

**Salt River First Nation**  
**Consolidated Financial Statements**  
*March 31, 2016*



# Salt River First Nation #195

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## Management's Responsibility

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To the Members of Salt River First Nation:

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of Salt River 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 consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements.

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

MNP LLP is appointed by the Chief and Council on behalf of the members to audit the consolidated 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 Chief and Council and management to discuss their audit findings.

July 27, 2016

**Original signed by:**

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Chief Executive  
Officer

## Independent Auditors' Report

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To the Members of Salt River First Nation:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Salt River First Nation, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2016 and the consolidated statements of operations and accumulated surplus, change in net financial assets, cash flows and the related schedules 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### *Auditors' Responsibility*

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' 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 statement.

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

### *Basis for Qualified Opinion*

The First Nation has not been provided with the financial records of the subsidiary, 4993 NT Ltd., since November 2006; therefore they could not provide us with the required financial information. As a result, the investment in and advances to First Nation business entities and accumulated surplus for the years ended March 31, 2016 and March 31, 2015 may be understated or overstated.

### *Qualified Opinion*

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Salt River First Nation as at March 31, 2016 and the results of its operations, change in net financial assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Leduc, Alberta

July 27, 2016

*MNP LLP*

Chartered Professional Accountants

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Approved at a meeting of Chief and Council on July 27, 2016

**Original signed by:**

Chief Frieda Martselos

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Councilor Ron Schaeffer

**Original signed by:**

Councilor Don Matthews Jr.

**Original signed by:**

Councilor Christopher Hunter

**Original signed by:**

Councilor Norman Starr

**Original signed by:**

Councilor Patsy Schaefer-Coleman

**Original signed by:**

Councilor Ray Tourangeau

**Salt River First Nation**  
**Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**  
*As at March 31, 2016*

	2016	2015
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents <i>(Note 3)</i>	3,648,371	4,920,558
Accounts receivable		
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada	128,501	97,202
Government of Northwest Territories	133,909	200,044
Other accounts receivable	131,283	12,271
Goods and Services Tax receivable	36,442	37,794
Health Canada	-	59,810
Legal settlement receivable	102,491	200,000
Investment in and advances to First Nation business entities <i>(Note 4)</i>	5,835,704	1,948,003
Investment in Denendeh Investments Limited Partnership	175	-
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>10,016,876</b>	<b>7,475,682</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accruals	276,946	122,848
Deferred revenue <i>(Note 5)</i>	3,217,242	4,475,978
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>3,494,188</b>	<b>4,598,826</b>
<b>Net financial assets</b>	<b>6,522,688</b>	<b>2,876,856</b>
<b>Contingencies</b> <i>(Note 6)</i>		
<b>Non-financial assets</b>		
Tangible capital assets <i>(Schedule 1)</i>	2,801,472	2,842,389
Prepaid expenses <i>(Note 7)</i>	79,265	1,133,991
<b>Total non-financial assets</b>	<b>2,880,737</b>	<b>3,976,380</b>
<b>Accumulated surplus</b> <i>(Note 8)</i>	<b>9,403,425</b>	<b>6,853,236</b>

Approved by quorum of Chief and Council

**Salt River First Nation**  
**Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus**  
*For the year ended March 31, 2016*

	<i>Schedules</i>	<i>2016 Budget</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2015</i>
<b>Revenue</b>				
Settlement Trust distributions (Note 9)		4,235,524	4,430,624	4,161,447
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada		160,000	1,384,553	496,049
Government of Northwest Territories		272,960	730,094	415,614
Health Canada		261,833	244,208	261,833
Other revenue		-	169,240	30,219
Interest income		28,000	13,649	33,582
Funding returned to funder		-	(1,327)	(5,827)
Deferred revenue - prior year (Note 5)		-	45,354	-
Deferred revenue - current year (Note 5)		-	(815,326)	(45,354)
		<b>4,958,317</b>	<b>6,201,069</b>	<b>5,347,563</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Administration, Finance	3	602,180	628,390	643,554
Governance, Justice	4	913,692	1,279,089	1,485,617
Culture, Education	5	47,900	119,578	56,790
Human Resource Development	6	25,000	25,418	31,148
Capital	7	-	214,257	215,140
Lands, Public Works	8	191,500	334,151	200,634
Homeless Shelter	9	242,500	233,252	230,435
Child and Family Development	10	358,793	403,732	391,181
Membership	11	831,769	745,407	698,816
SRFN Youth & Education Foundation	12	-	36,030	102,298
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>3,213,334</b>	<b>4,019,304</b>	<b>4,055,613</b>
<b>Surplus before other items</b>		<b>1,744,983</b>	<b>2,181,765</b>	<b>1,291,950</b>
<b>Other income (expense)</b>				
Results of SRFN Development Corporation operations (Note 4)		-	373,716	(793,902)
Gain on disposal of capital assets		-	6,719	-
Legal settlements		-	-	200,000
Unrecoverable GST		-	(12,011)	(7,664)
		-	<b>368,424</b>	<b>(601,566)</b>
<b>Surplus</b>		<b>1,744,983</b>	<b>2,550,189</b>	<b>690,384</b>
<b>Accumulated surplus, beginning of year</b>		<b>6,853,237</b>	<b>6,853,236</b>	<b>6,162,852</b>
<b>Accumulated surplus, end of year</b>		<b>8,598,220</b>	<b>9,403,425</b>	<b>6,853,236</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**Salt River First Nation**  
**Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets**  
*For the year ended March 31, 2016*

	<i>2016 Budget</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2015</i>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>1,744,983</b>	<b>2,550,189</b>	690,384
Purchases of tangible capital assets	-	<b>(228,622)</b>	(26,429)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	-	<b>214,257</b>	215,140
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	<b>(6,719)</b>	-
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	<b>62,000</b>	-
Acquisition of prepaid expenses	-	-	(982,830)
Use of prepaid expenses	-	<b>1,054,727</b>	-
<b>Increase (decrease) in net financial assets</b>	<b>1,744,983</b>	<b>3,645,832</b>	(103,735)
<b>Net financial assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>2,876,856</b>	<b>2,876,856</b>	2,980,591
<b>Net financial assets, end of year</b>	<b>4,621,839</b>	<b>6,522,688</b>	2,876,856

**Salt River First Nation**  
**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**  
*For the year ended March 31, 2016*

	2016	2015
<b>Cash provided by (used for) the following activities</b>		
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Cash receipts from contributors	4,905,671	7,467,035
Cash paid to suppliers	(1,415,832)	(3,841,030)
Cash paid to employees	(1,183,954)	(1,030,360)
Interest income	13,649	33,582
Interest paid	(6,053)	(3,307)
	<b>2,313,481</b>	<b>2,625,920</b>
<b>Capital activities</b>		
Purchases of tangible capital assets	(228,622)	(26,429)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	62,000	-
	<b>(166,622)</b>	<b>(26,429)</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Advances to First Nation business entity	(3,418,871)	(40,973)
Investment in Denendeh investment limited partnership	(175)	-
	<b>(3,419,046)</b>	<b>(40,973)</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash resources</b>	<b>(1,272,187)</b>	<b>2,558,518</b>
<b>Cash resources, beginning of year</b>	<b>4,920,558</b>	<b>2,362,040</b>
<b>Cash resources, end of year</b>	<b>3,648,371</b>	<b>4,920,558</b>

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**1. Operations**

The Salt River First Nation (the "First Nation") is located in the Northwest Territories and provides various services to its members. Salt River 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 consolidated financial statements are the representations of management, and are prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of CPA Canada and are consistent with accounting policies set out by the Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada ("INAC"). Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the First Nation are as follows:

***Reporting entity***

The financial statements consolidate the financial activities of all entities and departments comprising the First Nation reporting entity, except for First Nation business entities. Trusts administered on behalf of third parties by Salt River First Nation, including the Salt River First Nation Settlement Trust (the "Trust"), are excluded from the First Nation reporting entity.

The First Nation has consolidated the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of the following entities and departments:

- Salt River First Nation
- Salt River First Nation Youth & Education Foundation

All inter-entity balances have been eliminated on consolidation; however, transactions between departments have not been eliminated in order to present the results of operations for each specific department.

Salt River 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 the Salt River First Nation Development Corporation.

***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.

***Measurement uncertainty (use of estimates)***

The preparation of consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period.

Accounts receivable are stated after evaluation as to their collectibility and an appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts is provided where considered necessary. Investment in First Nation business entities is stated after evaluation as to valuation and collectibility of advances. Amortization is based on the estimated useful lives of tangible capital assets. Liabilities for contaminated sites are estimated based on the best information available regarding potentially contaminated sites that the First Nation is responsible for.

These estimates are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in surplus in the periods in which they become known.

***Cash and cash equivalents***

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

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

***Portfolio investments***

Long-term investments in entities that are not owned, controlled or influenced by the First Nation reporting entity are accounted for using the cost method. They are recorded at cost, less any provision for other than temporary impairment.

***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 and prepaid expenses.

***i. Tangible capital assets***

Tangible capital assets are initially recorded at cost based on historical cost accounting records. Contributed tangible capital assets are recorded at their fair value at the date of contribution. Tangible capital assets are amortized annually using the following methods at rates intended to amortize the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives:

	<b><i>Method</i></b>	<b><i>Rate</i></b>
Buildings	straight-line	20 years
Automotive equipment	declining balance	30 %
Computer equipment and software	declining balance	30 %
Office furniture and equipment	declining balance	20 %

***ii. Prepaid expenses***

Prepaid expenses include retainers advanced to legal counsel and pre-payments on goods and services which will be utilized in the following fiscal year.

***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.

The First Nation performs impairment testing on long-lived assets held for use whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset, or group of assets, may not be recoverable. The carrying amount of a long-lived asset is not recoverable if the carrying amount exceeds the sum of the undiscounted future cash flows from its use and disposal. Impairment is measured as the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its fair value. Fair value is measured using prices for similar items. Any impairment is included in surplus for the year.

***Net financial assets***

The First Nation's consolidated financial statements are presented so as to highlight net financial assets as the measurement of financial position. The net 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 financial position, accumulated surplus.

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

***Liability for contaminated sites***

A liability for remediation of contaminated sites is recognized at the best estimate of the amount required to remediate the contaminated sites 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, 2016.

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 has not recognized a liability for contaminated sites at March 31, 2016 because it is not expected that economic benefits will be given up.

***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.

***Settlement trust and other revenue***

Other sources of revenue are recorded when received or receivable.

***Segments***

The First Nation conducts its business through 11 reportable segments: Administration, Finance; Governance, Justice; Culture, Education; Human Resource Development; Capital; Lands, Public Works; Homeless Shelter; Child and Family Development; Membership; SRFN Youth & Education Foundation; and the Settlement Trust Reserve. 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. Therefore, certain allocation methodologies are employed in the preparation of segmented financial information. Administration fees have been apportioned based on a percentage of budgeted revenue, where permitted by the funder.

The accounting policies used in these segments are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements as disclosed above. Inter-segment transfers are recorded at their exchange amount.

***Recent accounting pronouncements***

***Financial instruments***

In June 2011, the Public Sector Accounting Board ("PSAB") issued PS 3450 *Financial Instruments* to establish standards for recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of financial assets, financial liabilities and non-financial derivatives. As a result of issuance of PS 3450, there have been numerous consequential amendments made to other Sections. PS 3450 is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2019. Earlier adoption is permitted.

PS 3450 is applied prospectively in the fiscal year of initial adoption; therefore, financial statements of prior periods, including comparative information, are not restated. The First Nation has not yet determined the effect of these new standards on its consolidated financial statements.

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**Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**  
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**3. Cash and cash equivalents**

	2016	2015
Operations	469,343	(39,911)
Youth & Education Foundation	541,912	366,455
Per capita distribution	429,358	741,594
Savings	1,368,534	2,995,538
Nesbitt Burns (infrastructure)	833,679	851,337
TD Waterhouse cash accounts	5,545	5,545
	<b>3,648,371</b>	<b>4,920,558</b>

**4. Investment in and advances to First Nation business entities**

					2016
	<i>Investment cost</i>	<i>Loans / advances</i>	<i>Accumulated earnings in equity</i>	<i>Current earnings (loss) in equity</i>	<i>Total investment</i>
<b>Wholly-owned Businesses:</b>					
Salt River First Nation Development Corporation	100	6,888,856	(1,426,967)	373,715	5,835,704

					2015
	<i>Investment cost</i>	<i>Loans / advances</i>	<i>Accumulated earnings in equity</i>	<i>Current earnings (loss) in equity</i>	<i>Total investment</i>
<b>Wholly-owned Businesses:</b>					
Salt River First Nation Development Corporation	100	3,374,873	(633,068)	(793,902)	1,948,003

Amounts due from the Salt River First Nation Development Corporation are unsecured, non-interest bearing, and have no specified terms of repayment, and arose from cash transfers to fund operations and purchase tangible capital assets.

Summary financial information for the First Nation business enterprise, accounted for using the modified equity method, for the year ended March 31, 2016 is as follows:

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**4. Investments in and advances to First Nation business entities** *(Continued from previous page)*

	<i>Salt River First Nation Development Corporation As at March 31, 2016</i>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash	218,613
Accounts receivable	605,217
Prepaid expenses	11,406
Inventory	137,598
Property and equipment	4,936,017
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>5,908,851</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable and accruals	71,767
Due to Salt River First Nation	6,888,856
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>6,960,623</b>
	<b>(1,051,772)</b>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>3,756,609</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>3,382,894</b>
	<b>373,715</b>

**5. Deferred revenue**

Deferred revenue consists of revenue that has not yet been allocated to programs, revenue that has been allocated to programs to be carried out in future years, and the unexpended portion of revenue on programs in progress at March 31, 2016.

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>Funds received</i>	<i>Transferred to revenue</i>	<i>Balance, end of year</i>
Settlement Trust funds	4,430,624	2,401,916	4,430,624	2,401,916
Government of Northwest Territories - Wellness	45,354	140,600	101,615	84,339
Government of Northwest Territories - Language	-	118,823	78,836	39,987
Indigenous and Northern Affairs - on-reserve housing	-	685,000	-	685,000
Other	-	6,000	-	6,000
	<b>4,475,978</b>	<b>3,352,339</b>	<b>4,611,075</b>	<b>3,217,242</b>

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**6. Contingencies**

The First Nation has filed claims against various parties alleging breach of fiduciary duty, conspiracy, and misappropriation of funds. The claim is for over \$800,000 plus interest and costs. The litigation process for the claim remains in progress at the year-end, and while it is ongoing, it appears as though the First Nation is likely to succeed in the claim.

Through a forensic audit covering the period of April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2013, overpayment of honoraria and expense claims to various parties totalling over \$279,000 were identified. The First Nation is exploring options to collect the balances identified.

These consolidated financial statements are subject to review by the First Nation's funding agents. It is possible that adjustments could be made based on the results of their reviews.

**7. Prepaid expenses**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Deposit on new gas bar construction	-	1,000,000
Retainers to legal counsel	<b>30,896</b>	85,257
Prepaid insurance, rent, etc	<b>48,369</b>	48,734
	<b>79,265</b>	1,133,991

**8. Accumulated surplus**

Accumulated surplus consists of the following:

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Equity in tangible capital assets</b>		
Balance, beginning of year	<b>2,842,389</b>	3,031,100
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	<b>228,622</b>	26,429
Tangible capital assets disposed of	<b>(55,282)</b>	-
Amortization	<b>(214,257)</b>	(215,140)
	<b>2,801,472</b>	2,842,389
<b>Unrestricted surplus</b>		
Balance, beginning of year	<b>4,010,848</b>	3,131,752
Surplus for the year	<b>2,550,189</b>	690,385
Transfer from equity in tangible capital assets	<b>40,916</b>	188,711
	<b>6,601,953</b>	4,010,848
	<b>9,403,425</b>	6,853,237

# Salt River First Nation

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

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### 9. Salt River First Nation Settlement Trust

The First Nation is the beneficiary of the Salt River First Nation Settlement Trust. All disbursements from the Trust to the First Nation are approved by the Trustees under the trust documents established by the final settlement agreement. The trust assets are invested with TD Waterhouse.

The objectives of the Trust are as follows:

a) Settlement Capital Fund

The Salt River First Nation Settlement Trust agreement dated March 4, 2002 provides for an annual distribution to the Salt River First Nation to fund operations, per capita distributions, and other programs or expenditures in accordance with the annual budget approved by membership.

b) Reserve Survey Fund

This fund is to pay reserve survey costs, including environmental assessment and remediation, reserve survey, legal and consulting costs.

c) Infrastructure and Land Acquisition Fund

This fund is to pay all costs related to the planning, design, construction and operation and maintenance of infrastructure on the reserves of the First Nation, and to pay costs related to the appraisal and acquisition of lands identified in the Settlement Agreement.

d) Youth and Education Fund

This fund is to transfer funding and income to the Youth & Education Foundation.

Distributions from the Trust Fund are calculated by the Trustee, annually at December 31, as follows the greater of:

- 1) Income for tax purposes, and
- 2) 8% of the value of cash and authorized investments less the annual rate of inflation.

The annual rate of inflation of 1.1% for the year ended December 31, 2015 (2.0% for 2014) was determined by reference to the Statistics Canada/CPI website.

The Settlement Trust agreement requires annual distributions from the Settlement Capital Fund, Reserve Survey Fund and Infrastructure and Land Acquisition Fund to be made to the Salt River Settlement Revenue Account (TLE Program). Annual distributions from the Youth and Education Fund are to be paid to the Salt River Youth & Education Foundation.

The Salt River First Nation Settlement Trust has not been included on the consolidated statement of financial position, nor have its operations been included on the consolidated statement of operations. The trust fund balance at December 31 was as follows:

	<b>Dec 31 2015</b>	<b>Dec 31 2014</b>
Salt River First Nation Settlement Trust	<b>77,934,131</b>	78,059,020

The Trust fund balance at March 31, 2016 was \$72,253,489 (2015 - \$78,543,119).

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**9. Salt River First Nation Settlement Trust** *(Continued from previous page)*

Annual disbursements from the Trust to the First Nation, as calculated by the trustee and approved by membership are as follows:

	2016	2015
Operational	3,943,400	3,717,026
Infrastructure	439,001	412,256
Per capita distribution	636,768	596,968
Youth & Education Foundation	195,100	191,264
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	5,214,269	4,917,514
Recapitalization	(783,645)	(756,067)
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	4,430,624	4,161,447

**10. Economic dependence**

The First Nation receives approximately 71% (2015 - 78%) of it's annual revenue from the Salt River First Nation Settlement Trust and 26% (2015 - 14%) in the form of transfer payments from the federal government on the basis of annual contribution agreements. The ability of the First Nation to continue operations is dependent upon funding from these bodies.

**11. Budget information**

The disclosed budget information has been approved by the Chief and Council of the Salt River First Nation at a meeting held on February 6, 2015.