Consolidated financial statements of

Nisga'a Lisims Government

March 31, 2017

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Management's responsibility for financial reporting

The consolidated financial statements of the Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Government") and related information contained in these consolidated financial statements is the responsibility of management.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements and comply with the recommendations of the Public Sector Accounting Board ("PSAB") of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada and the Nisga'a Financial Administration Act of the Nisga'a Lisims Government, except as referenced to in note 12 of the consolidated financial statements. When alternative accounting methods exist, management has chosen those that are more appropriate. Where required, management's best estimates and judgments have been applied in the preparation of these financial statements.

The Government fulfills its accounting and reporting responsibilities through the Office of the Secretary Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer by maintaining a system of financial management and internal control. The systems are continually enhanced and modified to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are appropriately authorized and accurately recorded, to safeguard and control the Government's assets, and to ensure all transactions are in accordance with the Nisga'a Financial Administration Act.

Wilp Si'ayuu<u>k</u>hl Nis<u>g</u>a'a ("WSN") (the Government's legislative assembly), the Executive and the Finance Committee are responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting, and WSN is ultimately responsible for reviewing and approving the consolidated financial statements.

WSN, the Executive and the Finance Committee meet periodically with management, as well as the auditors, to discuss internal controls over the financial reporting issues, to satisfy themselves that each party is properly discharging their responsibilities, and to review the consolidated financial statements and the independent auditor's report. They take this information into consideration when approving the consolidated financial statements for issuance to the citizens of Nisga'a Nation. WSN, the Executive and the Finance Committee also consider the engagement of the external auditors.

Deloitte LLP performs an annual audit on the consolidated financial statements in order to express an opinion as to whether the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Government and the results of its operations, changes in its net financial assets and its cash flows for the year in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards for issuance to the citizens of the Nisga'a Nation.

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a of the Nisga'a Lisims Government

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Nisga'a Lisims Government, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2017, and the consolidated statements of operations and accumulated surplus, changes in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Nisga'a Lisims Government as at March 31, 2017 and the results of its operations, changes in its net financial assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Delotte LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants July 26, 2017 Vancouver, British Columbia

Consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus year ended March 31, 2017

	Budget		
	2017	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$
Revenue			
Fiscal Financing Agreement and related funding	66,105,664	65,663,536	63,230,432
Investment income	8,375,977	13,278,812	14,283,720
Tax revenue (Note 16)	4,993,927	2,493,439	9,544,384
Other revenue (Notes 17 and 20)	6,305,949	4,613,485	4,830,010
Share of commercial entities' revenue (Note 21)	-	1,595,630	3,074,991
Contribution from Lisims Fisheries Conservation			
Trust	550,000	550,000	550,000
Targeted funding - INAC	25,000	91,000	163,201
Share of business enterprise income (Note 7)	· -	90,175	536,592
	86,356,517	88,376,077	96,213,330
Expenses (Note 18)			
Nass Area strategy	1,711,582	1,986,111	6,969,479
Own source revenue taxation	2,677,526	2,622,110	6,664,275
Administration	7,777,741	7,725,185	5,869,831
Programs and services	7,003,037	6,400,496	5,791,628
Share of commercial entities' expenses (Note 21)	7,003,037		5,336,275
Governance	- 4,651,438	3,825,727 4,072,145	3,628,788
		3,050,522	
Fish, wildlife and migratory birds Lands and resources	3,330,639		2,834,613
	3,403,090	2,035,053	1,786,440
Settlement Fund	1,250,000	1,426,170	1,401,799
Elders payments	1,125,000	930,000	1,290,000
Amortization	1,120,500	1,493,680	1,153,054
Commercial development	423,000 34,473,553	422,989 35,990,188	1,053,696 43,779,878
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Transfers and operating grants			
Nisga'a Village Governments	24,389,957	25,746,435	25,612,786
Nisga'a Valley Health Authority	16,083,655	16,308,562	16,164,921
Nisga'a School Board #92	7,672,448	8,292,274	8,304,271
Nisga'a Urban Locals	2,021,215	1,966,616	2,008,712
Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a	1,015,604	934,532	794,802
	51,182,879	53,248,419	52,885,492
	85,656,432	89,238,607	96,665,370
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	700,085	(862,530)	(452,040)
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	244,531,343	244,531,343	244,983,383
Accumulated surplus, end of year	245,231,428	243,668,813	244,531,343

The accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements are an integral part of this consolidated financial statement.

Consolidated statement of financial position

as at March 31, 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Financial assets		
Cash (Note 5(a))	3,564,218	2,244,962
Accounts and loans receivable (Note 3)	3,165,225	2,532,410
Capital Finance Commission proceeds receivable	-	3,614,634
Designated cash (Note 5(b))	9,216,556	30,521,825
Designated investments (Note 5(c))	26,002,058	-
Designated trust funds (Note 6)	248,475,765	241,536,294
Investments in other entities (Note 7)	764,756	1,321,063
	291,188,578	281,771,188
Liabilities		
Bank indebtedness (Note 8)	189,737	140,824
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 9)	31,883,437	23,145,402
Deferred revenue and deposits received (Note 10)	3,076,304	3,074,034
Funds held for silviculture (Note 22)	1,806,076	1,629,767
Capital Finance Commission deferred revenue (Note 4)	34,858,417	33,786,473
Long-term debt (Note 11)	1,966,263	2,434,414
	73,780,234	64,210,914
Net financial assets	217,408,344	217,560,274
Commitments and contingencies (Note 15)		
Capital Finance Commission contingent asset (Note 15(b)(i))		
Non-financial assets		
Tangible capital assets (Note 12 and Schedule 1)	25,903,252	26,360,437
Prepaid expenses (Note 13)	357,217	610,632
	26,260,469	26,971,069

Accumulated surplus

On behalf of Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a

Member Member

244,531,343

243,668,813

Consolidated statement of changes in net financial assets year ended March 31, 2017

	Budget		
	2017	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	700,085	(862,530)	(452,040)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	1,120,500	1,682,010	1,240,415
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	(1,347,906)	(1,348,202)
Impairment of tangible capital assets	-	62,500	1,302,904
Disposal of tangible capital assets	-	60,581	3,057
Change in prepaid expenses	-	253,415	108,935
Increase (decrease) in net financial assets	1,820,585	(151,930)	855,069
Net financial assets, beginning of the year	217,560,274	217,560,274	216,705,205
Net financial assets, end of the year	219,380,859	217,408,344	217,560,274

Consolidated statement of cash flows year ended March 31, 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Operating activities		
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	(862,530)	(452,040)
Items not involving cash		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	1,682,010	1,240,415
Share of business enterprise income	(90,175)	(536,592
Impairment of tangible capital assets	62,500	1,302,904
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	60,581	3,057
	852,386	1,557,744
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Accounts and loans receivable	(632,815)	612,923
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	8,738,035	5,884,941
Deferred revenue and deposits received	2,270	1,821,056
Funds held for silviculture	176,309	5,312
Capital Finance Commission deferred revenue	1,071,944	(455,109
Prepaid expenses	253,415	108,935
	10,461,544	9,535,802
Capital activity	(4.247.006)	(4.040.000
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(1,347,906)	(1,348,202
nvesting activities		
Decrease (increase) in designated cash	21,305,269	(3,245,556
Increase in designated investments	(26,002,058)	-
Increase in designated trust funds	(6,939,471)	(12,685,843
Investments in other entities	646,482	(7,323
	(10,989,778)	(15,938,722
Financing activities		
Capital Finance Commission receivable	3,614,634	3,614,634
Repayment of long-term debt	(468,151)	(486,013
Increase in bank indebtedness	48,913	140,824
Advances from other entities	-	(32,675
	3,195,396	3,236,770
Net cash inflow (outflow)	1,319,256	(4,514,352
Cash, beginning of year	2,244,962	6,759,314
Cash, end of year	3,564,218	2,244,962
Supplemental cash flow information		
Interest paid	472,613	427,423
Interest received	2,997,247	3,230,398

The accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements are an integral part of this consolidated financial statement.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements

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1. Operating authority

The Nisga'a Lisims Government (the "Government") operates under the authority of the Constitution of the Nisga'a Nation and under the Nisga'a Final Agreement Act in Canada. The members of the Nisga'a Nation ratified a Final Agreement ("Agreement") on November 9, 1998. The Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia ratified the Agreement through the Legislature and the House of Commons enacting their respective Acts to give effect to the Agreement. The Agreement came into effect on May 11, 2000 in the area of the Nass Valley in British Columbia, Canada.

The Government comprises:

- (a) an elected Legislative House known as Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a through which the Nisga'a Nation enacts legislation and performs the duties, functions and obligations of Government;
- (b) an Executive which receives delegated authority from Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a and authority from the Constitution of the Nisga'a Nation to conduct the duties, functions, and obligations of Government; and
- (c) a Council of Elders which may advise the Government on traditional matters.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The consolidated financial statements of the Government are prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and in accordance with the Nisga'a Financial Administration Act of the Nisga'a Nation. The significant accounting policies are as follows:

(a) Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Government and organizations controlled by the Government. Organizations considered to be Government business enterprises are accounted for using the modified equity method. Under this method, the Government only reports its investment in and advances to and the net income or loss of the organization. Other Government organizations are consolidated in the financial statements after eliminating any intercompany transactions and balances.

Trust funds under the Government's control are incorporated directly into the Government's accounts while those not under the Government's control, or trusts administered on behalf of other parties, are excluded from the consolidated Government reporting entity.

Nisga'a Government is comprised of the Nisga'a Lisims Government, which represents the Nisga'a Nation, and the four Nisga'a Village Governments, which represent the four Nisga'a Villages. The Nisga'a Nation and the Nisga'a Villages are separate and distinct legal entities. In addition, there are three Nisga'a Urban Locals, which provide liaison and contact between Nisga'a Government and Nisga'a citizens ordinarily residing within the Nisga'a Urban Local Areas. These financial statements include the consolidated financial affairs of the Government and do not include the financial affairs of the Nisga'a Village Governments and Nisga'a Urban Locals that are separate legal entities. The following are the organizations included in the Government reporting entity and how they are accounted for in the consolidated financial statements:

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1014068 B.C. Ltd. (i) Lisims Communications Limited Partnership (i) 1014069 B.C. Ltd. (i) Nass Area Properties Ltd. (i) 1014071 B.C. Ltd. (i) Nass Area Properties Limited Partnership (i) 1014075 B.C. Ltd. (i) Nisga'a Interim Settlement Trust enTel Communications Limited Partnership (i) Nisga'a Fisheries Ltd. (i) K'alii Aks Construction Ltd. (i) Nisga'a Fisheries Limited Partnership (i) Nisga'a Pacific Ventures Ltd. (i) Lisims Backcountry Adventures Inc. (i) Lisims Backcountry Adventures Limited Partnership (i) Nisga'a Pacific Ventures Limited Partnership (i) Lisims Communications Inc. (i) Nisga'a Guide Outfitting Ltd. (i) K'alii Aks Construction Limited Partnership (i) Nisga'a Guide Outfitting Limited Partnership (i)

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(a) Principles of consolidation (continued)

Modified equity

Lisims Forest Resource Limited Partnership (i)

- (i) These entities are included in the Nisga'a Pacific Ventures Group.
- (b) Recognition of revenues and expenses

Government transfers from the federal and provincial governments that do not include stipulations are recognized as revenue when the transfers have been authorized, eligibility criteria have been met and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made. Government transfers with stipulations are recognized as revenue in the period the transfers are authorized, and eligibility criteria and stipulations are met.

Taxation revenues are recognized when authorized by the Government, the taxable event has occurred, and the definition of an asset is met.

Other revenues are accounted for in the period in which the transactions or events occur that give rise to the revenues. Funds from external parties and earnings thereon restricted by agreement or legislation are accounted for as deferred revenue until used for the purposes specified. Investment income is recognized on an accrual basis when earned.

Publicly traded equities received as consideration are recognized at the fair value when received or receivable.

Expenditures are accounted for in the period the goods and services are acquired and a liability is incurred or transfers are due.

Transfers to other governments are recognized as an expense in the period the transfer is authorized by the Government and all eligibility criteria, if any, have been met by the recipient.

(c) Accumulated surplus

Funds within the accumulated surplus include the following as provided for under Section 44(1) of the Nisga'a Financial Administration Act. These funds are not presented separately and are presented on a consolidated basis with any inter-fund balances and transactions eliminated, but are separated for the purposes of segmented reporting in Schedule 2.

(i) Government and Administration Fund

This fund consists of the operations and administration of general Government.

(ii) Commercial Fisheries Fund

This fund consists of the operations of the commercial fisheries programs under Schedule G of the Nisga'a Final Agreement.

(iii) Business Development Fund

This fund consists of the operations conducted under the Nisga'a Business Development Fund Act.

(iv) Capital Transfer Fund

This fund consists of the receipts and transfers of the capital transfer monies under the Nisga'a Final Agreement.

(v) Investment Fund

This fund consists of the Government's investments in various business and non-business ventures.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(c) Accumulated surplus (continued)

(vi) Tangible Capital Asset Fund

This fund consists of the tangible capital assets under the management of the Government. This includes tangible capital assets received as part of settlement and tangible capital assets constructed and acquired.

(vii) Capital Finance Commission Fund

This fund consists of the operations of the Capital Finance Commission under the Nisga'a Capital Finance Commission Act.

(viii)Land Title Assurance Fund

This fund is required under a Torrens title system and guarantees title in cases of fraud or error. The fund is used to compensate individuals who are deprived of their title.

(d) Cash, designated cash and designated trust funds

Cash and portfolio investments are recorded at cost, less any provision for impairment where investments are considered to be other-than-temporarily impaired.

(e) Foreign currency translation

Amounts denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollars at the prevailing exchange rate at year end and transactions are translated into Canadian dollars at the prevailing rate at the transaction date. Gains and losses arising from translation of foreign currency balances are recognized in the statement of operations in the period incurred.

(f) Loans receivable

Loans receivable are stated at the lower of cost and management's best estimate of net recoverable value. Valuation allowances, which are recorded to reduce loans receivable, are based on past events, current conditions and all circumstances known at the date of the preparation of the financial statements. Interest revenue is recognized when earned. Interest revenue is not accrued when the collectability of either principal or interest is not reasonably assured.

(g) Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost, except for contributed lands, natural resources and cultural resources which are recorded at a nominal value of \$1 each.

Tangible capital assets are amortized at the following rates and methods:

Buildings and mobile homes	4% and 5%	declining balance
Boats and vessels	7%	declining balance
Automotive	30%	declining balance
Machinery and equipment	20%	declining balance
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	20%	declining balance
Computer equipment	30%	declining balance
Communications infrastructure	12%	declining balance
Fibre optic network	25 years	straight line

Assets under construction are not amortized until they are brought into use.

When conditions indicate that a tangible capital asset no longer contributes to the ability to provide goods or services, or that the value of future economic benefits is less than its book value, the carrying value of the asset is reduced to reflect the decline in value.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(h) Income taxes

The fully consolidated entities of the Nisga'a Pacific Ventures Group (Note 2(a)) use the liability method of accounting for income taxes. Under this method, current income taxes are recognized for the estimated income taxes payable for the current year. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recognized for temporary differences between the tax and accounting bases of assets and liabilities and are calculated using tax rates anticipated to be in effect in the periods that the temporary differences are expected to reverse. The effect of a change in the income tax rates on deferred income tax assets and liabilities is recognized in operations in the period the change becomes substantively enacted. Deferred income tax assets are recognized to the extent that such benefits are likely to be realized.

(i) Employee benefits

Under the terms and conditions of employment, Government employees may qualify and earn benefits for annual leave, elective leave, severance and other benefits. The estimated liability for these benefits is recorded as the benefits are earned by employees. Severance liabilities are recorded when employees are identified for lay-off.

(j) Budgets

The budget figures are the appropriations approved by Wilp Si'ayuu<u>k</u>hl Nisga'a and the approved budgets for the consolidated entities, adjusted to eliminate transfers within inter-entity funds of the consolidated Government reporting entities. The budget figures represent the Government's budget for the year as approved by Wilp Si'ayuu<u>k</u>hl Nisga'a.

(k) Liability for contaminated sites

The Government recognizes and measures a liability for remediation of contaminated sites where:

- An environmental standard exists;
- Contaminated levels exceed the environmental standard;
- The Government is directly responsible or accepts responsibility;
- It is expected that future economic benefits will be given up; and
- A reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

The liability is based on the present value of the estimated costs directly attributable to the remediation and post-remediation activities.

(I) Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities for the reporting period. Significant estimates used in the preparation of these financial statements include the estimate of own source revenue liability and tax revenues. Where uncertainty exists under the terms of the Own Source Revenue Agreement, the government has based its estimates on interpretations that it considers to be reasonable in the circumstances. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and the differences could be material.

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3. Accounts and loans receivable

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Government funding and grants	550,777	277,655
Goods and Services Tax and PST	349,725	732,283
Other accounts receivable	1,285,852	1,268,598
Accounts receivable - Government businesses	918,942	233,204
Business Ioans - various terms	498,517	456,410
Fishers loans - various terms	247,877	247,877
Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government	279,230	282,078
	4,130,920	3,498,105
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(965,695)	(965,695)
	3,165,225	2,532,410

The loan to Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government is unsecured and bears interest at a rate equivalent to the Government's line of credit from a commercial bank.

4. Capital Finance Commission

Capital Finance Commission deferred revenue

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Deferred revenue, beginning of year	33,786,473	34,241,582
Interest and inflation adjustment earned	1,664,631	660,731
Eligible expenditures	(592,687)	(1,115,840)
Deferred revenue, end of year	34,858,417	33,786,473

Revenue is recognized when expenditures incurred meet the criteria under the terms of the fiscal financing agreement.

5. Cash, designated cash and designated investments

(a) Cash

During the year ended March 31, 2016, the Government's Executive approved funding in the amount of \$848,403 for each of the Village governments as an additional program under section 6 of the Nisga'a Capital (New Asset) Finance Commission Act to support existing and new housing programs on Nisga'a lands. Cash as at March 31, 2017 includes \$674,519 (2016 – 2,044,365) of the approved funding that had not yet been disbursed.

(b) Designated cash

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Capital Finance Commission Fund	8,856,359	30,204,161
Business Development Fund	360,197	317,664
	9,216,556	30,521,825

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5. Cash, designated cash and designated investments (continued)

(c) Designated investments

During the year ended March 31, 2017, the Government invested \$25 million of capital finance commission funds in bond and equity pooled funds managed by Phillips, Hager and North Investment Management. The cost and market value of the investments as at March 31, 2017 were \$26,002,058 and \$25,951,640, respectively.

6. Designated trust funds

Nisga'a Settlement Trust

The Trust comprises:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
(a) Interest bearing cash account with RBC Investor Services Trust(b) Portfolio investments held by RBC Investor Services Trust at	595,996	542,453
cost (market value \$300,456,258 (2016 - \$276,493,902))	247,879,769	240,993,841
	248,475,765	241,536,294

The Government has contributed funds to this Trust to hold, protect and grow a portion of Nisga'a Final Agreement proceeds for the future benefit of the Nisga'a Nation.

Total appropriations from the Nisga'a Settlement Trust to the Government and Administration Fund were as follows:

2007	5,506,421
2008	7,815,414
2009	7,040,000
2010	-
2011	3,699,288
2012	5,578,714
2013	5,245,217
2014	5,295,678
2015	6,277,156
2016	4,677,249
2017	4,997,333
	56,132,470

These Funds have been appropriated by the WSN as a result of approved cash management strategies. The Government may draw down these Funds at a future point in time, consistent with best practices related to strategic cash management, and subject to the Nisga'a Financial Administration Act. During the year ended March 31, 2017, a distribution of \$Nil (2016 - \$Nil) was made out of the Trust monies.

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6. Designated trust funds (continued)

Total distributions from the Nisga'a Settlement Trust are as follows:

2012	3,005,479
2013	6,845,000
2014	6,350,000
2015	4,300,000
2016	-
2017	-
	20,500,479

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7. Investments in other entities

			2017			2016
	Shares/			Shares/		
	units	Investment	Total	units	Investment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Lisims Forest Resource Limited Partnership	10,000	83,286	83,286	10,000	(6,889)	(6,889)
K'Alli Aks Construction Limited Partnership	-	-	-	1,000	646,482	646,482
Nisga'a West Coast Stevedoring (1999) Ltd.	1	-	-	1	-	-
Sim Gan Forest Corporation	19	19	19	19	19	19
Northern Native Fishing Corporation	1	1	1	1	1	1
Publicly traded equities	82,500	681,450	681,450	82,500	681,450	681,450
	92,521	764,756	764,756	93,521	1,321,063	1,321,063

Financial information for Government business enterprises is as follows:

	Assets	Liabilities	Net assets	Revenue	Expenses	Net income
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Lisims Forest Resource Limited Partnership	827,714	744,428	83,286	4,450,874	4,360,699	90,175
						2016
	Assets	Liabilities	Net assets (deficiency)	Revenue	Expenses	Net income (loss)
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
K'Alii Aks Construction Limited Partnership	1,384,828	738,346	646,482	4,888,125	4,131,808	756,317
Lisims Forest Resource Limited Partnership	665,093	671,982	(6,889)	3,784,891	3,894,961	(110,070)

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8. Bank indebtedness

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Bank indebtedness	189,737	125,000
Cheques issued in excess of cash on hand	-	15,824
	189,737	140,824

The Government has the following credit and borrowing facilities available:

- (a) A \$10,000,000 operating loan by way of prime rate less 0.25% loans or bankers acceptances;
- (b) A \$2,930,000 committed reduced term facility by way of a fixed rate term loan, floating rate term loan at prime rate less 0.25% or bankers acceptances;
- (c) A \$9,000,000 364 day committed revolving facility by way of prime rate less 0.25% loans or bankers acceptances; and
- (d) A \$9,000,000 committed term out provision facility by way of a fixed rate term loan, floating rate term loan at prime rate less 0.25% or bankers acceptances.

The facilities are secured by a general security agreement and the Government is required to maintain designated trust funds of not less than \$200 million.

As at March 31, 2017, the Government had drawn down \$Nil on these facilities.

Nisga'a Pacific Ventures Limited Partnership and Nisga'a Fisheries Limited Partnership each have a demand operating line of credit facility available of \$100,000 with a floating interest rate at prime. The line of credit facilities are secured by general security agreements.

9. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Own source revenue liability	22,618,201	19,996,091
Personal income tax revenues repayable	3,238,108	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities -		
Government businesses	2,109,924	359,304
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,969,679	1,242,435
Elective leave and vacation liability	1,085,512	1,041,961
GST revenues repayable	704,612	-
Payroll liabilities	157,401	452,207
Nisga'a Village Governments and Institutions	-	53,404
	31,883,437	23,145,402

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10. Deferred revenue and deposits received

Deferred revenue and deposits received consists of proceeds received for specific projects to be completed in the future and forestry bid deposits held. These amounts will be recognized in the period monies are used for the purpose specified.

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Deferred revenue and deposits received	2,958,319	3,056,547
Deferred revenue - Government businesses	117,985	17,487
	3,076,304	3,074,034

11. Long-term debt

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Demand loan at bank prime rate, repayable at \$37,233 per month		
plus interest of 2.45% per annum on the outstanding balance,		
secured by a general security agreement	1,966,263	2,434,414

Scheduled principal repayments required in the next five years, if otherwise not demanded, are as follows:

2018	446,800
2019	446,800
2020	446,800
2021	446,800
2022	179,063
	1,966,263

12. Tangible capital assets (Schedule 1)

	2017	2016
	Net book	Net book
	value	value
	\$	\$
Contributed land, natural resources and cultural resources	3	3
Land	634,931	634,931
Buildings and mobile homes	21,129,402	21,938,677
Boats and vessels	361,845	409,338
Automotive	469,564	375,076
Machinery and equipment	319,425	124,981
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	148,334	256,875
Computer equipment	88,580	139,724
Communications infrastructure	525,401	168,159
Fibre optic network	1,584,846	1,981,171
Construction in progress	640,921	331,502
· · · ·	25,903,252	26,360,437

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12. Tangible capital assets (Schedule 1) (continued)

Contributed land, natural resources and cultural resources are contributions from the Nisga'a Final Agreement that were recorded at \$1 each as a reasonable valuation of these assets was not available. This is a departure from the accounting required under Section 42 of the Nisga'a Financial Administration Act which requires that these assets be recorded at fair value. These assets include the following:

Lands	 Approximately 2,020 square kilometres of land comprising of 1,993 of Nisga'a lands in the lower Nass Valley and 27 of Category A and B lands held outside of Nisga'a lands A commercial recreation tenure
Natural resources	- Timber, subsurface minerals, limited water, fish and wildlife

Cultural resources - Heritage sites, artwork and artifacts

13. Prepaid expenses

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Prepaid expenses	312,916	577,920
Prepaid expenses - Government businesses	44,301	32,712
	357,217	610,632

14. Tax losses carried forward

The Nisga'a Pacific Ventures Group has incurred non-capital losses of \$3,728,915 (2016 - \$3,725,912) for tax purposes which are available to reduce future taxable income. Such benefits will be recognized in the period it is determined that they are more likely than not to be realized. These losses expire as follows:

2026	576,765
2027	613,990
2028	560,506
2029	761,981
2030	403,521
2031	286,766
2032	161,268
2033	110,791
2034	7,458
2035	241,528
2036	1,338
2037	3,003
	3,728,915

The Government has losses available for own source revenue purposes of approximately \$3,213,180 (2016 - \$1,894,000) which are available to reduce future own source revenue liabilities arising from commercial and investment activities. Such benefits will be recognized in the period it is determined that they are more likely than not to be realized.

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15. Commitments and contingencies

- (a) Commitments
 - (i) The Government enters into various contracts and agreements and is committed to various expenditures in the normal course of business.
 - (ii) The Government is committed to provide various programs and services and to conduct various activities under the Nisga'a Final Agreement. The cost of completing all of these activities is substantial, although the cost cannot be readily determined.
 - (iii) The nature of the Government's activities requires negotiation of contracts that are significant in relation to its current financial position and that may materially affect the level of future expenditures. These include contractual commitments pertaining to funding agreements with Nisga'a Village Governments, various Nisga'a institutions and various capital projects.
- (b) Contingencies
 - (i) Effective May 11, 2000, the Government entered into the first Nisga'a Nation Fiscal Financing Agreement (the "Agreement") with the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia for a five year period. A second Agreement was entered into on March 9, 2010 for a further five year period. The terms of the Agreement provide that every five years, or at longer intervals as agreed upon by the parties, the parties will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on a fiscal financing agreement by which funding will be provided to the Nisga'a Nation to provide agreed-upon public programs and services to Nisga'a citizens. Funding provided under the first and second Agreements include amounts for the replacement and maintenance of certain agreed-upon tangible capital assets. The Government expects to receive approximately \$82.8 million, plus inflationary adjustments, for these tangible capital assets under future Agreements, of which approximately \$13.7 million, plus inflationary adjustments, relates to Government owned assets.
 - (ii) The Government of Canada and the Government have set up the Lisims Fisheries Conservation Trust ("Trust") which is under the control of trustees independent from the Nisga'a Nation and the Government. The objectives of the trust are to promote conservation and protection of, to facilitate sustainable management of, and to promote and support Nisga'a participation in the stewardship of the Nass area fish species and stocks and the Nass area fisheries for the benefit of all Canadians. The trust financial results are not included in these financial statements. The Government received \$550,000 (2016 - \$550,000) from the Trust during the year.
 - (iii) The Government is contingently liable to banks for housing loan guarantees provided in the amount of \$2,000,000 (2016 - \$1,908,653) under housing programs, and for a guarantee in the amount of \$704,000 (2016 - Nil) to a bank for a loan to the Village of Laxgalts'ap.
 - (iv) Certain legal actions have been commenced against the Government in connection with various matters arising during the normal course of business activities. Management is of the opinion that the cost of settling and defending such actions will not be significant and, accordingly, no provision for losses has been reflected in these financial statements.
 - (v) Lisims Communications Limited Partnership is contingently liable to a cellular services provider for the cost of cellphone towers for an amount up to \$873,743 in the event that the minimum commitment of 800 lines is not met, and the cellular services provider requests payment of all or a portion of this amount, or chooses to amend the pricing included in the contract.

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16. Tax revenue

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Goods and Services Tax	422,637	1,616,571
Federal personal income tax	-	6,185,199
Provincial sales tax	602,003	561,369
Provincial personal income tax	400,556	872,910
Property taxes	1,068,243	308,335
	2,493,439	9,544,384

17. Other revenues

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Contract revenue	2,456,048	3,376,436
Other grants and contributions	1,960,946	763,212
Rental income	104,742	101,491
Stumpage and silviculture levies	72,457	166,849
Other	16,688	397,041
Levies, fees, permits and leases	1,306	24,981
Fish revenue	1,298	-
	4,613,485	4,830,010

18. Expenses by object

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Purchased goods and services	14,550,397	16,472,848
Compensation and training	12,951,782	10,851,582
Own source revenue taxation	2,622,110	6,664,275
Amortization	1,682,510	1,240,415
Travel, accommodation and related costs	1,462,008	1,256,842
Personal Income Tax Adjustment	965,834	-
Elders payments	930,000	1,290,000
Other grants and contributions	465,416	438,423
Urban housing and renovation grants	183,137	191,950
Other interest and bank charges	114,494	70,639
Impairment of tangible capital assets	62,500	1,302,904
Acquisition of guide outfitting certificate	-	4,000,000
	35,990,188	43,779,878

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19. Defined contribution plan

The Government participates in an individual defined contribution plan for its permanent employees. Permanent employees are required to contribute 5% of their earnings. An additional voluntary contribution up to 8% of earnings is permitted. The Government contributes amounts equal to the employee's required contribution of 5%. The Government contributed \$315,242 (2016 - \$280,091) to the plan during the year.

20. Related party transactions and balances

During the year ended March 31, 2017, the Government:

- (a) Charged Lisims Forest Resource Limited Partnership ("LFRLP") \$204,060 (2016 \$268,869) for stumpage fees related to logging rights given to LFRLP and silviculture levies;
- (b) Charged LFRLP a management fee of \$275,001 (2016 \$218,573);
- (c) Had an outstanding balance due to LFRLP of \$237,271 (2016 \$208,207) in relation to silviculture levies and royalties; and
- (d) Recognized a credit for LFRLP of \$Nil (2016 \$35,680) in respect of own-source revenue related to LFRLP's net income (loss) for the year.

The advances due from other entities are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed terms or repayment.

Amounts paid to and received from related parties were incurred in the normal course of business and are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount agreed upon by the transacting parties.

21. Commercial entities' revenue and expenses

							2017
				Guide		Nisga'a Pacific	
				Outfitting		Ventures	
		Nass Area		and		Limited	
	Fisheries	Properties	Telecom	Tourism	Construction	Partnership	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	242,554	17,850	620,289	292,798	153,956	268,183	1,595,630
Expenses	351,680	100,049	819,374	268,260	700,183	1,586,181	3,825,727
	(109,126)	(82,199)	(199,085)	24,538	(546,227)	(1,317,998)	(2,230,097)

						2016	
				Guide	Nisga'a Pacific		
				Outfitting	Ventures		
		Nass Area		and Limited			
	Fisheries	Properties	Telecom	Tourism	Partnership	Total	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Revenue	2,327,894	8,500	372,853	147	365,597	3,074,991	
Expenses	2,398,211	1,442,624	646,992	26,700	821,748	5,336,275	
	(70,317)	(1,434,124)	(274,139)	(26,553)	(456,151)	(2,261,284)	

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22. Funds held for silviculture

Under the Nisga'a Public Lands License ("License"), the Government receives a silviculture levy of \$3 per cubic metre in respect of timber harvested under the License or a Forest Development Plan or a road permit, including avoidable waste. The silviculture levies are maintained in interest bearing accounts in respect of each timbermark under which timber is harvested by Lisims Forest Resource Limited Partnership. As Lisims Forest Resource Limited Partnership performs its silviculture obligations under the Nisga'a Forest Act, it claims reimbursement from the applicable silviculture account.

Consolidated schedule of tangible capital assets - Schedule 1 year ended March 31, 2017

	Contributed land, natural resources and cultural resources	Land	Buildings and mobile homes	Boats and vessels	Automotive	Machinery and equipment	Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	Computer	Communications infrastructure	Fibre optic network	Construction in progress	Tota
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$
Cost												
As at April 1, 2016	3	634,931	30,524,996	938,355	1,252,280	404,317	798,322	872,344	709,135	2,063,717	1,187,600	39,386,000
Additions	-	-	149,830	-	228,385	226,912	-	3,430	379,349	- 2,000,717	360,001	1,347,906
Disposals	-	-	-	(4,000)	(6,000)		-	-	-	-	(50,581)	(60,581)
Disposais	3	634,931	30,674,826	934,355	1,474,665	631,229	798,322	875,774	1,088,484	2,063,717	1,497,020	40,673,325
Accumulated amortization			0 500 040	500.047	077 004	270 220		732,620	F 40 070	00 540	050 000	40.005.500
As at April 1, 2016	-	-	8,586,319	529,017	877,204	279,336	541,447	,	540,976	82,546	856,098	13,025,563
Additions Impairment	-	-	896,605 62,500	43,493	127,897 -	32,469 -	108,541	54,574	22,106	396,325	-	1,682,010 62,500
impainnent	-	-	9,545,424	572,510	1,005,101	311,805	649,988	787,194	563,082	478,871	856,098	14,770,073
Net book value,	_	_	3,343,424	572,510	1,003,101	511,005	043,300	101,104	303,002	470,071	000,000	14,110,013
March 31, 2017	3	634,931	21,129,402	361,845	469,564	319,425	148,334	88,580	525,401	1,584,846	640,922	25,903,252
	Contributed land, natural resources and cultural resources	Land	Buildings and mobile homes	Boats and vessels	Automotive	Machinery and equipment	Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	Computer equipment	Communications infrastructure	Fibre optic network	Construction in progress	Tota
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$
Cost												
As at April 1, 2015	3	634,931	30,524,096	938,355	1,179,545	384,336	679,614	773,363	698,135	-	2,272,424	38,084,802
Additions	-	-	900	-	119,739	19,981	118,708	98,981	11,000	-	978,893	1,348,202
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,063,717	(2,063,717)	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(47,004)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(47,004)
	3	634,931	30,524,996	938,355	1,252,280	404,317	798,322	872,344	709,135	2,063,717	1,187,600	39,386,000
Accumulated amortization												
As at April 1, 2015	-	-	7,279,315	477,953	909,603	149,875	516,715	669,741	522,989	-	-	10,526,191
Additions	-	-	860,198	51,064	11,548	129,461	24,732	62,879	17,987	82,546	-	1,240,415
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(43,947)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(43,947)
Impairment	-	-	446,806	-		-	-		-	-	856,098	1,302,904
	-	-	8,586,319	529,017	877,204	279,336	541,447	732,620	540,976	82,546	856,098	13,025,563
Net book value,	_											
March 31, 2016	3	634,931	21,938,677	409,338	375,076	124,981	256,875	139,724	168,159	1,981,171	331,502	26,360,437

Consolidated schedule of segment disclosure - Schedule 2 year ended March 31, 2017

	Government					Tangible	Capital	Land	Interfund	
	and	Commercial	Business	Capital		Capital	Finance	Title	eliminations	
	Administration	Fisheries	Development	Transfer	Investment	Asset	Commission	Assurance	on	2017
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	consolidation	Consolidated
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue										
Fiscal Financing Agreement and related funding	65,283,536	-	380,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	65,663,536
Investment income	13,246,470	366,000	32,342	-	-	-	-	-	(366,000)	13,278,812
Tax revenue	2,493,439	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,493,439
Other revenue	4,613,485	(49,553)	-	-	-	-	-	-	49,553	4,613,485
Share of commercial entities' income	-	-	-	-	1,595,630	-	-	-	-	1,595,630
Contribution from Lisims Fisheries Conservation Trust	550,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	550,000
Targeted funding - INAC	91,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91,000
Share of business enterprise income	-	-	-	-	90,175	-	-	-	-	90,175
	86,277,930	316,447	412,342	-	1,595,630	-	-	-	(316,447)	88,376,077
Expenses										
Nass Area strategy	1,986,111	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,986,111
Own source revenue taxation	2,622,110	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,622,110
Administration	8,041,632	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(316,447)	7,725,185
Programs and services	6,400,496	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,400,496
Share of commercial entities' expenses	-	-	-	-	3,825,727	-	-	-	-	3,825,727
Governance	4,072,145	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,072,145
Fish, wildlife and migratory birds	3,050,522	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,050,522
Lands and resources	2,035,053	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,035,053
Settlement Fund	1,426,170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,426,170
Elders payment	930,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	930,000
Amortization	-	-	-	-	-	1,493,680	-	-	-	1,493,680
Commercial development	1,492	61,030	360,467	-	-	-	-	-	-	422,989
·	30,565,731	61,030	360,467	-	3,825,727	1,493,680	-	-	(316,447)	35,990,188
Transfers and operating grants										
Nisga'a Village Governments	25,746,435	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,746,435
Nisga'a Valley Health Authority	16,308,562	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,308,562
Nisga'a School Board #92	8,292,274	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,292,274
Nisga'a Urban Locals	1,966,616	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,966,616
Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a	934,532	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	934,532
	53,248,419	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53,248,419
	83,814,150	61,030	360,467	-	3,825,727	1,493,680	-	-	(316,447)	89,238,607
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	2,463,780	255,417	51,875	-	(2,230,097)	(1,493,680)	-	-		(862,530

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	Government					Tangible	Capital	Land	Interfund	
	and	Commercial	Business	Capital		Capital	Finance	Title	eliminations	
	Administration	Fisheries	Development	Transfer	Investment	Asset	Commission	Assurance	on	201
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	consolidation	Consolidate
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	9
Revenue										
Fiscal Financing Agreement and related funding	63,004,887	-	225,545	-	-	-	-	-	-	63,230,432
Investment income	14,271,353	366,000	12,367	-	-	-	-	-	(366,000)	14,283,720
Tax revenue	9,544,384	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,544,384
Other revenue	4,830,010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,830,010
Share of commercial entities' income	-	-	-	-	3,074,991	-	-	-	-	3,074,991
Interest income on Final Agreement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Contribution from Lisims Fisheries Conservation Trust	550,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	550,000
Targeted funding - INAC	199,266	-	-	-	-	-	(36,065)	-	-	163,201
Share of business enterprise income	-	-	-	-	536,592	-	-	-	-	536,592
	92,399,900	366,000	237,912	-	3,611,583	-	(36,065)	-	(366,000)	96,213,330
Expenses										
Nass Area strategy	6,969,479	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,969,479
Own source revenue taxation	6,664,275	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,664,27
Administration	6,235,831	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(366,000)	5,869,83
Programs and services	5,791,628	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,791,62
Share of commercial entities' expenses	-	-	-	-	5,248,914	-	-	-	-	5,248,91
Governance	3,628,788	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,628,78
Fish, wildlife and migratory birds	2,834,613	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,834,613
Lands and resources	1,786,440	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,786,440
Settlement Fund	1,401,799	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,401,799
Elders payment	1,290,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,290,000
Amortization	-	-	-	-	-	1,240,415	-	-	-	1,240,415
Commercial development	-	275,103	778,593	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,053,696
	36,602,853	275,103	778,593	-	5,248,914	1,240,415	-	-	(366,000)	43,779,878
Transfers and operating grants										
Nisga'a Village Governments	25,648,851	-	-	-	-		(36,065)	-	-	25,612,786
Nisga'a Valley Health Authority	16,164,921	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	16,164,92
Nisga'a School Board #92	8,304,271	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	8,304,27
Nis <u>a</u> a'a Urban Locals	2,008,712	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	2,008,712
Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a	794,802	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	794,802
	52,921,557	-	-	-	-	-	(36,065)	-	-	52,885,492
	89,524,410	275,103	778,593	-	5,248,914	1,240,415	(36,065)	-	(366,000)	96,665,370
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	2,875,490	90,897	(540,681)	-	(1,637,331)	(1,240,415)	-	-	_	(452,040