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College of New Caledonia Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

The financial statements of the College of New Caledonia (the "College") are the responsibility of management and have been prepared in accordance the accounting requirements of Section 23.1 of the Budget Transparency and Accountability Act of the Province of British Columbia, consistently applied and appropriate in the circumstances. The preparation of financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates which have been made using careful judgment. In management's opinion, the financial statements have been properly prepared within the framework of the accounting policies summarized in the financial statements and incorporate, within reasonable limits of materiality, all information available as at June 5, 2015.

Management has developed and maintains systems of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded and that reliable financial information is available on a timely basis. These systems include formal written policies and procedures, careful selection and training of qualified personnel, and appropriate delegation of authority and segregation of responsibilities within the organization.

The financial statements have been examined by an independent external auditor. The external auditors' responsibility is to express their opinion on whether the financial statements fairly present, in all material respects, the College's financial position, results of operations, change in net debt and cash flows in accordance with the accounting requirements of Section 23.1 of the Budget Transparency and Accountability Act of the Province of British Columbia. Their Independent Auditor's Report, which follows, outlines the scope of their examination and their opinion.

The College Board, through the Finance and Audit Committee, monitors management's responsibility for financial reporting and internal controls. The Finance and Audit Committee meets with the external auditors and management to satisfy itself that each group has properly discharged its responsibility to review the financial statements before recommending approval by the College Board. The external auditors have full and open access to the Board, with and without the presence of management.



Sue McAllister
Vice President, Administration and Finance

June 5, 2015

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of the College of New Caledonia

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the College of New Caledonia, which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at March 31, 2015, and the Statements of Operations and Change in Accumulated Surplus, Change in Net Debt and Cash Flows for the year ended March 31, 2015, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements in accordance with the accounting requirements of Section 23.1 of the Budget Transparency and Accountability Act of the Province of British Columbia, 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of the College of New Caledonia as at March 31, 2015, and for the year then-ended are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the accounting requirements of Section 23.1 of the Budget Transparency and Accountability Act of the Province of British Columbia.

Emphasis of Matter

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements which discloses that the accounting requirements of Section 23.1 of the Budget Transparency and Accountability Act of the Province of British Columbia are in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards except in regard to the treatment of government transfers. Note 2 to the financial statements discloses the impact of these differences.



Chartered Accountants

Vancouver, British Columbia
June 5, 2015

College of New Caledonia
Statement of Financial Position
(\$ in thousands)

March 31	2015	2014
Financial Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 20,170	\$ 15,957
Portfolio investments (Note 3)	1,000	1,000
Accounts receivable	2,922	3,079
Inventory for resale	364	380
	24,456	20,416
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	6,981	4,984
Accrued leave entitlement	2,111	2,366
Employee future benefits (Note 6)	2,072	2,123
Deferred revenue	12,571	9,450
Deferred capital grants (Note 7)	50,795	49,388
Deferred capital grants-debt repayment (Note 7)	8,923	9,204
Long-term debt (Note 8)	1,760	1,805
	85,213	79,320
Net Debt	(60,757)	(58,904)
Non-Financial Assets		
Investments - endowment (Note 4)	3,725	3,761
Long-term usage rights	40	47
Tangible capital assets (Note 5)	70,119	69,479
Prepaid expenses	260	232
	74,144	73,519
Accumulated Surplus (Note 13)	\$ 13,387	\$ 14,615

Approved on behalf of the Board:



_____ Chairman of the Board



_____ Vice President, Administration and Finance

College of New Caledonia
Statement of Operations and Change in Accumulated Surplus
(\$ in thousands)

For the year ended March 31	Budget			
	2015	2015	2015	2014
	(Note 11)			
Revenue				
Ministry of Advanced Education and ITA grants	\$ 35,928	\$ 35,777	\$ 37,866	
Ancillary services	3,612	3,458	3,561	
Amortization of deferred capital grants (Note 7)	1,739	1,779	2,156	
Tuition fees	10,323	10,396	10,038	
Specific projects	565	169	198	
Other	6,398	8,304	8,707	
	<u>58,565</u>	<u>59,883</u>	<u>62,526</u>	
Expenses (Note 14)				
Instruction	35,215	37,486	39,116	
Student and institutional support	11,054	11,604	10,984	
Facilities operations, maintenance & infrastructure	5,871	6,169	6,339	
Amortization	2,245	2,345	2,705	
Ancillary services	3,470	3,337	3,448	
Specific projects	709	204	181	
	<u>58,564</u>	<u>61,145</u>	<u>62,773</u>	
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses before endowment	1	(1,262)	(247)	
Endowment donations and matching grants	-	34	65	
	<u>1</u>	<u>(1,228)</u>	<u>(182)</u>	
Annual (deficit) surplus	1	(1,228)	(182)	
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	14,615	14,615	14,797	
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$ 14,616	\$ 13,387	\$ 14,615	

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Statement of Changes in Net Debt
(\$ in thousands)

For the year ended March 31	Budget 2015	2015	2014
	(Note 11)		
Annual (deficit) surplus	\$ 1	\$ (1,228)	\$ (182)
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	(2,978)	(1,667)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	-	2,345	2,705
	-	(633)	1,038
Net effect of endowment contributions	-	36	10
Net effect of prepaid expenses	-	(28)	158
Decrease (increase) in net debt for year	1	(1,853)	1,024
Net debt, beginning of year	(58,904)	(58,904)	(59,928)
Net debt, end of year	\$ (58,903)	\$ (60,757)	\$ (58,904)

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Statement of Cash Flows
(\$ in thousands)

<u>For the year ended March 31</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operating transactions		
Annual deficit	\$ (1,228)	\$ (182)
Non-cash items:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	2,345	2,705
Amortization of deferred capital grants	(1,779)	(2,156)
Loss on disposition of tangible capital assets	-	21
Net change in non-cash working capital items	<u>4,957</u>	<u>(2,333)</u>
	<u>4,295</u>	<u>(1,945)</u>
Capital transactions		
Tangible capital asset additions	(2,978)	(1,690)
Proceeds from disposition of tangible capital assets	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>(2,978)</u>	<u>(1,686)</u>
Investing transactions		
Decrease in investments	<u>36</u>	<u>10</u>
Financing transactions		
Debt principal payments	(45)	(59)
Receipt of capital grants	<u>2,905</u>	<u>1,520</u>
	<u>2,860</u>	<u>1,461</u>
Net change in cash inflow (outflow)	4,213	(2,160)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>15,957</u>	<u>18,117</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 20,170	\$ 15,957

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

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1. Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Description of Organization

The College of New Caledonia ("the College") is designated as a post-secondary educational institution under the College and Institute Act of British Columbia (the "Act"), and as such is subject to the terms and conditions of the Act. The College is a not-for-profit organization and, as such, is exempt from income taxes under section 149 of the Income Tax Act (Canada).

(b) Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Section 23.1 of the Budget Transparency and Accountability Act (BTAA) of the Province of British Columbia and the Restricted Contribution Regulation 198/2011 issued pursuant to it. This requires that these financial statements be prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards (PSAS) issued by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants except that the contributions received or receivable by the College for the purpose of acquisition of tangible capital assets are accounted for as deferred capital contributions as described in Notes 1(c) and 2.

(c) Revenue Recognition

Operating grants

These grants are unrestricted and are recognized when received or receivable. If received for a future period, the grants are deferred and reported in the relevant future period.

Unrestricted contributions and pledges

These amounts are recorded as revenue when received.

Other unrestricted revenue

Student tuition, sales of good and services, and other unrestricted revenues are recognized when services are provided.

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1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are recorded at their fair market value at the time of the donation or at nominal value if fair value cannot reasonably be determined.

Endowment contributions

Restricted revenues from endowments, matching grants and any related restricted investment earnings are recognized in the period they are received or earned.

Contributions restricted for capital purposes

As described in Note 1(b) the College is required to defer recognition of these contributions and to amortize them to revenue at the same rate as the underlying tangible capital asset is amortized.

Other restricted contributions

Other restricted contributions are deferred and recognized in the period that the related expenses are incurred.

Investment income and statement of remeasurement gains and losses

Investment income includes interest recorded on an accrual basis, dividends recorded as declared, realized gains and losses on the sale of investments, and write-downs on investments where a loss of value is determined to be other than temporary. For investments recorded at fair value, unrealized gains and losses are recorded in the Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses. Currently such fair value differences are not material and therefore a Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses has not been prepared.

(d) Inventory

Inventory held for resale is valued at the lower of actual cost and net realizable value. Other inventory, held for consumption, is charged as an expense in the year in which it is acquired.

(e) Interest on Debenture Debt

Interest on debenture debt is recorded on the accrual basis.

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1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(f) Non-financial Assets

Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for use in the provision of services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year and are not intended for sale in the ordinary course of operations.

(g) Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets are a category of non-financial assets. They are recorded at cost, or in the case of donated assets, at their fair market value. Long-term usage rights are amortized on a straight line basis over the term of the rights. Buildings and equipment are amortized at the following rates:

Buildings	straight-line basis over 20-70 years
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	straight-line basis over 5-30 years
Work-in-progress	not amortized until put in use

(h) Impairment of Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets are tested for impairment whenever circumstances indicate that the service potential has declined. When events or circumstances indicate that the service potential has declined, the tangible capital assets are written down based upon the relative loss of service potential and a related expense recognized in the statement of operations and fund balances. A tangible capital asset taken completely out of use is written down to its residual value. There was no write down of tangible capital assets in 2015 or 2014.

(i) Annual Leave

Annual leave entitlement for employees are accrued as they are earned by the employees.

(j) Employee Future Benefits

The College provides certain benefits, including accumulated sick leave for certain employees pursuant to certain contracts and union agreements. The College accrues the cost of these employee future benefits over the period which the employees earn the benefits. These costs are actuarially determined using the projected benefit cost method prorated on the length of service and management's best estimate of salary escalation, retirement ages of employees and expected plan benefits costs. The most recent valuation of the obligation was performed for March 31, 2015. The plans are partially funded. Employer contributions are made based upon expected annual benefit payments.

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1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(k) Financial Instruments

The College's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, portfolio investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable, long-term debt, and investments - endowment. Financial instruments are classified into two categories: fair value or cost/amortized cost.

Fair value category

Investments - endowment that are equity instruments and are quoted in an active market are reflected at fair value as of the reporting date. Transactions to purchase or sell these items are recorded on the settlement date, and transaction costs are immediately recognized in income. Gain and losses arising from changes in fair value would be recognized in the Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses however there are currently no items in this category.

Cost/amortized cost category

Investments - endowment such as bonds and guaranteed investment certificates as well as other financial instruments are initially recorded at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

(l) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future. Areas requiring the greatest degree of estimation include provisions for doubtful accounts receivable, estimated lives of tangible capital assets, and assumptions made in the accrual of employee future benefits.

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2. Impact of Accounting for Capital Contributions on a Deferral Basis

As set out in Notes 1(b) and (c), the College is required to defer recognition of government transfers for capital and recognize them in revenue over the life of the funded asset. This policy is not in accordance with PSAS which requires that such transfers be deferred only if the funding agreements contain stipulations that create a liability and then to recognize revenue over the period that the liability is extinguished.

The impact of this difference from PSAS is as follows:

March 31, 2015	overstate liabilities, overstate net debt and understate accumulated surplus by \$59,718 thousand
March 31, 2014	overstate liabilities, overstate net debt and understate accumulated surplus by \$58,592 thousand
Year ended March 31, 2015	understate revenue and overstate annual surplus by \$1,126 thousand
Year ended March 31, 2014	overstate revenue and overstate annual surplus by \$636 thousand

3. Portfolio Investments

Portfolio investments consist of GICs which are held at a Canadian chartered bank, earn interest rates ranging from 1.63% to 1.85% (2014 - 1.55% to 1.85%), and mature in November 2015.

4. Investments

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Prescribed long-term securities	\$ 3,725	\$ 3,761
The following items also relate to the endowment fund:		
Interest bearing bank account	396	334
Accounts receivable less accounts payable	49	21
	<u>\$ 4,170</u>	<u>\$ 4,116</u>

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4. Investments (Continued)

The College has established a permanent endowment fund to provide income from which scholarships and bursaries can be awarded to students at the College. The capital of the fund is provided partly from designated funds, partly through donations from third parties and partly by matching government or other grants; the capital cannot be used for any other purpose. See also Note 13.

Long-term securities are comprised mainly of GICs and federal, provincial and municipal bonds. Effective interest rates are between 1.35% and 4.85% (2014 - 1.40% and 5.20%) with maturities from 2016 to 2019.

Not included elsewhere in these financial statements are investments with the Prince George Community Foundation with a market value of \$465 thousand (2014 - \$428 thousand) and the Vancouver Foundation with a market value of \$468 thousand (2014 - \$438 thousand). These amounts are held in perpetuity by the stated Foundations and because they are not controlled by the College are not included as assets of the College. The College does receive payments from these investments based on investment earnings of the Foundations and reports this as income when declared. During the year, the College received \$20 thousand (2014 - \$19 thousand) in interest income from these investments.

5. Tangible Capital Assets

Net Book Value	2015	2014
Buildings	\$ 61,798	\$ 60,691
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5,615	6,082
Land	2,706	2,706
Total	<u>\$ 70,119</u>	<u>\$ 69,479</u>

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5. Tangible Capital Assets (Continued)

The following table details the costs of tangible capital assets to determine their net book values:

Cost	Balance at March 31, 2014	Additions	Disposals	Balance at March 31, 2015
Buildings	\$ 86,878	\$ 2,414	\$ -	\$ 89,292
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	30,333	564	-	30,897
Land	2,706	-	-	2,706
Total	\$ 119,917	\$ 2,978	\$ -	\$ 122,895

The following table details the accumulated amortization of tangible capital assets to determine their net book values:

Accumulated Amortization	Balance at March 31, 2014	Amortization Expense	Balance at March 31, 2015
Buildings	\$ 26,187	\$ 1,308	\$ 27,495
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	24,251	1,031	25,282
Total	\$ 50,438	\$ 2,339	\$ 52,777

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6. Employee Future Benefits

The College provides accumulated sick pay for certain employees pursuant to certain contracts and union agreements. Information about these future benefits is as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Accrued sick leave obligation, beginning of year	\$ 2,123	\$ 2,252
Current service cost	143	139
Interest cost	79	83
Benefit payments	(273)	(351)
Actuarial gain	(260)	-
	<u>1,812</u>	<u>2,123</u>
Accrued sick leave obligation, end of year	\$ 1,812	\$ 2,123
Unamortized net actuarial gain	260	-
	<u>2,072</u>	<u>2,123</u>
Accrued sick leave liability, end of year	\$ 2,072	\$ 2,123

The significant actuarial assumptions used to determine the College's accrued sick leave are as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Discount rate	3.40%	3.75%
Rate of salary escalation	2.25%	2.75%

7. Deferred Capital Grants

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Deferred capital grants, balance beginning of year	\$ 49,388	\$ 49,743
Capital grants used to finance acquisition of assets	2,905	1,520
Amortization to revenue	(1,498)	(1,875)
	<u>50,795</u>	<u>49,388</u>
Deferred capital grants, balance end of year	\$ 50,795	\$ 49,388
Deferred capital grants - debt repayment, balance beginning of year	\$ 9,204	\$ 9,485
Amortization to revenue	(281)	(281)
	<u>8,923</u>	<u>9,204</u>
Deferred capital grants - debt repayment, balance, end of year	\$ 8,923	\$ 9,204

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8. Long-term Debt

The long-term debt relates to the Student Residence loan of \$2.575 million, bears interest at 9.00% per annum, and is due on August 23, 2024. The debt is reported net of sinking fund balance of \$815 thousand (March 31, 2014 - \$770 thousand).

Future annual payments are the following:

	Sinking fund	Interest
2016	\$ 23	\$ 232
2017	23	232
2018	23	232
2019	23	232
2020	23	232
Thereafter	99	1,023
	\$ 214	\$ 2,183

9. Commitments

(a) Operating Leases

The College is committed to total minimum rentals, under operating leases, for office premises for each of the following fiscal years:

2016	\$ 216
2017	144
2018	48
	\$ 408

(b) Purchase Orders

Purchase orders outstanding for goods and services not received prior to the fiscal year end total:

	2015	2014
Operating fund	\$ 725	\$ 646
Capital fund	294	251
Other funds	121	149
	\$ 1,140	\$ 1,046

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10. Pension Plan

The college and its employees contribute to the College Pension Plan and Municipal Pension Plan, jointly trustee pension plans. The board of trustees for these plans represent plan members and employers and are responsible for the management of the pension plan including investment of the assets and administration of benefits. The pension plans are multi-employer contributory pension plans. Basic pension benefits provided are based on a formula. The College Pension Plan has about 14,000 active members from college senior administration and instructional staff and approximately 6,000 retired members. The Municipal Pension Plan has about 182,000 active members, with approximately 5,800 from colleges.

The most recent actuarial valuation for the College Pension Plan as at August 31, 2012 indicated a \$105 million funding deficit for basic pension benefits. The next valuation will be August 31, 2015 with results available in 2016. The most recent actuarial valuation for the Municipal Pension Plan as at December 31, 2012 indicated a \$1,370 million funding deficit for basic pension benefits. The next valuation will be December 31, 2015 with results available in 2016. Defined contribution plan accounting is applied to the plan as the plan exposes the participating entities to actuarial risks associated with the current and former employees of other entities, with the result that there is no consistent and reliable basis for allocating the obligation, plan assets and cost to individual entities participating in the plan.

Contributions made to the plans for the year by the College were \$3,034 thousand (2014 - \$2,939 thousand) and by employees were \$2,894 thousand (2014 - \$2,788 thousand).

11. Budget Information

Budget information is presented for comparison purposes and represents the Budget passed by the Board of the College on April 25, 2014.

12. Financial Instrument Risks

The College through its financial assets and liabilities, is exposed to various risks. The following analysis provides a measurement of those risks at March 31, 2015.

(a) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that the College will incur a loss due to the failure by its debtors to meet their contractual obligations. Financial instruments that potentially subject the College to significant concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash, investments and amounts receivable. The College limits its exposure to credit risk by placing its cash and investments with high credit quality investments in accordance with investment policies adopted by the College.

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12. Financial Instrument Risks (Continued)

(b) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The College is exposed to interest rate risk arising from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect the value of fixed income denominated investments. The interest rates and terms of investments are as disclosed in Note 4.

(c) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the College will not be able to meet its obligations as they fall due. The College maintains adequate levels of working capital to ensure all its obligations can be met when they fall due.

(d) Capital Risk Management

The College's capital consists of its accumulated surplus which includes endowments and investment in tangible capital assets which are restricted. Unrestricted amounts are available to meet future obligations and commitments. The College's objectives when managing its capital are to maintain an appropriate level in order to meet its operational goals. Annual budgets are developed and monitored to ensure that the College's capital is maintained at an appropriate level.

13. Accumulated Surplus

The components of accumulated surplus are as follows:

	2015	2014
Investment in tangible capital assets	\$ 8,681	\$ 9,129
Endowment funds	4,170	4,116
Internally restricted & unrestricted amounts	536	1,370
	<u>\$ 13,387</u>	<u>\$ 14,615</u>

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14. Expenses by Object

The following is a summary of expenses by object:

	2015		2014
Salaries and benefits	\$ 43,482	\$	42,934
Supplies and services	6,811		7,860
Facility infrastructure maintenance	1,024		1,493
Amortization of tangible capital assets	2,345		2,705
Contract and professional services	3,100		3,299
Cost of goods sold	1,969		2,080
Utilities	1,732		1,665
Scholarships and bursaries	450		505
Debenture interest	232		232
	<u>\$ 61,145</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>62,773</u>

15. Comparative Figures

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