CANADIAN WORKER CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION Financial Statements Year Ended August 31, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation (the Federation), which comprise the statement of financial position as at August 31, 2021, and the statements of revenues and expenditures, general reserve and cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Federation as at August 31, 2021, and its financial performance and its cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Federation 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 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 Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations, 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 Federation'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 Federation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation (continued)

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 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 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 Federation'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 Federation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' 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 auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Federation 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.

Wolfville, NS November 3, 2021 CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

Bishop & Company

CANADIAN WORKER CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION Statement of Financial Position

August 31, 2021

		Federation Operations 2021	Ter	acity Works Fund 2021		Total 2021		Total 2020
ASSETS								
CURRENT								
Cash	\$	365,450	\$	352,448	\$	717,898	\$	745,687
Accounts receivable <i>(Note 4)</i>		12,632		724		13,356		7,309
Prepaid expenses		579		-		579		3,772
Interfund								
balances <i>(Note 5)</i>	_	9,983		(9,983)		-		-
		388,644		343,189		731,833		756,768
LONG TERM								
INVESTMENTS (Note 6)		261		33,324		33,585		31,316
LOAN RECEIVABLE (Note 7)		-		16,386		16,386		9,780
RESTRICTED CASH (Note 8)		5,814,634		-		5,814,634		4,206,777
LOANS TO WORKER CO- OPERATIVES (Note 9)		_		9,268		9,268		12,913
of Electives (Note 3)	_					<u>, </u>		12,510
	\$	6,203,539	\$	402,167	\$	6,605,706	\$	5,017,554
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Accounts payable (Note 11)	\$	16,003	\$	_	\$	16,003	\$	37,156
Harmonized sales tax payable	Ψ	675	Ψ	-	•	675	Ψ	1,588
Deferred income (Note 12)	_	31,700		-		31,700		21,476
		48,378		_		48,378		60,220
LONG TERM DEBT (Note 13)		30,000		-		30,000		30,000
TRUST FUNDS		,				,		,
PAYABLE (Note 14)	_	5,814,634		-		5,814,634		4,206,777
		5,893,012		-		5,893,012		4,296,997
MEMBERS' EQUITY								
General reserve (Note 15)		310,527		402,167		712,694		720,557
	\$	6,203,539	\$	402,167	\$	6,605,706	\$	5,017,554

COMMITMENTS (Note 18)

CONTINGENT LIABILITY (Note 23)

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

X ______ Director
X ______ Director

CANADIAN WORKER CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Year Ended August 31, 2021

	ederation perations 2021	Ten	acity Works Fund 2021	Total 2021	Total 2020
REVENUE Annual general meeting Dues (Note 20) Interest Loyalty payment Co-operators RRSP and TFSA fees Other income (loss) (Note 21)	\$ 31,542 64,612 60,317 214,437 30,318	\$	- 10,670 - - -	\$ 31,542 75,282 60,317 214,437 30,318	\$ 26,466 23,087 87,866 52,660 253,944 32,565
EXPENSES Annual general meeting Bad debts (recovery) Board and committee Bookkeeping Dues and insurance Government relations Interest and bank charges Office and communications Professional and consulting fees RRSP Program Rental Salaries and independent contractors (Note 22) Special projects TFSA Program Technical assistance grants Travel	4,153 (3,637) - 13,921 10,649 10,452 3,274 17,008 9,983 122,933 4,788 130,348 30,550 10,554 21,991 65		10,670 570 1,171 - 266 667 2,000 13,198 17,872	411,896 4,153 (3,637) - 14,491 11,820 10,452 3,540 17,675 11,983 122,933 4,788 143,546 30,550 10,554 21,991 65 404,904	28,164 34,905 4,376 14,016 10,584 13,200 2,635 31,122 11,513 107,045 4,383 144,580 12,560 10,182 18,997 449
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	 14,194		(7,202)	6,992	27,877
Recovery on write-down of loans to Worker Co- operatives Income (loss) from CCIF Limited Partnership	 -		1,810 (16,665) (14,855)	1,810 (16,665) (14,855)	- - -
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 14,194	\$	(22,057)	\$ (7,863)	\$ 27,877

CANADIAN WORKER CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION Statement of General Reserve Year Ended August 31, 2021

	Federation Operations 2021		Tenacity Works Fund 2021		Total 2021		Total 2020	
GENERAL RESERVE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$	296,333	\$	424,224	\$	720,557	\$	692,680
Net income (loss)		14,194		(22,057)		(7,863)		27,877
GENERAL RESERVE - END OF YEAR	\$	310,527	\$	402,167	\$	712,694	\$	720,557

CANADIAN WORKER CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION Statement of Cash Flow Year Ended August 31, 2021

	2021		2020
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash receipts from operations	\$ 344,43		323,632
Cash paid to suppliers and employees Interest received	(421,15		(395,220)
Interest received Interest paid	75,28 (3,54		87,866 (2,635)
Harmonized sales tax	(3,54 (91	•	(4,901)
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Cash flow from (used by) operating activities	(5,89	4)	8,742
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of long term investments	(18,93	4)	(2,201)
Loan advances	(6,60	•	(723)
Increase in Trust Funds payable	1,607,85	7	939,687
Increase in restricted cash / investments	(1,607,85	7)	(939,687)
Net change in loans to Worker Co-operatives	3,64	5	3,594
Cash flow from (used by) investing activities	(21,89	5)	670
FINANCING ACTIVITY			
Proceeds from long term financing			40,000
Cash flow from financing activity			40,000
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH FLOW	(27,78	9)	49,412
Cash - beginning of year	745,68	7	696,275
CASH - END OF YEAR	\$ 717,89	8 \$	745,687

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Year Ended August 31, 2021

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Federation, incorporated under the Canada Co-operatives Act, is a Not-for-Profit co-operative whose objective is to work for the development and expansion of employee owned businesses organized according to co-operative principles.

The Federation is exempted from income tax under Section 149(1)(I) of the Canadian Income Tax Act which deals with Not-for-Profit Organizations.

The Federation Operations manages the operations of the Federation, provides service for funding received in the form of service contracts, and manages the RRSP and TFSA contributions of employees and investors of member co-operatives and other organizations.

The Tenacity Works Fund manages capital held by the Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation to provide funding capital to member co-operatives in the form of term loans. In 2020 the mandate of the Fund was expanded to include funding emergency loans.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations (ASNPO).

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and balances with banks.

Financial instruments policy

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in income. All other financial instruments are subsequently reported at amortized cost, and tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment.

Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale, or issue of financial instruments which are subsequently reported at fair value are expensed when incurred. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale, or issue of financial instruments which are subsequently reported at amortized cost are amortized over the expected life of the instrument.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, accounts receivable, long term investments in widely held co-operatives, loans receivable, restricted cash and investments, and loans to worker co-operatives.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include the accounts payable, trust funds payable and long term debt.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investment in CCIF Limited Partnership

The investment in CCIF Limited Partnership is accounted for using the equity method. The investment is initially recorded at cost and is adjusted thereafter to include additional cash investments to August 31 and the Fund's pro rata share of the earnings (losses) of the Limited Partnership to June 30. Earnings between July 1 and August 31 are not significant. The investment is tested for impairment on an annual basis and when there are indicators of impairment the carrying value of the investment will be reduced accordingly.

Revenue recognition

- a) The value of donated materials and services are not recorded in these financial statements. Cash donations are recognized in the year received.
- b) Funds received under various grant programs are recognized as income in the period in which they are utilized for approved grant purposes. Unused funds are reflected on the balance sheet as deferred income.
- c) The Federation follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.
- d) Revenue from Federation programs are recognized as services are performed and ultimate collection is reasonably assured.
- e) Investment income is recognized as revenue in the year in which it is earned.

Allocation of expenses

The Federation allocates certain salaries and wages proportionately on the basis of the time spent to the various projects listed on the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for which funding has been specifically provided. The allocation of the salaries and wages does not exceed the revenue received and/or receivable for each project. Similarly, salaries and wages are allocated to the Tenacity Works Fund in proportion to the time spent. The basis of allocation is applied consistently each year.

Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian Accounting Standards for Notfor-Profit Organizations 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.

Most notable, the Tenacity Works Fund extends loans to qualifying co-operative businesses. The Fund's management has estimated the allowance for loan impairment based upon six criteria as follows: 1) whether the Co-op has achieved its revenue and expense projections, 2) if revenue and expense projections are not met, review of a financial plan demonstrating potential to repay, 3) level of security vis a vis other creditors, 4) commitment level of members to achieve success, 5) payment history, and 6) length of term until full payment is due. Significant changes in these factors could result in a material impairment of the loans to worker co-operatives.

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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FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Federation is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments and has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage these risks. It is management's opinion that the Federation is not exposed to significant currency risk from its financial instruments. The following analysis provides information about the Federation's risk exposure and concentration as of August 31, 2021.

Credit risk

The Federation is exposed to credit risk in connection with the collection of its accounts receivable, loans receivable, and loans to worker co-operatives. The Federation mitigates this risk by performing credit checks and therefore does not anticipate significant loss for non-collection. An allowance for doubtful accounts is established based upon factors surrounding the credit risk of specific accounts, historical trends and other information.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Federation has a comprehensive plan in place to meet their obligations as they come due - primarily from cash flow from operations.

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 rate risk, interest rate risk and other price risk. The Federation is mainly exposed to interest rate risk.

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. The Federation is exposed to interest rate risk on its fixed and floating rate interest bearing financial instruments which include restricted cash, loans receivable, and long term debt. Changes in the bank lending rates can cause fluctuations in cash flows and interest expense. The Federation does not use any derivatives to manage this risk.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		2021		2020
Accounts receivable Interest receivable Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$	13,120 236 -	\$	43,184 - (35,875)
	\$	13,356	\$	7,309
	Accounts receivable Interest receivable	Accounts receivable \$ Interest receivable	Accounts receivable \$ 13,120 Interest receivable \$ 236 Allowance for doubtful accounts -	Accounts receivable \$ 13,120 \$ Interest receivable \$ 236 Allowance for doubtful accounts -

5. INTERFUND BALANCES

Interfund balances are non-interest bearing, unsecured and have no set terms of repayment.

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6.	LONG	TERM	INVESTMENTS	S
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	2021	2020
Alberta Community and Co-operative Association	\$ 50	\$ 50
British Columbia Co-operative Association	10	10
Canadian Co-operative Investment Fund	100	100
CCIF Limited Partnership, accounted for using the equity		
method (Note 18)	32,492	29,340
Membership Shares Co-operators Group	1	1
Co-operative Management Education Co-operative	100	1,000
Connect First Credit Union	832	815
	\$ 33,585	\$ 31,316

7. LOAN RECEIVABLE

CCIF Limited Partnership loan receivable bearing interest at 4% per annum, repayable at the sole and absolute option of the CCIF Limited Partnership. The loan is unsecured, matures on December 8, 2022 and can be extended by an additional five years (Note 18).

Amounts receivable within one year

16,386 \$ 9,780	\$ \$	16,386	\$ 9,780
\$ 16,386 \$ 9,780		-	-
	\$ \$	16,386	\$ 9,780

2020

2020

2021

2024

8. RESTRICTED CASH

Restricted cash represents amounts held in trust for RRSP and TFSA deposits, the Mark Goldblatt Fund, and deposits for the Federation of Worker Co-ops of British Columbia (*Note 14*).

9. LOANS TO WORKER CO-OPERATIVES

	 2021	2020
Term loans Allowance for loan impairment	\$ 11,585 (2,317)	\$ 17,040 (4,127)
	\$ 9,268	\$ 12,913

Pursuant to the terms of the HRDC Pilot Project, loans are extended to qualifying co-operative businesses. Term loans bear interest at varying rates and are repayable in blended monthly installments over a five year term. Preferred loans bear interest at varying rates which accrue over the five year term of the loan. Accrued interest and principal are due and payable at the end of the term. There is a registered security agreement covering each loan.

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10. CREDIT FACILITY

The bank operating loan with Valley Credit Union is limited to \$20,000, bears interest at prime plus 1.75% and is secured by a General Security Agreement on the funds held in deposit at the Credit Union. At the balance sheet date, there are no advances on the credit facility.

11. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

	 2021	2020
Accounts payable Employee deductions payable	\$ 16,003 -	\$ 33,283 3,873
	\$ 16,003	\$ 37,156

12. DEFERRED INCOME

		Opening balance	С	ontributions received	-	Revenue cognized	Ending balance
RRSP fees Worker Co-op Academy Program	\$	14,650	\$	-	\$	65	\$ 14,585
(Note 18)		5,000		31,486		25,871	10,615
Business Succession Project		1,726		-		1,726	-
Membership dues		100		-		100	-
Technical Assistance Program		-		5,000		-	5,000
Conference sponsorship	_	-		1,500		-	1,500
	\$	21,476	\$	37,986	\$	27,762	\$ 31,700

2021

2020

30,000

30,000

13. LONG TERM DEBT

Connect First Credit Union Ltd. Canadian Emergency
Business Account (CEBA) term loan bearing interest at 0%
per annum, with no principal repayments required until
January 1, 2023. If 75% of the loan is repaid by December 31,
2022, the remaining balance of the loan will be forgiven.
Balances outstanding thereafter bear interest at the rate of 5%
per annum which is payable monthly. \$40,000 was advanced
in May 2020 and the loan is reflected net of the forgivable
portion. The balance is due in full on December 31, 2025.

\$ 30,000 \$

Amounts payable within one year

\$ 30,000 \$

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14. TRUST FUNDS PAYABLE

	 2021		2020	
RRSP deposits TFSA deposits Mark Goldblatt Fund FWCBC deposits	\$ 5,594,490 192,576 25,000 2,568	\$	4,048,984 130,225 25,000 2,568	
	\$ 5,814,634	\$	4,206,777	

The RRSP and TFSA deposits represent uninvested cash held on behalf of members. The Mark Goldblatt Fund is a bequest received during 2016 which is restricted for use in a cultural project. The FWCBC funds are being held in trust by the Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation until such time as the BC organization resumes operations.

15. GENERAL RESERVE

Pursuant to the Federation's Articles of Association, any surplus of the Federation is to be retained as a reserve and used only for the objects for which the Federation is established. No part of the reserve shall be payable to, or otherwise be available for, the personal benefit of any member of the Federation.

16. SHARE CAPITAL

Pursuant to the Federation's Articles of Association there is no legal share capital. The relationship among the members is that of a membership bond with rights and attendant limitations from time to time embodied in the bylaws of the Federation.

17. RETIREMENT PLAN

The Federation contributes to a defined contribution employer-matched retirement benefit group RRSP-TFSA plan. Contributions made to the plan and expensed in the current year total \$4,378 (2020 - \$0).

18. COMMITMENTS

In addition to the \$49,157 invested in and the \$16,386 loaned to the CCIF Limited Partnership, and subject to certain conditions, the Federation has made additional investment pledges from the Tenacity Works Fund totaling \$184,457 to the Canadian Co-op Investment Fund (CCIF) over a 2-year period.

The Federation has a lease with respect to its office premises which expires in December 2021. The future minimum lease payments (including HST) as at August 31, 2021 are \$2,123.

The Federation has a service agreement with respect to its investment administration services which expires in December 2023. The future minimum service fees (including GST) as at August 31, 2021 are \$32,760.

The Federation has undertaken a project entitled "Worker Co-op Academy Program" (*Note 12*) with various funding sources. The Federation has entered into numerous contracts with service providers in relation to this project, which include commitments amounting to \$47,577. At year-end, the outstanding obligation related to these contracts was \$22,188.

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19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Payments to member Co-operatives, Developer members, members of the Board of Directors or businesses owned by employees for contracts awarded:

	<u> 2021</u>		2020	
Aster Group Environmental Services Co-op	\$	-	\$ 1,790	
CanTrust Hosting Co-op		576	-	
Deep Hollow Print		2,400	-	
Hullabaloo Publishing (Prairie Dog)		-	172	
Hypha Worker Co-op		908	-	
Jessica Provencher		-	765	
Just Us! Coffee Roasters Co-op		-	172	
La Siembra Co-operative		-	255	
Réseau de la coopération du travail du Québec		5,460	1,035	
Rhythm Communications		20,918	8,415	

The Federation regularly engages in transactions with its members, who are considered related parties. Most of these transactions are undertaken in the normal course of operations, are reflected at the exchange amount, and are not disclosed separately. Other payments for contracts awarded to member Co-operatives, Developer members, and members of the Board of Directors are disclosed above. The Board of Directors has procedures in place to ensure that any relationship for contracts awarded to a member is equitable, legal, and financially responsible to both the Federation and the member co-operative.

20. DUES		
	 2021	2020
Regular Associate Regional Federation	\$ 22,242 7,800 1,500	\$ 13,587 8,000 1,500
	\$ 31,542	\$ 23,087

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21. OTHER INCOME (LOSS)

	2021		2020	
Fee for service contracts	\$	27,674	\$	4,474
Donations		623		82
Finders fees		2,021		1,539
Co-operative Development Program grant		-		11,000
CEBA loan forgiveness		-		10,000
Temporary Wage Subsidy (TWS)		-		4,486
Government of Canada - Enhancement of Official				
Languages Program grant		-		984
	\$	30,318	\$	32,565

The CEBA loan forgiveness, Temporary Wage Subsidy (TSW), and Enhancement of Official Languages Program grant, included above, have been received through government programs. These grants are not repayable provided the requirements of the programs continue to be met.

22. ALLOCATION OF SALARIES AND INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

As described in Note 2, salaries and wages are allocated proportionately on the basis of time spent.

	2021		2020	
Total salaries and wages Allocation to projects	\$	241,688 (98,142)	\$ 226,716 (82,136)	
	\$	143,546	\$ 144,580	

23. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

In the previous fiscal year, the Federation received a \$40,000 Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan, \$10,000 of which is forgivable if the remainder of the loan is repaid by December 31, 2022 (*Note 13*). The \$10,000 CEBA loan forgiveness was recognized in income in the previous year (*Note 21*) and is fully repayable over the extended term of the loan if this condition is not met.

24. IMPACT OF COVID-19

The outbreak of the novel strain of coronavirus, specifically identified as "COVID-19", has resulted in governments worldwide enacting emergency measures to combat the spread of the virus. These measures, which include the implementation of social and physical distancing, travel bans, and self-imposed quarantine periods, have caused material disruption to businesses globally resulting in an economic slowdown. Global equity markets have experienced significant volatility. Governments and central banks have reacted with significant monetary and fiscal interventions designed to stabilize economic conditions.

The duration and impact of the COVID-19 outbreak is unknown at this time, as is the efficacy of the government and central bank interventions. It is not possible to reliably estimate the length and severity of these developments and the impact on the financial results and condition of the Federation in future periods.