STUDENT LOAN CORPORATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JULY 31, 2019

Management's Report

Management's Responsibility for the Student Loan Corporation of Newfoundland and Labrador Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards and the integrity and objectivity of these statements are management's responsibility. Management is also responsible for all of the notes to the financial statements, and for ensuring that this information is consistent, where appropriate, with the information contained in the financial statements.

Management is also responsible for implementing and maintaining a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are properly authorized, assets are safeguarded and liabilities are recognized.

Management is also responsible for ensuring that transactions comply with relevant policies and authorities and are properly recorded to produce timely and reliable financial information.

The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control and exercises these responsibilities through the Board. The Board reviews internal financial information on a periodic basis and external audited financial statements yearly.

The Auditor General conducts an independent audit of the annual financial statements of the Corporation in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, in order to express an opinion thereon. The Auditor General has full and free access to financial management of the Student Loan Corporation of Newfoundland and Labrador.

On behalf of the Student Loan Corporation of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Mr. Robert Feaver

Director of Student Financial Services



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Student Loan Corporation
of Newfoundland and Labrador
St. John's. Newfoundland and Labrador

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of the Student Loan Corporation of Newfoundland and Labrador (the Corporation), which comprise the statement of financial position as at July 31, 2019, and the statements of operations, change in net financial assets, and cash flows for the period then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as at July 31, 2019, and the results of its operations, changes in its net financial assets, and its cash flows for the period then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

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

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Corporation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Independent Auditor's Report (cont.)

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My 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 my 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, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I 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 my 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 Corporation'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 Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. I draw attention to Note 12 of the financial statements which outlines the transfer of the Corporation's functions and assets and liabilities to Government during the period.

Independent Auditor's Report (cont.)

• 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.

I 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 I identify during my audit.

SANDRA RUSSELL, CPA, CA

Auditor General (A)

September 29, 2020

St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

STUDENT LOAN CORPORATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at	July 31, 2019	March 31, 2019		
	(Note 13)	(Note 13)		
FINANCIAL ASSETS				
Cash	\$ -	\$ 963,047		
Due from government (Note 3)	•	305,880		
Student loans receivable (Note 4)	 -	47,273,035		
	 -	48,541,962		
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 5)	-	144,824		
Employee future benefits (Note 6)	 -	37,280		
	 -	182,104		
Net financial assets	 -	48,359,858		
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS				
Tangible capital assets (Note 7)	 	3,413		
	 	3,413		
Accumulated surplus	\$ 	\$ 48,363,271		

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

Signed on behalf of the Board:

Chairperson

STUDENT LOAN CORPORATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For t	he per	iod e	ended

	July 31, 2019	March 31, 2019
	(Note 13)	(Note 13)
REVENUES		
Provincial grant (Note 9)	\$ 37,280	\$ 1,187,068
Recovery in value of student loan receivable	170,838	836,991
Student loan interest	57,821	163,579
Other	26,909	100,384
Interest	10,766	<u>91,928</u>
	303,614	2,379,950
EXPENSES (Note 10)		
Portfolio management	1,452,808	11,621,823
Repayment services	-	322,035
General administration	24,125	156,029
Transfer to the Province (Note 9)	1,584,635	-
Distribution of net assets and liabilities		
to the Province (Note 12)	<u>45,605,317</u>	-
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	48,666,885	12,099,887
Annual deficit	(48,363,271)	(9,719,937)
Accumulated surplus, beginning of period	48,363,271	58,083,208
Accumulated surplus, end of period	\$ -	\$48,363,271

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

STUDENT LOAN CORPORATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS For the period ended

	July 31, 2019	March 31, 2019
	(Note 13)	(Note 13)
Annual deficit	\$ (48,363,271)	\$ (9,719,937)
Transfer of tangible capital assets to Province Amortization of tangible capital assets	3,413 	3,328
Decrease in net financial assets	(48,359,858)	(9,716,609)
Net financial assets, beginning of period	48,359,858	58,076,467
Net financial assets, end of period	\$ -	\$ 48,359,858

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

STUDENT LOAN CORPORATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the period ended	July 31, 2019	March 31, 2019
	(Note 13)	(Note 13)
Operating transactions		
Annual deficit Adjustments for non-cash items	\$ (48,363,271)	\$ (9,719,937)
Net assets and liabilities transferred to the Province	45,578,258	-
Amortization Recovery in value of student loan receivable	(170,838)	3,328 (836,991)
	(2,955,851)	(10,553,600)
Changes in non-cash operating items		
Due from government Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(118,063)	81,125
Employee future benefits	6,597 (37,280)	(29,392) (165,441)
Cash applied to operating transactions	(3,104,597)	(10,667,308)
Investing transactions		
Net decrease in student loans receivable (Note 4)	12,872,478	5,397,101
Student loans written off to allowance	(10,730,928)	(537,247)
Cash provided from investing transactions	2,141,550	4,859,854
Decrease in cash	(963,047)	(5,807,454)
Cash, beginning of period	963,047	6,770,501
Cash, end of period	\$ -	\$ 963,047

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

1. Nature of operations

The Student Loan Corporation of Newfoundland and Labrador (the Corporation) was established on March 30, 2004 under the authority of the Student Financial Assistance Act. The objective of the Corporation is to act as the lender for all Provincial student loans. The affairs of the Corporation are managed by a Board of Directors comprised of senior government officials.

The Corporation is a Crown entity of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and as such is not subject to Provincial or Federal income taxes.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The Corporation is classified as an Other Government Organization as defined by Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards (CPSAS). These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with CPSAS for provincial reporting entities established by the Canadian Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB). The Corporation does not prepare a statement of remeasurement gains and losses as the Corporation does not enter into relevant transactions or circumstances that are being addressed by that statement. Outlined below are the significant accounting policies followed.

(b) Financial instruments

The Corporation's financial instruments recognized on the statement of financial position consist of cash, due from government, student loans receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The Corporation generally recognizes a financial instrument when it enters into a contract which creates a financial asset or financial liability. Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at cost, which is the fair value at the time of acquisition.

The Corporation subsequently measures all of its financial assets and financial liabilities at cost or amortized cost. Financial assets measured at cost include cash and due from government. Student loans receivable is measured at amortized cost as disclosed in notes 2(e) and 4. Financial liabilities measured at cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont.)

(b) Financial instruments (cont.)

The carrying values of cash, due from government and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate current fair value due to their nature and the short-term maturity associated with these instruments. The carrying value of student loans receivable is considered to approximate market value.

Interest attributable to financial instruments is reported in the statement of operations.

(c) Cash

Cash includes cash in bank.

(d) Employee future benefits

The Corporation provides accumulating, non-vesting sick leave benefits to its employees. The Corporation has made a provision in the accounts for the payment of accumulating, non-vesting, sick leave benefits to certain employees which is based upon the Corporation's best estimate of the probability of the employees utilizing the benefits and current salary levels.

Employee future benefits expenses are included with salaries in the Corporation's financial statements.

(e) Student loans receivable

The Corporation records student loans receivable at amortized cost. Student loans receivable are tested annually for impairment. A loan is classified as impaired when, in the opinion of management, there is reasonable doubt as to the ultimate collectability of a portion of principal or interest related to the loan. When loans are identified as impaired, the Corporation records an allowance to reduce their carrying values to their estimated realizable amounts. Interest is accrued on loans receivable to the extent it is deemed collectible. Changes in the allowance are recognized on the statement of operations. Loan balances determined to be uncollectible are written off by the Corporation.

July 31, 2019

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont.)

(f) Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost, including amounts that are directly related to the acquisition of the assets.

The cost, less residual value, of the tangible capital assets is amortized on a straightline basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

> Office equipment 10 years Computer software 3 years Computer hardware 4 years

Tangible capital assets are written down when conditions indicate that they no longer contribute to the Corporation's ability to provide goods and services, or when the value of future economic benefits associated with the tangible capital assets are less than their net book value. The net write-downs are accounted for as expenses in the statement of operations.

(g) Revenues

Revenues are recognized in the period in which the transactions or events occurred that gave rise to the revenues. All revenues are recorded on an accrual basis, except when the accruals cannot be determined with a reasonable degree of certainty or when their estimation is impracticable.

Interest income is accounted for on the accrual basis for bank interest and student loans receivable other than the impaired portion of the loans. Recognition of interest in accordance with the terms of the original loan agreement ceases when a loan becomes impaired.

Government transfers (grants from the Province) are recognized as revenues when the transfer is authorized and any eligibility criteria are met, except to the extent that transfer stipulations give rise to an obligation that meets the definition of a liability. Transfers are recognized as deferred revenue when transfer stipulations give rise to a liability. Transfer revenue is recognized in the statement of operations as the stipulations related to the liabilities are settled.

(h) Expenses

Expenses are reported on an accrual basis. The cost of all goods consumed and services received during the year is recorded as an expense in that year.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont.)

(h) Expenses (cont.)

Transfers, which include grants-provincial and interest relief-repayment assistance, are recorded as expenses when the grant is authorized, eligibility criteria have been met by the recipient and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

(i) Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reporting amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of the revenues and expenses during the period. Items requiring the use of significant estimates include the useful life of a tangible capital assets and collectability of student loans issued.

Estimates are based on the best information available at the time of preparation of the financial statements and are reviewed annually to reflect new information as it becomes available. Measurement uncertainty exists in these financial statements. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

3. Due from government

	July 31, <u>2019</u>	ļ	March 31, 2019
Federal government Provincial government	\$ -	\$	29,755 276,125
	\$ -	\$\$	305,880

Amounts due from the Federal government relate to recoveries on student loans made by the Canada Revenue Agency. Amounts due from the Provincial government are related to payments received by the Province from defaulted loans.

4. Student loans receivable

The student loan portfolio consists of Provincial loans issued on or after August 1, 2000, and Provincial loans issued prior to that date where the student was still in school and did not receive additional loans.

4. Student loans receivable (cont.)

As at July 31, 2019, all student loans receivable balances were transferred to the Province. On July 31, 2019, immediately preceding the transfer, there were approximately 10,036 loans totaling \$22,670,831 (March 31, 2019 - 10,553 loans totaling \$23,939,627) were being repaid as non-interest bearing for the period April 1, 2019 to July 31, 2019 (Class B loans) while 5,335 loans totaling \$13,689,828 (March 31, 2019 - 5,897 loans totaling \$14,714,052) were not being repaid as the students were either still in attendance at an approved education institution or were within six months after the end of the study period (Class A loans). Generally, the maximum repayment period for Class B loans is 10 years. Upon graduation, students who meet certain criteria are eligible to have a portion of their loan forgiven through a debt reduction grant.

As at July 31, 2019, approximately 6,417 loans totaling \$25,581,345 (March 31, 2019 - 8,344 loans totaling \$35,766,425) were defaulted. These loans are defined as Class B loans delinquent for 270 days (nine months). These loans were non-interest bearing for the period April 1, 2019 to July 31, 2019.

As of July 31, 2019, interest receivable was \$1,086,123 and the allowance for doubtful accounts was \$17,698,745.

Student loans receivable consist of the following:

	uly 31, <u>2019</u>	March 31, <u>2019</u>
Loans receivable		
Class A principal Class B principal	\$ -	\$ 14,714,052 23,939,627
Loans defaulted Interest receivable	 -	 35,766,425 1,480,501
	•	75,900,605
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	_	(28,627,570)
	\$ 	 \$ 47,273,035

The allowance for doubtful accounts represents the Corporation's best estimate of future probable losses with respect to loans receivable. The estimation of an appropriate allowance involves significant judgment. These financial statements represent management's best estimates based on available information.

4. Student loans receivable (cont.)

The net decrease in student loans receivable during the year consists of the following:

			July 31, <u>2019</u>		March 31, <u>2019</u>
	Student loan interest Interest relief - repayment assistance Student loan grants Student loans disbursed Student loan payments Student loans written off to allowance	\$	57,821 (234,917) (160,084) 817,805 (2,622,175) 10,730,928)	•	163,579 (686,107) 1,459,402) 6,581,097 9,459,021) (537,247)
		\$ (12,872,478)	\$ (5,397,101)
5.	Accounts payable and accrued liabilities				
			July 31, <u>2019</u>		March 31, <u>2019</u>
	Trade payables and accrued liabilities Salaries and benefits payable Accrued vacation pay	\$		\$	94,013 19,977 30,834
		\$	-	\$	144,824
6.	Employee future benefits				
			July 31, <u>2019</u>		March 31, <u>2019</u>
	Severance benefits Provision for accumulating, non-vesting, sick leave	\$	-	\$	23,389 13,891
		\$	•	\$	37,280

As of April 1, 2019, the Province assumed responsibility for all employees that worked for the Student Loan Corporation and therefore also assumed the liability for these employees' severance benefits and accumulating, non-vesting, sick leave. The severance liability as at March 31, 2019 represents severance owing to employees who deferred receiving their severance entitlement.

7. Tangible capital assets

*		Office uipment_		puter ware		computer ardware		Total
Cost								
Balance, March 31, 2019 Additions/Disposals	\$;	38,955 -	\$ 14	5,359 -	\$	22,404	\$ 2	206,718
Transfer to Province	(38,955)	(14	5,359)	(22,404)	(2	206,718)
Balance, July 31, 2019				-				
Accumulated amortization								
Balance, March 31, 2019 Amortization expense	(35,542	14	5,359		22,404	2	203,305
Transfer to Province	(3	- 35,542)	(14	5,359)	(22,404)	(2	203,305)
Balance, July 31, 2019		-		-		-		
Net book value, July 31, 2019	\$	-	\$	-	\$	69	\$	
Net book value, March 31, 2019	\$	3,413	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,413

8. Financial risk management

The Corporation recognizes the importance of managing risks and this includes policies, procedures and oversight designed to reduce risks identified to an appropriate threshold. The risks that the Corporation is exposed to through its financial instruments are credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk. There was no significant change in the Corporation's exposure to these risks or its processes for managing these risks from the prior year.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Corporation's main credit risk relates to cash, due from government, and student loans receivable. The Corporation's maximum exposure to credit risk is the carrying amounts of these financial instruments. The Corporation is not exposed to significant credit risk with its cash because this financial instrument is held with a Chartered Bank. The Corporation is not exposed to significant credit risk with the amount due from government because of its nature.

8. Financial risk management (cont.)

The Corporation is exposed to credit risk related to its student loans receivable. The Corporation has policies and procedures for the monitoring and collection of its student loans receivable so as to mitigate potential credit losses. The Corporation classifies its student loans receivable in accordance with notes 2(e) and 4. Any estimated impairment of student loans receivable has been provided for through an allowance for decline in value.

As at July 31, 2019, Class B loans in repayment amounted to \$22,670,831. A total balance of \$2,729,932 of these loans was overdue as follows:

		Days	Overdue		
1 - 30	31 – 60	61 - 90	91 - 270	>270	Total
\$ 13,637	\$ 439,406	\$ 403,960	\$ 1,012,881	\$ 860,048	\$ 2,729,932

As well, as at July 31, 2019, the balance of defaulted loans subject to collection procedures was \$25,581,345.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Corporation will be unable to meet its contractual obligations and financial liabilities. The Corporation's exposure to liquidity risk relates mainly to its accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The Corporation manages liquidity risk by monitoring its cash flows and ensuring that it has sufficient resources available to meet its financial liabilities. In the event that the Corporation does not believe that it has sufficient liquidity to meet its current obligations, consideration will be given to obtaining additional funds through borrowing or requesting additional funding from the Province.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency (foreign exchange) risk, interest rate risk and other price risk. The Corporation is not exposed to significant foreign exchange, interest or other price risk.

9. Related party transactions

		July 31, <u>2019</u>	March 31, 2019
Grants from the Province	\$	37,280	\$ 1,187,068
Total revenue	\$	37,280	\$ 1,187,068
Cash transfer to the Province <u>Distribution of net assets to the Province (Note 12)</u>		1,584,635 5,605,317	<u>-</u>
Total expense	\$ 4	7,189,952	\$

During the period ended July 31, 2019 the Province did not provide a grant to the Corporation; however, the Province did assume the liability for the provision for non-vested sick leave and severance when the employees of the Corporation were transferred to the Province on April 1, 2019.

During the period ended July 31, 2019 the Corporation transferred liabilities with the carrying amount of \$151,420 and assets with the carrying amount of \$45,756,737 to the Province as a result of an operational decision by Government to wind up the Corporation. In addition to these assets and liabilities, the Corporation also transferred cash in the amount of \$1,584,635 to the Province.

10. Expenses by object

	July 31, <u>2019</u>	March 31, <u>2019</u>
	(Note 13)	(Note 13)
Administrative fees Amortization Bank charges Federal Early Childhood Education grants Grant-Provincial Interest relief-repayment assistance Operating Salaries and benefits Transfer to the Province (Note 9) Distribution of net assets to the Province (Note 12)	\$ 22,129 - 1,994 - 1,217,891 234,917 2 - 1,584,635 45,605,317	\$ 431,184 3,328 6,859 1,160 10,307,978 686,107 74,736 588,535
Total	\$ 48,666,885	\$12,099,887

11. Non-financial assets

The recognition and measurement of non-financial assets is based on their service potential. These assets will not provide resources to discharge liabilities of the Corporation. For non-financial assets, the future economic benefit consists of their capacity to render service to further the Corporation's objectives.

12. Wind up of the Student Loan Corporation

On April 1, 2019, the Province repealed and replaced the Student Financial Assistance Act to repeal provisions respecting the Corporation and to transfer the functions, assets and liabilities of the Corporation to the Province, with an effective date of August 1, 2019. During the period ended July 31, 2019, the Corporation transferred cash of \$1,584,635 to the Province. Upon wind up on July 31, 2019, the Corporation transferred its remaining net assets of \$45,605,317 to the Province as follows:

Assets/Liabilities	Transferred to the Province
Due from Government	\$ 423,943
Student loans receivable	45,329,382
Tangible capital assets	<u>3,413</u>
Total assets	45,756,738
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(151,421)
Net assets	\$ 45,605,317

13. Fiscal period

The current period figures are for the period April 1, 2019 to July 31, 2019. The comparative figures are for the year ended March 31, 2019.