

LEAGUE SAVINGS AND MORTGAGE
ANNUAL REPORT
2023

NEW HORIZONS



**LEAGUE SAVINGS
AND MORTGAGE**
A Credit Union Company

Purpose

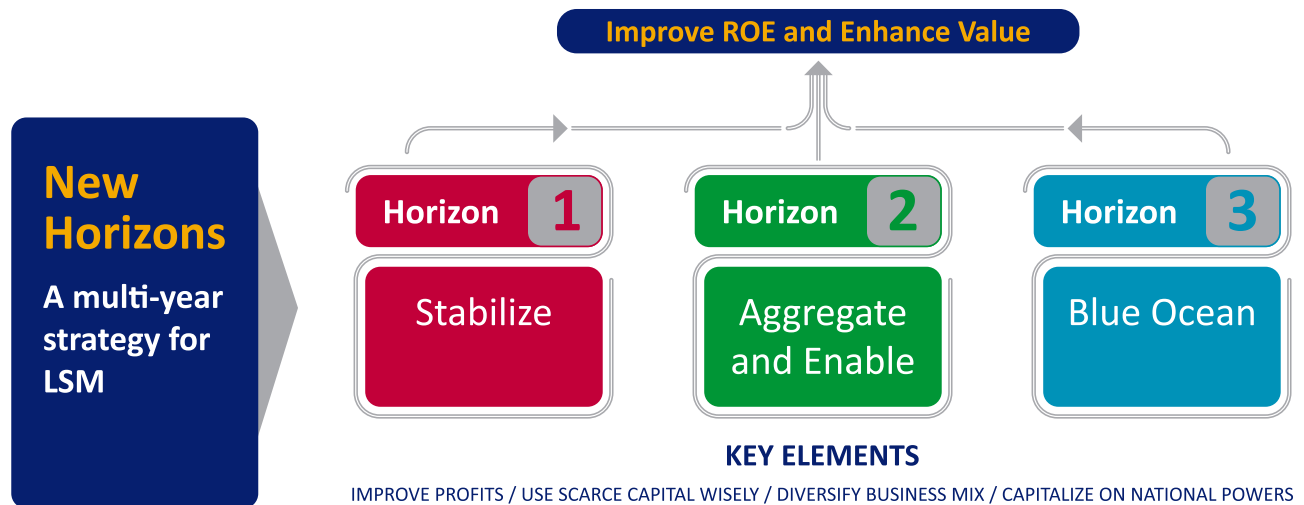
We are the Wholesale Financial Provider working with credit unions to enhance the success of the credit union system and its members.

Vision

We partner with industry leaders to create opportunities for the successful growth of the credit union system and the communities we serve.

Values

Our co-operative values drive our culture and how we do our business. We value honesty, trust, respect and collaboration in ourselves and our partners. To execute on our new strategy, we will also celebrate innovation, speed and intelligent risk taking.



League Savings and Mortgage launched a new strategy in 2023 to support the evolution of our business model.

Chair's Message

As I look back on League Savings and Mortgage's rich history as a credit union owned company and partner in supporting their success, I can't help but feel a renewed sense of excitement for what lies ahead. Success doesn't come without a commitment to change, and in 2023, League Savings launched a new roadmap to the future.

Reimagining League Savings business model was a strategic process designed to facilitate sustainable growth, fuel innovation, and optimize our operations. As a federally regulated financial institution we have a competitive advantage that enables us to explore opportunities outside of our own region to create value for our organization, credit unions, and their members. Our new strategy, aptly named New Horizons, consists of three phases of growth and the board is pleased with the progress and work completed to date. We successfully achieved the goals and objectives outlined in the first phase and made significant inroads into phase two which included the development of a credit union branded merchant services program called CU Pay. This new program, with a planned launch in the second quarter of 2024, is expected to create substantial profits without tying up regulatory capital.

Financially, League Savings performed ahead of budget despite margin compression, and the company continued to meet its objective of supporting credit union success. The syndication program, which has created significant value for League Savings and participating credit unions since its inception, has the potential to evolve beyond the Atlantic region. Discussions began in 2023 to explore expanding the program and we will continue consulting with external partners as we move forward with diversifying our business model in 2024. In addition, we will take a closer look at our securitization program in 2024 to increase our gains and make the best use of available capital.

Strong governance has always been a priority for League Savings' board of directors. Like many other organizations, the company's business has evolved over the years to remain competitive and sustainable. It is the board's responsibility to ensure the right skills, competencies, experience, and processes are in place to provide the oversight needed to successfully guide League Savings into the future. To that end, the board was pleased to support and fully participate in an independent review of the existing governance model beginning in 2022. Significant work was completed in 2023 in partnership with an



external consultant, including dozens of interviews with key stakeholders, surveys, workshops, and in-person meetings with credit union leaders. The board was presented with recommendations focused on evolving the governance model to support the complexities of our operating environment and League Savings' bold new strategic direction. This important work will continue in 2024.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank the management and staff of League Savings and Mortgage. The company made significant progress against its new strategy under Paul Masterson's first full year at the helm. With a strong team of employees whose commitment to company and credit union success is unmatched, League Savings is well-positioned to achieve its goals and objectives. I also want to recognize the complementary relationship with Atlantic Central in supporting the region's growth. Together, we will continue our transformational journey by fostering collaboration and inspiring change.

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George Smith, Chair
League Savings and Mortgage Company
Board of Directors

CEO's Message

As I reflect on 2023, the word resiliency resonates. The financial services industry has never been more complex, and there's no reason to believe that trajectory will change. For League Savings and Mortgage (LSM), and most organizations, to be resilient is the difference between simply surviving or thriving. Rethinking our business model to take advantage of new opportunities that have, until now, been outside our traditional lines of business, are key to our growth, success, and resiliency. A credit union owned company, LSM is a federally regulated financial institution and can expand its product and services offerings on a national level. This will enable us to be an even stronger and a more adaptable partner to credit unions.

Highlights

Financial Performance

LSM performed solidly despite the challenges resulting from the high interest rate environment, ending 2023 slightly ahead of budget and total assets (on-and off-balance sheet) reaching more than \$4B.

New Horizons Strategy

We launched a multi-year strategy in 2023 to support the evolution of LSM's business model. Consisting of three phases of growth, it will allow us to improve profits, use scarce capital wisely, diversify the business and capitalize on LSM's national powers. In addition, it will enable us to better meet credit unions' emerging needs. This new strategy positions LSM for a strong and sustainable future.

CU Pay

The New Horizons Strategy will enable LSM to expand its products and services to take advantage of the opportunities afforded it as a federally regulated financial institution. To this end, in 2024 we will launch our first national product, CU PAY. CU PAY is a credit union branded merchant services program, enabling credit union business members to accept debit and credit cards for payment. It was developed to address significant gaps that exist with current merchant services. This initiative has the potential to create tremendous financial value for both LSM and credit unions.

Governance Review

In 2023, an independent governance review was launched to ensure appropriate board oversight to support the company's evolving business model and address the increasingly complex regulatory requirements. The review consisted of extensive consultation with key stakeholders over a period of several months, culminating in a series of



recommendations provided by the external consultant. An implementation plan was developed in the fall of 2023 and work will continue in 2024 and 2025.

Securitization Program and Loan Syndication

Our securitization business has been a key component of our strategy for several years. In 2023, LSM generated \$36M in multi-residential loans resulting in returns of \$512K.

The regional Loan Syndication Program continues to create significant value for LSM and credit unions. Last year saw more than \$92M in new loan syndications with interest to participating credit unions totaling more than \$15M.

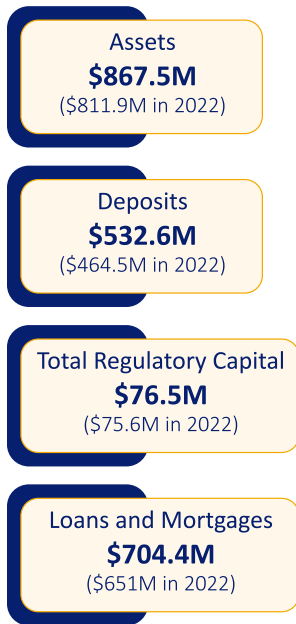
I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their guidance and support during my first full year as CEO. I also want to thank our employees for their dedication to LSM and credit unions. It's a privilege to work alongside them as we embark on an exciting new journey. Finally, we welcomed a new member to the Executive Leadership Team, Andrew Morash, in the role of Assistant VP, Operations. We have an exceptional team committed to LSM success. Together with our credit union partners, we are poised for a strong and sustainable future.

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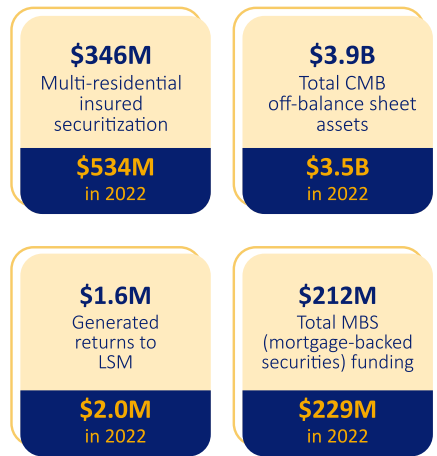
Paul Masterson
President and CEO

Highlights

Balance Sheet



Securitization Program



Multi-residential insured loans acquired from partners- **\$314M** = returns of **\$1.05M**

Multi-residential insured loans from LSM- **\$36M** = returns of **\$512K**

CU Pay

League Savings and Mortgage was pleased to announce a new merchant services program focused on members' needs offering a complete suite of payment acceptance solutions for businesses of all sizes. The purpose of CU Pay is to address the pain points members are experiencing with existing merchant services and to provide a solution for the gaps credit unions have identified with current referral options. CU Pay will be launched in Q2 2024 and will be available to all credit unions across Canada.



Syndication Portfolio

\$15M distributed to credit union partners by Atlantic Central and League Savings and Mortgage

\$7M distributed to other partners by Atlantic Central and League Savings and Mortgage

Better Equality

League Savings and Mortgage introduced Better Equality™, a market linked investment product with a 100% guaranteed principle, comprised of companies committed to gender equity and diversity policies. This product complements our existing "Better" family of socially responsible investment options.



First Home Savings Account (FHSA)

FHSA is an account designed to help credit union members save for their first home tax-free. Qualifying participants can contribute a maximum of \$40,000 over a 15-year period. Contributions are tax deductible and qualifying withdrawals are not taxed. This product was implemented across the Atlantic Provinces in 2023.

177 accounts opened at **19** credit unions



Management Team



Paul Masterson
President & CEO



Brenda Roberts-Harmon
VP, General Counsel
& Chief Risk Officer



Paul Paruch
VP, Digital & Payments



Don Noyes
VP, Finance &
Chief Financial Officer



Kim Walker
Chief Operating Officer



Andrew Morash
Assistant VP, Operations

Corporate Governance

Sound governance and ethical behaviour begins with our Board of Directors, which is accountable to our shareholder and assumes responsibility for the stewardship of League Savings and Mortgage Company (“League Savings”). The Board of Directors (“Board”) is responsible for overseeing the management of the business and affairs of League Savings with an objective of enhancing stakeholder value. Among its many specific duties, the Board approves strategic goals and business plans, sets policy to direct the overall operations of League Savings, provides advice, counsel and oversight to the President and CEO, oversees the ethical, legal, and social conduct of League Savings, oversees the risk management of League Savings, and reviews League Savings’ ongoing financial performance. The Board ensures that appropriate structures and procedures are in place to confirm its independence from Management.

Board Composition

The Board of Directors of League Savings consists of twelve Directors as follows:

- I. One Director nominated by Atlantic Central Class LSM shareholders in New Brunswick;
- II. One Director nominated by Atlantic Central Class LSM shareholders in Newfoundland and Labrador;
- III. One Director nominated by Atlantic Central Class LSM shareholders in Nova Scotia;
- IV. One Director nominated by Atlantic Central Class LSM shareholders in Prince Edward Island;
- V. One Director nominated by all Atlantic Central Class LSM shareholders;
- VI. One Director appointed by the LSM Board to fill the need for identified competencies; and
- VII. Six Directors appointed by the sole Common Shareholder, League Savings’ parent, Atlantic Central (“Central”).

As noted above, the Board appoints a director to fill the need for identified competencies. In March 2021, the Board appointed Corina Farbacher to fill this role for a three-year term.

The following individuals currently serve on the Board of Directors:

- George Smith, Chair
- Sally van de Wiel, Vice-Chair
- Danielle Boudreau
- Sherri Clark
- Corina Farbacher
- Martin Gillis
- Jim MacFarlane
- William Marr
- Gary O’Brien
- Carol Ripley
- William Timmons
- Thomas Vickers

The Board and each committee meet at least once each fiscal quarter, and the Board holds an annual strategic planning session. The Board meets at other times when matters requiring its approval or consideration are raised and it is not possible or prudent to wait for the next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board met five times in 2023.

Corporate Governance

Committees of the Board

The Board has established the following standing committees: Audit; Risk; Conduct Review; Co-operative Social Responsibility; Executive, Human Resource and Compensation; and Governance.

Audit, Risk and Conduct Review Committees: The Committees consist of at least four Directors, none of whom is an employee or officer of League Savings or Central. The Audit Committee is responsible for ensuring Management has designed and implemented an effective system of financial management and related internal controls. It reviews and reports on the audited financial statements and ensures compliance with certain regulatory and statutory requirements. It is also responsible for meeting periodically with internal and external auditors. The Risk Committee is responsible for ensuring Management has developed and maintains an effective Enterprise Risk Management Framework for evaluating the business strategies being used for the allocation of human resources, capital, and other resources. The Conduct Review Committee is responsible for ensuring League Savings has developed and adheres to ethical standards and sound business conduct in such areas as conflict of interest and related party procedures.

Committees Members: Corina Farbacher (Chair), Sherri Clark, William Marr, and Carol Ripley.

Co-operative Social Responsibility Committee: The joint Central and League Savings Co-operative Social Responsibility (“CSR”) Committee is comprised of at least one Director from each of Central and League Savings, and representatives from each of the Atlantic Provinces. The CSR Committee develops and supports clear and precise policy statements for consideration by the Board that help define our belief in social well-being and sustainability. The Committee recommends to the Board priorities for charitable giving and awards and recognition programs, and provides related oversight to these priorities and programs. In addition, the Committee ensures sustainability and environmental impacts are considered in the management of premises and operations.

(Joint) Committee Members: Gary O’Brien (Chair), Steve Blackwood (AC), Lisa Loughery (AC), William Timmons, Sally van de Wiel, and Thomas Vickers.

Executive, Human Resource and Compensation Committee: Its four members include the Board Chair, the Vice-Chair and two Directors elected at-large by the Board. This Committee is responsible for addressing matters between scheduled Board meetings that require immediate attention, for approving credit applications that are above management lending limits, and also acts as a Human Resources Committee.

Committee Members: George Smith (Chair), Sally van de Wiel (Vice-Chair), Sherri Clark, Corina Farbacher, and Jim MacFarlane.

Governance Committee: The Committee consists of at least four Directors and is responsible for reviewing and recommending changes to the governance structure of Central and for ensuring an effective governance system is in place, including a schedule for regular policy review and compliance. In addition, this Committee ensures Board decisions and positions are appropriately translated into documented policies. Policies developed by the Committee are forwarded to the Board for its consideration and approval. The Committee oversees the procedures for nominating and electing Central Directors to ensure compliance with Central’s By-laws, and resolves any issues or questions related to this process. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the Director evaluation process, Board competencies, and the ongoing training and development of Board members.

Committee Members: Martin Gillis (Chair), Jim MacFarlane, Paul MacNeill, and Camille Maillet.

Corporate Governance



George Smith, Chair



Sally van de Wiel,
Vice-Chair



Danielle Boudreau



Sherri Clark



Corina Farbacher



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Thomas Vickers

Mandate of the Board of Directors

While the Board's fundamental responsibility is to oversee the management of the business and affairs of League Savings, any responsibility that is not specifically delegated to the President and CEO remains with the Board. In particular, the Board oversees League Savings' strategic direction to ensure it serves the organization, Central's member credit unions, employees, and communities of New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. The Board assumes overall stewardship with respect to League Savings' purpose and values, its long-term objectives, and the approval of corporate strategies. Specifically, the Board is responsible for:

- o the evaluation of the President and CEO;
- o establishing and approving Board policies;
- o overseeing League Savings' internal control framework;
- o developing and approving League Savings' strategic goals and business plans;
- o providing advice to the President and CEO;
- o evaluating the Board's performance and overseeing the ethical, legal, and social conduct of the organization; and
- o reviewing the financial performance and condition of the organization.

Corporate Governance

Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings

The Board of Directors recognizes the importance of each individual Director’s participation at Board and committee meetings. Every Director is expected to attend all Board and committee meetings unless adequate cause is given for missing a meeting. The following table sets out the attendance of each Board member at Board and committee meetings throughout 2023:

Name	Board Meetings, Board Training and Board Planning	Audit, Risk & Conduct Review Committees	Co-operative Social Responsibility Committee	Executive, HR & Compensation Committee	Governance Committee
*George Smith	10/10	1/1	-	13/13	3/3
*Sally van de Wiel	10/10	-	2/3	13/19	2/4
*Jim MacFarlane	10/10	-	-	8/19	4/4
Danielle Boudreau	8/8	-	-	-	3/3
Sherri Clark	10/10	3/3	-	12/13	-
Corina Farbacher	10/10	3/4	-	12/13	-
Martin Gillis	8/8				4/4
William Marr	10/10	4/4	-	-	-
Gary O’Brien	10/10	-	4/4	-	-
Carol Ripley	10/10	4/4	-	-	-
William Timmons	10/10	-	4/4	-	-
Thomas Vickers	10/10	1/1	4/4	-	-

*Table Officer

Board Evaluations

As part of its commitment to ongoing development and improvement, the Board conducts an annual self-evaluation. This evaluates the Board’s effectiveness in the following governance areas: League Savings’ purpose and vision; strategic leadership; financial performance; internal controls and oversight, including financial oversight, risk oversight, and human resources oversight; co-operative social responsibility; compliance and accountability; stakeholder relations; Board functioning; Board and Management relations; and learning and development. The results of the evaluation are used to guide the training and development agenda for the Board in the upcoming year. In 2023, the Board added an independent evaluator component to the self-evaluation process.

Evolving Governance Practices

At League Savings, we recognize that our governance standards must not only evolve to respond to changes in our organization, the credit union system, stakeholder expectations and regulatory requirements, but also to ensure League Savings and its stakeholders receive the benefit of exceptional governance practices. The Board and Management continually monitor developments in corporate governance practices and are committed to ongoing training and development so League Savings can continue to lead the credit union system with its governance practices. Over the past several years, League Savings has increased its focus on diversity and inclusion. In 2023, the Board hired a consultant to perform an independent governance review, and the Board is now implementing the recommendations.

League Savings and Mortgage Company

Financial Statements
December 31, 2023
(expressed in Canadian dollars)

Management's Responsibility for Financial Statements

Management has the responsibility of preparing 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 International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS).

In discharging its responsibility for the integrity and fairness of the financial statements, Management designs and maintains the necessary accounting systems and related internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are authorized, assets safeguarded and proper records maintained. The Board has appointed an Audit Committee which reviews the annual financial statements with Management and auditors before final approval by the Board.

The federal regulator of financial institutions conducts examinations and makes such enquiries into the affairs of League Savings and Mortgage Company (League Savings or the Company) as they deem necessary to ensure the safety of depositors and to ensure that the Company is in sound financial condition. Their findings are reported directly to Management.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, the independent auditors, have examined the financial statements of League Savings in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and have expressed their opinion in the following report to the shareholder.



Paul Masterson, CPA, CA
President and CEO



Donald M. Noyes, CPA, CA
Vice President Finance and CFO



Independent auditor's report

To the Shareholder of League Savings and Mortgage Company

Our opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of League Savings and Mortgage Company (the Company) as at December 31, 2023 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS).

What we have audited

The Company's financial statements comprise:

- the balance sheet as at December 31, 2023;
- the statement of (loss) income for the year then ended;
- the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the statement of changes in shareholder's equity for the year then ended;
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

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 *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report.

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

Independence

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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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 IFRS, 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 Company'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 Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Auditor's 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.

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 Company'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 Company'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 Company 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.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Halifax, Nova Scotia
March 7, 2024

League Savings and Mortgage Company

Balance Sheet

As at December 31, 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		2,401,786	6,653,643
Restricted cash		3,239,933	5,206,791
Investments	6	36,832,693	26,282,256
Loans and mortgages	7	704,406,047	651,020,126
Accrued interest		2,119,165	1,510,339
Deferred tax assets	14	761,571	598,393
Securitization assets	8	101,272,358	112,984,050
Income tax receivable		178,541	1,450,917
Capital tax receivable		63,746	132,027
Other assets		16,263,868	6,018,954
		<u>867,539,708</u>	<u>811,857,496</u>
Liabilities			
Deposits	9	532,579,668	464,496,926
Accrued interest		10,973,331	4,809,612
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		7,090,609	6,535,412
Servicing liabilities		30,334,652	33,479,854
Mortgage-backed securities	8	212,499,199	228,845,888
		<u>793,477,459</u>	<u>738,167,692</u>
Shareholder's equity			
Capital stock	10	37,857,854	37,857,854
Contributed surplus		1,785,887	1,785,887
Retained earnings		35,364,821	35,399,099
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss)		(946,313)	(1,353,036)
		<u>74,062,249</u>	<u>73,689,804</u>
		<u>867,539,708</u>	<u>811,857,496</u>
Commitments and contractual obligations	13		

Approved on Behalf of the Board



Paul Masterson, CPA, CA
President and CEO



George Smith
Chair



Corina Farbacher
Director

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

League Savings and Mortgage Company

Statement of (Loss) Income

For the year ended December 31, 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Financial income			
Investment income		1,118,785	615,889
Interest on loans and mortgages		32,155,610	24,249,954
		<u>33,274,395</u>	<u>24,865,843</u>
Financial expense			
		<u>25,145,229</u>	<u>12,977,426</u>
Gross financial margin		8,129,166	11,888,417
Provision for credit losses		998,802	328,109
		<u>7,130,364</u>	<u>11,560,308</u>
Net financial margin		7,130,364	11,560,308
Securitization gains	8	1,567,562	2,012,509
Non-interest expense	18	(1,428,952)	(1,436,957)
		<u>7,268,974</u>	<u>12,135,860</u>
Operating expenses			
Management fees	12	4,344,723	5,298,818
Office expense		331,490	302,724
Democracy		284,452	370,234
Professional fees		268,423	206,741
Other expenses		215,149	169,252
		<u>5,444,237</u>	<u>6,347,769</u>
Operating income			
		<u>1,824,737</u>	<u>5,788,091</u>
Capital tax	14	1,867,948	1,804,702
Income taxes	14	(8,932)	1,155,197
		<u>(34,279)</u>	<u>2,828,192</u>
Net (loss) income			

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League Savings and Mortgage Company

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended December 31, 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Net (loss) income for the year		<u>(34,279)</u>	<u>2,828,192</u>
Other comprehensive income (OCI)			
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to income			
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on investments at fair value through OCI			
Net unrealized gains (losses) on mark to market investments		570,063	(1,937,787)
Reclassification of net realized losses (gains) to net income		2,787	-
Income tax expense	14		
On unrealized gains (losses) on mark to market investments		(165,319)	561,958
On reclassification of net realized losses to net income		(808)	-
Other comprehensive income (loss)		<u>406,723</u>	<u>(1,375,829)</u>
Comprehensive income		<u>372,444</u>	<u>1,452,363</u>

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

League Savings and Mortgage Company

Statement of Changes in Shareholder's Equity

For the year ended December 31, 2023

	Common shares \$ (note 10)	Contributed surplus \$	Retained earnings \$	Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) \$	Total equity \$
Year ended December 31, 2023					
Balance – Beginning of year	37,857,854	1,785,887	35,399,099	(1,353,036)	73,689,804
Net loss	-	-	(34,279)	-	(34,279)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	-	-	406,723	406,723
Comprehensive income	-	-	(34,279)	406,723	372,444
Stock dividend	-	-	-	-	-
Balance – End of year	37,857,854	1,785,887	35,364,821	(946,313)	74,062,249
Year ended December 31, 2022					
Balance – Beginning of year	36,715,987	1,785,887	33,712,774	22,793	72,237,441
Net income	-	-	2,828,192	-	2,828,192
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	-	-	-	(1,375,829)	(1,375,829)
Comprehensive income (loss)	-	-	2,828,192	(1,375,829)	1,452,363
Stock dividend	1,141,867	-	(1,141,867)	-	-
Balance – End of year	37,857,854	1,785,887	35,399,099	(1,353,036)	73,689,804

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

League Savings and Mortgage Company

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31, 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities		
Net (loss) income for the year	(34,279)	2,828,192
Charges (credits) to income not involving cash		
Loans and mortgages, net	(53,385,920)	(44,596,262)
Deposits, net	68,082,742	46,705,024
Loss on revaluation of interest rate swaps	573,900	-
Mortgage-backed securities, net	(19,491,891)	(5,076,875)
Interest receivable/payable, net	5,554,893	2,075,014
Income taxes receivable/payable, net	1,208,630	(1,325,303)
Deferred tax assets, net	(163,178)	1,155
Other items, net	1,580,102	(17,979,147)
	3,924,999	(17,368,202)
Investing activities		
Investments, net	(10,143,714)	660,440
Change in cash and cash equivalents during the year	(6,218,715)	(16,707,762)
Cash and cash equivalents – Beginning of year	11,860,434	28,568,196
Cash and cash equivalents – End of year	5,641,719	11,860,434
Cash and cash equivalents include		
Cash and balances with financial institutions	2,401,786	6,653,643
Restricted cash	3,239,933	5,206,791
	5,641,719	11,860,434
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information		
Interest received	32,651,494	24,488,195
Dividends received	14,075	13,250
Interest paid	18,981,510	10,538,014
Income taxes paid, net of refunds	847,664	1,917,386

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

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1 Reporting entity

League Savings and Mortgage Company (the Company) is incorporated in Canada under the Trust and Loan Companies Act (Canada). The Company is a member of Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation and is regulated by the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI). Its head office is located at 6074 Lady Hammond Road in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Company provides financial services to credit unions, their members and others.

The financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on March 7, 2024.

2 Basis of presentation

The financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars and have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS). The material accounting policies applied in the preparation of the financial statements are set out in note 4. The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments as indicated in note 4.

The Company presents its balance sheet on a non-classified basis. The following balances are generally classified as current: cash and cash equivalents, fixed income investments and loans and mortgages maturing within one year, other assets maturing within one year, borrowings, demand deposits, term deposits and mortgage-backed securities maturing within one year and accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

3 Changes in accounting standards

Adoption of New Accounting Standards

There were no changes in accounting policies during the year that had a significant impact on the Company.

Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2

The amendments require the disclosure of 'material' rather than 'significant' accounting policies. The amendments also provide guidance on the application of materiality to disclosure of accounting policies, assisting entities to provide useful, entity-specific accounting policy information that users need to understand other information in the financial statements. The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

Although adoption of the amendments didn't result in any changes to accounting policies, they impact the accounting policy information disclosed in the financial statements. Management reviewed the accounting policies and made updates to the information disclosed in note 4 Material accounting policies (2022 - Summary of significant accounting policies) in certain instances in line with the amendments.

Future changes in accounting policies

There are no changes in accounting policies, which have been issued but are not yet effective, that have a significant impact on the Company.

4 Material accounting policies

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and balances held with financial institutions.

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Restricted cash includes cash balances segregated and held with financial institutions for specific mortgage-backed securities (MBS) program clearing activities.

Financial instruments

The Company classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories: Fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL); fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI); or amortized cost. Management determines the classification of its financial instruments at initial recognition.

The accounting policies related to these financial assets and liabilities are as follows:

Measurement methods – Amortized cost and effective interest rate

The amortized cost is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortization, using the effective interest method, of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount and, for financial assets, adjusted for any loss allowance.

The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial asset or financial liability to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset (i.e. its amortized cost before any loan loss allowance) or to the amortized cost of a financial liability. The calculation does not consider expected credit losses (ECLs) and includes transaction costs, premiums or discounts and fees and points paid or received that are integral to the effective interest rate, such as origination fees.

When the Company revises the estimates of future cash flows, the carrying amount of the respective financial assets or financial liabilities is adjusted to reflect the new estimate discounted using the original effective interest rate. Any changes are recognized in net income.

Interest income

Interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of financial assets, except for financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired (or Stage 3), for which interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to their amortized cost (i.e. net of the ECL provision). Expenses incurred directly in the origination of loans and mortgages are deferred and recognized in the statement of income as a reduction to income of the expected life of the relevant loans and mortgages.

Initial recognition and measurement

The Company recognizes loans and mortgages on the date on which they are originated. All other financial instruments are recognized on the trade date, which is the date on which the Company becomes party to the contractual provision of the instrument. A financial asset or financial liability is measured initially at fair value plus, for an item not at FVTPL, transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue. Immediately after initial recognition, an ECL allowance is recognized for financial assets measured at amortized cost and investments in debt instruments measured at FVOCI, which results in an accounting loss being recognized in net income when an asset is newly originated.

When the fair value of financial assets and liabilities differs from the transaction price on initial recognition, the difference is deferred and the timing of recognition of deferred day one profit or loss is determined individually. It is either amortized over the life of the instrument, deferred until the instruments' fair value can be determined using market observable inputs or realized through settlement.

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Leases

The Company classifies a contract, or component of a contract, as a lease if it conveys a right to control the use of an identifiable asset for a period in exchange for consideration.

At inception, the Company classifies a lease that transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset as a finance lease. All other leases are classified as operating leases. When assets are held subject to a finance lease, the Company recognizes a finance lease receivable in the balance sheet representing its net investment in the lease. Interest income is recognized over the term of the lease using the implicit interest rate, which reflects a constant rate of return. For operating leases, the Company recognizes lease payments received as income on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Investments

The classification requirements for debt and equity investments are described below:

Debt instruments

Debt instruments are instruments that meet the definition of a financial liability from the issuer's perspective, such as loans and government and corporate bonds. The classification and subsequent measurement of debt instruments depends on the business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the asset.

Based on these factors, the Company classifies its debt instruments into one of the following two measurement categories:

- FVOCI: Financial assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling the assets, where the assets' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) are measured at FVOCI. Movements in the carrying amount are taken through other comprehensive income (OCI), except for interest revenue, ECL and reversals and foreign exchange gains and losses, which are recognized in income or loss. When the debt instrument is derecognized, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognized in OCI is reclassified from equity to income or loss. Interest income from these financial assets is included in interest on investments using the effective interest rate method.
- FVTPL: Assets that do not meet the criteria for amortized cost or FVOCI are measured at FVTPL. A gain or loss on an interest rate swap that is subsequently measured at FVTPL and is not part of a hedging relationship is included in interest on investments.

Business model

The Company considers the following in the determination of the applicable business model for financial assets:

- the business purpose of the portfolio, such as a focus on earning contractual interest income or a focus on matching the duration of the liabilities that are funding the assets;
- the risks that are being managed and the type of activities that are carried out on a day-to-day basis to manage the risks;
- the basis on which performance of the portfolio is being evaluated; and
- the frequency and significance of sales activity in prior periods and expectations about future sales activity.

The Company has established specific criteria for financial assets that are originated or acquired for the purpose of securitization in a subsequent period. If, at origination or acquisition, based on this established

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criterion, the financial asset is expected to be securitized as part of a portfolio that qualifies for derecognition, the business objective of holding the financial asset to collect contractual cash flows is not met. Such financial assets are measured at FVTPL. If the portfolio does not qualify for derecognition, the Company has elected to determine the business model based on the accounting result of the securitization. As such, the held-to-collect business model is considered to be met.

SPPI

Where the business model is to collect contractual cash flows, or to collect contractual cash flows and sell, the Company considers whether the contractual cash flows are consistent with a basic lending arrangement (i.e. interest includes only consideration for the time value of money, credit risk, other basic lending risks and a profit margin that is consistent with a basic lending arrangement). Where the contractual terms introduce exposure to risk or volatility that is inconsistent with a basic lending arrangement, the related financial asset is classified and measured at FVTPL.

The Company reclassifies debt investments when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes. The reclassification takes place from the start of the first reporting period following the change. Such changes are expected to be very infrequent and none occurred during the year.

Equity instruments

Equity instruments are instruments that meet the definition of equity from the issuer's perspective; that is, instruments that do not contain a contractual obligation to pay and that evidence a residual interest in the issuer's net assets. The Company elects to present in OCI changes in the fair value of certain equity instruments that are not held for trading.

Gains and losses on these equity instruments are never reclassified to income or loss and no impairment is recognized in income or loss. Dividends are recognized in investment income unless they clearly represent a recovery of part of the cost of the investment, in which case they are recognized in OCI.

Dividend income on investments is recognized when the right to receive income is established.

Impairment

The Company assesses on a forward-looking basis ECL associated with its debt instruments carried at amortized cost and FVOCI. The Company recognized a loss allowance for such losses at each reporting date. The measurement of ECL reflects reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date about past events, current conditions, and forecasts of future economic conditions.

Debt instruments carried at FVOCI are considered to have low credit risk; the loss allowance recognized during the period was therefore limited to 12-month ECL. Management considers 'low credit risk' to be, in the absence of evidence of an increase in credit risk, investments in government debt instruments and investments in financial institutions that have been designated as a domestic systemically important bank (D-SIB) or a global systemically important bank (G-SIB). Other instruments are considered to be low credit risk when they have a low risk of default and the issuer has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term.

Note 5 provides more detail on how the ECL is measured.

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Modifications of loans

The Company sometimes renegotiates or otherwise modifies the contractual cash flows of loans. When this happens, the Company assesses whether the new terms are substantially different than the original terms. The Company does this by considering, among others, the following factors:

- if the borrower is in financial difficulty, where the modification merely reduces the contractual cash flows to amounts the borrower is expected to be able to pay;
- significant extension of the loan term when the borrower is not in financial difficulty;
- significant change in the interest rate;
- change in the currency the loan is denominated in; and
- insertion of collateral, other security or credit enhancements that significantly affect the credit risk associated with the loan.

If the terms are substantially different, the Company derecognizes the original financial asset, recognizes a new asset at fair value and recalculates a new effective interest rate for the asset. The date of renegotiation is consequently considered to be the date of initial recognition for impairment calculation purposes, including for the purpose of determining whether a significant increase in credit risk has occurred. However, the Company also assesses whether the new financial asset recognized is deemed to be credit-impaired at initial recognition, especially in circumstances where the renegotiation was driven by the debtor being unable to make the originally agreed upon payments. Differences in the carrying amount are also recognized in net income as a gain or loss on derecognition.

If the terms are not substantially different, the renegotiation or modification does not result in derecognition, and the Company recalculates the gross carrying amount based on the revised cash flows of the financial asset and recognizes a modification gain or loss in net income. The new gross carrying amount is recalculated by discounting the modified cash flows at the original effective interest rate (or credit-adjusted effective interest rate for purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets).

Derecognition other than on a modification

A financial asset is derecognized when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset have expired, or the Company transfers the contractual rights to receive the cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay those cash flows to a third-party and the Company has transferred substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of that asset to a third-party. A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires.

The Company enters into transactions where it retains the contractual rights to receive cash flows from assets but assumes a contractual obligation to pay those cash flows to other entities and transfers substantially all of the risks and rewards.

These transactions are accounted for as "pass through" transfers that result in derecognition if the Company:

- has no obligation to make payments unless it collects equivalent amounts from the assets;
- is prohibited from selling or pledging the assets; and
- has an obligation to remit any cash it collects from the assets without material delay.

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Other financial liabilities, including borrowings and deposits, are initially recognized at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

Mortgage-backed securities

The Company securitizes insured residential mortgages through the creation of MBS under the National Housing Act Mortgage-Backed Securities (NHA MBS) program sponsored by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). All loans securitized under the NHA MBS program are required to be insured by the CMHC or a third-party insurer. The NHA MBS program utilizes a Central Payor and Transfer Agent (CPTA).

The MBS created under the program are sold to third-party investors (Market MBS) or to Canada Housing Trust (CHT), a CMHC sponsored structured entity, under the Canada Mortgage Bond (CMB) program.

In a Market MBS, the CPTA registers the NHA MBS and issues NHA MBS Certificates to investors, and CMHC provides a guarantee of the timely payment of amounts due to the investors. The MBS are backed by the residential mortgages and amortize in step with the mortgages underlying the security.

In the CMB program, the CHT aggregates NHA MBS from multiple issuers, financing the purchase of the NHA MBS through the issuance of securities to third-party investors.

The Company uses these securitization programs to diversify its funding sources.

With Market MBS, the Company typically continues to administer the loans securitized and is entitled to the payments received on the mortgages. At the same time, the Company is obligated to make the payments due on the issued MBS, including the investment yield due to the investors in the security, regardless of whether the Company has collected the funds from the mortgagor.

The Company also purchases pools of mortgages to sell into the CMB program. These mortgage pools are typically administered by a third-party mortgage servicer for a fee. For these pools, the Company is also entitled to the payments received on the mortgages and obligated to make the payments due on the issued MBS.

The CMB program requires the provision of replacement MBS securities to offset the declining balance of the underlying mortgages through principal payments. The CMB program also requires an interest rate swap agreement under which a Swap Counterparty pays the CHT the interest due to investors and receives the interest on the NHA MBS securities. For a fee, the Company has contracted with a third-party financial institution to take on the requirements to provide the replacement NHA MBS securities and to act as the swap counterparty.

Derecognition

The sale of mortgages through the NHA MBS program does not meet the requirements for derecognition if the Company has not transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the underlying mortgages. This occurs when it retains the prepayment, credit and interest rate risk associated with the mortgages. For sales of MBS that do not qualify for derecognition, the Company continues to recognize the underlying mortgages akin to pledged assets and the cash proceeds from securitization are recognized akin to secured liabilities as the mortgages are being pledged against the cash borrowed.

Securitization retained interests and servicing liabilities

In certain cases, the Company has purchased pools of mortgages for subsequent sale into the CMB program where the Company's exposure to risks and rewards from the securitized assets is quite limited. In these transactions, the Company retains the rights to the future excess interest spread and the liability associated with servicing the assets sold, with very little exposure to variable cash flows.

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The Company accounts for its retained interests and servicing liabilities on the balance sheet, in securitization assets and accounts payable and other accrued liabilities, respectively. During the life of the securitization, as cash is received, the retained interest and the servicing liability are amortized and recognized in the statement of income under interest on loans and mortgages and non-interest income (securitization expenses), respectively.

Gains on securitization

When these assets are derecognized, the gains or losses on the transactions are recorded in securitization gains and are dependent in part on the previous carrying amount of the financial assets involved in the transfer. The proceeds of the sale are allocated between the assets sold and the retained interests, based on their relative fair value at the date of transfer and net of transaction costs.

Deposits

Deposits are measured at fair value on recognition net of transaction costs directly attributable to issuance. Subsequent measurement is at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognized to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the revenue can readily be measured. The principal sources of revenue are interest and fee income.

Fee income, including account servicing fees, loan fees, discharge fees and administration fees are recognized as the services are provided.

Income taxes

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Current tax and deferred tax are recognized in net income except to the extent that it relates to a business combination, or items recognized directly in equity or in OCI.

Current income taxes are recognized for the estimated income taxes payable or receivable on taxable income or loss for the current year and any adjustment to income taxes payable in respect of previous years. Current income taxes are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. This amount is determined using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year-end date.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized where the carrying amount of an asset or liability differs from its tax base, except for taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill and temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss.

Recognition of deferred tax assets for unused tax (losses), tax credits and deductible temporary differences is restricted to those instances where it is probable that future taxable profit will be available, which allows the deferred tax asset to be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realized.

The amount of the deferred tax asset or liability is measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. This amount is determined using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year-end date and are expected to apply when the liabilities/(assets) are settled/(recovered).

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Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

In preparing the Company's financial statements, Management is required to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recorded in the period in which the estimate reversed if the revision affects only that period or in the period of revision and in future periods if the revision affects both the current and future periods.

Due to the uncertainty in this economic environment, developing reliable estimates and applying judgment remains difficult. Consideration is given to the several risks to the economic outlook of Canada, however, significant measurement uncertainty exists in determining ECLs and the forecasting of forward-looking information is subject to significant judgment.

The outlook for Canada is subject to several risks that could lead to an economic downturn, including persistent high inflation and further increases in interest rates, and an escalation of the conflicts in Ukraine and Israel. A significant housing market correction could also occur if monetary policy becomes overly restrictive to control inflation.

The Bank of Canada has increased the overnight rate by 475 basis points since March 2022, and the interest rate increases continue to slow consumer spending. Canadian housing and household indebtedness risks remain heightened in the current interest rate environment. Rapid population growth has supported consumer spending for essentials and demand for rental housing, however, discretionary purchases have started to weaken, and the excess of household savings accumulated during the COVID-19 pandemic has shrunk.

Concerns around elevated levels of Canadian household debt, which accelerated during the pandemic, could escalate if interest rates remain higher for longer, if the cost of living increases further, or if job losses increase significantly, potentially resulting in higher credit losses.

Continued interest rate increases or slowing economic growth could adversely impact housing market activity and housing prices, which could push loan-to-value (LTV) ratios higher and further increase credit losses.

The judgments and estimates that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the financial statements are decisions with respect to the fair value of financial instruments, the allowance for loan losses, the derecognition of loans and mortgages and income taxes.

Fair value of financial instruments

The determination of the fair value of financial instruments requires the exercise of judgment by Management. The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets at the balance sheet date is based on their quoted market prices. Where independent quoted market prices do not exist, fair value may be based on other observable current market transactions or based on a valuation technique that maximizes the use of observable market inputs.

For certain types of equity instruments, where no active market exists or where quoted prices are not otherwise available, fair value is considered to approximate par value based on the terms of those instruments. The Company continues to monitor these instruments for any indication that a new measure of fair value is available.

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ECL allowance

The Company reviews its loan portfolio to assess the ECL allowance for loans at least on a quarterly basis. The measurement of the ECL allowance for loans and debt instruments measured at amortized cost and FVOCI is an area that requires the use of complex models and significant assumptions about future economic conditions and credit behaviour (i.e. the likelihood of members defaulting and the resulting losses). Explanation of the inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques used in measuring ECL is further detailed in note 5.

A number of significant judgments are also required in applying the accounting requirements for measuring ECL, such as:

- determining criteria for significant increase in credit risk (SICR);
- choosing appropriate models and assumptions for the measurement of ECL; and
- establishing groups of similar financial assets for the purposes of measuring ECL.

The judgments, inputs, methodology and assumptions used for estimating the ECL allowance are reviewed regularly to reduce any differences between loss estimates and actual loss experience.

Derecognition of loans and mortgages

In determining whether to derecognize loans and mortgages, judgment is applied in determining whether the Company has transferred substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership in transferring the assets to another entity.

Income taxes

The determination of deferred tax assets or liabilities requires judgment as the recognition is dependent on projections of future taxable profits and tax rates that are expected to be in effect in the period the asset is realized or the liability is settled.

5 Risk management

The Company has an enterprise-wide approach to the identification, measurement, monitoring and management of risks faced across the organization. The Company manages significant risks efficiently and effectively through an Enterprise Risk Management Framework (ERM), which includes a comprehensive infrastructure of policies, procedures, methods, oversight and independent review, designed to reduce the significant risks and to manage those risks within appropriate tolerances for the Company.

Authority for all risk-taking activities rests with the Board, which approves the Company's Risk Appetite Statement and risk management policies, delegates limits and regularly reviews Management's risk assessments and compliance with approved policies. Qualified professionals throughout the Company manage these risks through comprehensive and integrated control processes and models, including regular review and assessment of risk measurement and reporting processes.

The various processes within the Company's risk management framework are designed to ensure that risks in the various business activities are properly identified, measured, stress tested, assessed and controlled. Internal Audit reports independently to the Audit, Risk and Conduct Review Committees of the Board on the effectiveness of the risk management policies and the extent to which internal controls are in place and operating effectively.

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Stress testing is a risk measurement technique that examines the potential effects on the Company's financial condition resulting from adverse economic, liquidity, credit, and/or financial market conditions. The Company's risk management processes include stress testing scenarios including exceptional but plausible adverse events that can impact the Company's financial results and capital requirements, the results of which are used to enhance its understanding of its risk profile, and to support its strategic decision making. Stress testing results are also explicitly incorporated into the Company's Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) and Capital Plan.

The Chief Risk Officer is responsible for the oversight of risk management across the organization and reports quarterly to the Risk Committee and the Board. The Management Risk Committee (MRC) is responsible for the review and evaluation of the financial risks and performance of the Company, including the management of:

- Credit risk
- Interest rate risk
- Investment portfolio
- Large exposures
- Liquidity
- Foreign exchange
- Derivatives
- Capital

The MRC reviews financial risk management policies, recommends changes to policies and procedures as appropriate, and monitors compliance with financial policies.

The Asset Liability Management Committee (ALCO) has been established to ensure the effective and prudent management of the Company's financial assets and liabilities. ALCO will achieve this by developing and implementing financial strategies and related processes consistent with the short and long-term goals set by the Board.

The Company's principal business activities result in a balance sheet that consists primarily of financial instruments. The key risks related to the Company's financial instruments are credit, liquidity and market risk.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the potential for loss due to the failure of a borrower, counterparty, endorser or guarantor to fulfill its payment obligation to the Company. Credit risk arises in the Company's direct lending operations and in its funding and investing activities where counterparties have repayment or other obligations to the Company. There is also credit risk in unfunded loan commitments. The Company has established policies and procedures for credit risk management, including individual counterparty limits and portfolio category limits relating to investment activities.

Management of credit risk requires prudent and conservative underwriting criteria administered by well-trained and experienced personnel. Credit risk management practices also include consistent and timely collection procedures, conservative analysis of property appraisals and a realistic credit allowance process to provide a regular evaluation of the loan portfolio. Credit policies are reviewed and approved annually by the Board. Management regularly reviews its credit procedures to ensure they provide extensive, up-to-date guidance for the underwriting and administration of all types of loans.

All loans are risk rated at the time of approval and may be subject to subsequent risk assessment based on factors such as loan type, amount, original risk rating and payment history. Loans with higher risk require more intensive analysis and higher levels of approval. The Credit Committee of the Board reviews all loans above the lending limits of Management.

The estimation of credit exposure is complex and requires the use of models, as the value of a product varies with changes in market variables, expected cash flows and the passage of time. The assessment of credit risk of a portfolio of assets entails further estimations as to the likelihood of defaults occurring, of the associated loss ratios and of default correlations between counterparties.

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The Company has developed models to support the quantification of the credit risk. These rating and scoring models are in use for all key credit portfolios and form the basis for measuring default risks. In measuring credit risk of loan and advances at a counterparty level, the Company considers three components:

- the probability of default (PD) by the borrower or counterparty on its contractual obligations;
- current exposures to the counterparty and its likely future development, from which the Company derives the exposure at default (EAD); and
- the likely recovery ratio on the defaulted obligations loss given default (LGD).

The models are reviewed regularly to monitor their robustness relative to actual performance and amended as necessary to optimize their effectiveness.

The classes of financial instruments to which the Company is most exposed to credit risk are cash, investments and loans and mortgages.

ECL measurement

IFRS 9, Financial instruments, outlines a 'three-stage' model for impairment based on changes in credit quality since initial recognition as summarized below:

- a financial instrument that is not credit-impaired on initial recognition is classified in 'Stage 1' and has its credit risk continuously monitored by the Company;
- if a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition is identified, the financial instrument is moved to 'Stage 2' but is not yet deemed to be credit-impaired; and
- if the financial instrument is credit-impaired, the financial instrument is then moved to 'Stage 3'.

Financial instruments in Stage 1 have their ECL measured at an amount equal to the ECLs that result from default events possible within the next 12 months. Instruments in Stages 2 or 3 have their ECL measured based on ECLs on a lifetime basis.

The key judgments and assumptions adopted by the Company in addressing the requirements of the standard are discussed below:

Significant increase in credit risk (SICR)

The assessment of SICR incorporates forward-looking information and is performed on a monthly basis at a portfolio level for all instruments held by the Company. A watch list is used to monitor credit risk; this assessment is performed at the counterparty level and on a periodic basis. The criteria used to identify SICR are monitored and reviewed periodically for appropriateness by Management.

The Company considers a financial instrument to have experienced a SICR when one or more of the following quantitative or qualitative criteria have been met:

- for consumer and residential loans:
 - contractual cash flow obligations are more than 30 days past due; and/or
 - available information at the reporting date indicates that the ability of the borrower to fulfill its contractual cash flow obligations will be reduced (i.e. using internal watch lists for monitoring the credit risk of borrowers); and

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- for commercial loans:
 - contractual cash flow obligations are more than 30 days past due; and/or
 - available information at the reporting date indicates that the ability of the borrower to fulfill its contractual cash flow obligations will be reduced (i.e. significant deterioration in risk rating, in short-term forbearance, early signs of cash flow/liquidity problems, adverse change in operating results, adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions in which the business operates).

The Company has used the low credit risk exemption for certain investment grade securities.

Definition of default and credit-impaired assets

The Company defines a financial instrument as credit-impaired when it meets one or more of the following:

- the borrower is more than 90 days past due on its contractual payments;
- the borrower is in long-term forbearance; and
- the borrower is insolvent or has filed for bankruptcy.

The criteria above have been applied to all financial instruments held by the Company and are consistent with the definition of default used for internal credit risk management purposes. The default definition has been applied consistently to model the PD, EAD and LGD throughout the Company's ECL calculations.

An instrument is considered to no longer be in default (i.e. to have cured) when it no longer meets any of the default criteria.

Measuring ECL — Explanation of inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques

The ECL is measured on either a 12-month or lifetime basis, depending on whether a SICR has occurred since initial recognition or whether an asset is considered to be credit-impaired. ECLs are the discounted product of the PD, EAD and LGD, defined as follows:

- PD represents the likelihood of a borrower defaulting on its financial obligation, either over the next 12 months or over the remaining lifetime of the obligation;
- EAD is based on the amounts the Company expects to be owed at the time of default, over the next 12 months or over the remaining lifetime; and
- LGD represents the Company's expectation of the extent of loss on a defaulted exposure. LGD varies by type of counterparty, type and seniority of claim and availability of collateral or other credit support. LGD is expressed as a percentage loss per unit of EAD. LGD is calculated on a 12-month or lifetime basis, where 12-month LGD is the percentage of loss expected to be incurred if the default occurs in the next 12 months and lifetime LGD is the percentage of loss expected to be incurred if the default occurs over the remaining expected lifetime of the loan.

The ECL is determined by projecting the PD, LGD and EAD for each future month and for each individual exposure or collective segment. These three components are multiplied together and adjusted for the likelihood of survival (i.e. the exposure has not prepaid or defaulted in an earlier month). This effectively calculates an ECL for each future month.

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The lifetime PD is developed by applying a maturity profile to the current 12-month PD. The maturity profile looks at how defaults develop on a portfolio from the point of initial recognition throughout the lifetime of the loans. The maturity profile is based on historical observed data and is assumed to be the same across all assets within a portfolio.

The 12-month and lifetime EADs are determined based on the expected payment profile, which varies by product type. For amortizing products this is based on the contractual repayments owed by the borrower over a 12-month or lifetime basis.

The 12-month and lifetime LGDs are determined based on the factors which impact the recoveries made post default. These vary by product type:

- for secured products, this is primarily based on collateral type and projected collateral values, historical discounts to market/book values due to forced sales, time to repossession and expected recovery costs; and
- for unsecured products, LGDs are typically set at product level due to the limited differentiation in recoveries achieved across different borrowers. These LGDs are influenced by collection strategies.

The assumptions underlying the ECL calculation, such as how the maturity profile of the PDs and collateral values change, etc., are monitored and reviewed on a quarterly basis.

There have been no significant changes in estimation techniques or significant assumptions made during the reporting period.

Collateral held and other credit risk enhancements

The Company employs a range of policies and practices to mitigate credit risk. The most common is accepting collateral for funds advanced. A valuation of the collateral obtained is prepared as part of the loan origination process. The principal collateral types for loans and advances are mortgages over residential properties and charges over business assets such as premises, inventory and accounts receivable. The Company's policies regarding obtaining collateral have not significantly changed during the reporting period and there has been no significant change in the overall quality of the collateral held since the prior period.

Assets obtained by the Company, by taking possession of collateral held as security against loans and advances, are included in other assets. The balance held as at December 31, 2023 was \$nil (2022 – \$229,962).

Management regularly monitors the Company's credit risk and reports to the Board on a quarterly basis.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity refers to the capacity to generate or obtain sufficient cash or its equivalent in a timely manner at a reasonable price to meet the Company's commitments as they fall due and to fund new business opportunities. Liquidity risk is the potential for losses to be incurred from holding insufficient liquidity to survive a contingent stress event.

In its role as a credit union service partner, the Company's primary financial role is to accept deposits from credit unions, their members and others, and to employ those funds to advance loans and mortgages to credit union members and others.

The Company has established policies to ensure that it is able to generate sufficient funds to meet all its financial commitments in a timely and cost-effective manner. In addition, a liquidity plan is prepared which forecasts the amount of liquidity required and the sources that will be used to fund those requirements. These policies and plans are annually reviewed and approved by the Board.

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The Company's liquidity management practices include:

- ensuring the quality of investments acquired for liquidity purposes meet very high standards;
- matching the maturities of assets and liabilities;
- diversifying funding sources;
- establishing and maintaining minimum liquidity reserves;
- monitoring actual cash flows on a daily basis;
- monitoring economic, market, and local trends and forecasting future cash flow requirements;
- utilizing lines of credit to fund temporary needs and selling or securitizing mortgage pools to meet longer term requirements;
- stress testing scenarios to determine the ability to withstand various unanticipated events; and
- contingency planning.

The Company's cash flows are most significantly impacted by its credit union corporate deposits. As such, its scenario testing focuses on increases in the redemptions of these deposits. The matching of the maturities of assets and liabilities is detailed in note 11.

Management monitors the Company's liquidity position daily and reports to the Board on a quarterly basis.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk of loss that results from changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity prices and commodity prices. Market risk exposures are managed through policies, standards and limits established by the Board, which are formally reviewed and approved annually. This includes limits on the mismatch of foreign currency assets and liabilities, and limits on the amount of equity investments permitted in the securities portfolio. The Company has no exposure to commodity prices.

The Company uses a variety of techniques to identify, measure and control market risk. Derivatives may be used only to offset clearly identified risks. The Company has developed standards regarding the use of derivative products.

Interest rate risk is the risk that a movement in interest rates will have on the financial condition of the Company. The Company's interest rate risk policies include limits on the allowable variation in forecasted financial margin due to interest rate changes. The Company manages and controls interest rate risk primarily by managing asset/liability maturities; however, off-balance sheet techniques such as interest rate risk contracts may be used to hedge against specific interest rate exposures.

The Company measures interest rate risk through a combination of gap and income simulation analysis monthly. Gap analysis measures the difference between the amount of assets and liabilities repricing in specific time periods. Income simulation models are used to measure interest rate exposure under various assumptions about interest rates, products, volumes and pricing. Sensitivity analysis of an interest rate increase or decrease of 100 basis points is disclosed in the table below.

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Earnings at risk over the next 12 months as at December 31:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
100 basis point increase	338,428	32,960
100 basis point decrease	(338,428)	(32,960)

Management provides quarterly reports to the Board on interest rate risk. The Board has established limits on the Company's maximum exposure to interest rate risk and the Company's earnings at risk were within this limit.

6 Investments

Debt instruments are carried at FVOCI. For equity investments, the Company has also elected to measure the investments at FVOCI.

	2023		2022	
	Cost	Market	Cost	Market
	\$	value	\$	value
		\$		\$
Government debt	38,018,844	36,581,093	28,041,257	26,023,406
Co-operative equities	100	100	100	100
Corporate equities	50,000	251,500	50,000	258,750
	<u>38,068,944</u>	<u>36,832,693</u>	<u>28,091,357</u>	<u>26,282,256</u>

7 Loans and mortgages

As at December 31, 2023, loans are presented net of ECLs. Loans are initially measured at fair value and are subsequently measured at amortized cost.

	Total loans	Allowance	Net loans
	\$	for credit	\$
		losses	
		\$	\$
2023			
Residential	431,734,065	772,787	430,961,278
Commercial	273,568,131	1,675,299	271,892,832
Commercial leases	1,894,670	858,062	1,036,608
Other	532,834	17,505	515,329
	<u>707,729,700</u>	<u>3,323,653</u>	<u>704,406,047</u>
2022			
Residential	406,538,934	561,984	405,976,950
Commercial	243,631,420	1,344,445	242,286,975
Commercial leases	2,348,462	406,282	1,942,180
Other	846,141	32,119	814,022
	<u>653,364,957</u>	<u>2,344,831</u>	<u>651,020,126</u>

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The following table is a summary of loans and mortgages by ECL impairment stage. Stage 1 represents those performing loans carried with a 12-month ECL, Stage 2 represents those performing loans carried with a lifetime ECL and Stage 3 represents those loans with a lifetime credit loss that are considered impaired. The gross carrying amount of financial assets below also represents the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk on these assets.

	Performing		Impaired	Total \$
	Stage 1 \$	Stage 2 \$	Stage 3 \$	
2023				
Residential	429,287,815	1,646,423	799,827	431,734,065
Commercial	273,568,131	-	-	273,568,131
Commercial leases	877,565	-	1,017,105	1,894,670
Other	531,831	611	392	532,834
	<u>704,265,342</u>	<u>1,647,034</u>	<u>1,817,324</u>	<u>707,729,700</u>
2022				
Residential	405,531,868	644,134	362,932	406,538,934
Commercial	243,535,714	-	95,706	243,631,420
Commercial leases	1,579,491	-	768,971	2,348,462
Other	843,303	1,449	1,389	846,141
	<u>651,490,376</u>	<u>645,583</u>	<u>1,228,998</u>	<u>653,364,957</u>

Loss allowance

The loss allowance recognized in the period is impacted by a variety of factors, such as:

- transfers between Stage 1 and Stages 2 or 3 due to financial instruments experiencing significant increases (or decreases) in credit risk or becoming credit-impaired in the period, and the consequent "step up" (or "step down") between 12-month and lifetime ECL;
- additional allowances for new financial instruments recognized during the period, as well as releases for financial instruments derecognized in the period;
- impact on the measurement of ECL due to changes in PD, EAD and LGD in the period, arising from regular refreshing of inputs to models;
- impacts on the measurement of ECL due to changes made to models and assumptions;
- discount unwinding within ECL due to the passage of time, as ECL is measured on a present value basis; and
- financial assets derecognized during the period and the write-offs of allowances related to assets that were written off during the period.

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The following table presents the reconciliation of allowances for credit losses for each loan category according to ECL impairment stage:

	Performing		Impaired	Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Residential				
Balance as at December 31, 2022	553,339	3,866	4,779	561,984
Transfer to (from)				
Stage 1	(26,433)	4,436	21,998	1
Stage 2	2,954	(2,954)	-	-
Recoveries	-	-	-	-
Remeasurement	214,429	(111)	(3,516)	210,802
Balance as at December 31, 2023	744,289	5,237	23,261	772,787
Commercial				
Balance as at December 31, 2022	1,344,445	-	-	1,344,445
Transfer to (from)				
Stage 1	-	-	-	-
Stage 2	-	-	-	-
Gross write-offs	-	-	(23,121)	(23,121)
Recoveries	-	-	2,700	2,700
Remeasurement ^(a)	330,854	-	20,421	351,275
Balance as at December 31, 2023	1,675,299	-	-	1,675,299
Commercial leases				
Balance as at December 31, 2022	21,797	-	384,485	406,282
Transfer to (from)				
Stage 1	(14,411)	-	14,411	-
Stage 2	-	-	-	-
Gross write-offs	-	-	-	-
Recoveries	-	-	-	-
Remeasurement ^(a)	3,672	-	448,108	451,779
Balance as at December 31, 2023	11,058	-	847,004	858,062
Other				
Balance as at December 31, 2022	29,949	781	1,389	32,119
Transfer to (from)				
Stage 1	-	-	-	-
Stage 2	-	-	-	-
Gross write-offs	(6,985)	(186)	(278)	(7,449)
Recoveries	7,437	198	296	7,931
Remeasurement ^(a)	(13,567)	(493)	(1,037)	(15,096)
Balance as at December 31, 2023	16,834	301	370	17,505
Total allowance as at December 31, 2023	2,447,480	5,537	870,636	3,323,653

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	Performing		Impaired	Total \$
	Stage 1 \$	Stage 2 \$	Stage 3 \$	
Residential				
Balance as at December 31, 2021	467,974	6,246	734	474,954
Transfer to (from)				
Stage 1	(27,336)	3,199	24,138	-
Stage 2	2,594	(2,594)	-	-
Recoveries	-	-	9,631	9,631
Remeasurement	110,108	(2,985)	(29,723)	77,400
Balance as at December 31, 2022	553,339	3,866	4,779	561,984
Commercial				
Balance as at December 31, 2021	1,400,990	-	-	1,400,990
Transfer to (from)				
Stage 1	1,039	-	(1,039)	-
Stage 2	-	-	-	-
Gross write-offs	-	-	(4,427)	(4,427)
Recoveries	-	-	15,000	15,000
Remeasurement ^(a)	(57,584)	-	(9,534)	(67,117)
Balance as at December 31, 2022	1,344,445	-	-	1,344,445
Commercial leases				
Balance as at December 31, 2021	50,288	-	-	50,288
Transfer to (from)				
Stage 1	(367,493)	-	367,493	-
Stage 2	-	-	-	-
Gross write-offs	-	-	-	-
Recoveries	-	-	-	-
Remeasurement ^(a)	339,002	-	16,992	355,994
Balance as at December 31, 2022	21,797	-	384,485	406,282
Other				
Balance as at December 31, 2021	68,386	1,312	937	70,635
Transfer to (from)				
Stage 1	-	-	-	-
Stage 2	-	-	-	-
Gross write-offs	(9,385)	(263)	(369)	(10,017)
Recoveries	8,736	245	343	9,324
Remeasurement ^(a)	(37,788)	(512)	478	(37,823)
Balance as at December 31, 2022	29,949	781	1,389	32,119
Total allowance as at December 31, 2022	1,949,530	4,647	390,653	2,344,831

(a) Remeasurement includes changes in the allowance related to purchases and originations, derecognition and maturities, partial repayments and additional draws on existing facilities, and changes in estimates relating to the costs and the value of collateral reflected in the realizable value of a loan.

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The Company closely monitors collateral held for financial assets considered to be credit-impaired, as it becomes more likely that the Company will take possession of collateral to mitigate potential credit losses.

Financial assets that are credit-impaired as at December 31 and the related collateral held are shown below:

	2023		
	Balance	Collateral	Allowance
	\$	value	\$
		\$	
Residential	799,827	896,000	23,261
Commercial leases	1,017,105	162,000	847,004
Other	392	-	370
	<u>1,817,324</u>	<u>1,058,000</u>	<u>870,635</u>
	2022		
	Balance	Collateral	Allowance
	\$	value	\$
		\$	
Residential	362,932	470,350	4,779
Commercial	95,706	399,000	-
Commercial leases	768,971	384,485	384,485
Other	1,389	-	1,389
	<u>1,228,998</u>	<u>1,253,835</u>	<u>390,653</u>

Commercial leases

The carrying value of finance leases of certain commercial equipment where the Company is the lessor includes the following:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Minimum lease payments receivable:		
Not later than one year	1,109,057	971,604
Between one and five years	860,256	1,530,337
	<u>1,969,313</u>	<u>2,501,941</u>
Unearned finance income	(74,643)	(153,479)
	<u>1,894,670</u>	<u>2,348,462</u>

The average weighted term to maturity of the commercial leases is 35 months. The average weighted interest rate on the current receivable is 4.31%.

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8 Mortgage-backed securities

Balances relating to MBS under the NHA MBS Program are as follows:

a) Transferred assets that do not qualify for derecognition

The Company securitizes insured residential mortgage loans by participating in the NHA MBS and CMB programs. Through the programs, the Company issues securities backed by residential mortgage loans that are insured against the borrowers' default. Once the mortgage loans are securitized, the Company assigns the underlying mortgages and/or related securities to the CMHC. As an issuer of MBS, the Company is responsible for advancing all scheduled principal and interest payments to CMHC, irrespective of whether the amounts have been collected on the underlying transferred mortgages.

In these securitizations, the Company retains certain prepayment risk, timely payment guarantee risk and interest rate risk related to the transferred mortgages. Due to retention of these risks, the transferred mortgages are not derecognized and the securitization proceeds are accounted for as secured borrowings. There are generally no ECLs on the securitized mortgage assets, as the mortgages benefit from credit insurance. Further, the investors and CMHC have no recourse to other assets of the Company in the event of failure of mortgages to pay when due.

The following is the Company's net positions on its securitized assets and liabilities that have not been derecognized:

Carrying value	2023			2022		
	Market MBS \$	CMB \$	Total \$	Market MBS \$	CMB \$	Total \$
NHA MBS assets	191,678,829	25,029,906	216,708,735	201,517,572	31,268,873	232,786,445
Associated liabilities	187,493,488	25,005,711	212,499,199	197,619,866	31,226,022	228,845,888

NHA MBS assets are recognized on the balance sheet and are included as part of loans and mortgages.

b) Transferred assets that have been derecognized

In addition to the MBS above, certain mortgages were sold into the CMB program or other third parties and derecognized. Balances relating to these transferred assets are as follows:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Mortgages sold	346,384,467	533,828,514
Gain on sales	1,567,562	2,012,509
Cumulative balance of mortgages sold and derecognized	3,888,584,181	3,542,199,714
Outstanding balance of mortgages sold and derecognized	3,164,137,216	2,953,352,697
Related balances as at December 31		
Retained interests	101,272,358	112,984,050
Servicing liabilities	30,334,652	33,479,854

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9 Deposits

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Registered	5,788,957	7,859,868
Other demand	4,232,976	2,864,058
Total demand deposits	<u>10,021,933</u>	<u>10,723,926</u>
Registered	141,638,693	132,785,006
Other term	380,919,042	320,987,994
Total term deposits	<u>522,557,735</u>	<u>453,773,000</u>
	<u>532,579,668</u>	<u>464,496,926</u>

10 Capital stock

Authorized capital stock is unlimited. The amounts outstanding are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	Shares #	Amount \$	Shares #	Amount \$
Common shares				
No par value, voting	<u>37,857,854</u>	<u>37,857,854</u>	<u>37,857,854</u>	<u>37,857,854</u>

In 2023, the Company issued \$nil (2022 - \$1,141,867) in common shares in the form of a non-cash stock dividend.

11 Financial instruments

a) Interest rate risk

The Company earns and pays interest on certain assets and liabilities. To the extent that the assets, liabilities and financial instruments mature or reprice at different points in time, the Company is exposed to interest rate risk. The table below summarizes carrying amounts of balance sheet items by the earlier of the contractual repricing or maturity dates. Non-interest sensitive items are those that have no maturity date and do not pay or receive interest.

An estimate of prepayments has been determined by Management and includes the estimated principal portion of regular mortgage payments and full payouts of mortgage loans during their term based on historical trends for these types of payments.

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(Reported in \$000's)	Within 3 months \$	3 months to 1 year \$	1 year to 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Non-interest sensitive \$	Total \$	Average rate %
2023							
Assets							
Cash and investments	-	14,645	18,690	4,684	4,456	42,475	2.53
Loans and mortgages	65,603	161,502	479,283	1,342	(3,324)	704,406	4.90
Other assets	-	-	-	-	120,659	120,659	
	<u>65,603</u>	<u>176,147</u>	<u>497,973</u>	<u>6,026</u>	<u>121,791</u>	<u>867,540</u>	
Liabilities and equity							
Deposits							
Fixed	67,623	261,750	193,185	-	-	522,558	4.66
Variable	10,022	-	-	-	-	10,022	1.83
Mortgage-backed securities	2,974	22,501	191,234	-	(4,210)	212,499	2.74
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	48,399	48,399	
Equity	-	-	-	-	74,062	74,062	
	<u>80,619</u>	<u>284,251</u>	<u>384,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,251</u>	<u>867,540</u>	
Subtotal	(15,016)	(108,104)	113,554	6,026	3,540	-	
Interest rate swaps	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-	-	
Prepayment estimate	18,023	54,070	(71,892)	(201)	-	-	
Excess (deficiency)	<u>3,007</u>	<u>(34,034)</u>	<u>21,662</u>	<u>5,825</u>	<u>3,540</u>	<u>-</u>	
2022							
Assets							
Cash and investments	5,000	3,493	19,844	4,705	5,101	38,143	1.93
Loans and mortgages	64,398	134,298	448,584	6,085	(2,345)	651,020	4.03
Other assets	-	-	-	-	122,694	122,694	
	<u>69,398</u>	<u>137,791</u>	<u>468,428</u>	<u>10,790</u>	<u>125,450</u>	<u>811,857</u>	
Liabilities and equity							
Borrowings							
Deposits	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fixed	67,115	233,176	153,482	-	-	453,773	3.04
Variable	10,724	-	-	-	-	10,724	0.13
Mortgage-backed securities	6,435	29,398	196,954	-	(3,941)	228,846	2.15
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	44,824	44,824	
Equity	-	-	-	-	73,690	73,690	
	<u>84,274</u>	<u>262,574</u>	<u>350,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>114,573</u>	<u>811,857</u>	
Subtotal	(14,876)	(124,783)	117,992	10,790	10,877	-	
Prepayment estimate	17,050	51,151	(67,288)	(913)	-	-	
Excess (deficiency)	<u>2,174</u>	<u>(73,632)</u>	<u>50,704</u>	<u>9,877</u>	<u>10,877</u>	<u>-</u>	

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b) Interest rate swap agreements

The Company may enter into interest rate swap agreements as a component of its overall risk management strategy. These agreements are contractual arrangements between two parties to exchange a series of cash flows. In an interest rate swap agreement, counterparties generally exchange fixed and floating rate interest payments based on a notional value. Typically, the floating rate is reset periodically, and the net interest amount is exchanged between counterparties at scheduled dates.

The primary risks associated with these contracts are the exposure to movements in interest rates and the ability of the counterparties to meet the terms of the contract. Interest rate swap agreements are used to manage interest rate risk by modifying the repricing or maturities of assets and liabilities. Interest rate swap agreements are considered financial derivatives and are recorded at fair value. Income and expenses on interest rate swap agreements are recognized over the life of the contract as an adjustment to interest expense. Accrued expenses are recorded in accrued interest payable.

Rates represent the weighted average interest rates the Company is contractually committed to pay/receive until the swap matures. Until June 30, 2023 the floating side of all swaps were based on the three-month Canadian Dealer Offered Rate (CDOR). After June 30, 2023, the floating side of all swaps are based on the three-month Canadian Overnight Repo Rate Average (CORRA). Market value represents the mark to market value of outstanding contracts – generally, the net amount that would be payable or receivable on the reporting date based on the floating rate at current market rates.

Income and expenses on interest rate swap agreements are recognized over the life of the contract as an adjustment to interest expense. Accrued expenses are recorded in accrued interest payable. Mark to market gains (losses) on swaps are recorded in other assets (accounts payable and accrued liabilities), while the change in market value is recorded in financial expense.

The following interest rate swap contracts were outstanding and recorded in accounts payable and accrued liabilities as at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

	2023			2022		
	Notional value \$	Rate %	Market value \$	Notional value \$	Rate %	Market value \$
Pay fixed swaps:						
Terms to maturity						
Within 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year to 5 years	20,000,000	4.780	(657,994)	-	-	-
Over 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>20,000,000</u>	<u>4.780</u>	<u>(657,994)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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	2023			2022		
	Notional value \$	Rate %	Market value \$	Notional value \$	Rate %	Market value \$
Receive fixed swaps:						
Terms to maturity						
Within 1 year	20,000,000	5.201	84,095	-	-	-
1 year to 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>20,000,000</u>	<u>5.201</u>	<u>84,095</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The loss on the revaluation of these interest rate swaps of \$573,900 (2022 – \$nil) is recorded in financial expense.

c) Index linked deposits

The Company offers index linked term deposits, which are non-redeemable three and five-year term deposits that pay, on maturity, a return to the depositor linked to the performance of a market index. The interest paid to the depositor at maturity is based on the growth in the index over the term of the deposits.

To offset the risk of this variable interest rate, the Company enters into agreements, whereby the Company pays a fixed rate of interest for the term of each index linked deposit based on the face value of the deposits sold. At the end of the term, the Company receives an amount equal to the amount that will be paid to the depositors. As at December 31, 2023, the balance of outstanding index linked deposits was \$6,176,616 (2022 – \$23,901,596).

d) Fair value

The following table presents the fair value of the financial instruments of the Company based on the valuation methods and assumptions set out below. Fair value represents the amount at which an orderly transaction to sell an asset or to transfer a liability would take place between market participants at the measurement date under current market conditions and is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk.

Fair value is best evidenced by a quoted market price, if one exists. Quoted market prices are not available for a significant portion of the Company's financial instruments.

The fair values disclosed exclude the values of assets and liabilities that are not considered financial instruments, such as prepaid expenses and balances that are statutory in nature. In addition, items such as the value of intangible assets, such as customer relationships which, in Management's opinion, add significant value to the Company, are not included in the disclosures below.

A three-tier hierarchy is used as a framework for disclosing fair values based on inputs used to value the Company's financial instruments recorded at fair value. Valuation methods used in this framework are categorized under the following fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical financial instruments;
- Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable either directly or indirectly; and

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- Level 3 – Valuations derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs are not based on observable market data. This level includes equity investments and debt instruments with significant unobservable components.

The Company's policy is to recognize transfers into and out of the fair value hierarchy levels as at the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company had no transfers between fair value hierarchy levels.

For investments, corporate equities are valued using quoted market prices (Level 1) and government and corporate debt instruments are valued using market prices provided by third-party brokers (Level 2). Co-operative equities that don't have a quoted price in an active market are valued based on recent transactions. The ownership of co-operative equities is typically restricted to credit unions and other credit union system partners and is usually a condition of membership or necessary for access to the services provided by a system partner. As a result, transactions in these investments are restricted and typically occur at par value, which is the best estimate of fair value.

Given the nature of most investments in co-operative equities, specifically, the fact that investments are typically not made for the purpose of financial gain (i.e. to earn investment income), the application of valuation techniques to determine fair value are typically not in use. In limited cases where such valuation techniques have been utilized, that information is used in determining the fair value of the co-operative investment. The Company continues to monitor these investments for any indication that a new measure of fair value is available.

For variable rate loans and deposits, the carrying value is also considered to be a reasonable estimate of fair value. For fixed rate loans and mortgages, co-operative deposit investments, deposits and MBS, the fair value is calculated using a discounted cash flow model, based on current interest rates and the term to maturity of the instrument (Level 2). The discount rates applied were based on the current market rate offered for the average remaining term to maturity.

The following table summarizes the fair value measurements recognized in the balance sheet by class of asset or liability and categorized by level according to the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements.

The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, accrued interest on assets and liabilities, and borrowings, approximates their fair value as they are short-term in nature or are receivable on demand.

The determination of estimated fair values is based on market conditions at a specific point in time and may not be reflective of future fair values.

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	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total fair value \$	Total carrying value \$
2023					
Assets					
Investments	251,500	36,581,093	100	36,832,693	36,832,693
Loans and mortgages	-	691,181,577	-	691,181,577	704,406,047
Liabilities					
Deposits	-	531,648,758	-	531,648,758	532,579,668
Mortgage-backed securities	-	201,885,995	-	201,885,995	212,499,199
2022					
Assets					
Investments	258,750	26,023,406	100	26,282,256	26,282,256
Loans and mortgages	-	622,302,150	-	622,302,150	651,020,126
Liabilities					
Deposits	-	455,695,777	-	455,695,777	464,496,926
Mortgage-backed securities	-	213,307,337	-	213,307,337	228,845,888

12 Related party transactions

a) Parent

The Company has a contract with its parent, Central, for the receipt of executive and management services, all staffing and operational support services, and information technology and related services. This Management Outsourcing Agreement (MOA) became effective on January 1, 2013. On that date, the employees of the Company became employees of Central, with salaries and staff-related expenses paid by the Parent and allocated to the Company through a management fee.

The companies also transact other business in the ordinary course of operations. The following transactions and balances are measured at the exchange amount:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Expenses and fees related to the management contract	4,239,900	5,165,648
Interest expense	1,798,736	864,928
Interest income	319,631	92,970
Rental and other expenses	125,338	124,069
Dividends	-	1,141,867
Deposits at Central	1,847,161	6,630,211
Deposits from Central	54,577,415	68,794,491
Amounts payable to Central	1,096,443	905,567
Balances relating to mortgages sold		
Interest, net of administration fees	22,698	22,839
Mortgages under administration	880,388	1,076,926
Monthly remittances payable	14,820	17,992

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b) Associates

In the ordinary course of business, the Company transacts business with League Data Limited, a related company by virtue of common ownership. The following transactions and balances are measured at the exchange amount:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Services and equipment purchases from League Data Limited	166,074	172,394
Term deposits with League Savings	-	2,000,001
Accounts payable to League Data Limited	896,697	626,326

c) Key management personnel

Key management personnel are those persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, and include members of the Board, the President and CEO, and other senior officers of the Company. The compensation paid to key management (other than the Board) is paid by the Parent, with a portion of the costs being allocated to the Company through the management fee. Under the MOA all management services are provided by the Parent. Compensation to members of the Board is limited to an annual honorarium.

The President and CEO, and each of the five other senior officers of the Company, earned variable compensation during the year. The Company's Total Compensation Program does not include guaranteed bonuses or deferred compensation payments. Variable compensation is earned during the year and paid in cash in the following year. Directors do not participate in any variable compensation programs.

The components of total compensation received by key management personnel (including amounts paid by the Parent)^(a) and balances due to/from key management personnel are as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefits	1,228,673	1,154,205
Contributions to group savings for retirement program	92,240	68,180
Variable compensation	222,088	289,397
Mortgage balances due from key management	73,881	78,887
Deposit balances due to key management	187,684	613,919

^(a) The compensation reported is the total amount received by key management personnel, including both amounts allocated to the Parent and amounts allocated to the Company through the management agreement.

Short-term employee benefits include salaries, director remuneration and other benefits. The mortgage and deposit transactions were made in the ordinary course of business and on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and security, as for comparable transactions with persons of a similar standing or, where applicable, with other employees. The transactions did not involve more than the normal risk of repayment or present other unfavourable features.

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Payments to Directors are as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Remuneration	117,333	114,269
Payments for reimbursement of expenses	62,608	108,913

13 Commitments and contractual obligations

a) Management fees

The Company has contracted with Atlantic Central for the provision of services under an MOA. This agreement was effective January 1, 2013, has a term of five years and renews automatically for successive five-year terms unless notice to terminate is provided by either party at least six months prior to the termination of the agreement (or any renewal thereof).

The fee for the services provided under the MOA is determined annually by mutual agreement between the Company and Central, based on the scope of services provided and market terms and conditions for such services.

b) Approved loans and mortgages

As at December 31, 2023, the Company had approved mortgages in the amount of \$249,884,395 (2022 - \$76,215,192), which have not been advanced.

14 Income taxes

The components of tax expense are as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Income before income taxes	1,824,737	5,788,091
Statutory income tax rate	29.00%	29.00%
Expected income tax	529,174	1,678,546
Effect on income tax of		
Non-taxable dividends	(4,082)	(3,843)
Permanent tax differences	3,808	4,391
Capital and large corporate tax	1,326,243	1,281,338
2022 return to provision true-up	2,086	-
Other	1,787	(534)
Total income tax expense	<u>1,859,016</u>	<u>2,959,899</u>

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The provision for income taxes differs from the result that would be obtained by applying the combined Canadian federal and provincial statutory income tax rates to income before income taxes. This difference results from the following:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Current tax expense		
Federal and provincial	154,246	1,154,042
Capital and large corporate tax	1,867,948	1,804,702
	<u>2,022,194</u>	<u>2,958,744</u>
Deferred tax expense		
Origination and reversal of deductible temporary differences	(163,178)	1,155
	<u>1,859,016</u>	<u>2,959,899</u>

The components of the future income tax asset are as follows:

	Balance	Recognized in		Balance	Recognized in		Balance
	2021	Net income (loss)	OCI	2022	Net income (loss)	OCI	2023
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Deferred tax assets							
Property and equipment	20,310	(912)	-	19,398	(859)	-	18,539
Allowance for impaired loans	579,083	(88)	-	578,995	163,793	-	742,788
Losses carried forward	155	(155)	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	244	-	244
	<u>599,548</u>	<u>(1,155)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>598,393</u>	<u>163,178</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>761,571</u>

15 Capital requirements

The Company manages its capital under guidelines established by the OSFI, which require the Company to maintain capital ratios that are adequate in relation to its levels of business activity. OSFI has issued its guidelines based on standards issued by the Bank for International Settlements, Basel Committee of Banking Supervisors (BCBS). OSFI has adopted capital guidelines based on the standards known as Basel II, which became effective for the Company in 2008. Pillar 1 of the Basel II framework defines minimum capital requirements, while Pillar 2 addresses standards for the management of capital requirements.

Capital requirements are determined based on exposures to credit risk, operational risk, and – for entities with significant trading activity – market risk. The standards provide different methodologies for the calculation of risk exposures based on a company's relative size and sophistication. The Company has implemented the Standardized Approach for credit risk and the Basic Indicator Approach for operational risk. The Company is not subject to the requirements for market risk.

OSFI's Basel III capital requirements include rules to implement the BCBS guidance on non-viability contingent capital (NVCC). The NVCC rules require that all capital instruments include loss absorption features.

As of January 2019, under the BCBS rules, the Company is required to meet new minimum requirements of: Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) ratio of 4.5% plus a capital conservation buffer of 2.5%, collectively 7%.

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Including the capital conservation buffer, the minimum Tier 1 ratio is 8.5%, and the Total Capital ratio is 10.5%. OSFI required Canadian deposit-taking institutions to fully implement the 2019 Basel III reforms in 2013, without the transitional phase-in provisions for capital deductions (referred to as "all-in"), and achieve a minimum 7% CET1 target, by the first quarter of 2013.

As of 2023, OSFI requires Canadian deposit-taking institutions to fully implement the 2023 Basel III reforms.

Capital ratios are monitored regularly and reported to the Board quarterly. The Capital Management Plan, which forecasts capital requirements and includes contingency plans in the event of unanticipated changes, is reviewed by the Board annually.

Details of the Company's regulatory capital as at December 31 were as follows:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Risk-weighted assets for		
Credit risk	395,760,703	346,881,500
Operational risk	26,625,000	25,462,500
Total	<u>422,385,703</u>	<u>372,344,000</u>
Capital elements		
Common shares	37,857,854	37,858,000
Contributed surplus	1,785,887	1,786,000
Accumulated OCI	(946,313)	(1,353,000)
Retained earnings	35,364,821	35,399,000
CET1	<u>74,062,249</u>	<u>73,690,000</u>
Total Tier 1 capital	<u>74,062,249</u>	<u>73,690,000</u>
Stage 1 and Stage 2 allowance	<u>2,453,017</u>	<u>1,958,000</u>
Total Tier 2 capital	<u>2,453,017</u>	<u>1,958,000</u>
Total regulatory capital	<u>76,515,266</u>	<u>75,648,000</u>
	%	%
Ratios		
CET1	17.5	19.8
Total Tier 1	17.5	19.8
Total capital	18.0	20.3
Leverage ratio	8.2	8.9
OSFI targets		
CET1	7.0	7.0
Total Tier 1	8.5	8.5
Total capital	10.5	10.5
Leverage ratio	4.0	4.0

The Company's capital ratios have been in compliance with the regulatory requirements throughout the year.

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16 Credit facilities

The Company has established an unsecured operating line of credit with Atlantic Central, bearing interest at prime, up to an amount of \$20,000,000. As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no amounts outstanding on this facility.

The Company has a line of credit agreement with Equitable Bank, bearing interest at 3-month CDOR plus 1.00%, up to an amount of \$25,000,000. The facility is secured by a charge over insured residential mortgages covering 110% of the loan facility. As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no amounts outstanding on this facility.

In the ordinary course of business, assets are deposited as security for contract settlements with derivative exchanges or other derivative counterparties, for transactions conducted under terms that are common and customary to standard derivative activities. As at December 31, 2023 there was a deposit of \$380,000 (2022- \$nil) pledged as collateral in relation to derivative transactions.

17 Assets under administration

a) Mortgages under administration

Assets under administration include mortgages under administration, which are not the property of the Company and are not reflected in the balance sheet.

b) Syndicated loans

The Company provides a loan syndication program for credit unions. These loans, which are under the Company's administration, are not the property of the Company and are not reflected on the balance sheet. Although most of the loan syndications are purchased by credit unions, the Company can be a participant if a loan is not fully subscribed to by credit unions.

As at December 31, the Company had assets under administration as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Mortgages under administration	57,046,524	64,964,761
Syndicated loans	39,579,963	-

18 Non-interest income (expense)

Non-interest income (expense) includes the following:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Securitization expenses	(583,870)	(615,991)
Other lending service fees	232,671	237,658
Lending service expenses	(987,364)	(954,147)
Investment service fees	58,588	61,245
Investment service expenses	(203,244)	(177,600)
Other	54,267	11,878
	<u>(1,428,952)</u>	<u>(1,436,957)</u>

The expenses detailed above include direct expenses only. Salary and staff-related costs and other indirect costs required to provide these services are reported in operating expenses.

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19 Other assets and accounts payable and accrued liabilities

Included in other assets is \$9,287,785 (2022 - \$nil) in regular monthly remittances receivable on loans purchased from third parties and \$2,599,873 (2022 - \$nil) in prepaid expenses relating to the League Data Honeybee Mission.

Included in Accounts payable and accrued liabilities is \$4,304,786 (2022 - \$4,551,592) in regular monthly remittances payable on loans sold to third parties.

ABOUT LEAGUE SAVINGS AND MORTGAGE

League Savings and Mortgage, a credit union owned company, is a federally regulated financial institution incorporated under the Trust and Loan Companies Act (Canada). The company has been providing a broad range of competitive products and services to help support credit union growth and their members achieve financial success since 1966.

League Savings has developed strategic partnerships with organizations like Wyth Financial, MCAP, People's Trust, National Bank and, as a participant, in the CANNEX Nominee Channel. These partnerships provide opportunities to expand into new and higher yielding markets so we can diversify our balance sheet and improve profitability, which in turn, will generate improved returns for our shareholders. In addition, League Savings is:

- a member of the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation
- approved under Sagen and CMHC mortgage insurers
- approved under CMHC's securitization program
- able to operate coast to coast to coast due to its Federal Charter



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- Blackville Credit Union
- Brunswick Credit Union
- NBTA Credit Union
- OMISTA Credit Union
- The Credit Union

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- Community Credit Union
- EasternEdge Credit Union
- Hamilton Sound Credit Union
- Public Service Credit Union
- Reddy Kilowatt Credit Union
- Venture Credit Union

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- Bay St. Lawrence Credit Union
- Cape Breton Centre Credit Union
- Caisse populaire de Clare
- Coastal Financial Credit Union
- Community Credit Union of Cumberland Colchester CUA
- Dominion Credit Union
- East Coast Credit Union
- Glace Bay Central Credit Union
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- LaHave River Credit Union
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