

**Leq'á:mel First Nation**  
**Financial Statements**  
*March 31, 2023*

**Leq'á:mel First Nation**  
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*For the year ended March 31, 2023*

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## **Management's Responsibility**

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To the Members of Leq'á:mel First Nation:

The accompanying financial statements of Leq'á:mel First Nation are the responsibility of management and have been approved by the Chief and Council.

Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the accompanying financial statements, including responsibility for significant accounting judgments and estimates in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. This responsibility includes selecting appropriate accounting principles and methods, and making decisions affecting the measurement of transactions in which objective judgment is required.

In discharging its responsibilities for the integrity and fairness of the financial statements, management designs and maintains the necessary accounting systems and related internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are authorized, assets are safeguarded and financial records are properly maintained to provide reliable information for the preparation of financial statements.

The Leq'á:mel First Nation Council is responsible for overseeing management in the performance of its financial reporting responsibilities, and for approving the financial statements. The Council fulfils these responsibilities by reviewing the financial information prepared by management and discussing relevant matters with management and external auditors. The Council is also responsible for recommending the appointment of the Nation's external auditors.

MNP LLP is appointed by the Council to audit the financial statements and report directly to them; their report follows. The external auditors have full and free access to, and meet periodically and separately with, both the Council and management to discuss their audit findings.

July 31, 2023

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Signed by Peter Pynacker

Senior Finance /  
Administrator

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To the Members of Leq'á:mel First Nation:

## Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Leq'á:mel First Nation (the "First Nation"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2023, and the statements of operations and accumulated surplus, 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, 2023, and the results of its operations, changes in its net financial assets and its 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 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 and those charged with governance are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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.

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 Consolidated 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.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the First Nation 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.

Chilliwack, British Columbia

July 31, 2023

**MNP LLP**

Chartered Professional Accountants

**Leq'á:mel First Nation**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
*As at March 31, 2023*

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 4)	6,631,453	6,291,034
Accounts receivable (Note 5)	1,219,610	516,855
Portfolio investments (Note 6)	4,427	110
Investments in government business entities (Note 7)	3,856,734	3,454,771
Funds held in trust (Note 8)	71,998	126,812
<b>Total of financial assets</b>	<b>11,784,222</b>	10,389,582
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accruals	475,564	786,738
Deferred revenue (Note 9)	697,238	834,757
Long-term debt (Note 10)	5,475,180	5,761,337
Capital lease obligations	24,848	41,915
<b>Total of financial liabilities</b>	<b>6,672,830</b>	7,424,747
<b>Net financial assets</b>	<b>5,111,392</b>	2,964,835
<b>Contingencies (Note 11)</b>		
<b>Non-financial assets</b>		
Tangible capital assets (Schedule 1)	17,039,493	16,645,591
Prepaid expenses	5,420	-
<b>Accumulated surplus (Note 12)</b>	<b>22,156,305</b>	19,610,426

**Approved on behalf of the Council**

Signed by Chief Alice Thompson

**Chief**

Signed by Sandra McDonald

**Councillor**

Signed by Darryl McKamey

**Councillor**

Signed by Dawn Styran

**Councillor**

**Leq'á:mel First Nation**  
**Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus**  
*For the year ended March 31, 2023*

	<b>2023 (Budget)</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Indigenous Services Canada	2,505,329	3,332,456	3,065,446
Economic activity and other income	1,716,603	2,115,157	1,036,872
Other federal funding	769,627	1,380,882	229,884
Province of British Columbia	1,165,726	737,199	1,358,470
First Nation Health Authority	544,766	637,243	581,131
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	4,428	55,485	2,573,093
Earnings from investments in government business entities	-	949,458	639,919
Investment income	336,968	603,311	244,426
Rental income	37,840	226,785	221,506
	<b>7,081,287</b>	<b>10,037,976</b>	9,950,747
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Administration	810,960	1,104,349	1,258,517
Education and Employment	258,515	368,166	238,907
Social Programs	518,529	563,202	591,099
Health	1,116,070	688,020	292,908
Lands & Resources	2,962,042	2,639,021	1,437,386
Operations & Maintenance	1,069,270	1,255,004	982,429
Capital Assets	651,443	697,550	469,136
Housing	126,365	176,785	307,920
	<b>7,513,194</b>	<b>7,492,097</b>	5,578,302
<b>Annual surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>(431,907)</b>	<b>2,545,879</b>	4,372,445
<b>Accumulated surplus, beginning of year</b>	<b>19,610,426</b>	<b>19,610,426</b>	15,237,981
<b>Accumulated surplus, end of year (Note 12)</b>	<b>19,178,519</b>	<b>22,156,305</b>	19,610,426

**Leq'á:mel First Nation**  
**Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets**  
*For the year ended March 31, 2023*

	2023	2023	2022
<b>Annual surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>(431,907)</b>	<b>2,545,879</b>	4,372,445
Purchases of tangible capital assets	185,695	(927,724)	(2,924,119)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	-	533,822	502,748
Acquisition of prepaid expenses	-	(5,420)	-
<b>Increase (decrease) in net financial assets</b>	<b>(246,212)</b>	<b>2,146,557</b>	1,951,074
<b>Net financial assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>2,964,835</b>	<b>2,964,835</b>	1,013,761
<b>Net financial assets end of year</b>	<b>2,718,623</b>	<b>5,111,392</b>	2,964,835

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**Statement of Cash Flows**  
*For the year ended March 31, 2023*

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Cash provided by (used for) the following activities</b>		
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Cash receipts from contributors	9,197,704	7,975,345
Cash paid to suppliers	(5,431,534)	(3,571,112)
Cash paid to employees for salaries, wages and benefits	(1,668,250)	(922,321)
Interest on long-term debt	(179,404)	(220,176)
	<b>1,918,516</b>	3,261,736
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Repayment of long-term debt	(286,157)	(276,862)
Repayment of capital lease obligations	(17,067)	(16,686)
	<b>(303,224)</b>	(293,548)
<b>Capital activities</b>		
Purchases of tangible capital assets	(927,724)	(2,924,119)
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Net change in funds held in trust	54,814	407,269
Net change in investments in government business entities	(401,963)	1,309,004
	<b>(347,149)</b>	1,716,273
<b>Increase in cash resources</b>	<b>340,419</b>	1,760,342
<b>Cash resources, beginning of year</b>	<b>6,291,034</b>	4,530,692
<b>Cash resources, end of year</b>	<b>6,631,453</b>	6,291,034

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**1. Operations**

Leq'á:mel First Nation (the "First Nation") is located in the province of British Columbia, and provides various services to its members. Leq'á:mel First Nation includes the First Nation's members, government and all related entities that are accountable to the First Nation and are either owned or controlled by the First Nation.

**2. Significant accounting policies**

These financial statements are the representations of management, prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards and include the following significant accounting policies:

***Basis of presentation***

Sources of revenue and expenses are recorded on the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenue as it becomes available and measurable; expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of the receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation to pay.

***Reporting entity***

Leq'á:mel First Nation business entities, owned or controlled by the First Nation's Council but not dependent on the First Nation for their continuing operations, are included in the consolidated financial statements using the modified equity method. Under the modified equity method, the equity method of accounting is modified only to the extent that the business entity accounting principles are not adjusted to conform to those of the First Nation. Thus, the First Nation's investment in these entities is recorded at acquisition cost and is increased for the proportionate share of post acquisition earnings and decreased by post acquisition losses and distributions received.

Entities accounted for by the modified equity basis include:

- 0807656 B.C. Ltd.
- Leq'á:mel Development Corporation
- Seven Generations Environmental Services Ltd.
- Leq'á:mel Development Limited Partnership
- Leq'á:mel Forestry Limited Partnership

***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 normally provide resources to discharge existing liabilities but are employed to deliver government services, may be consumed in normal operations and are not for resale in the normal course of operations. Non-financial assets include tangible capital assets.

***Net financial assets***

The First Nation's consolidated financial statements are presented so as to highlight net financial assets as the measurement of consolidated financial position. The financial assets of the First Nation is determined by its financial assets less its liabilities. Net financial assets combined with non-financial assets comprise a second indicator of consolidated financial position, accumulated surplus.

***Cash and cash equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalent include balances with banks and short-term investments with maturities of three months or less.

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**2. Significant accounting policies** *(Continued from previous page)*

***Funds held in Ottawa Trust Fund***

Funds held in trust on behalf of First Nation members by the Government of Canada in the Ottawa Trust Fund are reported on the consolidated statement of financial position with an offsetting amount in accumulated operating surplus. Trust moneys consist of:

- Capital trust moneys derived from non-renewable resource transactions on the sale of land or other First Nation tangible capital assets; and
- Revenue trust moneys generated primarily through land leasing transactions or interest earned on deposits held in trust.

***Tangible capital assets***

Tangible capital assets are initially recorded at cost based on historical cost accounting records. Contributed tangible assets are recorded at their fair value at the date of contribution.

***Amortization***

Amortization for tangible capital assets is provided using the following methods at rates intended to amortize the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives:

	<b>Method</b>	<b>Years</b>
Automotive	straight-line	5 years
Buildings	straight-line	40 years
Equipment	straight-line	5-10 years
Infrastructure	straight-line	15-100 years
Housing	straight-line	40 years

***Long-lived assets***

Long-lived assets consist of tangible capital assets. Long-lived assets held for use are measured and amortized as described in the applicable accounting policies.

When the First Nation determines that a long-lived asset no longer has any long-term service potential to the organization, the excess of its net carrying amount over any residual value is recognized as an expense in the statement of operations. Write-downs are not reversed.

***Revenue recognition***

***Government Transfers***

The First Nation recognizes a government transfer as revenue when the transfer is authorized and all eligibility criteria, if any, have been met. A government transfer with stipulations giving rise to an obligation that meets the definition of a liability is recognized as a liability. In such circumstances, the First Nation recognizes revenue as the liability is settled. Transfers of non-depreciable assets are recognized in revenue when received or receivable.

***Own source revenue***

Own source revenue derived from sources such as resource based revenues, property tax, interest income and other revenue and are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

***Funds held in Ottawa Trust Fund***

Due to measurement uncertainty, revenue related to the receipt of funds held in the Ottawa Trust Fund is recognized when it is received.

***Rental revenue***

Rental revenue is recorded in the year it is earned. At the end of each year, management evaluates whether rent revenue is collectible and records a bad debt expense and allowance for doubtful accounts for those amounts designated as unlikely to be collected.

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**2. Significant accounting policies** *(Continued from previous page)*

***Measurement uncertainty***

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 and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period.

Accounts receivable, and amounts due from related First Nation entities and departments, are stated after evaluation as to their collectibility and an appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts is provided where considered necessary. Amortization is based on the estimated useful lives of tangible capital assets.

A liability for asset retirement obligations reflects management's best estimate of the amount required to retire the related tangible capital asset (or component thereof). The best estimate of the liability is based upon assumptions and estimates related to the amount and timing of costs for future asset retirement.

***Liability for contaminated sites***

A liability for remediation of a contaminated site is recognized at the best estimate of the amount required to remediate the contaminated site when contamination exceeding an environmental standard exists, the First Nation is either directly responsible or accepts responsibility, it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up, and a reasonable estimate of the amount is determinable. The best estimate of the liability includes all costs directly attributable to remediation activities and is reduced by expected net recoveries based on information available at March 31, 2023.

At each financial reporting date, the First Nation reviews the carrying amount of the liability. Any revisions required to the amount previously recognized is accounted for in the period revisions are made. The First Nation continues to recognize the liability until it is settled or otherwise extinguished. Disbursements made to settle the liability are deducted from the reported liability when they are made. Management has determined that no liability exists as at March 31, 2023.

***Segments***

The First Nation conducts its business through eight reportable segments: Administration, Education and Employment, Social Programs, Health, Lands and Maintenance, Business and Investments, Capital Assets, and Housing. These operating segments are established by senior management to facilitate the achievement of the First Nation's long-term objectives to aid in resource allocation decisions and to assess operational performance.

For each reported segment, revenue and expenses represent both amounts that are directly attributable to the segment and amounts that are allocated on a reasonable basis.

The accounting policies used in these segments are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the financial statements.

***Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses***

By presenting remeasurement gains (losses) separately, changes in the carrying value of financial instruments arising from fair value measurement, unrealized foreign exchange gains (losses) and other comprehensive income arising from investments in government business entities are distinguished from revenues and expenses reported in the statement of operations. The statement of operations reports the extent to which revenues raised in the period were sufficient to meet the expenses incurred. Remeasurement gains (losses) do not affect this assessment as they are recognized in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses. Taken together, the two statements account for changes in a First Nation's net assets (liabilities) in the period.

Upon settlement, the cumulative gain (loss) is reclassified from the statement of remeasurement gains and losses and recognized in the statement of operations. Interest and dividends attributable to all financial instruments are reported in the statement of operations. As the First Nation has no measurement gains or losses, there is no statement of remeasurement gains or losses to present in the current year.

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**2. Significant accounting policies** *(Continued from previous page)*

***Asset retirement obligation***

A liability for an asset retirement obligation is recognized at the best estimate of the amount required to retire a tangible capital asset (or a component thereof) at the financial statement date when there is a legal obligation for the First Nation to incur retirement costs in relation to a tangible capital asset (or component thereof), the past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred, it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up, and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made. The best estimate of the liability includes all costs directly attributable to asset retirement activities, based on information available at March 31, 2023. The best estimate of an asset retirement obligation incorporates a present value technique, when the cash flows required to settle or otherwise extinguish an asset retirement obligation are expected to occur over extended future periods.

When a liability for an asset retirement obligation is initially recognized, a corresponding asset retirement cost is capitalized to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset (or component thereof). The asset retirement cost is amortized over the useful life of the related asset.

At each financial reporting date, the First Nation reviews the carrying amount of the liability. The First Nation recognizes period-to-period changes to the liability due to the passage of time as accretion expense. Changes to the liability arising from revisions to either the timing, the amount of the original estimate of undiscounted cash flows or the discount rate are recognized as an increase or decrease to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset.

The First Nation continues to recognize the liability until it is settled or otherwise extinguished. Disbursements made to settle the liability are deducted from the reported liability when they are made.

***Financial instruments***

The First Nation recognizes its financial instruments when the First Nation becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. All financial instruments are initially recorded at their fair value.

At initial recognition, the First Nation may irrevocably elect to subsequently measure any financial instrument at fair value. The First Nation has not made such an election during the year.

The First Nation subsequently measures investments in equity instruments quoted in an active market and all derivative instruments, except those that are linked to, and must be settled by delivery of, unquoted equity instruments of another entity, at fair value. Fair value is determined by published price quotations. Transactions to purchase or sell these items are recorded on the trade date. Net gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses. The First Nation has not presented a statement of remeasurement gains and losses as it does not have any items giving rise to remeasurement gains (losses). Interest income is recognized in the statement of operations. Investments in equity instruments not quoted in an active market and derivatives that are linked to, and must be settled by delivery of, unquoted equity instruments of another entity, are subsequently measured at cost. With the exception of those instruments designated at fair value, all other financial assets and liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

Transaction costs directly attributable to the origination, acquisition, issuance or assumption of financial instruments subsequently measured at fair value are immediately recognized in annual surplus. Conversely, transaction costs are added to the carrying amount for those financial instruments subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost.

All financial assets except derivatives are tested annually for impairment. Any impairment, which is not considered temporary, is recorded in the statement of operations. Write-downs of financial assets measured at cost and/or amortized cost to reflect losses in value are not reversed for subsequent increases in value. Reversals of any net remeasurements of financial assets measured at fair value are reported in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses.

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**3. Change in accounting policies**

Effective April 1, 2022, the First Nation adopted the recommendations relating to the following accounting policies, as set out in the CPA Canada Public Sector Accounting Handbook:

- PS 3450 *Financial Instruments*
- PS 3280 *Asset Retirement Obligations*

Pursuant to the recommendations, the changes were applied prospectively, and prior periods have not been restated. The adoption of PS 3450 and PS 3280 did not have a material impact on the financial statements.

**4. Cash and cash equivalents**

	2023	2022
<b>Externally restricted</b>		
CMHC Replacement Reserve	<b>134,263</b>	131,487
<b>Unrestricted</b>		
Operating funds	<b>6,497,190</b>	6,159,547
	<b>6,631,453</b>	6,291,034

**Replacement Reserve**

Under agreements with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation ("CMHC") the First Nation maintains a replacement reserve, established by an annual allocation of \$4,299 (2022 - \$9,176), to ensure replacement of buildings financed by CMHC. At March 31, 2023, this reserve was fully funded (2022 - fully funded).

In accordance with terms of the agreements, CMHC reserve moneys must be held or invested only in accounts or instruments guaranteed by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation, or as otherwise approved by CMHC. Reserve withdrawals are credited first to interest and then to principal.

**5. Accounts receivable**

	2023	2022
Funding and trade receivables	1,074,209	258,839
Rent receivable	471,726	662,972
CMHC subsidy assistance receivable	284	795
	<b>1,546,219</b>	922,606
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	<b>326,609</b>	405,751
	<b>1,219,610</b>	516,855

**6. Portfolio investments**

	2023	2022
<b>Measured at cost:</b>		
BC First Nations Gaming Revenue Sharing LP	100	100
BC First Nations Gaming Revenue Sharing General Partner Ltd.	10	10
LMS Society Shares	4,317	-
	<b>4,427</b>	110

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**7. Investments in government business entities**

The First Nation has investments in the following government business entities:

	<i>Investment cost</i>	<i>Loans (advances)</i>	<i>Cumulative share of earnings (loss)</i>	<i>Total investment</i>	2023
<b>Business Entities – Modified Equity:</b>					
0807656 B.C. Ltd. - 100%	1	(28,569)	(2,155)	(30,723)	
Leq'á:mel Development Corporation - 100%	1	30,259	7,639	37,899	
Seven Generations Environmental Services Ltd. - 17%	194,968	58,877	(182,060)	71,785	
Leq'á:mel Development Limited Partnership - 99.99%	1	(148,137)	2,837,898	2,689,762	
Leq'á:mel Forestry Limited Partnership - 99.00%	1	1,057,520	30,490	1,088,011	
	<b>194,972</b>	<b>969,950</b>	<b>2,691,812</b>	<b>3,856,734</b>	
	<i>Investment cost</i>	<i>Loans (advances)</i>	<i>Cumulative share of earnings (loss)</i>	<i>Total investment</i>	2022
<b>Business Entities – Modified Equity:</b>					
0807656 B.C. Ltd. - 100%	1	(28,569)	(922)	(29,490)	
Leq'á:mel Development Corporation - 100%	1	90,428	141	90,570	
Seven Generations Environmental Services Ltd. - 17%	194,968	58,877	(182,347)	71,498	
Leq'á:mel Development Limited Partnership - 99.99%	1	339,189	1,933,379	2,272,569	
Leq'á:mel Forestry Limited Partnership - 99.00%	1	1,057,520	(7,897)	1,049,624	
	<b>194,972</b>	<b>1,517,445</b>	<b>1,742,354</b>	<b>3,454,771</b>	

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**7. Investments in government business entities** *(Continued from previous page)*

Summary financial information for Leq'á:mel First Nation business enterprises with significant operations, accounted for using the modified equity method, for their respective year-end is as follows:

	<i>Leq'a:mel Development Limited Partnership</i> As at March 31, 2023	<i>Leq'a:mel Forestry Limited Partnership</i> As at March 31, 2023	<i>Seven Generations Environmental Services Ltd.</i> As at March 31, 2023
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash	664,736	8,485	357,652
Accounts receivable	119,084	-	99,687
Prepaid expenses	7,715	-	4,133
Advances to related parties	412,210	1,165,047	-
Property, plant and equipment	2,890,083	-	8,570
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>4,093,828</b>	<b>1,173,532</b>	<b>470,042</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable and accruals	122,686	1,901	32,213
Deferred revenue	1,114,392	-	-
Advances from related parties	17,653	1,057,521	353,258
Other liabilities	902	62,162	7,118
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,255,633</b>	<b>1,121,584</b>	<b>392,589</b>
<b>Equity</b>	<b>2,838,195</b>	<b>51,948</b>	<b>77,453</b>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>1,698,243</b>	<b>45,652</b>	<b>517,407</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>793,633</b>	<b>6,877</b>	<b>515,681</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>904,610</b>	<b>38,775</b>	<b>1,726</b>

The summary financial information for Leq'a:mel Development Limited Partnership and Leq'a:mel Development Corporation and the summary financial information for Leq'a:mel Forestry Limited Partnership and 0807656 B.C. Ltd. are combined in the summary financial information above.

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**8. Funds held in trust**

Capital and revenue trust monies are transferred to the First Nation on the authorization of the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada, with the consent of the First Nation's Council.

The secured revenues trust account arises from a financing agreement with the First Nations Finance Authority ("FNFA"). Certain revenue streams of Leq'á:mel First Nation are deposited into this account to secure funds FNFA has lent to the First Nation. The account is managed by a third party which is required to pay amounts to FNFA under the terms of the borrowing agreement before paying any remaining amount from the account to Leq'á:mel First Nation.

	2023	2022
<b>Capital Trust</b>		
Balance, beginning and end of year	<b>195</b>	195
<b>Revenue Trust</b>		
Balance, beginning of year	976	970
Interest and distributions	<b>999</b>	976
	<b>1,975</b>	1,946
Less: Transfers to Nation	<b>976</b>	970
	<b>999</b>	976
<b>FNFA Secured Revenues Trust</b>		
Balance, beginning of year	125,641	532,916
Net changes	<b>(54,837)</b>	(407,275)
	<b>70,804</b>	125,641
	<b>71,998</b>	126,812

**9. Deferred revenue**

The following table represents changes in the deferred revenue balance attributable to each major category of external restrictions:

	<i>Balance, beginning of year</i>	<i>Contributions received</i>	<i>Contributions recognized</i>	<i>Balance, end of year</i>
CMHC - Rapid Housing Initiative Funding	<b>51,568</b>	-	<b>51,568</b>	-
DFO - Aquatic Habitat Restoration Funding	<b>90,000</b>	-	<b>90,000</b>	-
Government of Canada - Community Garden	<b>225,000</b>	-	<b>225,000</b>	-
Government of Canada - TCEI	<b>125,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>61,150</b>	<b>163,850</b>
ISC - Skweahm Water Systems Improvements (Q3TE)	<b>293,931</b>	-	<b>189,316</b>	<b>104,615</b>
ISC - COVID 19 Safe Restart Funding (Q2JB)	<b>49,258</b>	-	<b>49,258</b>	-
ISC - New Housing Construction (Q3XJ)	-	<b>80,000</b>	-	<b>80,000</b>
ISC - Skweahm Water Systems Improvements (Q3X7)	-	<b>85,575</b>	-	<b>85,575</b>
Province of BC - Daycare Operations	-	<b>99,765</b>	-	<b>99,765</b>
FNHA - Papal visit grant	-	<b>19,000</b>	-	<b>19,000</b>
FPCC - Cemetery Project	-	<b>126,289</b>	-	<b>126,289</b>
Province of BC - Cemetery Project	-	<b>50,000</b>	<b>31,856</b>	<b>18,144</b>
	<b>834,757</b>	<b>560,629</b>	<b>698,148</b>	<b>697,238</b>

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**10. Long-term debt**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
First Nations Finance Authority promissory note, with blended monthly payments of \$11,756 at 2.90% per annum, due June 26, 2024.	<b>1,995,056</b>	2,076,336
First Nations Finance Authority Debt Reserve Fund, the Authority holds a deposit of 5% of the loans advanced in the Debt Reserve Fund. Interest is paid annually at rate of 0.975%.	<b>(151,252)</b>	(143,339)
First Nations Finance Authority promissory note, with blended monthly payments of \$10,354 at 2.72% per annum, due June 1, 2028.	<b>1,972,891</b>	2,041,266
First Nations Finance Authority Debt Reserve Fund, the Authority holds a deposit of 5% of the loans advanced in the Debt Reserve Fund. Interest is paid annually at rate of 0.975%.	<b>(120,374)</b>	(114,076)
First Nations Finance Authority promissory note, with blended monthly payments of \$11,933 at 2.985% per annum, due June 26, 2024.	<b>1,911,339</b>	1,995,056
First Nations Finance Authority Debt Reserve Fund, the Authority holds a deposit of 5% of the loans advanced in the Debt Reserve Fund. Interest is paid annually at rate of 0.975%.	<b>(152,644)</b>	(144,659)
All Nations' Trust Company mortgage, with blended monthly payments of \$1,947 at 1.86% per annum, maturing January 1, 2024.	<b>19,309</b>	42,086
John Deere Financial equipment loan, with blended monthly payments of \$430 at 4.40% per annum, maturing May 15, 2023, secured by specific equipment with a net book value of \$12,729.	<b>855</b>	5,855
All Nations' Trust Company mortgage, repaid during year.	<b>-</b>	2,812
	<b>5,475,180</b>	5,761,337

Principal repayments on long-term debt in each of the next five years, assuming long-term debt subject to refinancing is renewed, are estimated as follows:

2024	263,297
2025	250,223
2026	257,520
2027	265,029
2028	272,758

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**11. Contingencies**

As at March 31, 2023, the First Nation is contingently liable in respect of guaranteed individual Band member mortgages with various financial institutions totalling \$768,421 (2022 - \$1,106,883).

Bank of Montreal (BMO) has authorized up to \$1,000,000 of residential mortgage loans to members of Leq'á:mel First Nation. Under this agreement, the First Nation is to provide guarantees on all Band member mortgages. The total amounts guaranteed under this agreement are included above.

Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) has authorized up to \$1,500,000 of residential mortgage loans to members of Leq'á:mel First Nation. Under this agreement, the First Nation is to provide guarantees on all Band member mortgages. The total amounts guaranteed under this agreement are included above.

**12. Accumulated operating surplus**

Accumulated operating surplus consists of the following:

	2023	2022
Equity in Tangible Capital Assets	<b>11,539,465</b>	10,842,339
Equity in Government Business Entities	<b>3,856,734</b>	3,454,771
Operating Surplus	<b>6,553,845</b>	5,055,212
Equity in Ottawa Trust Funds	<b>1,194</b>	976
Equity in Secured Revenues Trust Account	<b>70,804</b>	125,641
Equity in CMHC Replacement Reserve	<b>134,263</b>	131,487
	<b>22,156,305</b>	19,610,426

**13. Economic dependence**

Leq'á:mel First Nation receives a significant portion of its revenue from various government agreements. The ability of the First Nation to continue operations is dependent upon the continued financial commitments as guaranteed by these agreements.

**14. Financial Instruments**

The First Nation as part of its operations carries a number of financial instruments. It is management's opinion that the First Nation is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments except as otherwise disclosed.

***Interest rate risk***

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. Changes in market interest rates may have an effect on the cash flows associated with some financial assets and liabilities, known as cash flow risk, and on the fair value of other financial assets or liabilities, known as price risk.

The First Nation is exposed to interest rate risk with respect to mortgages included in long term debt which have fixed rates of interest.

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**15. Segments**

The First Nation conducts its business through eight reportable segments, which are differentiated by major activities, accountability and control relationships. The reportable segments and their activities are as follows:

**Administration**

Includes general operations, IT support and financial management of the First Nation and governance activities.

**Education and Employment**

Includes revenue and expenses related to primary, secondary and post secondary education and employment training of the members of the First Nation.

**Social Programs**

Includes revenue and expenses related to a wide range of social development services including family and children services and social assistance programs.

**Health**

Includes revenue and expenses related to the provision of internal and external health services, programs and activities delivered to membership.

**Lands & Resources**

Includes revenue and expenses related to ongoing lands and resource activities including rights and title, natural resources and various land-based community projects and initiatives..

**Operations & Maintenance**

Includes revenue and expenses related to ongoing community maintenance requirements and activities.

**Capital Assets**

Includes revenue and expenses related to tangible capital assets.

**Housing**

Includes property management related to the mortgaged homes owned by the First Nation and the administration of social housing programs.

**16. Comparative figures**

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with current year's presentation.

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**Schedule 1 - Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets**  
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	<i>Automotive</i>	<i>Buildings</i>	<i>Equipment</i>	<i>Infrastructure</i>	<i>Housing</i>	2023	2022
<b>Cost</b>							
Balance, beginning of year	308,486	10,554,249	587,961	8,240,557	4,173,917	23,865,170	20,941,051
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	75,877	-	72,268	-	160,323	308,468	2,636,057
Construction-in-progress	-	619,256	-	-	-	619,256	288,062
Balance, end of year	384,363	11,173,505	660,229	8,240,557	4,334,240	24,792,894	23,865,170
<b>Accumulated amortization</b>							
Balance, beginning of year	226,979	1,441,502	258,301	4,176,380	1,116,417	7,219,579	6,716,831
Annual amortization	49,285	251,036	53,599	88,448	91,454	533,822	502,748
Balance, end of year	276,264	1,692,538	311,900	4,264,828	1,207,871	7,753,401	7,219,579
<b>Net book value of tangible capital assets</b>	<b>108,099</b>	<b>9,480,967</b>	<b>348,329</b>	<b>3,975,729</b>	<b>3,126,369</b>	<b>17,039,493</b>	<b>16,645,591</b>
2022 Net book value of tangible capital assets	81,507	9,112,747	329,660	4,064,177	3,057,500	16,645,591	

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**Schedule 2 - Segmented Information**  
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	Administration	Education and Employment	Social Programs	Health	Lands and Resources	Operations and Maintenance	Capital Assets	Housing	2023
<b>Revenue</b>									
Indigenous Services Canada	\$ 558,775	\$ 307,300	\$ 1,060,316	\$ 22,268	\$ 537,142	\$ 493,578	\$ 189,316	\$ 163,761	\$ 3,332,456
Other government	709,790	101,816	30,000	637,243	1,631,799	-	51,568	3,918	3,166,134
Economic activities and other	1,064,349	4,732	45,382	266,124	1,029,902	1,043,274	-	85,623	3,539,386
	<b>2,332,914</b>	<b>413,848</b>	<b>1,135,698</b>	<b>925,635</b>	<b>3,198,843</b>	<b>1,536,852</b>	<b>240,884</b>	<b>253,302</b>	<b>10,037,976</b>
<b>Expenses</b>									
Amortization	-	-	-	-	-	-	508,234	25,589	533,822
Operating expenses	503,058	42,355	78,217	267,175	1,437,773	590,341	189,316	79,988	3,188,224
Salaries, wages and benefits	439,795	42,488	51,323	341,910	519,926	197,827	-	39,658	1,632,926
Program and services delivery expenses	161,496	283,323	433,661	78,935	681,323	466,836	-	31,550	2,137,124
	<b>1,104,349</b>	<b>368,166</b>	<b>563,202</b>	<b>688,020</b>	<b>2,639,021</b>	<b>1,255,004</b>	<b>697,550</b>	<b>176,785</b>	<b>7,492,097</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) before transfers</b>	<b>1,228,565</b>	<b>45,682</b>	<b>572,497</b>	<b>237,615</b>	<b>559,822</b>	<b>281,848</b>	<b>(456,666)</b>	<b>76,517</b>	<b>2,545,879</b>
<b>Transfers between programs</b>	<b>(32,978)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,164</b>	<b>(26,741)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(41,164)</b>	<b>31,768</b>	<b>27,950</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Annual surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 1,195,587</b>	<b>\$ 45,682</b>	<b>\$ 613,661</b>	<b>\$ 210,874</b>	<b>\$ 559,822</b>	<b>\$ 240,684</b>	<b>\$ (424,898)</b>	<b>\$ 104,467</b>	<b>\$ 2,545,879</b>

	Administration	Education and Employment	Social Programs	Health	Lands and Resources	Operations and Maintenance	Capital Assets	Housing	2022
<b>Revenue</b>									
Indigenous Services Canada	\$ 356,888	\$ 287,596	\$ 858,769	\$ -	\$ 760,066	\$ 723,106	\$ -	\$ 79,021	\$ 3,065,446
Other government	312,497	76,323	53,279	581,131	1,565,109	3,000	2,563,558	9,535	5,164,432
Economic activities and other	788,372	23,660	117,727	5,800	274,911	439,992	-	70,407	1,720,869
	<b>1,457,757</b>	<b>387,579</b>	<b>1,029,775</b>	<b>586,931</b>	<b>2,600,086</b>	<b>1,166,098</b>	<b>2,563,558</b>	<b>158,963</b>	<b>9,950,747</b>
<b>Expenses</b>									
Amortization	-	-	-	-	-	-	464,273	38,475	502,748
Operating expenses	919,645	46,536	96,380	70,952	1,025,308	611,681	4,696	177,042	2,952,241
Salaries, wages and benefits	219,901	-	93,126	175,629	240,622	166,467	-	28,418	924,165
Program and services delivery expenses	118,969	192,371	401,592	46,328	171,456	204,280	166	63,985	1,199,148
	<b>1,258,517</b>	<b>238,907</b>	<b>591,099</b>	<b>292,908</b>	<b>1,437,386</b>	<b>982,429</b>	<b>469,136</b>	<b>307,920</b>	<b>5,578,302</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) before transfers</b>	<b>199,240</b>	<b>148,672</b>	<b>438,677</b>	<b>294,022</b>	<b>1,162,700</b>	<b>183,669</b>	<b>2,094,423</b>	<b>(148,957)</b>	<b>4,372,445</b>
<b>Transfers between programs</b>	<b>1,227,761</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(151,353)</b>	<b>(1,158,128)</b>	<b>(306,492)</b>	<b>260,313</b>	<b>127,900</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Annual surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 1,427,001</b>	<b>\$ 148,672</b>	<b>\$ 438,677</b>	<b>\$ 142,669</b>	<b>\$ 4,572</b>	<b>\$ (122,823)</b>	<b>\$ 2,354,735</b>	<b>\$ (21,057)</b>	<b>\$ 4,372,445</b>