

# **GWICHYA GWICH'IN BAND**

**Tsiigehtchic, NT**

## **CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the Year ended March 31, 2017**

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## MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

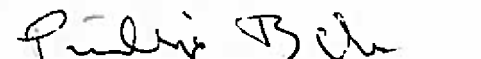
The accompanying consolidated financial statements of Gwichya Gwich'in Band are the responsibility of management.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. Financial statements are not precise since they include certain amounts based on estimates and judgments. When alternative accounting methods exist, management has chosen those it deems most appropriate in the circumstances, in order to ensure that the consolidated financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects.

Gwichya Gwich'in Band maintain systems of internal accounting and administrative controls of high quality, consistent with reasonable costs. Such systems are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information is relevant, reliable and accurate and the Gwichya Gwich'in Band's assets are appropriately accounted for and adequately safeguarded.

Gwichya Gwich'in Band's Council is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and is ultimately responsible for reviewing and approving the consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by Paul Teoh Professional Corporation in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Its report to the members of Gwichya Gwich'in Band, stating the scope of its examination and opinion on the consolidated financial statements, follows.

  
Band Manager  
Chief

Tsiigehtchic, NT  
September 21, 2017



**PAUL TEOH**

*Chartered Accountants*

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the members of Gwichya Gwich'in Band

I have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Gwichya Gwich'in Band, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2017, and the consolidated statements of operations and accumulated surplus, changes in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements**

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

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

### **Opinion**

In my opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Gwichya Gwich'in Band as at March 31, 2017, and the consolidated results of its operations, changes in net financial assets and cash flows of the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Chartered Accountant

Calgary, Alberta  
September 21, 2017

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# GWICHYA GWICH'IN BAND

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

March 31,	2017	2016
<b>Financial Assets</b>		
Cash (note 2)	\$ 504,543	\$ 591,494
Accounts receivable	9,581	5,753
Contributions receivable (note 3)	157,980	173,544
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>672,104</b>	<b>770,791</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	95,338	76,683
Deferred contributions	-	46,278
Payable to related parties (note 5)	784,224	866,201
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>879,562</b>	<b>989,162</b>
<b>Net Financial Assets (Debt)</b>	<b>( 207,458)</b>	<b>( 218,371)</b>
<b>Non-Financial Assets</b>		
Long term Investments (note 6)	170	259
Tangible capital assets (note 7)	193,543	215,975
Prepaid expenses and deposits	6,337	5,917
<b>Total Non-Financial Assets</b>	<b>200,050</b>	<b>222,151</b>
<b>Accumulated Surplus (Deficit) (note 8)</b>	<b>\$ ( 7,408)</b>	<b>\$ 3,780</b>

Approved on behalf of the Council:

Danelle Councillor

John Norbert Councillor

The accompanying notes and schedules are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements. 3.

# GWICHYA GWICH'IN BAND

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND ACCUMULATED DEFICIT

For the year ended March 31,	2017	2017	2016
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Contributions:			
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada	\$ 112,702	\$ 137,186	\$ 163,102
- Government of Canada	-	7,529	1,245
- Government of NWT	149,315	155,819	99,819
- Gwich'in Tribal Council	-	-	66,550
Other revenue and recoveries	-	14,252	23,652
Earnings (loss) from investment	-	( 89)	( 41)
Add opening deferred revenue	-	46,278	90,310
Less closing deferred revenue	-	-	( 46,278)
	262,017	360,975	398,359
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Band administration	108,052	126,659	165,403
Community wellness	103,315	172,155	143,851
Daycare operations	46,000	41,136	-
Elder programs	-	482	-
Election	-	-	32,378
Governance	-	6,777	6,285
Tourism developments	-	3,354	5,828
Youth and summer student programs	21,600	21,600	21,600
	278,967	372,163	375,345
<b>Annual Surplus (Deficit)</b>	( 16,950)	( 11,188)	23,014
<b>Accumulated Surplus (Deficit), beginning of year</b>	3,780	3,780	( 19,234)
<b>Accumulated Surplus (Deficit), end of year</b>	\$( 13,170)	\$( 7,408)	\$ 3,780

The accompanying notes and schedules are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements. 4.

# GWICHYA GWICH'IN BAND

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET FINANCIAL DEBT

For the year ended March 31,	2017	2017	2016
	Budget	Actual	Actual
<b>Annual Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ ( 16,950)</b>	<b>\$ ( 11,188)</b>	<b>\$ 23,014</b>
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	-	( 1,087)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	-	22,432	25,544
Decrease (increase) in long term investments	-	89	( 20)
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses and deposits	-	( 420)	1,179
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Financial Assets</b>	<b>( 16,950)</b>	<b>10,913</b>	<b>48,630</b>
<b>Net Financial Debt, beginning of year</b>	<b>( 218,371)</b>	<b>( 218,371)</b>	<b>( 267,001)</b>
<b>Net Financial Debt, end of year</b>	<b>\$ ( 235,321)</b>	<b>\$ ( 207,458)</b>	<b>\$ ( 218,371)</b>

The accompanying notes and schedules are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements. 5.

## GWICHYA GWICH'IN BAND

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended March 31,	2017	2016
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Cash receipts from contributions	\$ 326,433	\$ 283,154
Cash payments to suppliers and employees	( 331,496)	( 377,039)
	( 5,063)	( 93,885)
<b>Financing Activities</b>		
Increase (decrease) in payable to related parties	( 81,888)	( 41,676)
	( 81,888)	( 41,676)
<b>Capital Transactions</b>		
Purchase of tangible capital assets	-	( 1,087)
	-	( 1,087)
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash</b>	( 86,951)	( 136,648)
<b>Cash, beginning of year</b>	591,494	728,142
<b>Cash, end of year</b>	\$ 504,543	\$ 591,494

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# **GWICHYA GWICH'IN BAND**

## **NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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March 31, 2017

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The Gwichya Gwich'in Band (the "Council") is an Indian band which represents the Gwich'in people in Tsiigehtchic, Northwest Territories. It is exempt for income tax purposes under Section 149 of the *Income Tax Act*.

### **1. Significant Accounting Policies**

#### **(a) Basis of Accounting**

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

#### **(b) Reporting Entity**

The consolidated financial statements includes the accounts of Gwichya Gwich'in Band and Gwich'in Investment Limited Partnership, which was accounted for using the modified equity method.

#### **(c) 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.

#### **(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash includes cash and demand deposits. Cash equivalents includes highly liquid investments that can be readily converted into cash for a fixed amount and that matures less than three months from the date of acquisition.

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### (e) Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost, which includes amounts that are directly related to the acquisition, design, construction, development, improvement or betterment of the assets. Cost includes overhead directly attributable to construction and development, as well as interest costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or construction of the asset. Amortization expense is recorded over the estimated useful lives of the assets, using the following method and annual rates:

Equipment		
- Building	10%	Declining Balance
- Computer	30%	Declining Balance
- Office	20%	Declining Balance
Tourist Centre	10%	Declining Balance

#### (f) Financial Instruments

The Council has elected the following classifications with respect to its financial assets and financial liabilities:

- Cash is classified as assets held-for-trading and is subsequently measured at fair value with gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value recognized in net income in the period in which they arise. The estimated fair value of cash is assumed to approximate its carrying amount.
- Accounts receivable are classified as loans and receivables and are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. The amortized cost using the effective interest method approximates their fair values due to the short term nature.
- Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are classified as other financial liabilities and are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. At inception, the estimated fair values of accounts payable and accrued liabilities are assumed to approximate their carrying amounts.

Unrealized changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses until they are realized, when they are transferred to the statement of operations.

Transaction costs incurred on the acquisition of financial instruments measured subsequently at fair value are expensed as incurred. All other financial instruments are adjusted by transaction cost incurred on acquisition and financing costs, which are amortized using the straight line method.

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### (f) Financial Instruments (Continued)

All financial assets are assessed for impairment on an annual basis. When a decline is determined to be other than temporary, the amount of the loss is reported in the statement of operations.

As the Council does not have any unrealized gains or losses, a statement of remeasurement gains and losses has not been prepared.

#### (g) Allocation of Expenditure

Certain common expenditure have been allocated to programs based on estimate of services provided.

#### (h) 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 assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### (i) Related Party Transactions

Monetary related party transactions and non-monetary related party transactions that have commercial substance are measured at the exchange amount when they are in the normal course of business, except when the transaction is an exchange of a product or property held for sale in the normal course of operations. Where the transaction is not in the normal course of operations, it is measured at the exchange amount when there is a substantive change in the ownership of the item transferred and there is independent evidence of the exchange amount. All other related party transactions are measured at the carrying amount.

### 2 Cash

	2017	2016
Bank current account	\$ 77,709	\$ 164,508
Bank saving account	426,833	426,987
	<b>\$ 504,542</b>	<b>\$ 591,495</b>

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### 3. Contributions Receivable

	2017	2016
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada:		
Political and Social Development 2013/14	\$ -	\$ 13,323
Election Code Updates 2014/15	-	3,000
Election Code Ratification 2014/15	-	2,500
Summer Work Experience 2014/15	-	2,200
Summer Work Experience Amend #3 2015/16	-	2,160
Band Support Funding 2015/16	-	22,774
Government Capacity Dev. (Elections)		
Amend #1 2015/16	-	24,000
Band Manager Meeting Amend #2 2015/16	-	3,768
Summer Work Experience 2016/17	2,160	-
Government of NWT:		
Community Wellness Initiatives 2015/16	-	99,819
Community Wellness Initiatives 2016/17	103,315	-
Early Childhood Program - Daycare 2016/17	46,505	-
Aboriginal Health and Community Wellness 2016-17	6,000	-
	<b>\$ 157,980</b>	<b>\$ 173,544</b>

### 4. Bank Indebtedness

The Council has operating line of credit up to \$50,000 with a bank. It bears interest at prime plus 0.50%.

### 5. Payable to Related Parties

	2017	2016
Tsiliegtchic Charter Community - common management control	\$ 784,224	\$ 866,201

Amounts payable to related parties are unsecured, non-interest bearing and repayable on demand though there is no set term of repayment.

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### 6. Long Term Investments

The Council owns 1,035 of the 4,004,150 limited partnership units in Gwich'in Investments Limited Partnership (GILP). GILP was formed on November 30, 2006 to carry a 13.34% investment in Denendeh Investments Limited Partnership.

The following summarizes the financial position and results of operations of GILP as at and for the year ended December 31, 2016.

	2016	2015
<b>Financial Position</b>		
Current assets	\$ 2,916	\$ 2,639
Non-current assets	713,575	1,052,426
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>716,491</b>	<b>1,055,065</b>
Total liabilities	( 60,475)	( 55,375)
<b>Total partners' equity (capital deficiency)</b>	<b>\$ 656,016</b>	<b>\$ 999,690</b>
<b>Financial Performance</b>		
Revenue	\$( 338,851)	\$( 154,622)
Expenses	( 4,823)	( 4,795)
<b>Net earnings (loss)</b>	<b>\$( 343,674)</b>	<b>\$( 159,417)</b>
<b>Net earnings attributable to the Council</b>	<b>\$( 89)</b>	<b>\$( 41)</b>
<b>Investments:</b>		
Investment at cost	\$ 1,035	\$ 1,035
Investment impairment	( 1,034)	( 1,034)
Accumulated earnings	169	258
<b>Total net investments</b>	<b>\$ 170</b>	<b>\$ 259</b>

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 7. Tangible Capital Assets

Cost	Balance, beginning of year	Additions	Disposals	Balance, end of year
Land	\$ 14,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,000
Computer equipment	18,117	-	-	18,117
Office equipment	52,128	-	-	52,128
Tourist Centre	241,967	-	-	241,967
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 326,212</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 326,212</b>

Accumulated Amortization	Balance, beginning of year	Disposals	Current Charge	Balance, end of year
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Computer equipment	12,269	-	1,754	14,023
Office equipment	41,479	-	2,130	43,609
Tourist Centre	56,489	-	18,548	75,037
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 110,237</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 22,432</b>	<b>\$ 132,669</b>

	Balance beginning of year		Balance, end of year
<b>Net Book Value</b>	<b>\$ 215,975</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 193,543</b>

### 8. Accumulated Surplus (Deficit)

	2017	2016
Unrestricted		
General Operating Fund	\$( 201,121)	\$( 212,454)
Investment Fund	170	259
Equity in Tangible Capital Assets	193,543	215,975
	<b>\$( 7,408)</b>	<b>\$ 3,780</b>

### 9. Economic Dependence

The Council receives a major portion of its revenue from the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada of the Government of Canada and the Government of NWT. The nature and extent of this revenue is of such significance that the Council is economically dependent on this source of revenue.

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### 10. Comparative Figures

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

### 11. Related Party Transactions

	2017	2016
The Council's transactions with related parties during the year are summarized as follows:		
Tsiigehtchic Charter Community - common control		
- Administration	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
- Rent	\$ -	\$ 11,400

The transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount, being the amount of considerations established and agreed to by both parties.

### 12. Financial Instruments and Risk Management

The Council's financial instruments are exposed to certain risks, which include credit risk, market risk, interest rate risk and liquidity risk.

**Credit Risk** - Credit risk refers to the potential that the funding agencies or counter party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge its contractual obligations. The Council is exposed mainly to credit risk from funding agencies' refusal to contribute the full funding due to the Council's non-compliance to the contribution agreements. The Council manages credit risk by ensuring that it complies with the terms and conditions of the contribution agreements.

**Interest Rate Risk** - Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of or future cash flows from a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes to market interest rates. The Council is exposed from time to time to interest rate risk in respect of the bank indebtedness due to changes in interest rate.

**Liquidity Risk** - Liquidity risk is the risk that the Council will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Council manages liquidity risk through the management of its capital structure.

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Council is not exposed to other significant interest, currency or market risks arising from these financial instruments.