. The amount of the claim for damages is \$355,750. At year-end, an estimated liability has been recorded in the financial statements, of which the amount cannot be disclosed as it would have an adverse effect on the outcome.

15. Defined Contribution Pension Plan

The expense for the First Nation's pension plan for the year was \$7,143 (2018 - \$10,200). The plan is funded equally by the organization and the First Nation's employees at rates of 5% of the employee's salary. The funds are invested in balanced portfolio funds as directed by the First Nations' individual employees' investment directives.