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FNFA

FIRST NATIONS FINANCE AUTHORITY

Helping Aboriginal Communities build their own futures, on their own terms.



CREATED BY AND FOR
FIRST NATIONS, ALLOWING
OUR COMMUNITIES ACCESS
TO LOAN FINANCING ON
THE SAME TERMS AS OTHER
LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT.



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Board of Directors



Sophie Pierre OBC
Chairperson



Chief Joe Hall
Deputy Chairperson

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Sophie Pierre served on Council for the St. Mary's Indian Band from 1978 to 2008, 26 of those years as Chief. She was also the Administrator before becoming Nation Chair for the Ktunaxa Nation Council, formerly the Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Tribal Council, for 30 years.

On April 02, 2009 Sophie was appointed as the Chief Commissioner of the BC Treaty Commission in recognition of her leadership and commitment to Aboriginal issues in British Columbia. As co-chair of the First Nations Summit, she was involved in the work of the British Columbia Claims Task Force which led to the creation of the BC Treaty Commission. Over the last three decades she has served on a number of Boards and committees including: Chairperson of the Board of Regents for the Ktunaxa Independent School System, a board member of BC Hydro Power Authority, Chairperson of the St. Eugene Mission Development Board, an executive member of the First Nations Congress, a board member of the Native Courtworkers and Counselling Association, a board member of UNESCO – Decade for Culture, and a board member and Chairperson of the College of the Rockies. Presently, Sophie serves as Board Chair for Aboriginal Tourism of BC and as Co-chair of the Native Nations Institute associated with the University of Arizona. Sophie Pierre was recipient of the 2003 National Aboriginal Achievement Award for Public Service and in June 1994 was awarded the Order of British Columbia.

Joe Hall is Chief of the Tzeachten First Nation, a dynamic and progressive First Nation located in the Fraser Valley. He is also the President of the Sto:lo Nations Chiefs Council and former CEO of Sto:lo Nation.

A graduate of the BCIT and BC Vocational School, Joe subscribes to the life-long learning concept and has enhanced his skill set through training at UBC, the University of Victoria, the Justice Institute and the University College of the Fraser Valley. Prior to coming to the Sto:lo Nation in 1986, Joe was employed for eleven years with the Genstar Development Company as a Civil Engineering Technician, where he was primarily involved in land development.

Joe has served on a number of Boards and Committees including the First Nations Statistical Institute, BC AFN Director, BC AFN Chief's Committee on Fiscal Relations, BC AFN Chief's Committee on Housing, Chairman of the First Nation Education Steering Committee, RCMP Commissioner's Advisory Panel, Chilliwack Official Planning Committee. Joe has lectured at the University of Victoria on taxation, participated on the tax panel at the Union of BC Municipalities in Victoria, and assisted the BC Region DIAND Executive Committee with the development of the "Government to Government" handbook.

Joe is married with two sons and is a very active participant and coach, with more than 35 years involvement in community sports (baseball, soccer).



Deanna Hamilton

Director, President/CEO

Deanna Hamilton is Okanagan and a member of the Westbank First Nation in British Columbia, Canada. Ms. Hamilton coordinated the development of the First Nations Finance Authority (FNFA) from its conception in 1992 through to Royal Assent in March 2005. She is currently a director and President and Chief Executive Officer of the FNFA.

Ms Hamilton returned to her community in 1990 and accepted the position of Surveyor of Taxes and established the system of property tax administration at Westbank. Ms. Hamilton was elected Councillor to the Westbank First Nation from 1996 to 1998 and then again from 2000 to 2002. She is very active in Band administration and governance and has been a part of numerous community organizations sitting on many community boards including: the Westbank First Nation treaty negotiations; additions to the reserve committee; and was a founding director of the Westbank First Nation Economic Development Commission.

Ms. Hamilton is past President of the First Nation Tax Administrators Association, was a Board member of the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Commissioner for Westbank First Nation, Director of All Nations Trust Company and served two consecutive terms as a Director of the British Columbia Assessment Authority and was a member of the National Revenue Options Technical Table.

Ms. Hamilton is married, has three children and resides in Westbank, British Columbia.



Chief Robert Sam

Director

Chief Robert Sam is the elected Chief of the Songhees First Nation, a position he has held for more than 10 years. Chief Sam was born and raised on Songhees land near the Township of Esquimalt, in Greater Victoria. He has been a leader within the Songhees Nation as a councillor since the 1960's and has been elected chief four times since 1996.

Chief Sam is the lead Negotiator for the Songhees Nation for Treaty Negotiations. He is also a Committee Member of the AFN's Chief's Committee on Treaties and sits on the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority Board.

Within the Songhees government, Chief Sam was the driving force in developing the local government bylaws including taxation and fire protection. He successfully negotiated a local education agreement with the Victoria School Board.

In addition to his duties as Chief, Chief Sam currently runs a garbage disposal business and employs local people. As a strong community member, he has been involved with the Songhees Canoe Club and owns Lekwammen Chief, an eleven man War Canoe. Chief Sam is active with the Songhees Youth Groups and trains the youth in canoe paddling for canoe races.



Alexander Cope

Director

A member of the Millbrook First Nation, located in Truro, Nova Scotia, Alexander Cope is presently serving his sixth 2-year term as Band Councillor. Alex graduated from the University of New Brunswick in 1991 with a Bachelor Business Administration and currently holds the position of Band Administrator for the Millbrook First Nation. Alex also serves on the Board of the Chignecto Central School Board, the Millbrook Gaming Commission, Millbrook Economic Development Corporation and the Millbrook Housing Authority.

Message from the Chair



The past year was one of historic crises in the global economic environment. Not only did individuals' personal investments deteriorate as the stock market lost nearly 50% of its value, but small to medium size businesses were further hurt by the unwillingness of chartered banks to continue lending in these times of uncertainty. First Nations were not immune to these events. The global recession has impacted our emerging First Nations economies, and their abilities to raise funding to finance their capital plans.

The FNFA, as a First Nations public institution, has an important role to play in ensuring the stable access to credit for First Nations. The current market crisis only highlighted even more the need for the FNFA and why First Nations established the FNFA in the first place. For even in these turbulent times the borrowers who worked together cooperatively (e.g. local governments in BC and Alberta) were still able to access financing for their projects at reasonable interest rates. The FNFA is also a cooperative and its structure will ensure First Nations' financing needs are realized in good economic times and bad. On this note,

the FNFA continues to move forward in meeting its purpose to provide financing to First Nations using multiple revenue streams. With respect to First Nations that intend to support their FNFA loans through property tax revenues, 52 are working with the First Nations Tax Commission (FNTC) and First Nations Financial Management Board (FMB) to ensure compliance with the *First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act*. The FNFA is ready to begin issuing bonds once sufficient numbers of First Nations have been certified by the FMB and have passed borrowing laws through the FNTC requesting financing. With respect to First Nations that intend to repay their FNFA loans using revenues other than property tax, the FNFA continues to work with Canada to make the necessary regulations to facilitate financing based on these revenues. Responding to multiple First Nations requests, the FNFA has drafted regulations that allow for our Borrowing Members to request financing supported by multiple revenue streams. These sources of revenues are wide-ranging and significant and we expect them to include revenues from: resource sharing with other governments;

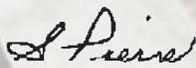
**BORROWING FROM FNFA CAN SPEED UP THE DEVELOPMENT OF FIRST NATIONS
PROJECTS AND HELP REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON OTHER GOVERNMENT REVENUES**

benefit agreements with public and private companies; leases, rents, contracts and rights of way agreements; land claim settlement payments; First Nation's GST and other taxes; grants in lieu of taxes; other grants; stable corporate revenues such as gaming revenues; independent power projects; and other revenue streams. Borrowing Members that support their loans through other source revenues will not be required to develop a property taxation base; however, should they desire to explore this area, the FNFA will outline the procedural processes for property taxation with the Tax Commission and the Financial Management Board. Regulations are also being developed to facilitate First Nations that are not bands under the *Indian Act* and are a party to a land claims or self-government agreement, to be able to use their multiple revenue streams to borrow through the FNFA. Given our ongoing relationship with the other institutions created under the *First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act* (FNFC, FMB and the First Nations Statistical Institute) time and effort was spent during the year on the preparation and signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the institutions. The Chairs

of each organization have agreed to meet to share information and coordinate our approaches to serving First Nations across Canada. This is critical to the FNFA which, for the purposes of First Nations intending on repaying FNFA loans through property taxes, relies on the services provided by the FNFC and FMB.

Finally, I would like to say "Thank You" to a very hard-working Board of Directors, for their time and commitment once again. Staff, as always, has provided the Board with detailed information and well-thought-out recommendations, and has been integral in allowing the FNFA to have a very successful year of development.

We look forward to 2009/10.



Sophie Pierre, OBC
Chair

Message from the President



It is my pleasure to present to the Members of the FNFA my report for the 2008/09 year.

During the last fiscal year the Board of Director's passed a Motion changing the FNFA's year end from December 31st to March 31st. This change was made to match the FNFA's year end to our Members' year ends. When the FNFA begins the issuance of debentures, we will need to supply financial and accounting information to our Borrowing Members and vice versa, necessitating the matching of reporting periods.

This fiscal year saw the FNFA hold its inaugural Annual General meeting under the *First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act* (FSMA). The meeting was held on April 16, 2008 at the new offices of the FNFA in Westbank. At the meeting the Members adopted the FNFA's "Corporate Bylaw," which governs how the FNFA operates. We were pleased by the attendance and thank all those who also came to celebrate the opening of the new offices and this historic day.

I am also pleased to report that in preparation for our first debenture issuance, the FNFA has received its exemption from the Securities and Exchange Commission (Canada-wide) acknowledging the nature of the FNFA as a public institution providing government financing. This exemption will permit the FNFA to issue a short one or two page information circular to potential investors rather than the very large and costly prospectus that public companies must issue. Not only does this save costs for our Borrowing Members, but it means we can react very quickly to opportunities in the bond market to satisfy our Members' financing needs.

The FNFA continues to ensure that administratively we are ready to issue bonds, both for First Nations that have been certified for property taxation purposes and for those able to borrow based on the regulations that are being developed for revenues other than property taxes. To date there are 52 First Nations that have scheduled to the FSMA for the purposes of property taxation, and dozens of others that require regulations.

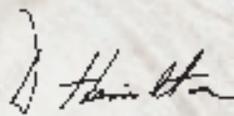
**FIRST NATIONS CAN CHOOSE THE LOAN REPAYMENT TERM
ENSURING THEIR BUDGETS ARE PROTECTED.**

For those First Nations that have developed a property taxation system, the four FSMA institutions have agreed upon the procedural processes, and the role of each institution. Copies of the processes are available from the FNFA, and as always we are only a phone call away if a visit to your community is deemed worthwhile. Also, with respect to First Nations intending to repay their loans to the FNFA using property tax, the form of the Borrowing Members' Agreement has been completed; while the Agreement for communities using revenues other than property tax is being developed and to be completed in 2009/10.

I am pleased to report that the purpose built software to support debenture issuance that was acquired from the Municipal Finance Authority of BC has been transferred to the FNFA and work is ongoing to modify the software to meet the First Nations requirements. Staff professional development is also ongoing; it is particularly important for all our staff to remain market-ready in these changing economic times. One of the objectives of the FNFA, in addition to arranging financing,

is to provide advice to First Nations on public financing and to help communities with their planning needs, including providing capital planning advice. To this end we continue to visit all regions of the country, to attend workshops, conferences, and First Nations communities. In the Fall we hosted a well attended workshop for First Nations in Kelowna on public finance and related matters. As well, the FNFA's materials are sent to all First Nations in Canada.

I look forward to working with the Board and staff in continuing to grow the FNFA to best meet your community's infrastructure needs.



Deanna Hamilton
President/C.E.O.



MISSION STATEMENT

**"HELPING ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES
BUILD THEIR OWN FUTURES
ON THEIR OWN TERMS"**

FIRST NATIONS FINANCE AUTHORITY

AT A GLANCE

HOW WE OPERATE

Legal Authority

Under Part 4 of the *First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act* 2005, c. 9 (FSMA) which came into force on April 1st 2006, the First Nations Finance Authority (the Authority) is established as a non-profit corporation without share capital. The Authority is not an agent of Her Majesty or a Crown corporation.

Representation

The members of the Authority are its borrowing members and investing members. Borrowing members are First Nations that have been accepted as a borrowing member by the Authority. Investing members are First Nations that have invested in a short-term investment pool managed by the Authority.

The Authority is managed by a board of directors, consisting of from 5 to 11 directors, including a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. The directors are elected by the borrowing members from among the members.

Mandate

The purposes of the Authority are to:

- (a) secure for its borrowing members, through the use of property tax revenues,
 - (i) long-term financing of capital infrastructure for the provision of local services on reserve lands,
 - (ii) lease financing of capital assets for the provision of local services on reserve lands, or
 - (iii) short-term financing to meet cashflow requirements for operating or capital purposes under a law made under paragraph 5(1)(b) or to refinance a short-term debt incurred for capital purposes;

- (b) secure for its borrowing members, through the use of other revenues prescribed by regulation, financing for any purpose prescribed by regulation;
- (c) secure the best possible credit terms for its borrowing members;
- (d) provide investment services to its members and First Nations organizations; and
- (e) provide advice regarding the development of long-term financing mechanisms for First Nations.

OUR CAPITAL FINANCING PROGRAM

Property Taxation

When the borrowing members of the Authority wish to finance capital projects using property tax revenues, First Nation Tax Commission-approved law requests are presented to the Authority and are subject to approval by the Authority's borrowing members. Taking into account market and economic conditions, the borrowing members of the Authority may authorize the issue and sale of securities in an amount sufficient to meet the requests. Securities of the Authority, the proceeds of which would not exceed the amount authorized, may then be issued at such rates and pursuant to such terms and conditions and in such markets and currencies as the directors may determine.

The Authority has the power to provide for the creation, management and application of reserve sinking funds or other means of securing the repayment of securities issued by the Authority. A separate sinking fund account will be maintained for each debenture issue and for each borrowing member.

Contributions to this fund may be invested only in:

- (a) securities issued or guaranteed by Canada or a province;
- (b) securities of a local, municipal or regional government in Canada;
- (c) investments guaranteed by a bank, trust company or credit union; or
- (d) deposits in a bank or trust company in Canada or non-equity or membership shares in a credit union.

HOW WE SAFEGUARD OUR INVESTORS

Financial Protection

The combined credit of all the borrowing members stands behind the Authority's obligations.

In addition, the Authority will establish a debt reserve fund. Borrowing members sharing in the proceeds of a securities issue having a term to maturity of five years or over must contribute five percent of the principal amount borrowed to the debt reserve fund. Moneys paid into the debt reserve fund, and interest earned thereon, are obligations of the Authority to the borrowing member and are refunded to them when the final installments of their loans have been paid.

If at any time the Authority lacks sufficient funds to meet the principal, interest or sinking fund payments due on its obligations, it would utilize the debt reserve fund. All or any part of this fund is available to satisfy the Authority's obligations, regardless of sources of the moneys in the fund. In the event that payments were ever made from the debt reserve fund, the Authority is able to recover such payments from the borrowing member involved in order to restore the debt reserve fund.

If the directors are of the opinion that payments would not be recovered within a reasonable period of time the Authority may, in accordance with the regulations made under the FSMA require all borrowing members to pay amounts sufficient to replenish the debt reserve fund. If, however, the debt reserve fund drops to 50% or less of the total amount contributed by borrowing members, the Authority must, in accordance with the regulations made under the FSMA, require all borrowing members to pay without delay amounts sufficient to replenish the debt reserve fund and the borrowing members shall recover those amounts under their property taxation laws.

In addition to the debt reserve fund, the Authority must establish a fund for the enhancement of the Authority's credit rating, the capital of which can be used to temporarily offset any shortfalls in the debt reserve fund. Canada is contributing to the credit enhancement fund up to a maximum of \$10 million. Moneys in the debt reserve fund and credit enhancement fund may be invested only in:

- a) securities issued or guaranteed by Canada or a province;
- b) investments guaranteed by a bank, trust company or credit union; or
- c) deposits in a bank or trust company in Canada or non-equity or membership shares in a credit union.

These investments must mature or be callable within five years, 25% of which must be callable within 90 days.

Legislative Protection

The FSMA establishes a strict regulatory system that ensures borrowing members are certified and meet specific borrowing standards that ensure safeguards on indebtedness are maintained. Such safeguards include the requirement that the local revenues of the borrowing member are sufficient to service the debt.

The FSMA sets out that the Authority shall only accept a First Nation as a borrowing member where the First Nations Financial Management Board has issued to the First Nation a certificate that, in its opinion, the First Nation was in compliance with the financial management standards established by the Board. This includes

having made a law respecting the financial administration of the First Nation. A First Nation may cease to be a borrowing member only with the consent of all other borrowing members.

The Authority shall not make a long-term loan to a borrowing member for the purpose of financing capital infrastructure for the provision of local services on reserve lands unless:

- (a) the First Nations Tax Commission has approved the law made by the borrowing member; and
- (b) the loan is to be paid out of the property tax revenues of the borrowing member in priority to other creditors of the borrowing member.

- (c) securities issued by the Authority or by a local, municipal or regional government in Canada;
- (d) commercial paper issued by a Canadian company that is rated in the highest category by at least two recognized security-rating institutions;
- (e) any class of investments permitted under an Act of a province relating to trustees; or
- (f) any other investments or class of investments prescribed by regulation.

Investment Activities

In accordance with the Pooled Investment Regulation made under the *First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act*, the Authority has, by contract, arranged to participate in the short to intermediate term investment pools established by the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia. These funds are the Money Market Fund and the Intermediate Fund. Both of these funds offer flexibility of subscription and redemption with ease of electronic access. The investment activities of these funds are governed by the *Municipal Finance Authority Act* and a charter of investment policies, objectives and guidelines.

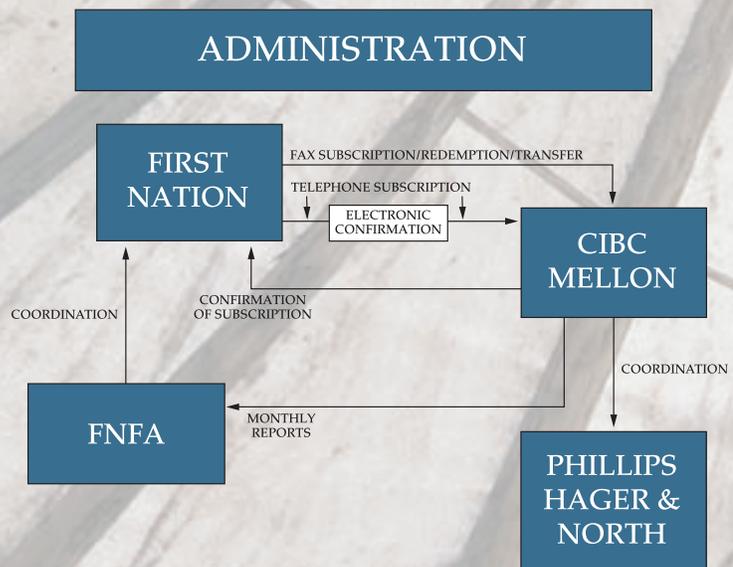
The diagram below shows how the Funds are managed:

OUR POOLED INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Organization

The Authority may establish short-term pooled investment funds. Funds in the Authority's short-term pooled investment fund may be invested only in:

- (a) securities issued or guaranteed by Canada, a province or the United States;
- (b) fixed-term deposits, notes, certificates or other short-term paper of, or guaranteed by, a bank, trust company or credit union, including swaps in United States currency;



FIRST NATIONS FINANCE AUTHORITY

AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST NATIONS FINANCE AUTHORITY

We have audited the the statement of financial position of the First Nations Finance Authority (the "FNFA") as at March 31, 2009 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the FNFA's management. 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 plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the FNFA as at March 31, 2009 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Accountants

Kelowna, Canada
April 27, 2009



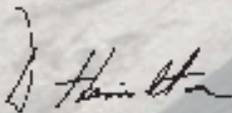
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Balance Sheet

March 31, 2009, with comparative figures for 2008

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and short-term investments | \$ 890,552 | \$ 743,585 |
| Accounts receivable | 117,350 | 43,504 |
| Prepaid expenses | 12,113 | 24,318 |
| | 1,020,015 | 811,407 |
| Capital assets (note 2) | 123,266 | 133,785 |
| | \$ 1,143,281 | \$ 945,192 |
| Liabilities and Net Assets | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 207,390 | \$ 160,622 |
| Deferred capital contributions | 33,693 | 44,496 |
| Net assets: | | |
| Investment in capital assets | 89,573 | 89,289 |
| Unrestricted | 812,625 | 650,785 |
| | 902,198 | 740,074 |
| Commitments (note 3) | | |
| | \$ 1,143,281 | \$ 945,192 |

On behalf of the Board



Director

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

FIRST NATIONS FINANCE AUTHORITY

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

Year Ended March 31, 2009, with comparative figures for 2008

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|-------------------|------------------|
| Revenue | | |
| Grants and Contributions (note 4) | \$ 1,778,000 | \$ 850,000 |
| Interest | 28,955 | 36,175 |
| Management fees (note 5) | 4,452 | 4,013 |
| Amortization of deferred capital contributions | 10,803 | 19,171 |
| | 1,822,210 | 909,359 |
| Expenses | | |
| Administration | 1,627,674 | 815,881 |
| Amortization | 32,412 | 20,382 |
| | 1,660,086 | 836,263 |
| Excess of revenue over expenses | \$ 162,124 | \$ 73,096 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

FIRST NATIONS FINANCE AUTHORITY

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

March 31, 2009, with comparative figures for 2008

| | Investment in capital assets | Unrestricted | 2009 Total | 2008 Total |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Balance, beginning of year | \$ 89,289 | \$ 650,785 | \$ 740,074 | \$ 666,978 |
| Excess of revenue over expenses | (21,609) | 183,733 | 162,124 | 73,096 |
| Investment in capital assets | 21,893 | (21,893) | – | – |
| Balance, end of year | \$ 89,573 | \$ 812,625 | \$ 902,198 | \$ 740,074 |



See accompanying notes to financial statements.

FIRST NATIONS FINANCE AUTHORITY

Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended March 31, 2009, with comparative figures for 2008

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|------------|------------|
| Cash provided by (used in): | | |
| Operations: | | |
| Excess of revenues over expenses | \$ 162,124 | \$ 73,096 |
| Amortization of capital assets | 32,412 | 20,382 |
| Amortization of deferred capital contributions | (10,803) | (19,171) |
| Net change in non-cash operating working capital: | | |
| Accounts receivable | (73,846) | (41,215) |
| Prepaid expenses | 12,205 | (15,506) |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 46,768 | 69,599 |
| Cash provided by operating activities | 168,860 | 87,185 |
| Investing: | | |
| Purchase of capital assets | (21,893) | (82,989) |
| Increase in cash and short-term investments | 146,967 | 4,196 |
| Cash and short-term investments, beginning of year | 743,585 | 739,389 |
| Cash and short-term investments, end of year | \$ 890,552 | \$ 743,585 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

FIRST NATIONS FINANCE AUTHORITY

Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended March 31, 2009

1. Significant accounting policies:

(a) Basis of presentation:

First Nations Finance Authority (the "FNFA" or the "Authority") was announced April 1, 2006 as a result of Bill C20 and operates under the *First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act* (the "Act") as a not for profit corporation without share capital to develop borrowing capacity for First Nations governments and to provide investment pooling arrangements for its investing members. The FNFA, through an agreement with the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia (the "MFA"), acts as a non-assignable corporate investment vehicle contracting with the MFA for the provision of investment services for FNFA unitholders.

The financial statements of the FNFA have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

The Authority applies fund accounting as follows:

Operating Fund:

The FNFA has established an Operating Fund to meet the annual operating budget. In addition to funds received from grants and interest, the Operating Fund receives management fees from the Pooled Investment Funds and pays the cost of their operations. The Operating Fund is the only fund being utilized to March 31, 2009. Upon formal commencement of borrowing activities, the following additional funds are to be established:

Sinking Fund:

Under the Act the FNFA is required to establish a Sinking Fund to fulfill its repayment obligations to the holders of each security issued by the Authority. Clients sharing in proceeds of a securities issue will make semi-annual principal repayments on money borrowed. These repayments will be invested and the earnings on the investments will accumulate together with the principal repayments to pay off the applicable security at maturity.

Debt Reserve Fund:

Under the Act the FNFA is required to establish a Debt Reserve Fund ("DRF"). Each Borrowing Member sharing in the proceeds of a securities issue with a term to maturity of five years or more, as a condition of participating contributes an amount up to 5% of the total amount borrowed into the DRF. This amount is payable to the FNFA at the time of issue and is returned, with interest, to the Borrowing Member at maturity of the Bond. If at any time the FNFA lacks sufficient funds to meet the principal, interest or sinking fund payments due on its obligations because of a default in payment by a Borrowing Member it can utilize the DRF to satisfy these obligations.

Credit Enhancement Fund:

Under the Act the FNFA is required to establish a Credit Enhancement Fund ("CEF") for the enhancement of the Authority's credit rating. The funds of the CEF may be invested only in those securities, investments or deposits specified under the Act. Investment income from the CEF may be used to temporarily offset shortfalls in DRF, to defray the Authority's costs of operation, and for any other purpose prescribed by regulation.

(b) Revenue recognition:

The FNFA receives management fees from the Pooled Investment Fund and pays the costs of its operations. The operations of the Pooled Investment Fund are reported separately to the Fund's unitholders.

The FNFA follows the deferral method of accounting for grants and other contributions. Operating grant revenue is recognized in the period to which the grant relates. When a portion of the grant relates to a future period, it is deferred and recognized in that subsequent period. Externally restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are recognized. Contributions of capital assets are deferred and amortized into revenue at a rate corresponding with the amortization rate for the related capital assets.

(c) Short-term Investments:

Short-term investments consist of investments in highly liquid money market funds, which are recorded at market values.

(d) Capital assets:

Capital assets are reported at cost, net of accumulated amortization. Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution. Amortization is provided on a declining balance basis over the assets' estimated useful life at the following rates:

| Asset | Basis | Rate |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Furniture and equipment | Declining balance | 20% |
| Computer equipment | Declining balance | 20% - 45% |
| Computer software | Declining balance | 100% |
| Leasehold improvements | Straightline | 20% |

The FNFA recognizes a liability at its fair value for any legal obligations associated with the retirement of leased premises and equipment when those obligations result from the acquisition or normal operation of assets. A corresponding asset retirement cost is required to be added to the carrying amount of the related asset and amortized to expense on the same basis as the related asset.

(e) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from these estimates. The majority of the Authority's assets and liabilities are recorded at amounts for which, by their nature, do not require significant management estimates or assumptions.

(f) Financial instruments:

The FNFA measures all non-derivative financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value with the exception of (i) loans and receivables and held-to-maturity investments, which are measured at amortized cost; and (ii) investments in equity instruments that do not have a quoted market price in an active market, which are measured at cost, other than such instruments that are classified as held-for-trading.

Subsequent measurement and changes in fair value depend on initial classification. Held for trading assets and liabilities are measured at fair value and changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of operations. Available for sale investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value recorded in the statement of changes in net assets until the investment is derecognized or other than impaired at which time the amounts would be recorded in the statement of operations.

Gains and losses on financial instruments measured at fair value are recognized in the periods in which they arise, with the exception of:

- (i) unrealized gains and losses on financial assets classified as available-for-sale, which are recognized directly in net assets until the financial asset is derecognized or becomes impaired; and
- (ii) certain financial instruments that are part of a designated hedging relationship.

(g) New accounting pronouncements:

- (i) Accounting pronouncements issued and effective for the current fiscal year:

Section 3862 "Financial Instruments Disclosure" and Section 3863 "Financial Instruments Presentation," which require expanded financial instrument disclosure and presentation standards from those prescribed in Section 3861 "Financial Instruments – Disclosure and Presentation," including increased emphasis on disclosures about the nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments and how the entity manages those risks. However, the CICA announced during the FNFA's 2009 fiscal year that not-for-profit organizations, including entities such as the FNFA, may elect to continue to apply Section 3861 in place of Sections 3862 and 3863. Accordingly, the FNFA has elected to continue to apply the financial instrument disclosure and presentation standards in Section 3861 in its March 31, 2009 financial statements.

Section 1535, Capital Disclosures, establishes guidelines for the disclosure of information regarding an entity's capital and how it is managed. The section was applicable for the FNFA's fiscal year commencing April 1, 2008. It requires enhanced disclosure with respect to the objectives, policies and processes for managing capital, quantitative data about the entity's capital and disclosures about the entity's compliance with capital requirements and consequences of any non-compliance. The FNFA's disclosure in regards of this section is located in note 7.

Section 1400, General Standards of Financial Statement Presentation, which includes requirements for management to assess and disclose an entity's ability to continue as a going concern. Management has made its assessment and concluded there is no issue regarding the FNFA's ability to continue as a going concern based on the assumption that the current funding levels are maintained and any committed additional future funding is received. If there are significant declines in funding, expenditures will be adjusted to match committed funding.

- (ii) Accounting pronouncements issued but not yet effective:

In September 2008, the CICA made certain amendments to the Handbook Section 4400, "Financial Statement Presentation by Not for Profit Organizations" and Section 4470, "Disclosure of Allocated Expenses by Not-for-Profit Organizations." The amendments are effective for the FNFA's fiscal year commencing April 1, 2009 and include removal of requirements to treat net assets invested in capital assets as a separate component of net assets. The FNFA is currently evaluating the impact of these accounting standards amendments for future years financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements continued

Year ended March 31, 2009

2. Capital assets:

| | | | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Cost | Accumulated amortization | Net book value | Net book value |
| Furniture and equipment | \$ 59,840 | \$ 24,825 | \$ 35,015 | \$ 37,429 |
| Computer equipment | 12,691 | 8,696 | 3,995 | 7,264 |
| Computer software | 53,720 | 24,044 | 29,676 | 19,648 |
| Leasehold improvements | 71,838 | 17,258 | 54,580 | 69,444 |
| | \$ 198,089 | \$ 74,823 | \$ 123,266 | \$ 133,785 |

3. Commitments:

During the year, the FNFA entered into a lease agreement for office space. The agreement is for 60 months and expires February 2013.

The FNFA also has an agreement with the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia (the "MFA") to which service fees are provided by the MFA at a cost of \$1,000 per month. This agreement expires on September 30, 2013.

Commencing July 1, 2009 FNFA entered an agreement with Acquired Intelligence Inc. to provide software development services for a cost of \$60,000. This agreement expires on March 31, 2010.

Total estimated commitments for the next four years and thereafter are as follows:

| | |
|------|------------|
| 2010 | \$ 145,418 |
| 2011 | 65,418 |
| 2012 | 56,515 |
| 2013 | 12,000 |
| | \$ 279,351 |

4. Grants and Contributions:

During the year, the FNFA received the following funding arrangements from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC).

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Contribution Agreement 2008/09 | \$1,163,000 | \$ - |
| Grant Agreement 2008/09 & 2007/08 | 500,000 | 850,000 |
| Grant Agreement 2006/07 | 115,000 | - |
| | \$1,778,000 | \$ 850,000 |

INAC provided a Funding Contribution for the 2008-09 fiscal year. The contribution is for delivery of specific programs, services and activities as set out in the arrangement. This funding agreement is reviewed annually based on the needs and the financial results of the Authority. Should this funding not be continued or it can't be replaced, then the Authority would not be able to continue its operations at the current level.

Under the terms of the grant, which is for the purpose of covering costs associated with the Authority's core business, the FNFA is to receive an annual maximum of \$500,000. This agreement expires on March 31, 2011.

The Funding in 2008 represented monies for internal core services. The increase in fiscal 2009 represents Funding for client program development relating to FNFA mandated areas.

5. Management fees:

Management fees are accrued daily at the rate of 0.04% per annum of the net assets of the FNFA's share of the MFA's Pooled Investment Funds and are receivable semiannually on June 30th and December 31st. These management fees are paid to the FNFA through the MFA.

6. Financial instruments:

(a) Fair value:

The FNFA's financial instruments include cash and short-term investments, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The carrying values of cash and short-term investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their fair values due to the short term nature of these financial assets and liabilities.

(b) Credit risk exposure:

The maximum credit risk exposure for all financial assets is the carrying amount of that asset. It is management's opinion that the FNFA is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from its financial instruments.

7. Capital disclosures:

The FNFA defines capital to be net assets. The FNFA receives its principal source of capital through funding received from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC).

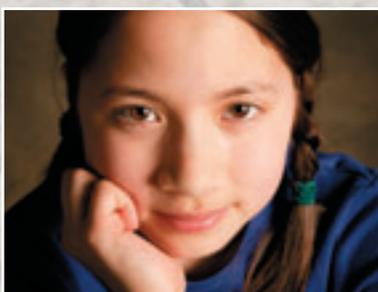
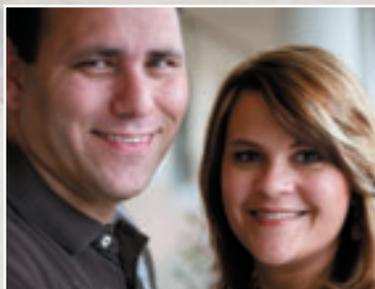
The FNFA's objective when managing capital is to fund its operations and capital asset investments. The FNFA manages the capital structure in conjunction with INAC and makes adjustments based on available government funding and economic conditions. Currently, the FNFA's strategy is to monitor expenditures to preserve capital in accordance with budgeted funding.

The FNFA is not subject to debt covenants or any other capital requirements with respect to operating funding. Funding received for designated purposes must be used for the purpose outlined in the funding arrangement. Non-compliance with external restrictions may result in reductions of future funding for designated purposes.

8. Comparative figures:

Certain 2008 comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the financial statement presentation adopted for the current year.





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AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF THE FIRST NATIONS FINANCE AUTHORITY

Pooled Investment Funds

We have audited the statement of net assets of the Money Market Fund and the Intermediate Fund of the First Nations Finance Authority (the "FNFA") as at December 31, 2008 and the statement of earnings and unitholders' equity of these Funds for the year ended December 31, 2008. These financial statements are the responsibility of the FNFA's management. 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 plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of these Funds as at December 31, 2008 and the results of their operations and the changes in their net assets for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Accountants

Victoria, Canada

April 27, 2009





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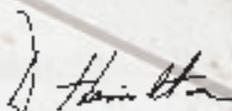
Pooled Investments – Statement of Net Assets

December 31, 2008 with comparative figures for 2007

| | Money Market Fund | | Intermediate Fund | | Total | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Assets | | | | | | |
| Cash | \$ 69 | \$ 141 | \$ 453 | \$ 376 | \$ 522 | \$ 517 |
| Investments (note 4) | 6,602,330 | 4,694,839 | 3,678,781 | 5,507,618 | 10,281,111 | 10,202,457 |
| Subscription receivable | 161,849 | 19,219 | 10,129 | 11 | 171,978 | 19,230 |
| | \$ 6,764,248 | \$ 4,714,199 | \$ 3,689,363 | \$ 5,508,005 | \$10,453,611 | \$10,222,204 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | |
| Accrued management fees | \$ 851 | \$ 619 | \$ 655 | \$ 966 | \$ 1,506 | \$ 1,585 |
| Unitholder payable | 33,595 | 2,227 | – | 146,739 | 33,595 | 148,966 |
| | 34,446 | 2,846 | 655 | 147,705 | 35,101 | 150,551 |
| Net assets and unitholders' equity | 6,729,802 | 4,711,353 | 3,688,708 | 5,360,300 | 10,418,510 | 10,071,653 |
| | \$ 6,764,248 | \$ 4,714,199 | \$ 3,689,363 | \$ 5,508,005 | \$10,453,611 | \$10,222,204 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:



Director

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Pooled Investments – Statement of Earnings and Unitholders' Equity

December 31, 2008 with comparative figures for 2007

| | Money Market Fund | | Intermediate Fund | | Total | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Investment income: | | | | | | |
| Interest income | \$ 222,048 | \$ 207,531 | \$ 216,948 | \$ 210,200 | \$ 438,996 | \$ 417,731 |
| Less management fees | 9,137 | 6,856 | 9,041 | 10,292 | 18,178 | 17,148 |
| | 212,911 | 200,675 | 207,907 | 199,908 | 420,818 | 400,583 |
| Gain (loss) on investments: | | | | | | |
| Net realized gain (loss) | 63 | – | 18,305 | (32,479) | 18,368 | (32,479) |
| Net unrealized gain | – | – | 16,560 | 37,500 | 16,560 | 37,500 |
| Net gain on investments | 63 | – | 34,865 | 5,021 | 34,928 | 5,021 |
| Net earnings distributed | \$ 212,974 | \$ 200,675 | \$ 242,772 | \$ 204,929 | \$ 455,746 | \$ 405,604 |
| Net assets and unitholders' equity: | | | | | | |
| Units outstanding, beginning of the year | \$ 4,711,353 | \$ 4,281,116 | \$ 5,360,300 | \$ 5,147,085 | \$10,071,653 | \$ 9,428,201 |
| Transitional bid price adjustment to opening units (note 2) | – | – | – | (6,714) | – | (6,714) |
| Units subscribed | 2,719,330 | 414,562 | 26,541 | 15,000 | 2,745,871 | 429,562 |
| Distributions reinvested | 212,974 | 200,675 | 242,772 | 204,929 | 455,746 | 405,604 |
| Units redeemed | (913,855) | (185,000) | (1,940,905) | – | (2,854,760) | (185,000) |
| Units outstanding, end of the year | \$ 6,729,802 | \$ 4,711,353 | \$ 3,688,708 | \$ 5,360,300 | \$10,418,510 | \$10,071,653 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Pooled Investments – Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2009

First Nations Finance Authority (the "FNFA") was announced April 1, 2006 as a result of Bill C-20 and operates under the *First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act* (the "Act") as a non-profit corporation without share capital to provide investment pooling arrangements and to develop borrowing capacity for First Nations governments. The FNFA, through an agreement with the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia (the "MFA"), acts as a non-assignable corporate investment vehicle contracting with the MFA for the provision of investment services for FNFA unitholders. This contracting service was assumed from First Nations Finance Authority Inc. which administered the funds on the same basis as the FNFA.

Under the Act the FNFA may establish short-termed pooled investment funds. Funds in FNFA short-term pooled investment funds may be invested only in:

- (a) securities issued or guaranteed by Canada, a province or the United States;
- (b) fixed-term deposits, notes, certificates or other short-term paper of, or guaranteed by, a bank, trust company or credit union, including swaps in United States currency;
- (c) securities issued by the Authority or by a local, municipal or regional government in Canada;
- (d) commercial paper issued by a Canadian company that is rated in the highest category by at least two recognized security-rating institutions;
- (e) any class of investments permitted under an Act of a province relating to trustees; or
- (f) any other investments or class of investments prescribed by regulation.

In accordance with the Pooled Investment Regulation made under the *First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act*, the Authority has, by contract, arranged to continue to participate in the short to intermediate term investment pools established by the MFA. These funds are the Money Market Fund and the Intermediate Fund.

1. Significant accounting policies:

Monies received from unitholders are invested in two pooled investment funds administered by the MFA:

- Money Market Fund; and
- Intermediate Fund.

These funds are authorized to issue an unlimited number of units, each of which represents an equal undivided interest in the net assets of the respective funds, pro rata, with all other units from time to time issued and outstanding. Units are issued or redeemed at \$1,000 per unit. Under Section 149(1)(c) of the *Income Tax Act*, the funds are exempt from income taxes.

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used in the preparation of the financial statements.

(a) Money Market Fund:

- (i) Investments are carried at market value.
- (ii) Interest income is recognized as earned.
- (iii) Management fees are accrued daily at the rate of 0.15% per annum of the net assets of the fund and are paid monthly to the MFA.
- (iv) Net earnings from operations are distributed to unitholders daily as additional units of the fund.

(b) Intermediate Fund:

- (i) Investments are carried at market value.
- (ii) Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date and gains/losses from such transactions are calculated on an average cost basis.
- (iii) Interest income is recognized as earned.
- (iv) Management fees are accrued weekly and at month end at the rate of 0.20% per annum of the net assets of the fund and are paid monthly to the MFA.
- (v) Net earnings from operations are distributed to unitholders weekly and at month end as additional units of the fund.
- (vi) Accretion of discounts and premiums are amortized on an effective rate basis over the term of the investment.

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Pooled Investments – Notes to Financial Statements continued

Year ended December 31, 2009

2. Adoption of new accounting standards:

On January 1, 2007 the funds adopted the CICA Handbook sections 3855 (Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement), 3861 (Financial Instruments – Disclosure and Presentation) and 3865 (Hedges). A transitional adjustment of \$6,714 was recorded as a decrease in net assets.

3. Financial Instruments:

All subscription receivables, accrued management fees and unitholder payables have been classified as loans and receivables or other liabilities and are recorded at amortized cost using the effective yield basis.

Transaction costs are expensed and included in the statement of earnings and unitholders' equity in the period incurred.

Investments are designated as held for trading and recorded at market value measured at mid-market prices which approximate bid values.

a. Risk management

Risk management is achieved through segregation of duties whereby the investment management decisions are undertaken by a professional fund manager (Phillips Hager North Investment Management Ltd.), custody of the assets and accounting functions undertaken by a professional custodian (CIBC Mellon Trust Company), and overall governance of the funds monitored by the Investment Advisory Committee comprised of Trustees of the MFA.

The Investment Advisory Committee establishes the investing guidelines and reviews the fund manager's compliance and assesses performance in comparison to the DEX 91-Day Treasury Bill Index, the DEX 365-Day Treasury Bill Index, and the DEX Short Term Index on a quarterly basis.

b. Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the risk that a portfolio may not be able to settle or meet its obligation on time or at a reasonable price.

Each portfolio is exposed to daily and weekly cash redemptions of units at the current Net Assets Value per unit at the option of the unitholder. The funds invest the majority of their assets in investment that are traded in an active market and can be readily disposed of. In addition each Fund retains sufficient cash and cash equivalent positions to maintain liquidity.

As of December 31, 2008 the duration of the funds was 84 days for Money Market Fund and 329 days for the Intermediate Fund.

c. Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect future cash flows or fair values of financial instruments.

The funds invest significantly in interest bearing securities and are therefore susceptible to market rate fluctuations, however, the short duration of the investments lessens the affect of changes in interest rates. Had the prevailing interest rates increased or decreased by 1%, assuming a parallel shift in the yield curve, with all other variables held constant, the net assets of the funds would have increased by \$34,925 (2007 - \$34,046).

The Money Market Fund is valued at market value and an interest rate change would not have a material affect on net assets. The yield on the fund would move towards the new interest rate, with a time lag, as the underlying securities matured and new securities were purchased.

For the year ended December 31, 2008 yields on the funds were 3.77% for Money Market Fund and 5.13% for the Intermediate Fund.

d. Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge its obligation or commitment.

The fair value of investment portfolio includes consideration of the credit worthiness of debt issuers and the carrying value of all assets represents the maximum credit risk exposure as at December 31, 2008.

e. Other price risk and currency risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices.

All securities present a risk of capital loss, however, the fund manager moderates risk through a conservative selection of securities and diversification within the parameters of the investment policy.

The funds are not subject to currency risk. The functional currency is the Canadian dollar and all transactions are denominated in Canadian dollars.

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Pooled Investments – Notes to Financial Statements continued

Year ended December 31, 2009

4. Investments:

The investments held by the FNFA represent their unitholders proportionate share of securities invested in the Money Market Fund and Intermediate Fund administered by the MFA's Pooled Investment Funds.

As at December 31 the Money Market Fund and Intermediate Fund of the MFA held the following securities:

| | 2008 | | 2007 | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Money Market Fund | Intermediate Fund | Money Market Fund | Intermediate Fund |
| Bankers' acceptance | 5.49% | 0% | 3.6% | 0% |
| Corporate bonds | 13.69% | 99.01% | 1.2% | 51.7% |
| Treasury bills and term deposits | 13.46% | 0.10% | 27.0% | 0% |
| Commercial paper | 67.36% | 0.26% | 68.2% | 34.0% |
| Government of Canada federal bonds | 0% | 0.63% | 0% | 14.3% |
| | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

The investments of the FNFA unitholders represent approximately 0.4% (2007 - 0.4%) of the Money Market Fund and 2.3% (2007 - 2.9%) of the Intermediate Fund administered by the MFA's Pooled Investment Funds.

5. Management fees:

A portion of management fees paid to the MFA is attributable and paid to the FNFA general operating fund by the MFA. Management fees of \$4,402 (2007 - \$2,901) were paid to the FNFA general operating fund through the MFA.

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Money Market Fund – Schedule of Investments

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December 31, 2008

Short-term Investments

| | MATURITY DATE | PAR | MARKET VALUE | % OF TOTAL |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Treasury Bills | | | | |
| Government of Canada | April 30, 2009 | \$ 35,000,000 | \$ 34,873,825 | |
| Province of Ontario | February 6, 2009 | 22,950,000 | 22,903,320 | |
| Province of Ontario | February 23, 2009 | 19,800,000 | 19,740,498 | |
| Province of Ontario | April 29, 2009 | 105,750,000 | 104,905,987 | |
| Province of Ontario | May 11, 2009 | 37,500,000 | 37,235,439 | |
| | | \$221,000,000 | \$219,659,069 | 13.46% |
| Bankers Acceptance | | | | |
| Bank of Montreal | May 5, 2009 | \$ 3,775,000 | \$ 3,739,675 | |
| Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce | March 25, 2009 | 3,500,000 | 3,469,273 | |
| Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce | April 22, 2009 | 7,225,000 | 19,740,498 | |
| Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce | May 6, 2009 | 34,300,000 | 104,905,987 | |
| Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce | May 7, 2009 | 27,000,000 | 26,733,603 | |
| Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce | May 13, 2009 | 8,525,000 | 8,427,577 | |
| Toronto Dominion Bank | February 11, 2009 | 6,100,000 | 6,083,656 | |
| | | \$ 90,425,000 | \$ 89,515,998 | 5.49% |
| Discount Commercial Paper | | | | |
| Alberta Capital Finance Corp. | February 18, 2009 | \$ 24,100,000 | \$ 24,057,249 | |
| Bank Nova Scotia BDN | January 14, 2009 | 7,575,000 | 7,566,437 | |
| Bank Nova Scotia BDN | February 12, 2009 | 5,000,000 | 4,985,985 | |
| Bank Nova Scotia BDN | March 11, 2009 | 13,075,000 | 13,033,163 | |
| Bank of Montreal BDN | January 15, 2009 | 20,300,000 | 20,271,258 | |
| Bank of Montreal BDN | April 6, 2009 | 26,125,000 | 25,875,474 | |
| Bay Street Funding Trust | January 28, 2009 | 10,000,000 | 9,978,619 | |
| Bay Street Funding Trust | February 2, 2009 | 2,550,000 | 2,543,230 | |
| Bay Street Funding Trust | February 17, 2009 | 4,000,000 | 3,984,061 | |
| Bay Street Funding Trust | March 17, 2009 | 13,275,000 | 13,182,494 | |
| Bay Street Funding Trust | March 18, 2009 | 5,000,000 | 4,968,987 | |
| Central 1 Credit Union | February 18, 2009 | 5,250,000 | 5,232,508 | |
| Diversified Trust | March 3, 2009 | 14,950,000 | 14,874,361 | |
| Diversified Trust | March 17, 2009 | 21,000,000 | 20,849,461 | |
| Diversified Trust | March 26, 2009 | 25,000,000 | 24,777,077 | |
| Encana Corp. | February 25, 2009 | 3,000,000 | 2,991,663 | |
| Encana Corp. | March 17, 2009 | 24,000,000 | 23,901,783 | |
| Encana Corp. | March 19, 2009 | 22,000,000 | 21,907,567 | |
| Financiere CDP Inc. | April 15, 2009 | 10,450,000 | 10,402,015 | |
| HSBC Bank Canada BDN | April 22, 2009 | 6,500,000 | 6,466,608 | |
| HSBC Bank Canada BDN | May 4, 2009 | 13,000,000 | 12,870,499 | |
| HSBC Bank Canada BDN | May 5, 2009 | 23,300,000 | 23,066,007 | |
| HSBC Bank Canada BDN | June 4, 2009 | 23,500,000 | 23,267,748 | |
| HSBC Bank Canada BDN | June 8, 2009 | 13,850,000 | 13,713,652 | |

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| | MATURITY DATE | PAR | MARKET VALUE | % OF TOTAL |
|--|-------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Discount Commercial Paper continued | | | | |
| Interpipe Inc. | February 20, 2009 | \$ 5,800,000 | \$ 5,779,254 | |
| Interpipe Inc. | March 6, 2009 | 11,000,000 | 10,955,868 | |
| Interpipe Inc. | March 11, 2009 | 9,000,000 | 8,965,305 | |
| Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. | March 17, 2009 | 8,000,000 | 7,967,261 | |
| King Street Funding Trust | January 12, 2009 | 7,000,000 | 6,991,641 | |
| King Street Trust | February 23, 2009 | 11,750,000 | 11,699,186 | |
| King Street Trust | March 11, 2009 | 5,000,000 | 4,971,844 | |
| King Street Trust | March 23, 2009 | 28,775,000 | 28,530,010 | |
| McCain Finance (Canada) Ltd. | January 15, 2009 | 17,800,000 | 17,773,592 | |
| McCain Finance (Canada) Ltd. | February 5, 2009 | 5,300,000 | 5,284,623 | |
| McCain Finance (Canada) Ltd. | February 17, 2009 | 9,000,000 | 8,966,071 | |
| McCain Finance (Canada) Ltd. | February 20, 2009 | 15,700,000 | 15,637,033 | |
| Merit Trust | January 27, 2009 | 6,050,000 | 6,036,514 | |
| Merit Trust | February 2, 2009 | 14,000,000 | 13,962,219 | |
| Plaza Trust | March 24, 2009 | 42,825,000 | 42,538,581 | |
| Royal Bank of Canada BDN | January 20, 2009 | 21,625,000 | 21,608,154 | |
| Safe Trust | February 26, 2009 | 11,700,000 | 11,637,396 | |
| Safe Trust | March 4, 2009 | 12,150,000 | 12,079,629 | |
| Safe Trust | March 11, 2009 | 1,500,000 | 1,490,111 | |
| Safe Trust | March 12, 2009 | 9,000,000 | 8,939,804 | |
| Safe Trust | May 5, 2009 | 10,500,000 | 10,379,028 | |
| Safe Trust | May 14, 2009 | 19,775,000 | 19,547,975 | |
| Safe Trust | May 21, 2009 | 17,000,000 | 16,788,285 | |
| Scotiabank Inc. | January 26, 2009 | 10,500,000 | 10,489,200 | |
| Shoppers Drug Mart | January 12, 2009 | 29,800,000 | 29,783,922 | |
| Shoppers Drug Mart | January 19, 2009 | 8,400,000 | 8,388,660 | |
| Smart Trust | February 26, 2009 | 4,830,000 | 4,804,156 | |
| Smart Trust | March 16, 2009 | 18,000,000 | 17,872,687 | |
| Smart Trust | March 18, 2009 | 21,000,000 | 20,845,398 | |
| Smart Trust | March 24, 2009 | 24,000,000 | 23,793,684 | |
| Smart Trust | May 5, 2009 | 11,000,000 | 10,873,268 | |
| Smart Trust | May 13, 2009 | 2,500,000 | 2,471,515 | |
| Smart Trust | March 3, 2009 | 14,875,000 | 14,788,301 | |
| Smart Trust | March 9, 2009 | 12,750,000 | 12,668,377 | |
| Smart Trust | March 12, 2009 | 18,000,000 | 17,879,608 | |
| Smart Trust | March 24, 2009 | 20,000,000 | 19,828,070 | |
| Smart Trust | March 25, 2009 | 12,000,000 | 11,895,584 | |
| Smart Trust | May 21, 2009 | 2,000,000 | 1,975,092 | |
| Smart Trust | June 2, 2009 | 2,000,000 | 1,972,156 | |
| Storm King Funding Trust | February 11, 2009 | 12,600,000 | 12,544,132 | |
| Storm King Funding Trust | February 24, 2009 | 4,000,000 | 3,982,079 | |
| Storm King Funding Trust | March 24, 2009 | 38,975,000 | 38,714,330 | |
| Summit Trust Series 'A' | March 26, 2009 | 22,650,000 | 22,448,032 | |
| Summit Trust Series 'A' | May 4, 2009 | 22,500,000 | 22,246,466 | |
| Summit Trust Series 'A' | May 14, 2009 | 14,875,000 | 14,698,964 | |
| Summit Trust Series 'A' | June 5, 2009 | 4,000,000 | 3,949,773 | |

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| | MATURITY DATE | PAR | MARKET VALUE | % OF TOTAL |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Discount Commercial Paper continued | | | | |
| Toronto Dominion Bank BDN | January 6, 2009 | \$ 7,350,000 | \$ 7,346,821 | |
| Toronto Dominion Bank BDN | March 6, 2009 | 37,425,000 | 37,215,091 | |
| Toronto Dominion Bank BDN | April 22, 2009 | 16,750,000 | 16,601,876 | |
| Terasen Gas Inc. | January 29, 2009 | 8,925,000 | 8,907,622 | |
| Transcanada Pipeline Ltd. | February 13, 2009 | 18,600,000 | 18,532,648 | |
| Vancouver City Savings Cu. BDN | February 3, 2009 | 925,000 | 923,291 | |
| Vancouver City Savings Cu. BDN | February 12, 2009 | 11,275,000 | 11,235,711 | |
| Vancouver City Savings Cu. BDN | February 20, 2009 | 2,000,000 | 1,991,839 | |
| Vancouver City Savings Cu. BDN | March 4, 2009 | 1,500,000 | 1,492,965 | |
| Vancouver City Savings Cu. BDN | March 6, 2009 | 6,000,000 | 5,971,469 | |
| Vancouver City Savings Cu. BDN | March 13, 2009 | 10,000,000 | 9,955,492 | |
| | | 1,106,055,000 | 1,099,319,294 | 67.36% |
| Total Short-term Investments | | \$1,417,480,000 | \$1,408,494,361 | 86.31% |
| Canadian Bonds | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds | | | | |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | May 6, 2009 | \$ 37,000,000 | \$ 37,176,140 | |
| Canada Housing Trust No 1 | March 15, 2009 | 31,675,000 | 32,092,524 | |
| Province of Ontario | March 2, 2009 | 33,000,000 | 33,084,450 | |
| Province of Quebec | April 1, 2009 | 49,250,000 | 51,711,900 | |
| Province of Quebec | June 1, 2009 | 68,000,000 | 69,249,481 | |
| | | 218,925,000 | 223,314,495 | 13.69 |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS PORTFOLIO | | \$1,636,405,000 | \$1,631,808,856 | 100% |

FIRST NATIONS FINANCE AUTHORITY

Intermediate Fund – Schedule of Investments

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December 31, 2008

| | MATURITY DATE | PAR | MARKET VALUE | % OF TOTAL |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Short-term Investments | | | | |
| Treasury Bills | | | | |
| Government of Canada | February 5, 2009 | \$ 175,000 | \$ 174,865 | 0.10% |
| Discount Commercial Paper | | | | |
| Bay Street Funding Trust | February 12, 2009 | 325,000 | 323,921 | 0.10% |
| Plaza Trust | January 27, 2009 | 150,000 | 149,674 | |
| | | 475,000 | 473,595 | 0.26% |
| Total Short-term Investments | | \$ 650,000 | \$ 648,460 | 0.36% |
| Canadian Bonds | | | | |
| Federal Bonds | | | | |
| Government of Canada | June 1, 2009 | \$ 1,125,000 | \$ 1,151,814 | 0.64% |
| Corporate Bonds | | | | |
| American Exp Canada Credit | January 27, 2009 | \$ 7,000,000 | \$ 7,131,235 | |
| Bank of Montreal | January 28, 2010 | 8,025,000 | 8,642,482 | |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | June 8, 2010 | 8,200,000 | 8,459,313 | |
| Canada Housing Trust No 1 | March 15, 2009 | 53,225,000 | 54,064,084 | |
| Canada Housing Trust No 1 | September 15, 2009 | 17,000,000 | 17,673,226 | |
| Canadian Credit Card Trust | April 26, 2010 | 4,300,000 | 4,340,259 | |
| Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce | September 2, 2010 | 8,200,000 | 8,532,379 | |
| GE Capital Canada Funding Co. | June 7, 2010 | 6,500,000 | 6,447,097 | |
| Golden Credit Card Trust | June 15, 2010 | 8,500,000 | 8,560,716 | |
| Great West Life Co. Inc. | August 10, 2015 | 8,225,000 | 8,676,760 | |
| Greater Toronto Airport Authority | July 19, 2010 | 8,125,000 | 8,690,855 | |
| Household Financial Corp Ltd. | April 13, 2009 | 4,225,000 | 4,266,888 | |
| Master Credit Card Trust | November 21, 2009 | 8,475,000 | 8,611,956 | |
| Royal Bank of Canada | June 24, 2015 | 8,900,000 | 8,724,879 | |
| TD Capital Trust | December 31, 2009 | 8,500,000 | 8,599,509 | |
| Wells Fargo Financial Canada Corp. | June 28, 2010 | 8,475,000 | 8,377,103 | |
| | | 175,875,000 | 179,798,741 | 99% |
| Total Canadian Bonds | | 177,000,000 | 180,950,555 | 99.64% |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS PORTFOLIO | | \$177,000,000 | \$181,599,015 | 100% |

Staff



Steve Berna, CA
Chief Operating Officer

Steve spent 17 years, 7 as CEO, developing the cooperative borrowing/investing model used in British Columbia, where all 210 local governments, regardless of size, received the benefits of a “AAA” credit rating (Municipal Finance Authority of BC). Debenture issuance was international in scope, and included complex Public Private Partnerships in Metro Vancouver area.

Steve’s current responsibilities as COO of FNFA include the responsibility of overseeing operations, and establishing programs for First Nations across Canada that includes: short and long term financing loans, investment services, and advice on capital projects.



Walter Schneider, CA
Director of Finance

As Director of Finance, Walter has management oversight and responsibility for all finance and accounting operations, financial policies, information systems, budget formulation and execution. In addition, he is responsible for managing investments as well as ensuring the efficiency, accuracy, integrity and compliance of all debt issuances.

Walter is a Chartered Accountant and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia.



Aaron Barner, B.Mgt., MBA
*Director of Communications
& Client Relations*

Aaron is in charge of managing corporate and client communications, marketing FNFA products and programs and maintaining the FNFA Investment Fund Program. Aaron works directly with First Nation councils, Band employees and National Aboriginal organizations to generate understanding and build membership of the FNFA. Aaron is only a phone call away to provide you with investment advice, schedule a community visit or to plan a presentation and information session.



Pamela Severson
Financial Officer/Corporate Clerk

As Corporate Clerk, Pam is responsible to the Board of Directors, Committee and Senior Management for organizing and managing activities and records. As Financial Officer, Pam is responsible for payroll, and has signing authority for FNFA financial transactions, review of contracts, agreements and coordinating the legislative evaluation requisite.



Shannon Jenner
Administrative Assistant

Shannon is the voice and smile you hear when you call the FNFA. In addition to answering phones and greeting visitors Shannon is responsible for staff travel arrangements, incoming and outgoing mail, assisting in conference organization, monitoring the FNFA website and assisting administrative personnel with overflow projects.



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