

**The Nipissing 2013
Boundary Claim Trust
Financial Statements**
December 31, 2017

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Boundary Claim Trust
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Management's Responsibility

To the Chief and Council and Members of Nipissing First Nation:

The Trustees have the responsibility for the preparation and presentation of the accompanying financial statements and ensuring that all information in the annual report is consistent with the financial statements. This responsibility includes selecting appropriate accounting principles and making objective judgments and estimates in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Agreement.

In discharging its responsibilities for the integrity and fairness of the financial statements, the Trustees design and maintain the necessary accounting systems and related internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are authorized, assets are safeguarded and financial records are properly maintained to provide reliable information for the preparation of financial statements.

The Trustees provide services to the Trust and are responsible for financial reporting and for approving the financial statements. The Trustees fulfill these responsibilities by reviewing the financial information prepared and by discussing relevant matters with the Chief and Council of Nipissing First Nation and external auditors.

MNP LLP is appointed by the Trustees to audit the financial statements and report directly to the Members of Nipissing First Nation; their report follows. The external auditors have full and free access to, and meet periodically and separately with, the Trustees to discuss their audit findings.

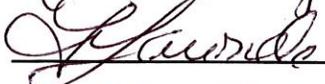
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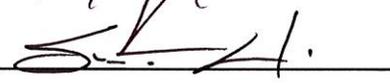
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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Trustees of The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust and the Chief and Council and Members of Nipissing First Nation:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2017, and the statements of operations and changes in trust equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Agreement, 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.

Auditors' Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audit is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust as at December 31, 2017 and the results of its operations, and changes in trust equity and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with financial reporting requirements of The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Agreement.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared by management to comply with the financial reporting requirements of The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Agreement. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Trustees of The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Trust, the Chief and Council and Members of Nipissing First Nation and should not be distributed to, or used by, parties other than the Trustees, the Chief and Council and Members of Nipissing First Nation.

Cambridge, Ontario

March 1, 2018

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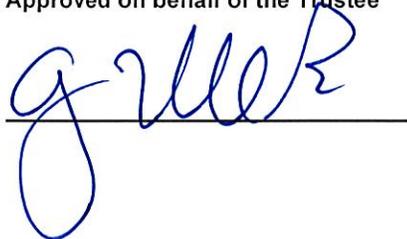
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Licensed Public Accountants

**The Nipissing 2013
Boundary Claim Trust
Statement of Financial Position**
As at December 31, 2017

	2017	2016
Assets		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	4,235,667	5,280,177
Accrued investment income receivable	398,392	220,343
	4,634,059	5,500,520
Investments (Note 3)	77,751,748	79,508,121
Loans receivable (Note 4)	5,737,460	1,543,000
	88,123,267	86,551,641
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued charges	103,367	121,609
Per Capita Distribution payable (Note 5)	500,000	640,000
Due to Nipissing First Nation (Note 6)	3,516,166	2,435,194
	4,119,533	3,196,803
Trust Equity		
Equity in trust fund	84,003,734	83,354,838

Approved on behalf of the Trustee



Trustee

**The Nipissing 2013
Boundary Claim Trust**
Statement of Operations and Changes in Trust Equity
For the year ended December 31, 2017

	2017	2016
Revenues		
Dividends	1,569,963	1,282,184
Interest	1,144,247	970,577
Realized gain on disposal of investments	2,647,419	1,570,182
	5,361,629	3,822,943
Authorized expenses		
Honorarium	10,259	9,200
Meetings	12,759	13,847
Professional fees	26,287	14,511
Travel	7,323	7,783
Trustees and investment management fees <i>(Note 7)</i>	465,126	557,316
	521,754	602,657
Excess of revenues over authorized expenses	4,839,875	3,220,286
Trust equity, beginning of year	83,354,838	83,442,982
Per capita distribution for minors <i>(Note 8)</i>	(674,813)	(873,236)
Annual income transfer to Nipissing First Nation <i>(Note 6)</i>	(3,516,166)	(2,435,194)
Trust equity, end of year	84,003,734	83,354,838

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**The Nipissing 2013
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Statement of Cash Flows**
For the year ended December 31, 2017

	2017	2016
Cash provided by (used for) the following activities		
Operating activities		
Excess of revenues over authorized expenses	4,839,875	3,220,286
Realized gain on disposal of investments	(2,647,419)	(1,570,182)
	2,192,456	1,650,104
Changes in working capital accounts		
Accrued investment income receivable	(178,049)	48,297
Accounts payable and accrued charges	(18,242)	30,635
Due to Nipissing First Nation	1,080,972	(1,178,771)
Per Capita Distribution payable	(140,000)	-
	2,937,137	550,265
Investing activities		
Per capita distribution for minors	(674,813)	(873,236)
Annual income transfer to Nipissing First Nation	(3,516,166)	(2,435,194)
Investments sold - net	4,403,792	2,871,976
Advances of loans receivable	(4,920,644)	(1,543,000)
Repayment of loans receivable	726,184	-
	(3,981,647)	(1,979,454)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(1,044,510)	(1,429,189)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	5,280,177	6,709,366
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	4,235,667	5,280,177

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**The Nipissing 2013
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Notes to the Financial Statements**
For the year ended December 31, 2017

1. Operations

Nipissing First Nation (the "First Nation") and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada ("Canada") entered into a Settlement Agreement to compensate the First Nation for receiving a smaller reserve than originally agreed upon in the 1850 Robinson Huron Treaty. As compensation for this settlement, Canada paid \$123,674,730 into a Trust Account governed by The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Agreement (the "Trust Agreement") established on May 30, 2013. Members of Nipissing First Nation gave assent and ratification to the terms of the Settlement Agreement and the Trust Agreement on October 2, 2013.

A corporate trustee will administer the Trust in accordance with the Trust Agreement and the Investment Policy for the Trust. The Trustees are responsible to invest the trust funds and pay the annual income to Nipissing First Nation as set out in the Trust Agreement for the long-term benefit of the First Nation.

The Trust Agreement provides specific provisions as to the procedures to be followed in the operation of the Trust.

2. Significant accounting policies

These financial statements are the representations of management, prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies set out below to comply with the financial reporting requirements prescribed by the Trust Agreement.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include highly liquid investments with a maturity less than three months. These investments are carried at cost which approximates market value.

Investments

Investments are recorded at cost. No provisions are made for any decline in value of the investments. Gains and losses are only recognized when realized.

Premiums and discounts on purchases of long-term bonds are not amortized to income over the terms of the bond, but are included in the cost of the investment and included in the determination of capital gains and losses at disposal or maturity.

Revenue recognition

Investment income is recorded using the accrual basis, in accordance with the Trust Agreement.

Transfers to Nipissing First Nation

The transfer of funds to Nipissing First Nation are recorded as equity transfers.

Authorized expenses

Authorized expenses are recorded using the accrual basis of accounting, in accordance with the Trust Agreement.

Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and reported amounts of revenues and authorized expenses during the fiscal year. Accrued charges are based on management's expectation of amounts payable for goods and services for which invoices were not received prior to the year end. These estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary they are reported in excess of revenues over authorized expenses in the year in which they become known.

Foreign currency translation

Transaction amounts denominated in foreign currencies are translated into their Canadian dollar equivalents at exchange rates prevailing at the transaction dates. Foreign exchange amounts affect the carrying cost of investments purchased. Current foreign exchange rates affect the reported market value of investments. At December 31, 2017, the rate used to translate the cost and market value of assets denominated in US dollars is 1.2545 (2016 - 1.3465).

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3. Investments

	2017		2016	
	Cost	Market	Cost	Market
Bonds	37,488,822	36,890,599	36,963,552	37,029,266
Canadian equities	15,402,124	19,805,528	16,018,545	19,676,901
US equities	15,168,604	21,455,654	17,887,193	23,437,510
International equities	7,899,568	10,638,578	8,638,831	9,689,061
Mutual Funds	1,792,630	1,792,631	-	-
Total	77,751,748	90,582,990	79,508,121	89,832,738

Included in Bonds are various Federal, Provincial and Corporate Bonds maturing from 2018 to 2029 (2016 - 2017 to 2029) with interest rates ranging from 0.50% to 6.80% (2016 - 0.75% to 6.80%).

4. Loans receivable

The loans receivable is comprised of the following:

	2017	2016
Nipissing Solar Promissory Note		
Loan receivable bearing interest at 3.7%, payable in annual installments of \$60,617, due August 31, 2036, secured by band council resolution.	816,816	1,543,000
Community Development Loan		
Loan receivable bearing interest at 3.7%, payable in annual installments of \$413,723, due May 24, 2037, secured by band council resolution.	4,920,644	-
	5,737,460	1,543,000

5. Per Capita Distribution in Trust

The Per Capita Distribution payable to Members of the First Nation totaled \$500,000 as at December 31, 2017 (2016 - \$640,000). Rather than being maintained in a separate account in trust, these unclaimed amounts have been reinvested until such time as the unclaimed amount is claimed by a qualifying member.

As per the Trust Agreement, unpaid Per Capita Distribution amounts remain a liability in trust until at least ten years after a member fails to claim their Per Capita Distribution allocation.

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6. Due to Nipissing First Nation

Pursuant to the Trust Agreement, the annual income of the Trust generated during each fiscal year shall be transferred to an account established and controlled by Nipissing First Nation. The annual income is calculated as the revenues realized from the Trust, including dividends, interest, and half of the aggregate of realized gains less realized losses carried forward, and authorized expenses.

	2017	2016
Dividend income	1,569,963	1,282,184
Interest income	1,144,247	970,577
Add: One-half of realized gains on disposal of investments	1,323,710	785,091
Less: Authorized expenses	(521,754)	(602,658)
	3,516,166	2,435,194

Nipissing First Nation is related to the Trust as it is the Settlor of the Trust. The amount due and payable to Nipissing First Nation, is unsecured, non-interest bearing and expected to be paid in the first ninety days of the next fiscal year.

7. Trustee and investment management fees

As outlined in the Trust Agreement, in return for providing corporate trustee and administrative services, Peace Hills Trust charges the Trust an annual corporate trustee fee of 0.40% per annum on the first \$10,000,000, 0.30% of the next \$10,000,000 and 0.06% thereafter on the balance of the average market value under administration.

The Trust engaged Mawer Investment Management Ltd. and Lincluden Investment Management Ltd. to be the investment managers.

Mawer Investment Management is charging the Trust an investment management fee of 0.50% per annum on the first \$10,000,000, and 0.30% thereafter on the balance of the average market value of assets it has invested on behalf of the Trust.

Lincluden Investment Management is charging the Trust an investment management fee of 0.45% per annum on the first \$10,000,000, 0.35% on the next \$15,000,000 and 0.03% thereafter on the balance of the average market value of assets it has invested on behalf of the Trust.

As at December 31, 2017, accounts payable and accrued charges include \$9,857 (2016 - \$9,655) for corporate trustee fees and \$83,509 (2016 - \$89,459) for investment management fees.

Total trustee and investment management fees paid are comprised of:

	2017	2016
Investment management fee - Lincluden	167,567	178,823
Investment management fee - Mawer	180,483	209,597
Corporate trustee fee - Peace Hills Trust	117,076	114,567
Investment supervision fee - T.E. Investment Counsel Inc.	-	54,329
	465,126	557,316

8. Per capita distribution for minors

Per capita distribution for minors is comprised of the Per Capita Distribution and an adjustment for inflation paid to 32 (2016 - 41) eligible members who reached the age of eighteen during the year.

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9. **Comparative figures**

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with current year's presentation.