

Financial Statements of

**HIGHWAY 104 WESTERN
ALIGNMENT CORPORATION**

Year ended March 31, 2017



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Shareholder of Highway 104 Western Alignment Corporation

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Highway 104 Western Alignment Corporation, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2016, the statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting 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 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 financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the Corporation's preparation and fair presentation of the 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 Corporation'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 financial statements.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Highway 104 Western Alignment Corporation as at March 31, 2016, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants
June 20, 2017
Halifax, Canada

HIGHWAY 104 WESTERN ALIGNMENT CORPORATION

Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2017, with comparative information for 2016

	2017	2016
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 614,587	\$ 1,387,803
Prepays and other (note 4)	504,933	508,277
Receivables (note 5)	912,766	1,564,922
	<u>2,032,286</u>	<u>3,461,002</u>
Non-current assets:		
Restricted assets (note 6)	56,302,960	49,438,598
Property, plant and equipment (note 7)	28,599,104	28,027,282
	<u>84,902,064</u>	<u>77,465,880</u>
	<u>\$ 86,934,350</u>	<u>\$ 80,926,882</u>
Liabilities and Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 8)	\$ 5,107,514	\$ 6,395,155
Current portion of long-term debt (note 9)	2,665,020	2,393,632
Deferred revenue	1,230,392	1,203,114
	<u>9,002,926</u>	<u>9,991,901</u>
Non-current liabilities:		
Long-term debt (note 9)	34,359,325	37,041,391
Deferred government grant	3,644,146	4,021,274
	<u>38,003,471</u>	<u>41,062,665</u>
Equity:		
Share capital	1	1
Reserve for restricted assets	50,361,818	43,497,539
Deficit	(10,433,866)	(13,625,224)
	<u>39,927,953</u>	<u>29,872,316</u>
Commitments (note 15)		
	<u>\$ 86,934,350</u>	<u>\$ 80,926,882</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Approved on behalf of the Shareholder:



President

HIGHWAY 104 WESTERN ALIGNMENT CORPORATION

Statement of Comprehensive Income

Year ended March 31, 2017, with comparative information for 2016

	2017	2016
Revenue:		
Facility revenue	\$ 22,354,885	\$ 21,642,150
Expenses:		
Fees and banking services	431,015	410,480
Wages and benefits (note 10)	714,430	711,519
Toll collection	1,121,527	1,119,296
Facility maintenance, materials and supplies (note 11)	1,731,525	1,734,711
Engineering and professional fees (note 11)	111,313	92,207
Insurance	196,644	159,193
Other costs (note 11)	641,756	587,035
	<u>4,948,210</u>	<u>4,814,441</u>
Earnings from operations before the following items	17,406,675	16,827,709
Finance income (note 12)	454,871	394,545
Finance costs (note 12)	(3,919,803)	(4,172,458)
Net finance costs	<u>(3,464,932)</u>	<u>(3,777,913)</u>
Depreciation and loss on disposal	(4,264,423)	(10,293,086)
Government grant amortization	378,317	1,263,755
Net income, being comprehensive income	<u>\$ 10,055,637</u>	<u>\$ 4,020,465</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity

Year ended March 31, 2017, with comparative information for 2016

	2017	2016
Share capital (1 share)	\$ 1	\$ 1
Deficit:		
Beginning of year	\$ (13,625,224)	\$ (12,901,193)
Net earnings for the year	10,055,637	4,020,465
Transfer to restricted assets	(6,864,279)	(4,744,496)
End of year	(10,433,866)	(13,625,224)
Reserve for restricted assets:		
Beginning of year	43,497,539	38,753,043
Transfers from project account	18,897,500	17,109,500
Interest income	450,593	401,846
Long-term debt payments, including interest	(6,329,292)	(6,329,292)
Change in market value of restricted assets	(279)	(11,222)
Major maintenance payments, including HST to be recovered	(6,154,243)	(6,426,336)
End of year	50,361,818	43,497,539
Total equity	\$ 39,927,953	\$ 29,872,316

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended March 31, 2017, with comparative information for 2016

	2017	2016
Increase (decrease) in cash:		
Operating activities:		
Comprehensive income	\$ 10,055,637	\$ 4,020,465
Items not affecting cash:		
Government grant amortization	(378,317)	(1,263,755)
Depreciation and loss on disposal	4,264,423	10,293,086
Net finance costs	3,464,932	3,777,913
Change in prepaids and other	3,344	246
Change in receivables	652,156	(793,914)
Change in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(1,287,641)	613,068
Change in deferred revenue	27,278	99,872
	<u>16,801,812</u>	<u>16,746,981</u>
Investing:		
Interest received	430,928	379,887
Net cash increase in restricted assets	(6,840,419)	(4,729,785)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(4,836,245)	(5,407,077)
	<u>(11,245,736)</u>	<u>(9,756,975)</u>
Financing:		
Interest paid	(3,911,309)	(4,141,443)
Payment on long-term debt principal	(2,417,983)	(2,187,848)
	<u>(6,329,292)</u>	<u>(6,329,291)</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash	(773,216)	660,715
Cash, beginning of year	1,387,803	727,088
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 614,587</u>	<u>\$ 1,387,803</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

HIGHWAY 104 WESTERN ALIGNMENT CORPORATION

Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended March 31, 2017

1. Reporting entity

The Highway 104 Western Alignment Corporation (the "Corporation") is a company domiciled in Canada. The registered office is located at 36 Solutions Drive, Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia. The Corporation has been established for the purpose of financing, designing, constructing, operating and maintaining a 45km stretch of highway (referred to as the Cobequid Pass) between Masstown and Thomson Station in the Counties of Colchester and Cumberland, Nova Scotia (the "Facility"). The Corporation has been designated a Government Business Enterprise in accordance with the Nova Scotia Provincial Finance Act. The Highway 104 Western Alignment Corporation Act, which authorizes the collection of tolls, states that toll collection will cease upon complete payment of all costs and liabilities relating to the Facility. This includes financing, design, construction, operation and maintenance, and any repair, improvement, replacement, alteration or extension. The forecasted repayment date of all cost and liabilities relating to the Facility is in 2026.

2. Basis of preparation

(a) Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The financial statements were authorized for issue by the President on June 20, 2017.

(b) Basis of measurement

These financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for restricted assets that are measured at fair value through profit and loss.

(c) Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the functional currency for the Corporation.

(d) Use of estimates and judgments:

The preparation of the Corporation's financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of accounting estimates and management's judgment to determine the appropriate application of accounting policies. Estimates and assumptions are required to determine the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2017

2. Basis of preparation (continued)

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Any revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate was revised and any future periods affected.

The following judgments and estimates are those deemed by management to be material to the Corporation's financial statements:

Judgments:

(i) Capitalization and componentization

Judgment is used when determining if components of a construction project are of a capital or repair nature and as to what components constitute a significant cost in relation to the total cost of an asset and whether these components have similar or dissimilar patterns of consumption and useful lives for purposes of calculating depreciation. Among other factors, these judgments are based on past experience, as well as information obtained from the Corporation's internal and consulting engineers.

Estimates

(i) Depreciation and amortization

Depreciation and amortization are calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of assets on a systematic and rational basis over their expected useful lives. Estimates of residual value and useful lives are based on past experience, as well as information obtained from the internal and consulting engineers. Expected useful lives and residual values are reviewed annually for any change to estimates and assumptions.

(ii) Debt repayment

The contractual maturities and estimated interest payments on the long-term debt outlined in note 9 are impacted by the estimates and assumptions regarding the forecasted repayment dates. In addition, the forecasted repayment date impacts the estimated useful life of the components of property, plant and equipment as outlined in note 3(b) as the useful life of each asset is based on the utility of each asset to the Corporation.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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3. Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

(a) Financial instruments

The Corporation's financial instruments are comprised of the following:

Financial instrument	Classification
Cash	Loans and receivables
Receivables	Loans and receivables
Restricted assets	At fair value through profit or loss
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	Other financial liabilities
Long-term debt	Other financial liabilities

(i) Financial assets

The Corporation initially recognizes loans and receivables and deposits on the date that they originate. All other financial assets (including assets designated at fair value through profit or loss) are recognized initially on the trade date at which the Corporation becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

The Corporation derecognizes a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows on the financial asset in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred. Any interest in transferred financial assets that is created or retained by the Corporation is recognized as a separate asset or liability.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Corporation has a legal right to offset the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

A financial asset is classified at fair value through profit or loss if it is held for trading or is designated as such upon initial recognition. Financial assets are designated at fair value through profit or loss if the Corporation manages such investments and makes purchase and sale decisions based on their fair value in accordance with the Corporation's documented risk management or investment strategy. Upon initial recognition, attributable transaction costs are recognized in profit or loss when incurred.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2017

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Such assets are recognized initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition loans and receivables are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

Cash

Cash includes cash on hand, balances with banks and short-term deposits with original maturities of three months or less.

(ii) Financial liabilities

The Corporation initially recognizes debt securities issued and subordinated liabilities on the date that they originated. All other financial liabilities are recognized initially on the trade date at which the Corporation becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

The Corporation derecognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expire.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Corporation has a legal right to offset the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realize the assets and settle the liability simultaneously.

(iii) Other financial liabilities

Other financial liabilities are recognized initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition these financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

(iv) Share capital

Common shares

Common shares are classified as equity.

(b) Property, plant and equipment

(i) Recognition and measurement

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2017

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. The cost of self-constructed assets includes the cost of materials and direct labour, any other costs directly attributable to bringing the assets to working condition for their intended use, the costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located. Borrowing costs related to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets are capitalized as a part of the asset.

When the parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property, plant and equipment.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognized upon disposal or when no economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset.

Gains and losses on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment, and are recognized net within other income in profit or loss.

(ii) Repairs and maintenance

Repairs and maintenance costs are charged to expense as incurred, except when these repairs significantly extend the life of the asset or result in an operating improvement. In these instances the portion of these repairs relating to the betterment is capitalized as part of plant and equipment.

(iii) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated over the depreciable amount, which is the cost of an asset, or other amount substituted for cost, less its residual value.

Depreciation is recognized in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of property, plant and equipment. This method of depreciation most closely reflects the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2017

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

The estimated useful lives for each of the asset categories are as follows:

Category	Useful life	Weighted average remaining useful life at March 31, 2017
Toll highway and road surface treatments	20 – 80 years	9 years
Tolling system	5 years	4 years
Toll plaza	40 years	9 years
Other assets	10 years	9 years

The Highway 104 Western Alignment Corporation Act, which authorizes the collection of tolls, states that toll collection will cease upon complete payment of all cost and liabilities relating to the facility. As such, the useful life of each asset is estimated based on the utility of each asset to the Corporation.

(c) Impairment

(i) Financial assets (including receivables)

A financial asset not carried at fair value through profit or loss is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is impaired if objective evidence indicates that a loss event has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, and that the loss event had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset that can be estimated reliably.

Objective evidence that financial assets are impaired can include default or delinquency by a debtor, restructuring of an amount due to the Corporation on terms that the Corporation would not consider otherwise, indications that a debtor or issuer will enter bankruptcy, or the disappearance of an active market for a security.

The Corporation considers evidence of impairment for receivables at both a specific asset and collective level. All individually significant receivables and held-to-maturity investment securities are assessed for specific impairment. All individually significant receivables found not to be specifically impaired are then collectively assessed for any impairment that has been incurred but not yet identified. Receivables that are not individually significant are collectively assessed for impairment by grouping together receivables with similar risk characteristics.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2017

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

An impairment loss in respect of a financial asset measured at amortized cost is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. Losses are recognized in profit or loss and reflected in an allowance account against receivables. Interest on the impaired asset continues to be recognized through the unwinding of the discount. When a subsequent event causes the amount of impairment loss to decrease, the decrease in impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss.

Significant accounting policies (continued)

(ii) Non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Corporation's non-financial assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

The Corporation consists of a single CGU (cash generating unit), as the Corporation's assets do not generate separate cash inflows.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the CGU.

An impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount of the CGU exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognized in profit or loss.

Impairment losses recognized in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the CGU's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortization, if no impairment loss had been recognized.

(d) Facility revenue

Facility revenue is recognized at the time a vehicle utilizes the highway. Customer prepayments of their electronic toll collection crossings are initially recorded as deferred revenue. When the customer utilizes the highway, revenue is recognized and the deferred revenue is reduced accordingly. Provincial subsidies, net of rebates, are recognized as facility revenue per the First Amendment to the Omnibus Agreement.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(e) Government grants

Government grants are recognized initially as deferred revenue at fair value when there is reasonable assurance that they will be received and the Corporation will comply with the conditions associated with the grant. Grants that compensate the Corporation for expenses incurred are recognized in profit or loss on a systematic basis in the same periods in which the expenses are recognized. Grants that compensate the Corporation for the cost of an asset are deferred and amortized to operations over the expected project life or useful life of the asset commencing at the start of the operating period using the straight-line method.

(f) Finance income and finance costs

Finance income comprises interest income on funds invested, and changes in the fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Interest income is recognized as it accrues in profit or loss, using the effective interest method.

Finance costs comprise interest expense on borrowings and changes in the fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Borrowing costs that are not directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are recognized in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

(g) Presentation of Financial Statements

Application of new and revised standards:

The Corporation adopted the following standards and amendments to accounting standards effective April 1, 2016:

On December 18, 2014 the IASB issued amendments to IAS 1, Presentation of financial statements as part of its major initiative to improve presentation and disclosure in financial reports. These amendments do not require any significant change to current practice, but should facilitate improved financial statement disclosures. The adoption of these changes did not have a significant impact on the Corporation's financial statements.

Annual Improvements to IFRS

Narrow-scope amendments were made to clarify the following in their respective standards: changes in method for disposal under IFRS 5, "Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations"; and disclosure of information 'elsewhere in the interim financial report' under IAS 34, "Interim financial reporting". Adoption of these changes did not have a significant impact on the Corporation's financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(h) New accounting standards and interpretations issued but not yet adopted:

The International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) and International Financial Reporting Interpretation Committee (“IFRIC”) issued the following standards that have not been applied in preparing these financial statements as their effective dates fall within annual periods beginning subsequent to the current reporting period. This listing is of standards and interpretations issued which the Corporation reasonably expects to be applicable at a future date. The Corporation intends to adopt these standards when they become effective.

Revenue from contracts with customers

In May 2014, the IASB issued IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers. The new standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018 and permits early adoption. IFRS 15 replaces IAS 11 Construction Contracts, IAS 18 Revenue, IFRIC 13 Customer Loyalty Programmes, IFRIC 15 Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate, IFRIC 18 Transfer of Assets from Customers, and SIC 31 Revenue – Barter Transactions Involving Advertising Services. The standard establishes principles for reporting the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from the entity’s contracts with customers. New estimates and judgemental thresholds have been introduced, which may affect the amount and/or timing of revenue recognized.

The Corporation intends to adopt IFRS 15 in its financial statements for the fiscal period beginning on April 1, 2018. The extent of the impact of the adoption of the standard on the Corporation’s financial statements has not yet been determined.

Financial instruments

In July 2014, the IASB issued IFRS 9 (IFRS 9 (2014)), Financial Instruments which will replace IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. The replacement standard provides a new model for the classification and measurement of financial instruments. The IASB has determined the revised effective date for IFRS 9 will be for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. The extent of the impact of the adoption of the standard on the Corporation’s financial statements has not yet been determined.

Leases

On January 13, 2016 the IASB issued IFRS 16, Leases. The new standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019. Earlier application is permitted for entities that apply IFRS 15, “Revenue from contracts with customers” at or before the date of initial adoption of IFRS 16. IFRS 16 will replace IAS 17, Leases.

This standard introduces a single lessee accounting model and requires a lessee to recognize assets and liabilities for all leases with a term of more than 12 months, unless the underlying asset is of low value. A lessee is required to recognize a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying asset and a lease liability representing its obligation to make lease payments.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2017

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

This standard substantially carries forward the lessor accounting requirements of IAS 17, while requiring enhanced disclosures to be provided by lessors.

Other areas of the lease accounting model have been impacted, including the definition of a lease. Transitional provisions have been provided.

The extent of the impact of adoption of this standard has not yet been determined.

4. Prepaids and other

	2017	2016
Advance to facility operator	\$ 456,617	\$ 448,083
Operating expenses	40,717	47,359
Inventory	7,599	12,835
	\$ 504,933	\$ 508,277

5. Receivables

	2017	2016
Due from the Province of Nova Scotia	\$ 697,343	\$ 685,444
HST receivable	200,266	866,175
Other trade receivables	15,157	13,303
	\$ 912,766	\$ 1,564,922

6. Restricted assets

	2017	2016
Capital reserve account	\$ 31,230,354	\$ 25,171,090
Major maintenance reserve account	18,720,822	17,828,036
Debt service reserve account	6,351,784	6,439,472
	\$ 56,302,960	\$ 49,438,598

Restricted assets are comprised of bank bearer deposit notes and bankers acceptances which are recorded at fair value and include accrued interest of \$71,177 (2016 - \$46,954), have a weighted average term of 6.12 (2016 - 6.09) months to maturity and a weighted average interest rate of 0.94% (2016 - 0.85%).

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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6. Restricted assets (continued)

The following restricted accounts have been established in accordance to trust indenture agreements between the Corporation and the senior and junior bondholders and an Omnibus Agreement between the Corporation and Province of Nova Scotia:

- (i) The capital reserve account has been established to provide funds to pay the interest and principal on the senior and junior bonds and the subordinated notes. These funds are also available to pay the trustee and bondholders' representative fees to the extent they are not paid out of the project account. This account provides funding to the major maintenance reserve and the senior debt reserve accounts. The capital reserve account is funded from excess funds transferred from the project bank account of the Corporation.
- (ii) The major maintenance reserve account has been established for the purpose of paying major maintenance repair and rehabilitation expenses. This reserve is funded from the capital reserve account in accordance with a maintenance budget recommended by the Independent Engineer through the terms of the major maintenance reserve fund agreement.
- (iii) The debt service reserve account has been established to provide a reserve of funds to be available for payments as they come due for the senior toll revenue bonds. Funds can only be transferred from this fund when funds in the capital reserve accounts are insufficient to pay senior toll revenue bond payments. The account should maintain sufficient reserves equal to 12 months principal and interest payments due on the senior toll revenue bonds. The replenishment of the reserve comes from the capital reserve account.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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7. Property, plant and equipment

	Toll Plaza	Tolling System	Toll Highway	Road surface Treatments	Other Assets	Total
Cost						
Balance, April 1, 2016	\$5,618,857	\$3,367,069	\$113,975,697	\$22,044,493	\$50,498	\$145,056,614
Additions	127,171	153,547	–	4,555,527	–	4,836,245
Disposals	–	–	(3,046,879)	–	–	(3,046,879)
Balance, March 31, 2017	5,746,028	3,520,616	110,928,818	26,600,020	50,498	146,845,980
Balance, April 1, 2015	\$5,457,898	\$3,140,559	\$116,951,345	\$17,112,324	\$50,498	\$142,712,624
Additions	160,959	226,510	87,438	4,932,169	–	5,407,076
Disposals	–	–	(3,063,086)	–	–	(3,063,086)
Balance, March 31, 2016	\$5,618,857	\$3,367,069	\$113,975,697	\$22,044,493	\$50,498	\$145,056,614
Depreciation						
Balance, April 1, 2016	\$4,168,352	\$2,242,147	\$99,054,013	\$11,522,977	\$41,843	\$117,029,332
Depreciation for the year	148,589	258,441	1,492,168	1,948,874	867	3,848,939
Disposals	–	–	(2,631,395)	–	–	(2,631,395)
Balance, March 31, 2017	\$4,316,941	2,500,588	97,914,786	13,471,851	42,710	118,246,876
Balance, April 1, 2015	\$3,703,338	\$1,850,456	\$95,919,085	\$8,287,496	\$38,958	\$109,799,333
Depreciation for the year	465,014	391,691	5,641,089	3,235,481	2,885	9,736,160
Disposals	–	–	(2,506,161)	–	–	(2,506,161)
Balance, March 31, 2016	\$4,168,352	\$2,242,147	\$99,054,013	\$11,522,977	\$41,843	\$117,029,332
Carrying amounts:						
At March 31, 2016	\$1,450,505	\$1,124,922	\$14,921,684	\$10,521,516	\$8,655	\$28,027,282
At March 31, 2017	1,429,087	1,020,028	13,014,032	13,128,169	7,788	28,599,104

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7. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

As of April 1, 2016, the Corporation changed the useful lives of certain asset categories within property, plant, and equipment to reflect the extension of the project life. This change in accounting estimate arose when the decision was made to extend the project life from 2019 to 2026. The impact of this change for the year ended March 31, 2017 is a \$7.36 million decrease in depreciation expense. This change in accounting estimate was recorded prospectively.

8. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

	2017	2016
Trade payables	\$ 428,455	\$ 6,317,903
Accrued expenses	4,679,059	77,252
	<u>\$ 5,107,514</u>	<u>\$ 6,395,155</u>

9. Long-term debt

This note provides information about the contractual terms of the Corporation's interest-bearing loans and borrowings, which are measured at amortized cost and denominated in Canadian dollars.

	Nominal interest rate	Year of maturity	Face value	2017 Carrying amount	Face value	2016 Carrying amount
Senior toll revenue bonds	10.251%	2026	\$51,000,000	\$37,090,161	\$51,000,000	\$39,483,793

	2017	2016
Senior toll revenue bonds carrying amount	\$ 37,090,161	\$ 39,483,793
Deferred finance fees	(65,816)	(48,770)
	<u>37,024,345</u>	<u>39,435,023</u>
Current portion of long-term debt	2,665,020	2,393,632
	<u>\$ 34,359,325</u>	<u>\$ 37,041,391</u>

The senior toll revenue bonds are secured by a first charge and security interest over all the present and future property and assets, including, but not limited to, cash and securities held in trust, rights under all material contracts, accounts receivable and interest.

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9. Long-term debt (continued)

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities, including estimated interest payments.

	Carrying amount	Contractual cash flows	6 months or less	6-12 months	1-2 years	2-5 years	More than 5 years
Non-derivative financial liabilities:							
Secured bond issues	\$37,090,161	\$56,963,626	\$3,164,646	\$3,164,646	\$6,329,292	\$18,987,875	\$25,317,167
Accounts payables and accrued liabilities	5,107,514	5,107,514	5,107,514	–	–	–	–

The contractual cash flows included above are based on agreements in place with the secured bond issues. These contractual cash flows do not include the impact of possible prepayments.

10. Wages and benefits

	2017	2016
Wages and benefits	\$ 699,563	\$ 696,768
Canadian Pension Plan (CPP) and EI remittances	14,867	14,751
	\$ 714,430	\$ 711,519

Wages and benefits include costs related to contract employees.

11. Expenses

(a) Facility maintenance, materials and supplies

	2017	2016
Highway improvements	\$ 11,034	\$ 19,081
Maintenance services	1,534,146	1,535,014
Maintenance materials and supplies	100,004	91,039
Technical services and warranties	86,341	89,577
	\$ 1,731,525	\$ 1,734,711

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11. Expenses (continued)

(b) Engineering and professional fees

	2017	2016
Legal fees	\$ 4,384	\$ 2,484
Audit fees	37,926	36,576
Consulting fees	15,398	10,755
Engineering fees	53,605	42,392
	\$ 111,313	\$ 92,207

(c) Other costs

	2017	2016
Training	\$ 6,799	\$ 4,248
Office supplies and stationery	18,794	16,876
Office equipment	72,344	94,924
Utilities	64,511	69,080
Travel and transportation costs	25,693	18,855
Enforcement	60,000	60,000
Security	31,747	37,965
Facility operator management fee	231,577	231,255
Meeting costs	9,751	12,376
Administrative costs	120,540	41,456
	\$ 641,756	\$ 587,035

12. Finance income and finance costs

	2017	2016
Interest income on restricted assets	\$ 450,593	\$ 401,846
Interest income on bank deposits	4,557	3,921
Net change in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(279)	(11,222)
Finance income	454,871	394,545
Interest expense on financial liabilities	(3,919,803)	(4,172,458)
Finance costs	(3,919,803)	(4,172,458)
Net finance costs recognized in profit or loss	\$ (3,464,932)	\$ (3,777,913)

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13. Financial risk management

Overview

The Corporation has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- Credit risk
- Liquidity risk
- Market risk
- Operational risk

This note presents information about the Corporation's exposure to each of the above risks, its risk management framework and the Corporation's management of capital. Further quantitative disclosures are included throughout these financial statements.

Risk management

Management has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Corporation's risk management framework.

The Corporation's policies are established to minimize the risks faced by the Corporation, to set appropriate controls and to monitor risks. Management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Corporation's activities. The Corporation, through its management standards and procedures, aims to develop a disciplined and constructive control environment in which all employees understand their roles and obligations.

Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss arising from a wide variety of causes associated with the Corporation's processes, personnel, technology and infrastructure, and from external factors other than credit, market and liquidity risks such as those arising from legal and regulatory requirements and generally accepted standards of corporate behavior. Operational risks arise from all of the Corporation's operations.

The Corporation's objective is to manage operational risk so as to balance the avoidance of financial losses and damage to the Corporation's reputation with overall cost effectiveness and to avoid control procedures that restrict initiative and creativity.

The primary responsibility for the development and implementation of controls to address operational risk is assigned to senior management. This responsibility is supported by the development of overall Corporation standards for the management of operational risk in the following areas:

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13. Financial risk management (continued)

- requirements for appropriate segregation of duties, when possible
- requirements for the reconciliation and monitoring of transactions
- compliance with regulatory and other legal requirements
- documentation of controls and procedures
- development of contingency plans
- training and professional development
- ethical and business standards
- risk mitigation, including insurance when this is effective.

Credit risk

Exposure to credit risk

The carrying amount of the financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

	Carrying amount	
	Year ended March 31, 2017	Year ended March 31, 2016
Restricted assets	\$ 56,302,960	\$ 49,438,598
Receivables	912,766	1,564,922
Cash	614,587	1,387,803
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	\$ 57,830,313	\$ 52,391,323

The maximum exposure to credit risk for receivables at the reporting date by type of counterparty is outlined in note 5.

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13. Financial risk management (continued)

The aging of receivables at the reporting date was:

	2017	2016
Not past due	\$ 755,445	\$ 1,505,021
Past due 30-60	150,721	55,489
Past due 60-90	-	-
Over 90 days	6,600	4,412
	<u>\$ 912,766</u>	<u>\$1,564,922</u>

There is no allowance for impairment in respect to receivables and no write offs of receivable balances within the past four fiscal years. The Corporation has receivables with reputable organizations and therefore believes there is no significant exposure to credit risk.

Restricted asset investments consist mainly of short-term money market deposits. The Corporation has deposited these investments with reputable Canadian financial institutions, from which management believes the risk of loss is remote.

The Corporation's cash is held with a top tier commercial Canadian bank.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Corporation will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Corporation's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Corporations' reputation.

Typically the Corporation ensures that it has sufficient cash and investments on demand to meet expected operational expenses for a period in excess of 365 days, including the servicing of financial obligations; this excludes the potential impact of extreme circumstances that cannot reasonably be predicted, such as natural disasters.

Interest rate risk

The Corporation is not exposed to interest rate risk on its long-term debt as it bears interest at a fixed rate. Interest rate risk on cash flows associated with investments and cash fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The Corporation manages this risk exposure by using a mix of fixed and variable rate investments.

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14. Financial instruments

Fair value versus carrying amounts

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities, together with the carrying amounts shown in the Statement of Financial Position are as follows:

	Note	March 31, 2017		March 31, 2016	
		Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
Assets carried at fair value:					
Restricted assets	6	\$56,302,960	\$56,302,960	\$49,438,598	\$49,438,598
Receivables	5	912,766	912,766	1,564,922	1,564,922
Cash		614,587	614,587	1,387,803	1,387,803
Liabilities carried at amortized cost:					
Secured bond issues	9	37,024,345	54,559,191	39,435,023	60,615,907
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	8	5,107,514	5,107,514	6,395,155	6,395,155

	March 31, 2017						March 31, 2016					
	Fair value			Fair value			Fair value			Fair value		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets												
Cash	\$ 614,587	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,387,803	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Advance to facility operator	-	456,617	-	-	-	448,083	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receivables	-	912,766	-	-	-	1,564,922	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted assets	56,302,960	-	-	-	49,438,598	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities												
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	-	5,107,514	-	-	-	6,395,155	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long-term debt	-	-	54,559,191	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60,615,907

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14. Financial instruments (continued)

There have been no transfers between the levels within the year. The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices)
- Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

15. Commitments

The following are the estimated contractual obligations for the next five years:

	Capital	Operating lease	Service contract
2018	\$ 5,230,000	\$ 43,097	\$ 1,268,200
2019	4,065,000	43,097	1,287,300
2020	1,600,000	43,097	-
2021	1,600,000	31,863	-
2022	1,600,000	-	-
Total contractual obligations	\$14,095,000	\$ 161,154	\$2,555,500

Capital

Capital commitments are based on the Major Maintenance Reserve Fund Agreement between the Corporation, the Trustee and the Bondholders' Representative to provide for the major maintenance work required during the operating period of the Facility. The Agreement requires the Corporation, on an annual basis, to engage an independent engineer to report on all major maintenance work to be completed in the upcoming year, as well as a major maintenance budget to determine the required annual amount to be deposited in the Major Maintenance Reserve Account.

Operating lease

The Corporation has entered into various lease agreements for equipment and office space.

Service contract

The Service contract consists of an agreement between the Corporation and the Nova Scotia Transportation Infrastructure and Public Works to provide annual roadway maintenance services which is renewable in five year increments.

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16. Related party transactions

Included in these financial statements are transactions with various Crown corporations, ministries, agencies, boards and commissions related to the Corporation by virtue of common control by the Government of Nova Scotia (the Corporation's controlling shareholder)

The Corporation has applied the modified disclosure requirements under IAS 24, Related Party Disclosures, which exempt government-related entities from providing all of the disclosures about related party transactions with government or other government-related entities.

All other transactions with parties under the control of the government are routine operating transactions carried out as part of the Corporation's normal day-to-day operations. These routine transactions are individually insignificant and include maintenance services (\$1,249,804; 2016 - \$1,235,262), enforcement, costs (\$60,000; 2016 - \$60,000), purchases of inventory (\$14,000; 2016 - \$21,280) and property, plant and equipment (\$369,453; 2016 - \$292,701).