

**LIVESTOCK OWNERS COMPENSATION BOARD  
LIVESTOCK OWNERS COMPENSATION FUND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
MARCH 31, 2016**

## Management's Report

### *Management's Responsibility for the Livestock Owners Compensation Board, Livestock Owners Compensation Fund 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 periodically and external audited financial statements yearly.

The Auditor General conducts an independent audit of the annual financial statements of the Livestock Owners Compensation Board, Livestock Owners Compensation Fund, 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 Livestock Owners Compensation Board.

On behalf of the Livestock Owners Compensation Board.



Ms. Cynthia MacDonald, P.Ag  
Director of Agriculture Business Development



**AUDITOR  
GENERAL**  
of Newfoundland and Labrador

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Directors  
Livestock Owners Compensation Board, Livestock Owners Compensation Fund  
Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador

**Report on the Financial Statements**

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Livestock Owners Compensation Board, Livestock Owners Compensation Fund, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2016, and the statement of operations for the year then ended, and 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 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.

*Auditor's Responsibility*

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 the auditor's 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, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity'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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

## **Independent Auditor's Report (cont.)**

### *Opinion*

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Livestock Owners Compensation Board, Livestock Owners Compensation Fund, as at March 31, 2016, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Paddon', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**TERRY PADDON, CPA, CA**  
**Auditor General**

June 20, 2016  
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

**LIVESTOCK OWNERS COMPENSATION BOARD  
LIVESTOCK OWNERS COMPENSATION FUND  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
As at March 31**

2016

2015

**FINANCIAL ASSETS**

Cash \$ 13,138 \$ 11,774

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**LIABILITIES**

- -

Net financial assets 13,138 11,774

**NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS**

- -

Accumulated surplus \$ 13,138 \$ 11,774

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

Signed on behalf of the Board:

C. MacDonald

Chairperson

Gerald Wicks

Member

**LIVESTOCK OWNERS COMPENSATION BOARD**  
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**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**For the Year Ended March 31**

	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2015 Actual
	(Note 6)		
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Province of Newfoundland and Labrador			
Payments on behalf of the Board (Note 5)	\$ 13,500	\$ 7,108	\$ 7,210
<u>Premiums from livestock owners</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,251</u>	<u>2,163</u>
	<u>16,000</u>	<u>9,359</u>	<u>9,373</u>
<b>EXPENSES (Note 4)</b>			
Indemnity claims	1,050	880	335
<u>Administration</u>	<u>13,505</u>	<u>7,115</u>	<u>7,213</u>
	<u>14,555</u>	<u>7,995</u>	<u>7,548</u>
<b>Annual surplus</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>1,364</b>	<b>1,825</b>
<b>Accumulated surplus, beginning of year</b>	<b>11,774</b>	<b>11,774</b>	<b>9,949</b>
<b>Accumulated surplus, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 13,219</b>	<b>\$ 13,138</b>	<b>\$ 11,774</b>

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**1. Nature of operations**

The Livestock Owners Compensation Board (the Board) operates under the authority of the *Livestock Insurance Act*. The purpose of the Board is to operate the Livestock Owners Compensation Fund to provide insurance to farmers of the Province to restrict the amount of livestock loss. Its affairs are managed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. These statements are a representation of the activities of the Livestock Owners Compensation Fund.

The Board 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 Board is classified as an Other Government Organization as defined by the Canadian public sector accounting standards (CPSAS). These financial statements are prepared by management in accordance with CPSAS for provincial reporting entities established by the Canadian Public Sector Accounting Board. The Board does not prepare a statement of change in net financial assets (debt) and a statement of cash flows as this information is readily apparent from the other statements. In addition, the Board does not prepare a statement of re-measurement gains and losses as the Board does not enter into relevant transactions or circumstances that are being addressed by the statement.

**(b) Financial instruments**

The Board's financial instruments recognized in the statement of financial position consist of cash. The Board 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 Board subsequently measures all of its financial assets and financial liabilities at cost. Financial assets measured at cost include cash.

The carrying value of cash approximates current fair value due to the nature associated with this instrument.

**(c) Cash**

Cash includes cash in bank.

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**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont.)**

**(d) Revenue recognition**

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

Government transfers (Payments on behalf of the Board) are recognized as revenues when the transfer is authorized and any eligibility criteria are met, except when and 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 giving rise to the liabilities are settled.

**(e) Expenses**

Expenses are reported on an accrual basis. The cost of all goods consumed and services received during the year is expensed.

The Board is administered as a division of the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency. Expenses related to salaries, and transportation and communication are paid directly by the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency and are reflected in these financial statements as expenses of the Board and as revenue from the Province.

Indemnity claims are reported on an accrual basis. Indemnity claims are paid to insured persons upon approval by the Board of submitted insurance claims.

**3. Financial risk management**

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

**Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Board will be unable to meet its contractual obligations and financial liabilities as they come due. The Board manages liquidity risk by monitoring its cash flows and ensuring that it has sufficient resources available to meet its contractual obligations and financial liabilities.



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**4. Expenses by object**

The following is a summary of expenses by object:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Bank charges	\$ 7	\$ 3
Indemnity claims	880	335
Salaries (Note 5)	7,108	6,510
Transportation and communication (Note 5)	-	700
	<u>\$ 7,995</u>	<u>\$ 7,548</u>

**5. Related party transactions**

The Board is administered by employees of the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency. Salary costs of \$7,108 (2015 - \$6,510) and transportation and communication costs of nil (2015 - \$700) applicable to the operation of the Board have been paid by the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency and are reflected in these financial statements as expenses of the Board and as revenue from the Province.

**6. Budgeted figures**

Budgeted figures, which have been prepared on a cash basis, are provided for comparison purposes and have been approved by the Board of Directors.