

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES
OF ST. THOMAS AND ELGIN**

Financial Statements

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MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The accompanying financial statements are the responsibility of the management of Family and Children's Services of St. Thomas and Elgin and have been prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

These financial statements include:

- Independent Auditors' Report
- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Change in Net Financial Debt
- Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus
- Statement of Cash Flows
- Notes to the Financial Statements
- Schedule of Segment Disclosure

The Executive Director and the Manager of Finance are responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibility for financial reporting and is ultimately responsible for reviewing the financial statements before they are submitted to the Board for approval.

The integrity and reliability of Family and Children's Services of St. Thomas and Elgin reporting systems are achieved through the use of formal policies and procedures, the careful selection of employees and an appropriate division of responsibilities. These systems are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information is reliable and accurate.

The financial statements have been audited on behalf of the Members of Family and Children's Services of St. Thomas and Elgin by Graham Scott Enns LLP in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards.



Mr. Brian Flint
Executive Director



Ms. Samantha Smith
Manager of Finance

St. Thomas, Ontario
June 3, 2026



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of **Family and Children's Services of St. Thomas and Elgin** :

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **Family and Children's Services of St. Thomas and Elgin**, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2026, and the statement of operations and accumulated surplus, statement of changes in financial assets (net debt), and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the organization's financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at March 31, 2026, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted 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 organization 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 these 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 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 organization'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 organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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 auditor's 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 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.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted 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 organization'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 organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's 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 auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organization 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.

St. Thomas, Ontario

June 3, 2026


Graham Scott Enns LLP
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS
Licensed Public Accountants

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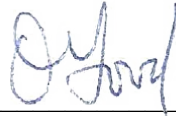
**Statement of Financial Position
As At March 31, 2026**

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash (Note 6)	-	330,505
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	16,990	1,096,093
Government remittances recoverable	<u>48,210</u>	<u>231,234</u>
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS	<u>65,200</u>	<u>1,657,832</u>
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES		
Bank indebtedness (Note 6)	316,580	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,102,319	1,217,848
Deferred revenue (Note 7)	<u>174,532</u>	<u>186,675</u>
TOTAL FINANCIAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,593,431</u>	<u>1,404,523</u>
NET FINANCIAL DEBT	<u>(1,528,231)</u>	<u>253,309</u>
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible capital assets (Note 4)	3,062,551	3,171,057
Prepaid expenses	<u>23,599</u>	<u>29,449</u>
	<u>3,086,150</u>	<u>3,200,506</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (NOTE 8)	<u>1,557,919</u>	<u>3,453,815</u>

On behalf of the Board:



Director



Director

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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**Statement of Change in Net Financial Debt
For The Year Ended March 31, 2026**

	(Note 9) Budget 2026 <u> </u> \$	Actual 2026 <u> </u> \$	Actual 2025 <u> </u> \$
ANNUAL (DEFICIT) SURPLUS	(2,047,511)	(1,895,896)	884,233
Amortization of tangible capital assets	108,506	108,506	121,095
Change in prepaid expenses	<u> -</u>	<u> 5,850</u>	<u> -</u>
CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL DEBT	(1,939,005)	(1,781,540)	1,005,328
NET FINANCIAL DEBT, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u> 253,309</u>	<u> 253,309</u>	<u> (752,019)</u>
NET FINANCIAL DEBT, END OF YEAR	<u> (1,685,696)</u>	<u> (1,528,231)</u>	<u> 253,309</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus For The Year Ended March 31, 2026

	(Note 9) Budget 2026 <u>\$</u>	Actual 2026 <u>\$</u>	Actual 2025 <u>\$</u>
REVENUES			
Ministry - Children, Community and Social Services	12,119,512	12,261,334	12,493,940
Children's special allowances	360,000	409,631	305,295
Maintenance and other	-	136,788	120,575
	<u>12,479,512</u>	<u>12,807,753</u>	<u>12,919,810</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and wages	6,601,447	6,300,083	6,509,586
Boarding rate payments	3,891,368	4,797,647	3,381,694
Employee benefits	1,787,069	1,625,856	1,719,939
Adoption subsidies	565,400	514,584	596,766
Clients' personal needs	278,233	324,631	188,091
Transportation	290,000	214,425	258,218
Building occupancy	240,000	162,109	335,887
Liability insurance and dues	182,000	159,400	179,081
Purchased service - client related	153,000	112,122	45,029
Amortization of capital assets	108,506	108,506	121,095
Office administration	140,000	98,553	143,657
Technology	100,000	92,393	125,045
Health and related costs	100,000	91,495	77,559
Purchased services - non-client related	60,000	54,624	53,894
Staff training and recruitment	25,000	42,979	76,029
Promotion and publicity	5,000	4,242	3,497
	<u>14,527,023</u>	<u>14,703,649</u>	<u>13,815,067</u>
DEFICIT BEFORE OTHER INCOME	(2,047,511)	(1,895,896)	(895,257)
Gain on sale of building	-	-	1,779,490
(DEFICIT) SURPLUS	(2,047,511)	(1,895,896)	884,233
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>5,233,301</u>	<u>5,233,301</u>	<u>2,569,578</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	<u><u>3,185,790</u></u>	<u><u>3,337,405</u></u>	<u><u>5,233,301</u></u>

See Note 12 for Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services Reconciliation Purposes

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows For The Year Ended March 31, 2026

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
CASH FLOWS USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Annual (deficit) surplus	(1,895,896)	884,233
Adjustments for non-cash items:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	108,506	121,095
Gain on sale of building	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,779,490)</u>
	<u>(1,787,390)</u>	<u>(774,162)</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	1,079,103	(18,002)
Prepaid expenses	5,850	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(115,529)	25,468
Government remittances recoverable	183,024	27,425
Deferred revenue	<u>(12,143)</u>	<u>(8,123)</u>
	<u>1,140,305</u>	<u>26,768</u>
	<u>(647,085)</u>	<u>(747,394)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds on disposal of capital assets	<u>-</u>	<u>2,091,101</u>
CASH FLOWS USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Building loan repayments	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,300,227)</u>
NET CHANGE IN CASH	(647,085)	(956,520)
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>330,505</u>	<u>1,287,025</u>
(BANK INDEBTEDNESS) CASH, END OF YEAR	<u>(316,580)</u>	<u>330,505</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended March 31, 2026

NATURE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Family and Children's Services of St. Thomas and Elgin (the "organization") is incorporated in the Province of Ontario, without share capital and without the purpose of gain for its members. Services provided by the agency include protecting children from abuse and neglect, counselling for families and children, providing foster and group home care for children and the placement and supervision of children with adoptive parents. The organization is classified as a registered charity under the Income Tax Act and is exempt from tax.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards and include the following significant accounting policies:

Accounting Estimates

The preparation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates are reviewed periodically, and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known.

In particular, the organization uses significant estimates when accounting for certain items, including:

- Useful lives of tangible capital assets
- Accrued liabilities
- Revenues and deferred revenue

Revenue Recognition

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

The organization is funded primarily by the Province of Ontario and in accordance with budget arrangements destabilised by MCCSS. The organization recognizes operating grants in the period in which they relate. Operating grants where a portion of the grant relates to a future period are deferred and recognized in the subsequent period.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Donations which have been specifically contributed for the purpose of offsetting current expenses incurred in the course of the care of individuals are recognized as current operating revenue.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Revenue Recognition (Continued)

Revenue related to user fees, income from services rendered and investment income is recognized when earned.

Deferred Revenue

The organization administers other non-child welfare programs funded by the Province of Ontario and other sources. Note 7 provides a summary of these other programs. Any unexpended funding for these non-child welfare programs as at March 31st is reported as deferred revenue on the Statement of Financial Position.

Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets consist of land, buildings and equipment and are recorded at cost. When an asset is sold or otherwise disposed of, the original cost and related accumulated amortization are removed from the accounts, and any gain or loss is recognized in earnings. The cost, less residual value, of the tangible capital assets, excluding land, are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

• Buildings	Straight-line over 40 years
• Roof	Straight-line over 20 years
• Furniture and equipment	Straight-line over 10 years
• Computer equipment	Straight-line over 3 years

Amortization begins the first month the asset is placed in service. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

Financial Instruments

The organization's financial instruments are measured as follows:

- i. Cash at fair value
- ii. Portfolio investments at fair value (if any)
- iii. Accounts receivable at amortized cost
- iv. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities at amortized cost
- v. Debt at amortized cost

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial Instruments (Continued)

Unrealized gains and losses from changes in the fair value of financial instruments are recognized in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses. When the restricted nature of a financial instrument and any related changes in fair value create a liability, unrealized gains and losses are recognized as deferred revenue.

All financial assets are tested annually for impairment. When financial assets are impaired, impairment losses are recorded in the statement of operations.

For financial instruments measured using amortized cost, the effective interest rate method is used to determine interest revenue or expenses. Transaction costs are a component of cost for financial instruments measured using cost or amortized costs. Transaction costs are expensed for financial instruments measured at fair value. Investment management fees are expensed as incurred. The purchase and sale of cash equivalents and portfolio investments are accounted for using trade-date accounting. The organization does not use foreign currency contracts or any other type of derivative financial instruments of trading or speculative purposes.

Contaminated Sites and Asset Retirement Obligations

The organization may be exposed to litigation or other costs of remediation due to contaminated properties or remediation of other tangible capital assets. If a legal obligation exists of remediation for a property or other tangible capital assets then the organization would be required to set up an estimated future cost and liability associated with these obligations. As at March 31, 2026 there were no properties or other tangible capital assets that the organization was responsible to remedy and as such no liability has been accrued.

2. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT RISKS

Risks and Concentrations

The organization is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of the organization's risk exposure and concentrations at the balance sheet date.

i] 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 risk, interest rate risk and other price risk. The organization is mainly exposed to interest rate risk.

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2. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT RISKS (CONTINUED)

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The organization is exposed to interest rate risk on its fixed rate long-term debt. As the interest rates are fixed the organization doesn't believe that interest rate risk is a significant risk.

ii] Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that a organization will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The organization is exposed to this risk in respect of its accounts payable and accrued liabilities and long-term debt. The organization doesn't believe that liquidity risk is a significant risk as no financial liabilities of the organization were in default during the period and the organization was in compliance with its building loan debt covenants during the year.

iii] 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 organization's main credit risks relate to its accounts receivable. The organization manages this risk by monitoring active receivable balances.

3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	2026	2025
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Trade receivable - OSW	16,990	19,554
Targeted subsidy and other ministry funding (Note 13)	-	1,057,660
Other receivables	<u>-</u>	<u>18,879</u>
	<u>16,990</u>	<u>1,096,093</u>

4. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	
			2026	2025
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Land - 99 Edward Street	78,000	-	78,000	78,000
Building - 99 Edward Street	3,895,568	1,011,065	2,884,503	2,981,892
Roof - 99 Edward Street	222,335	122,287	100,048	111,165
Furniture and equipment	215,411	215,411	-	-
Computer equipment	<u>64,873</u>	<u>64,873</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>4,476,187</u>	<u>1,413,636</u>	<u>3,062,551</u>	<u>3,171,057</u>

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5. REGISTERED EDUCATION SAVINGS PLAN HELD IN TRUST

The organization has received funds of \$849,101 (2025 - \$766,781) as part of the federal government Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB) program to be used to establish a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) for qualifying children under the age of six years old in the care of the organization.

These funds have been invested in accordance with the directions from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. When a RESP is opened, additional federal funding in the form of The Canada Education Savings Grant and a one-time Canada Learning Bond are deposited directly to the individual RESP. The CCTB and additional federal funding plus any income earned in the RESP are not reported in the Statement of Operations.

6. CREDIT FACILITY AGREEMENT

The organization maintains an operating line of credit with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce to a maximum of \$500,000. The line of credit facility bears interest at prime rate plus 0.25%. As at March 31, 2026, the organization had \$263,293 drawn on this operating line of credit.

7. DEFERRED REVENUE

	Revenues	Expenditures	Excess (Deficiency)	Balance at March 31,	
	\$	\$	\$	2026	2025
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Province of Ontario:					
Broader public service	7,290	7,290	-	-	-
Child & family					
Intervention	19,637	14,242	5,395	5,395	-
High risk infant protocol	-	219	(219)	4,673	4,892
Ontario Child Benefit					
Equivalent	87,860	69,713	18,147	84,972	66,825
Transitional Aged Youth	113,421	130,040	(16,619)	29,955	46,574
Education Liaison					
Program	93,318	93,318	-	-	-
	<u>321,526</u>	<u>314,822</u>	<u>6,704</u>	<u>124,995</u>	<u>118,291</u>
Elgin Children's' Foundation:					
Grants- special needs	14,080	13,223	857	6,714	5,857
Permanency funding	-	19,704	(19,704)	42,823	62,527
	<u>-</u>	<u>19,704</u>	<u>(19,704)</u>	<u>49,537</u>	<u>68,384</u>
Total	<u>335,606</u>	<u>347,749</u>	<u>(12,143)</u>	<u>174,532</u>	<u>186,675</u>

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8. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

The accumulated surplus consists of:

	2026	2025
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
SURPLUS		
General	(1,504,632)	282,758
Invested in tangible capital assets	<u>3,062,551</u>	<u>3,171,057</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	<u><u>1,557,919</u></u>	<u><u>3,453,815</u></u>

9. BUDGET

Public Sector Accounting Standards require a comparison of the results of the period with those originally planned on the same bases as that was used for actual results. The budgets in the statement of operations has been adjusted to be presented on consistent bases as actual results. Below is the reconciliation of the figures from the approved budget to the financial statements.

	2026
	<u>\$</u>
Ministry revenues	12,119,512
Other revenues	360,000
Budgeted expenditures	<u>(14,418,517)</u>
Budgeted Deficit - funded by balanced budget funded of previous years	(1,939,005)
Amortization	<u>(108,506)</u>
Budgeted Deficit - PSAB	<u><u>(2,047,511)</u></u>

10. BUILDING LOAN

The entire loan was repaid in the prior year, the total interest expensed on this loan during the prior year was \$129,433.

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11. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The organization has an accountability agreement for funding with the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services that expired March 31, 2016. This agreement is to remain in effect until it is replaced with a new agreement. Under the agreement the organization was in compliance with section 7.0 of the agreement which requires the organization to submit a plan for spending that shall not exceed the approved budget allocation. During the year, the Ministry has provided the organization with planning allocation funding for 2026-2027 of \$11,489,688.

12. RECONCILIATION FOR MINISTRY OF CHILDREN, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

	2026	2025
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
(Deficit) Surplus (Statement of Operations)	(1,895,896)	884,233
Reconciling items:		
Principal payment on long-term debt	-	(2,300,227)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	<u>108,506</u>	<u>121,095</u>
Deficit for Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services Reconciliation Purposes	<u>(1,787,390)</u>	<u>(1,294,899)</u>

13. BALANCED BUDGET FUND AND FUTURE ACCESS TO SURPLUSES

In 2013-14 the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (the "Ministry") announced the creation of the Balanced Budget Fund ("BBF") to support Children's Aid Societies ("CASs") in meeting the balanced budget requirement set out in Regulation 70. In 2021, the BBF funding model was updated in that 50% of the any surpluses generated, over the CASs existing deficit, are returned to the Ministry BBF to assist in funding other deficit CASs. The other 50% of the surplus is retained by the organization in it's own BBF and must be used within three years or they expire and would need to be repaid.

In order to be eligible to access these funds in a future year, the agency must meet two conditions: (1) the agency must have generated a prior year's surplus recovered in or after 2013-14; and (2) the agency requires additional funding to meet eligible expenditures.

The requirement to submit a balanced budget is set out in Section 12 of Ontario Regulation 156/18 of the Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017 and the organization has the flexibility to manage all eligible expenditures in the approved budget allocation.

As at the year end, the balance in the organization's had no balanced budget fund.

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14. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The organization makes contributions to the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement Fund (OMERS), which is a multi-employer plan, on behalf of its staff. The plan is a defined benefit plan which specifies the amount of the retirement benefit to be received by the employees based on the length of service and rates of pay. Each year, an independent actuary determines the funding status of OMERS Primary Pension Plan (the Plan) by comparing the actuarial value of invested assets to the estimated present value of all pension benefits the members have earned to date. The most recent actuarial valuation of the Plan was conducted December 31, 2025, and the results of this valuation disclosed actuarial liabilities of \$151.4 billion in respect of benefits accrued for service with actuarial assets at that date of \$150.1 billion leaving an actuarial deficit of \$1.3 billion.

Since any surpluses or deficits are a joint responsibility of all Ontario municipalities and their employees, the organization does not recognize any share of the OMERS Pension surplus or deficit in these financial statements.

Total contributions to the plan during the fiscal year for current service of approximately \$651,241 (2025 - \$673,743) and are included in "Employee benefits" on the Statement of Operations. OMERS contribution rates for 2025 and 2024 depending on income level and retirement dates ranged from 9% to 15.8%.

15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at March 31, 2026 certain legal actions are pending against the organization. The final outcome of the outstanding claims cannot be determined at this time. However, management believes that ultimate disposition of these matters will not materially exceed the amounts recorded in these financial statements.

Estimated costs to settle claims are based on available information and projections of estimated future expenses developed based on the organization's historical experience. Claims are reported as an operating expense in the year of the loss, where the costs are deemed to be likely and can be reasonable determined. No claim provisions are reported as a liability in the statement of financial position.

16. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures presented in the financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the presentation adopted in the current year.