

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To the Chief and Members of Council:**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of West Point First Nation which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2024, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of West Point First Nation as at March 31, 2024 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

### **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the West Point First Nation expends a portion of their funding revenues on cash and cash equivalent transactions, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these expenses was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the West Point First Nation. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustment might be necessary to excess of revenues over expenses and cash flows from operations for the year ended March 31, 2024, current assets and net assets as at March 31, 2024.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the First Nation in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with those requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

### **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with 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 relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the First Nation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit

conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the First Nation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the First Nation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the First Nation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



ASHTON  
Chartered Professional Accountants  
Business Advisors

Hay River, NT  
October 30, 2024

**WEST POINT FIRST NATION**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at March 31, 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Financial Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 866,543	\$ 320,982
Accounts receivable, Note 3	489,794	289,746
GST recoverable	13,747	5,044
	<b>1,370,084</b>	<b>615,772</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	78,114	50,829
Contribution repayable	66,147	35,558
Government remittances payable	20,079	9,663
Deferred revenue, Note 5	<b>1,005,270</b>	380,920
	<b>1,169,610</b>	476,970
Net Financial Assets	<b>\$ 200,474</b>	<b>\$ 138,802</b>
<b>Non-Financial Assets</b>		
Prepaid expenses	\$ 18,641	\$ 5,467
Capital assets, Note 4	376,604	349,007
	<b>\$ 395,245</b>	<b>\$ 354,474</b>
Accumulated Surplus	<b>\$ 595,719</b>	<b>\$ 493,276</b>

Approved by the Council:

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**WEST POINT FIRST NATION**  
**Statement of Operations and Changes in Accumulated Surplus**  
**For the year ended March 31, 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Government of the Northwest Territories	\$ 443,294	\$ 269,416
Government of Canada	-	-
Deh Cho First Nations	433,662	228,314
Indigenous Services Canada	737,381	448,000
Hay River Metis Government Council	-	-
Other revenues and recoveries	532,206	88,085
Contributions repayable	(30,590)	(35,558)
Deferred revenue, opening, Schedule 1	380,921	223,815
Deferred revenue, closing, Schedule 1	(1,005,270)	(380,921)
	<b>1,491,604</b>	<b>841,151</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Salaries and wages	227,091	239,904
Honorariums	119,024	77,076
Professional fees	167,870	85,746
Utilities	23,853	22,249
Office	18,298	28,210
Administration	22,289	21,457
Travel	43,296	106,611
Equipment	2,727	10,300
Sub-contractors	6,374	15,755
Interest and bank charges	-	1,720
Materials and supplies	651,197	173,260
Flood	18,000	70,442
Bad debt expense (recovery)	-	-
Cultural event	18,844	22,999
Insurance	14,167	13,106
Telephone and internet	-	840
Rental	1,940	3,875
Repairs and maintenance	13,348	8,777
Miscellaneous	1,228	102
	<b>1,349,546</b>	<b>902,429</b>
<b>Excess of revenue over expenditure before the undernoted</b>	<b>\$ 142,058</b>	<b>\$ (61,278)</b>
Other Items:		
Loss on disposal of assets	(15,081)	-
Amortization of capital assets	(24,534)	(22,701)
<b>Excess of revenue over expenditure for the year</b>	<b>\$ 102,443</b>	<b>\$ (83,979)</b>
Accumulated Surplus, beginning of year	493,276	577,255
Accumulated Surplus, end of year	<b>\$ 595,719</b>	<b>\$ 493,276</b>

**WEST POINT FIRST NATION**  
**Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets (Debt)**  
**For the year ended March 31, 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Excess of revenue over expenditure for the year	\$ 102,443	\$ (83,979)
Amortization of capital assets	24,534	22,701
Loss/(gain) on disposal of assets	15,081	-
Purchase of capital assets	(67,212)	(8,497)
Change in prepaid expenses	(13,174)	(898)
Increase in net financial assets	61,672	(70,673)
Net financial assets, beginning of year	138,802	209,475
Net financial assets, end of year	\$ 200,474	\$ 138,802

**WEST POINT FIRST NATION**  
**Statement of Cash Flow**  
**For the year ended March 31, 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Excess of revenue over expenditure for the year	\$ 102,443	\$ (83,979)
Add back non-cash items:		
Amortization of capital assets	24,534	22,701
Loss/(gain) on disposal of assets	15,081	-
Changes in non-cash working capital balances:		
Accounts receivable	(200,048)	(92,201)
Prepaid expenses	(13,174)	(898)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	27,285	(35,190)
Contribution repayable	30,589	35,558
Payroll taxes payable	10,416	8,102
Deferred revenue	624,350	157,105
GST recoverable	(8,703)	297
	612,773	11,495
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Purchase of capital assets	(67,212)	(8,497)
Increase in cash during the year	545,561	2,998
Cash, beginning of year	320,982	317,984
Cash, end of year	\$ 866,543	\$ 320,982

**WEST POINT FIRST NATION**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended March 31, 2024**

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**Note 1. Nature of operations**

West Point First Nation (the "organization") is recognized pursuant to the Indian Act as an Indian Band and as such is a non-taxable entity in the Northwest Territories.

The purpose of the West Point First Nation is the following: uphold and protect the treaty and aboriginal rights of members; to ensure that members benefit from effective programs and services in the areas of education, housing, employment, economic development, recreation, health, the environment and other essential areas; to strengthen First Nation governance within the West Point First Nation traditional land base.

**Note 2. Summary of significant accounting policies**

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash includes cash and investments with maturities at the date of purchase of less than ninety days.

Revenue recognition

West Point First Nation follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Restricted investment income is recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted investment income is recognized as revenue when earned.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment is stated at cost or deemed cost less accumulated amortization. Property and equipment is amortized over its estimated useful life on a declining balance basis at the following rates and methods:

Buildings	4%	declining balance method
Vehicles	30%	declining balance method
Boats	15%	declining balance method
Furniture and equipment	20%	declining balance method
Computer equipment	55%	declining balance method

The organization regularly reviews its property and equipment to eliminate obsolete items.

Property and equipment acquired during the year but not put into use are not amortized until they are placed into use.

Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

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**Note 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

Contributed goods and services

Volunteers contribute a significant amount of their time each year. Because of the difficulty in determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

Financial instruments policy

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, financial assets with actively traded markets are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in income. All other financial instruments are reported at amortized cost, and tested for impairment at each reporting date. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale, or issue of financial instruments are expensed when incurred.

Comparative figures

Certain comparative amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

**Note 3. Accounts receivable**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT)	\$ 126,378	\$ 58,830
Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)	109,287	180,791
Deh Cho First Nations	88,849	42,255
Other receivables	164,930	4,651
Payroll advances	350	3,219
	<hr/> <b>\$ 489,794</b>	<hr/> <b>\$ 289,746</b>

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**Note 4. Capital assets**

The estimated cost of capital assets is as follows:

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2024 Net book value	2023 Net book value
Buildings	\$ 622,250	\$ 281,311	\$ 340,939	\$ 315,426
Vehicles	39,148	36,408	2,740	3,915
Boats	35,000	20,635	14,365	16,900
Furniture and equipment	86,850	79,395	7,455	7,684
Computer equipment	47,031	35,926	11,105	5,082
	\$ 830,279	\$ 453,675	\$ 376,604	\$ 349,007

**Note 5. Deferred revenue**

	2024	2023
Deh Cho First Nation		
Language	4,295	4,295
EMO	21,424	-
Community Mental Health	-	15,138
Government of Canada		
TS'Eij Nda Development Corporation	146,295	74,287
Other		
Canadian Heritage	2,255	6,755
United Way	71,852	-
NWT Housing	233,637	-
GNWT		
Youth Contribution	2,266	2,266
Flood	73,706	-
Indigenous Services Canada		
Hunting and Fishing	252	252
Capacity Building Initiatives	2,567	63,327
Pine Point Rail Bed Remediation Project	-	13,806
Skills Link Program	11,866	22,095
NWT Wildfire Response	156,644	-
Home Energy Evaluation and Retrofits	48,891	-
Infrastructure and housing	206,830	-
KFN Reconciliation Process	11,550	-
KFN - TLE	10,940	-
Infrastructure and housing	-	177,705
PDIP - Computers	-	994
	\$ 1,005,270	\$ 380,920

**Note 6. Economic dependence**

The organization receives base funding plus specific program funding pursuant to funding arrangements with Indigenous Services Canada, the Government of the Northwest Territories and Deh Cho First Nations. It may therefore be considered economically dependent upon government-source funding for its core operating activities.

**WEST POINT FIRST NATION**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
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**Note 7. Contingent liabilities**

Under the terms of some of the contribution agreements with funders, the organization may be liable to repay any contributed funds not expended in accordance with the agreement. The organization has recorded all known unexpended contributed funds as contributions repayable. It is unknown whether additional contributions will become repayable by funders.

**Note 8. Financial Instruments**

The organization is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments and has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage these risks. The following analysis provides information about the organization's risk exposure and concentration as of March 31, 2024.

**(a) Credit Risk**

Credit risk arises from the potential that a counter party will fail to perform its obligations. The organization is exposed to credit risk from its funder. An allowance for doubtful accounts is established based upon factors surrounding the credit risk of specific accounts, historical trends and other information. The organization receives substantially all of its funding from the Government of Canada Department of Indigenous Services Canada (formerly Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada), the Government of the Northwest Territories and Deh Cho First Nations, who are considered to be highly reliable in making payments.

**(b) Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The organization is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its receipt of funds from its funders and other related sources and accounts payable. Most funders are reliable at paying the amounts collectible allowing sufficient cash available to pay amounts owing so liquidity risk is low.

**(c) 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. In seeking to minimize the risks from interest rate fluctuations, the organization manages exposure through its normal operating and financing activities. The organization is exposed to interest rate risk primarily through its bank accounts. In Management's opinion, the risk from interest rate exposure to the organization is low.

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant other price risks arising from these financial instruments.



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## REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

### To Indigenous Services Canada:

We have reviewed the schedule of remuneration and expenses (Chiefs and Councillors) for West Point First Nation for the year ended March 31, 2024, as required in accordance with the Indigenous Services Canada Year-end Financial Reporting Handbook. Our review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and, accordingly, consisted primarily of inquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by West Point First Nation.

A review does not constitute an audit and, consequently, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that this financial information is not, in all material respects, in accordance with the Indigenous Services Canada Year-end Financial Reporting Handbook.

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ASHTON  
Chartered Professional Accountants  
Business Advisors

Hay River, NT  
October 30, 2024

**WEST POINT FIRST NATION****Schedule - Remuneration and expenses - (Chiefs and Council)****For the year ended March 31, 2024****("unaudited")**

Name of Individual	Position	# of Months	Remuneration	Expenses	Total
Cayen, Kenneth	Chief	12	59,739	7,844	67,583
Cayen, Robert	Council	12	23,240	623	23,863
Buckley, Shannon	Council	12	3,700	623	4,323
Felker, Devon	Council	12	24,987	1,184	26,171
Cayen, Lucille	Council	12	8,784	1,187	9,971
			\$ 120,450	\$ 11,461	\$ 131,911