CREDIT UNION

DEPOSIT GUARANTEE

CORPORATION

Alberta

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

DEPOSIT GUARANTEE STATEMENT

The Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation (the "Corporation") operates under the authority of the *Credit Union Act* Chapter C-32, revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000. The Corporation guarantees the repayment of all deposits with Alberta credit unions including accrued interest. The *Credit Union Act* provides that the Province of Alberta will ensure that this obligation of the Corporation is carried out.

All deposit amounts are 100% guaranteed and include accrued interest to the date of payout. Deposit amounts including chequing and savings accounts, RRSP deposits, RRIF deposits, TFSA deposits, foreign currency deposits, and term deposits, including those with terms exceeding five years. The guarantee does not cover non-deposit investments, examples of which include common shares, investment shares, mutual funds and self-administered RRSPs that are not deposits (e.g. shares, mutual funds).

MANDATE

To guarantee deposits and provide risk-based regulatory oversight to enable a safe and sound credit union system in Alberta.

PRIMARY ROLES

- Provide a 100% guarantee of deposits held with Alberta credit unions.
- Regulate credit unions and enforce the Credit Union Act.
- Review, advise and direct credit unions on sound business practices.
- Monitor credit union performance and implement appropriate actions to improve performance and reduce risks.
- Establish individual credit union loan approval limits and provide an appropriate adjudication process for loans exceeding these limits.

CORPORATE VALUES

- Integrity
- Respect
- Accountability

CORE OPERATIONS

There are three interrelated core operations that contribute to fulfilling our mandate:

- quaranteeing deposits,
- regulating credit unions, and
- managing our business.

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FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL SUMMARY

For the years ending December 31

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Selected statement of financial position items (\$ in thousands)					
Investments	387,114	356,615	337,536	320,942	290,108
Provision for financial assistance	-	-	-	-	131
Selected statement of comprehensive income items (\$ in thousands)					
Assessment revenue	18,636	19,656	19,140	31,178	33,48
Investment income	12,864	5,861	9,496	11,281	10,65
Operating expenses	6,607	6,992	7,247	7,021	6,98
Increase (decrease) in provision for financial assistance	-	-	-	(131)	6
Total comprehensive income	27,474	19,880	15,772	30,063	35,77
Number of active credit unions	16	17	21	22	2
Total credit union available capital as % of risk weighted assets (as of October 31)	16.66%	16.44%	15.89%	15.42%	14.68%
Total credit union insured deposits (\$ in billions)	22.2	22.3	21.4	21.1	20.9
Deposit Guarantee Fund (\$ in thousands)	391,996	364,522	344,642	328,870	293,90
Deposit Guarantee Fund as % of deposits and borrowings	1.76%	1.63%	1.61%	1.56%	1.41%

ALBERTA CREDIT UNIONS

REGULATED CREDIT UNIONS IN ALBERTA AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019

1st Choice Savings and Credit Union Ltd.

ABCU Credit Union Ltd.

Bow Valley Credit Union Ltd.

Calgary Police Credit Union Ltd.

Christian Credit Union Ltd.

Connect First Credit Union Ltd.

Encompass Credit Union Ltd.

Khalsa Credit Union (Alberta) Limited

Lakeland Credit Union Ltd.

Pincher Creek Credit Union Ltd.

Rocky Credit Union Ltd.

Servus Credit Union Ltd.¹

Spark the Energy Credit Union Ltd.

TransCanada Credit Union Ltd.

Vermilion Credit Union Ltd.

Vision Credit Union Ltd.

¹Edson Credit Union Ltd. amalgamated with Servus Credit Union Ltd. effective May 1, 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

On behalf of the Board of Directors and management, it is my pleasure to present the 2019 Annual Report for the Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation. The Corporation celebrated its 45th year in 2019.

The Board continued to strengthen its effectiveness and governance practices throughout the year. Our priorities for 2019-2020 include development of a CEO succession plan, enhancement of the strategic planning process, review and update of the Corporate Bylaws, update of the board skills matrix and creation of a communications plan with the Minister based on expectations and requirements from new government and the Corporation's direction and risks.

During the planning session, we spent time on governance and strategic matters. We considered how to get ready for the credit union system five to ten years from now which will have fewer but generally larger credit unions servicing more Albertans. The discussions covered strategic topics such as continued credit union consolidation, Servus' potential ownership/control of Credit Union Central Alberta Limited (Alberta Central), large Alberta credit unions becoming federal credit unions, deposit guarantee payout capabilities and the fund size/assessment methodology.

We also continued work on the board succession planning and board skills development through broadening committee experience. We implemented rotations of committee chairs effective January 1, 2020. I would like to thank Jim McKillop, previous Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee and Sharon Carry, previous Chair of Governance and Human Resources Committee for their significant contributions.

We continue to support the government's focus on spending restraint and other initiatives such as Red Tape Reduction. We have ongoing conversations about Alberta's challenging economic and fiscal environment, changing landscape of the credit union system and the importance of workforce sustainability. We regularly review our processes and practices to ensure that we are effectively delivering our mandate in a cost effective manner. We continue to appreciate the strong working relationships we have with Alberta Treasury Board and Finance, Alberta Central and Alberta credit unions.

Our CEO, Tim Wiles, advised the Board of his plans to retire during 2020. The Board's work during the year to identify the qualities and expectations for the next CEO and update the CEO position profile have the Board well positioned for the recruitment of the next CEO. The Board thanks Tim for his seven years of leadership of the Corporation. The Corporation and the credit union system have benefitted from Tim's experience, knowledge and relationship building approach. We wish Tim well in whatever the future brings for him.

On behalf of all directors, I would like to express sincere thanks to TJ Zhang for his contributions to the Board during his term. We are pleased to welcome Margaret McCuaig-Boyd to the Board. I also want to express sincere appreciation to all employees and the executive for their hard work and important contributions to our priorities and core operations over the past year.

> John McGowan Chair, Board of Directors

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

There was one amalgamation in 2019 reducing the total number of credit unions the Corporation regulates from 17 to 16. As at October 31, 2019, total assets for the Alberta credit union system are \$26.9 billion and total deposits are \$22.1 billion. As the trend of consolidation continues, the credit union landscape is evolving to fewer but generally larger credit unions. Our efforts have been focused to enhance our approach to meet our mandate of regulating credit unions and guaranteeing deposits while seeking efficiencies in managing our business in this changing landscape. This requires ongoing monitoring of the financial industry and reviewing ongoing changes in regulatory standards. We also assess risks facing Alberta credit unions due to the current economic situation, both locally in Alberta and globally, compressed financial margins, competitive market place and increasing cybersecurity risks.

During the year, we had a significant change in the management team. A new team brings different perspectives that is continuing our work efforts to ensure that we are effectively delivering our mandate. We made significant progress in our 2019 key priorities, which included updating our business information analysis application, enhancing our contingency planning for the credit union system and continuing to improve our workforce sustainability. Having a skilled and engaged workforce is paramount to our success.

We consulted with the credit union system during the assessment rate review and through the biannual survey. We thank the credit union system for their valuable feedback. The assessment rate for the threeyear period, November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2022 was reduced from 9 bps to 5 bps. We appreciate the comments received in the survey and we keep them in mind as we consider our future business plans and regulatory approach.

We continue to work with our counterparts across Canada through the Credit Union Prudential Supervisors Association and other informal forums where we share information on initiatives of common interest such as crisis management, deposit insurance, payments modernization and IT governance. We also monitor emerging issues like the increasing pressure of Fintechs and the Open Banking initiative of the federal government, in order to better understand the balance between the opportunities and risks that they pose to our system.

I have announced my retirement plans for 2020. I would like to thank the Board members for their oversight, dedication and commitment to our plans and priorities and their strong support for myself. Most importantly, I would like to express sincere thanks and appreciation to each employee for all of their work efforts and valuable contributions towards the Corporation's success during my tenure with the Corporation. Very much appreciated!

> Tim Wiles, FCA **President & Chief Executive Officer**

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Board of Directors ("Board") and management have established governance practices that are consistent with best practices, including the following:

- Guidelines for Improved Corporate Governance in Canada adopted by the Toronto Stock Exchange,
- CSA STAFF NOTICE 58-306, Corporate Governance Disclosure Compliance Review published by the Canadian Securities Commission,
- the Public Agencies Governance Framework adopted by the Government of Alberta.

We consider amendments to our governance practices, as appropriate.

The Board oversees the business and affairs of the Corporation and operates under Corporate Bylaws and formal Terms of Reference. Many Board functions are supported by the two committees of the Board, with committee recommendations considered by the Board.

The Terms of Reference for the Board and committees were reviewed and work plans for 2020 outlining planned activities for the Board and committees were developed. All Board and committee activities for 2019 were completed.

BOARD MANDATE

The Board is responsible for the stewardship of the Corporation and provides independent and effective leadership to ensure its purposes and business activities as outlined in the Credit Union Act, and the Board's Terms of Reference are fulfilled.

- The Board holds a planning meeting annually. In accordance with the Bylaws, the final budget and business plan is approved by the Board and submitted to the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance for approval.
- The Board oversees the risks of the Corporation including review of Enterprise Risk Management reports. The risks of the Corporation are considered on a regular basis through an enterprise risk management framework, the planning process and at Board and committee meetings.
- The Board oversees the risks in Alberta credit unions through review of the system update which includes various reports.
- The Board approves the Annual Report.
- The Board administers the Mandate and Roles Document, between the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance and the Corporation.
- The Board reviews committee memberships and Terms of Reference annually.
- The Board approves and monitors the bylaws and policies of the Corporation.
- The Board reviews recommendations from the committees and establishes ad hoc committees of the Board as needed.
- The Board establishes the Deposit Guarantee Fund size target and sets the assessment rates charged to the credit unions.
- The Board approves the President & CEO selection, compensation, performance evaluation, succession planning and termination, some of which are subject to the Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions Compensation Act and other applicable directions set by the Government of Alberta.
- A process exists for the Corporation to make recommendations to amend the Credit Union Act.

COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

All the directors are appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and are unrelated and independent of management. Credit Union Central Alberta Limited provides names for government's consideration for the two credit union system nominees on the Board. The President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance appoints the Chair and Vice Chair. The size of the Board is nine members as specified in the *Credit Union Act*.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John McGowan, Chair CPA-CMA, ICD.D

Edmonton, Alberta Appointed: November 29, 2016

Sharon Carry, AOE

A nominee from the credit union system Cochrane, Alberta Appointed: April 7, 2016

Jim McKillop, FCA, ICD.D

St. Albert, Alberta

Appointed: November 29, 2016

Paulina Hiebert, Vice Chair B.Comm, LL.B., MBA

Edmonton, Alberta Appointed: November 29, 2016

Christian Cook MBA, PhD, CPHR, ICD.D

Calgary, Alberta

Appointed: November 21, 2017

Ken Morris

A nominee from the credit union system Wainwright, Alberta Appointed: November 21, 2017

Laurene Beloin, MBA, ICD.D

Edmonton, Alberta Appointed: November 29, 2016

Margaret McCuaig-Boyd BEd, MA

Fairview, Alberta Appointed: October 24, 2019

Laurence Waring

Fallis, Alberta Appointed: November 21, 2017

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT PROCESS

The Board is comprised of individuals with financial acumen, industry experience, and professional qualifications to ensure breadth of knowledge, competencies, independence and a diversity of perspective and experience.

When a vacancy occurs, the Board will identify the competencies recommended, based on the Board's Competency Matrix, and provide that profile to the Public Agency Secretariat. The centralized recruitment function is coordinated by the government's Public Agency Secretariat and will involve the Board and Alberta Treasury Board and Finance. The review and interview process leads to a recommendation through the government decision-making process. This process results in an Order in Council that appoints and/or re-appoints a director. Conflict of interest and other screening shall be completed before a list of suitable candidates is prepared for submission to the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance.

Board appointments are for a fixed term of up to three years, with the potential for reappointment, based on satisfactory performance, to a maximum of ten years of continuous service. The Board recognizes that the ultimate responsibility for developing and posting job profiles and making Board appointments rests with the Government of Alberta. The recruitment and appointment process is available to the public on the Corporation's website.

ORIENTATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board Chair, the Chair of the Governance and Human Resources Committee and management provide a comprehensive orientation program for all new directors. This includes review of the Corporation's Mandate and Roles, statutory requirements, Board governance, corporate operations, roles and responsibilities of the Board and the expectations of directors in their capacity as a member of the Board or its Committees. Additional sessions covering specific regulatory requirements, such as liquidity, capital, credit adjudication, etc. are attended by directors. All directors have received their orientation. The Director Orientation and Professional Development Policy describes the orientation and on-going support of professional development for directors.

POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

The Governance and Human Resources Committee reviews the position description for the Chair, Committee Chairs, Board members, and the President & CEO on an annual basis.

COMPENSATION

The Corporation is a provincial corporation according to the Financial Administration Act. Compensation for directors of the Corporation is established by the Committee Remuneration Order which is approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. The Chair of the Board also receives an annual retainer. Compensation for directors is disclosed in the annual report and Corporation's public website as required by the Public Sector Body Compensation Transparency Act.

CODES OF BUSINESS CONDUCT AND ETHICS

The Board has adopted a written Codes of Conduct and Ethics Policy ("Code") including Conflict of Interest for both directors and employees that is approved by the Ethics Commissioner.

The Governance and Human Resources Committee monitors compliance with the Code on an annual basis. All directors and employees are required to annually acknowledge the Codes and compliance with it.

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

The Board has established committees to fulfill annual responsibilities and functions, and continue to enhance our governance practices.

Committee	Responsibilities
Audit and Finance	 Carries out the responsibilities in section 81 and 87 of the <i>Credit Union Act</i> and oversees: quality and integrity of financial statements, integrity of financial reporting practices and processes, adequacy of internal controls and processes to manage major financial risks monitoring the financial reporting and performance of the Corporation the Deposit Guarantee Fund and investment management strategies, adequacy of Corporate Investment Policy and process to manage investment portfolio and performance of investment manager the independent audit processes, and the independence and performance of the external and internal auditors assumes the duties, functions and powers of a special loans committee under Section 143 of the <i>Credit Union Act</i>. oversees the quality and integrity of the Corporation's credit risk management function including prudent lending standards, oversight of credit adjudication practices and processes, President & CEO's discretionary lending limit ("DLL"), adjudication of credit union requests in excess of the President & CEO's DLL, and review and decide on credit union appeals for credit decisions made
Governance and Human Resources	 oversees the development and implementation of principles and systems for the management of corporate governance to enhance the Corporation's performance, develops and maintains the
	Board Succession Plan, oversees orientation and education of directors and an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Board, its committees, the Chair and the committee Chairs
	 reviews bylaws and corporate policies, compensation and human resources strategies and policies
	 recommends CEO selection, performance evaluation, compensation (subject to the Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions Compensation Act) and succession planning
	 reviews the executives' performance, compensation and succession planning.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

The Corporation's Board held six board meetings in 2019, one of which was for the business planning. The Audit and Finance Committee and Governance and Human Resources Committee each met three times. There were no Committee meetings in June to allow the Board more time to focus on governance and strategic planning matters. An in-camera session (without management present) is held at least at the quarterly Board and Committee meetings. Director meeting attendance is summarized as follows.

	Board of Directors Meetings ¹ (6)	Audit & Finance Meetings (3)	Governance & Human Resources Meetings (3)
John McGowan — Chair²	6/6	3/3	3/3
Laurene Beloin	6/6	3/3	
Sharon Carry ³	6/6		3/3
Christian Cook	6/6		3/3
Paulina Hiebert – Vice Chair	5.5/6		3/3
Margaret McCuaig-Boyd ⁶	1/1		
Jim McKillop ⁴	6/6	3/3	
Ken Morris	6/6	3/3	
Laurence Waring	5/6	3/3	
TJ (Tongjie) Zhang ⁵	5/5		2/2

¹ Includes Board Planning Session.

There were board on board meetings with three credit unions and a board on board meeting with Alberta Central. These meetings were not included in the table above.

² Chair of the Board of Directors and ex-officio member of all committees.

³ Chair of the Governance & Human Resources Committee.

 $^{^{\}rm 4}$ Chair of the Audit & Finance Committee.

⁵ Board appointment rescinded October 24, 2019.

⁶ Appointed to Board effective October 24, 2019.

THE PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE (WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION) ACT

The Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation as a provincial corporation of the Government of Alberta must adhere to the *Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act*. The Act requires that government bodies disclose, in their annual reports, any activities regulated by this legislation.

This Act gives employees a clear process for disclosing concerns about significant and serious matters (wrongdoing) in the Alberta public service sector, and strengthens protection from reprisal. All disclosures receive careful and thorough review to determine if action is required under the Act, and must be reported in the Corporation's annual report in accordance with Section 32 of the Act.

In 2019, there were no disclosures received under the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act.

OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

The credit unions in Alberta operate in a competitive environment offering a variety of financial and wealth management services and competes directly with regional and national financial institutions. As the regulator of Alberta's credit union system, we recognize that our operating environment is dynamic and requires proactive responses to changes in the risk profile through regulatory oversight and quidance and if necessary, intervention processes.

As of December 31, 2019, there were 16 credit unions with total assets of \$26.7 billion and equity of approximately \$2.6 billion (9.8% of total assets). As of December 31, 2019, deposits guaranteed by the Corporation totaled \$22.2 billion.

The following is management's discussion and analysis of our operations, organized by each of our core operations.

GUARANTEE DEPOSITS

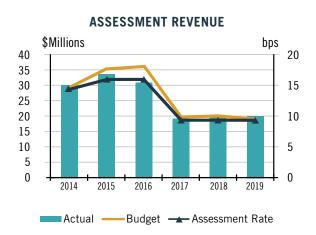
The deposit quarantee covers 100% of Alberta credit union deposits. The deposit quarantee is an important contributor to stability and public confidence in Alberta's credit union system. It is part of a larger framework that includes strong capital and liquidity positions, effective governance and risk management by boards and management, and prudent regulatory oversight.

Communicating the deposit guarantee to credit union members is important for awareness of deposit protection and confidence in the credit union system. We provide a deposit quarantee brochure that is available on our public website and in all credit union branches to inform members about our deposit protection. Our 2019 Annual Report lists the names of all credit unions in Alberta, which are covered by the deposit protection. All credit unions are responsible to inform members about the deposit quarantee on their contracts and statements.

We maintain an ex-ante Deposit Guarantee Fund ("Fund") to provide the 100% deposit guarantee and potential financial assistance to credit unions. The size of the Fund should be at a level that enables the Corporation to meet its obligations and operations in the normal course of business, without reliance on taxpayer support. The primary sources of building the Fund are the assessments that we collect from the credit unions and investment income.

The Fund size target is 1.50% of credit union deposits and borrowings. The Fund size is usually managed within the operating range of 1.40% to 1.60% of deposits and borrowings. As of December 31, 2019, the Fund size increased from \$365 million to \$392 million (1.63% to 1.76% of system deposits and borrowings). The assessment rate is reviewed every three years, or sooner if the fund size falls outside the operating range on a sustained basis. Determination of the deposit quarantee assessment rate must be pragmatic, equitable and strike a balance between Fund size/growth targets and the financial impact on credit unions. In 2019, the assessment rate was reviewed and we consulted with the credit union system. The assessment rate was reduced from 9 bps to 5 bps effective November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2022. With continued low growth in deposits and borrowings, the Fund size is expected to be above 1.60% and the credit union system supports this to provide a buffer that will help absorb the need for higher assessment rates at some point in the future.

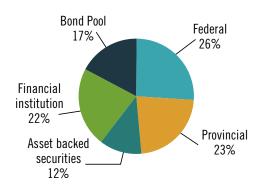
The assessment revenue is calculated on credit union deposits and borrowing multiplied by the assessment rate. The assessment revenue was \$18.6 million for the year, a decrease of \$1 million (5%) from the previous year.



The Fund of \$392 million at December 31, 2019 is mainly comprised of a portfolio of fixed income securities with a fair value of \$387 million as well as cash and other assets net of liabilities of \$5 million. An external investment manager, Alberta Investment Management Corporation ("AIMCo"), manages the investments in accordance with our Corporate Investment Policy. The Corporate Investment Policy is reviewed annually by the Audit and Finance Committee, which makes recommendations to the Board on any investment policy changes.

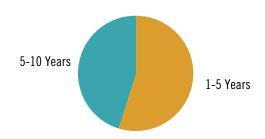
The investment portfolio is recorded at fair value and represents 98% of total assets for the Corporation. The investments are held in a segregated portfolio and AIMCo's Universe Fixed Income Pool ("Bond Pool") which are both investment grade. See chart below.

INVESTMENTS - MARKET VALUE

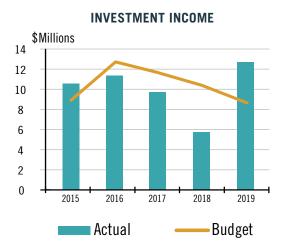


The investment portfolio term to maturity is being maintained within policy limits. Approximately 55% of the portfolio is due within 5 years. In anticipation of interest rate increases, the portfolio is actively managed by AIMCo on a shorter duration compared to the benchmark.

SEGREGATED PORTFOLIO – TERM TO MATURITY



Investment income was \$13 million for the year, an increase of \$7 million (120%) from previous year. The higher income was the result of having additional investments, better market performance during the year and positive impact of the decrease in interest rates in 2019 on the portfolio. As a fixed income portfolio, the performance is impacted by changes in interest rates.



In the unlikely event that an Alberta credit union becomes insolvent, we can access several sources to pay depositors' claims:

- the assets of the credit union;
- the Fund of \$392 million (at the end of 2019), and
- the ability to increase the quarterly assessment rate and, with appropriate approvals, charge a one-time special or prescribed assessment to all credit unions.

Additionally, the *Credit Union Act* provides that the Government of Alberta will ensure that our deposit guarantee obligation is carried out.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Guarantee Deposits	Target	2019 Results
Maintain the fund size within operating range	1.40% to 1.60%	Actual fund size is 1.76%
Investment return versus investment policy benchmark	25 basis points over the rolling 4-year average benchmark	56 basis points over the rolling 4-year average benchmark

REGULATE CREDIT UNIONS

Our goal is to be proactive and preventative in our supervisory approach in monitoring and regulating Alberta credit unions to ensure a safe and sound credit union system.

Among other things, all our regulatory actions are aimed at ensuring that credit unions achieve and maintain capital requirements. This level of capital provides a buffer for any losses and reduces the likelihood of payouts from the Fund.

This work consists of a comprehensive group of processes and activities aimed at maintaining a safe and sound credit union system in Alberta in accordance with the Credit Union Act. This framework is based on a similar prudential model adopted by other Canadian provincial and federal financial institution regulators.

The cornerstone of regulatory oversight is continuous monitoring and assessment of credit unions' capital, liquidity, financial performance, governance effectiveness, risk management practices, internal control frameworks, and compliance with the Credit Union Act. A risk-based approach is used to allocate resources for monitoring which involves the review of a large amount and variety of data from each credit union including board and audit committee packages, internal and external audit reports, regulatory filings, etc. These reviews are supplemented by ongoing contact with credit union boards and management, regular site visits and periodic compliance testing. When monitoring processes identify problems, an appropriate intervention strategy is developed and implemented to reduce the risk to an acceptable level. In the event a credit union is no longer financially viable, a credit union board must consider strategies including an amalgamation or arrangement with another credit union, and/or dissolution.

An important element within the regulatory framework is the oversight of credit risk, which involves establishing lending limits for credit unions, and monitoring of credit union loan portfolios, aggregate system credit risk, underwriting quality and compliance controls. Monitoring is accomplished through the post review of credit transactions approved by credit unions within their lending limits, on-site testing of compliance controls, and analysis of trends and key risk indicators. This program also includes credit adjudication, a function other Canadian regulators do not perform (but which is required by the Credit Union Act), involving the review, assessment and approval or decline of credit applications that exceed credit unions' lending limits. Our approach to credit adjudication includes an alternative approach that allows credit unions to establish their own lending limits subject to our approval of their credit policies and risk tolerances.

The Credit Union Act requires that we provide various regulatory approvals to credit unions or recommend them to the appropriate approval authority. These include but are not limited to investment policy approvals, establishing lending limits, amalgamation requests, release from supervision, and special loan programs.

Alberta is leading the country in terms of the number of credit union consolidations. This changing landscape of the credit union system is creating fewer, generally larger and more complex credit unions. We are refining our regulatory oversight approach in order for us to continue to effectively regulate the credit unions. This includes review of risk areas where deeper analysis is warranted, and updating the composite risk matrix and training, revising assessment criteria and process, and redesign of the on-site visit report. We continue to utilize our new business information application to improve issues management and monitoring notes. This will result in enhancement of our regulatory oversight and risk assessment while at the same time fostering the ability to exercise professional judgement.

We are progressing on the contingency planning for the credit union system, which is a multi-year project. We are working with our largest credit union to develop resolution and recovery planning. We are also continuing our efforts to further develop our capabilities for a deposit payout. Even though a deposit payout is currently unlikely, an appropriate preparedness plan is considered best practice.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Regulate Credit Unions	Target	2019 Results
Credit turn around on new applications	 Average 2 business days or less Maximum individual application: 5 business days 	Average of 1.29 days No applications exceeded 5 business days
Preventable fund payout	\$0 expected to be paid out	No payout occurred
 Complete a root cause analysis to determine whether the fund payout was preventable considering: 		
 If policies and procedures were followed, 		
 An assessment of supervisory decisions and other relevant factors 		
Credit union feedback Survey of credit unions Qualitative feedback during various interactions with	Target effectiveness score (% of credit unions that give us a 'Very Effective' or 'Somewhat Effective') of 80% on each of the baseline questions:	2019 Survey Results:
credit unions throughout the year	 guidance and information materials 	87%
3	 monitoring the credit union system 	73%
	 processing regulatory approvals 	87%
	 processing credit applications 	80%
	 proactively dealing with emerging issues 	67%

MANAGE OUR BUSINESS

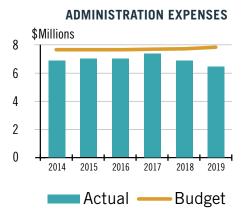
Managing our business refers to our strategies, functions and activities, all of which contribute to a strong and successful organization with respect to our people, processes and technology.

We currently employ 35 individuals who are our most important asset to meet the increasing complexities of today's financial regulatory environment. Our people have strong technical, communication and analytical skills that enable them to make professional judgments involved in guaranteeing deposits, regulating credit unions and managing our business.

In addition to focusing on our people, we maintain effective governance practices, review and improve our business processes, and manage information in a disciplined, consistent manner.

In 2019, we implemented a new payroll system. We continued our efforts to build a resilient, engaged and productive employee group to effectively deliver our mandate within a changing environment today and in the future. This includes continuing work on the functional competency matrix and work personality index. These are used for employee development, performance and succession planning, and individual and team workshops for employees and management. We also have a group of employees working on the Red Tape Reduction initiative to help government meets its target and deadline.

The administration expenses were \$6.6 million for the year, \$385 thousand lower than the previous year, due primarily to vacant positions. The overall 2019 administration expenses were under budget.



PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Manage Our Business	Target	2019 Results
High employee engagement	Achieve an increase from the previous engagement survey, to reach and maintain 80% or greater employee engagement	No survey conducted in 2019
Effective employee development — percentage of individual development plans completed	95%	100%

OUTLOOK FOR 2020

With the reduction in assessment rate, low member deposit growth rate within the credit union system and low interest rate environment, assessment revenue is expected to be \$11.6 million, while investment income is forecasted to be \$10.6 million in 2020. The recent market fluctuations and economic downturn impact the current fair value of the investments. The Corporation's Investment Policy and practice is to hold investments long-term, which mitigates these short-term market fluctuations.

As a provincial agency, we must prudently manage our costs and support the Province of Alberta in cost containment efforts. The 2020 budget expenses will be maintained at the 2019 budgeted levels.

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EXECUTIVE & MANAGEMENT TEAM

EXECUTIVE

Tim Wiles, FCA

President & Chief Executive Officer

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Executive Vice President Regulation & Risk Assessment

Jennie Allen, CPA, CA

Chief Financial Officer

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Monica Fenton, CPHR Candidate, GRCP

Assistant Vice President Governance & Human Resources

Wendy Ivey, MBA, FICB

Assistant Vice President Regulation & Credit Risk Assessment

Therese Sywolos

Assistant Vice President Information Technology

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management of the Corporation is responsible for preparing and ensuring the integrity, reliability and completeness of the accompanying financial statements. All financial statements were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and include some amounts that are necessarily based on management's best estimates and judgments. Financial information contained elsewhere in this Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In discharging its responsibility, management designs and maintains the necessary accounting systems and related internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are authorized, proper records maintained and assets safeguarded. The internal and external auditors have unrestricted access to the Audit and Finance Committee of the Board.

The Audit and Finance Committee, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, oversees management's responsibilities for the financial reporting procedures and internal control systems. The Committee reviews financial policies, financial statements, and the Annual Report in detail prior to recommending them for approval to the Board of Directors. The Committee meets with management and the external auditor to discuss internal controls, auditing and financial reporting matters. The Audit and Finance Committee also serves as a Special Loans Committee which provides oversight over the credit risk management functions of the Corporation.

The Auditor General of Alberta, the Corporation's external auditor, provides an independent audit opinion on the financial statements.

Tim Wiles, FCA **President & Chief Executive Officer** Jennie Allen, CPA, CA Chief Financial Officer

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Independent Auditor's Report



To the Directors of the Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of the Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation (the Corporation), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2019, and the statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as at December 31, 2019, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of my report. I am independent of the Corporation in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Canada, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the *Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation 2019 Annual Report*, but does not include the financial statements and my auditor's report thereon.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless an intention exists to liquidate or to cease operations, or there is no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Corporation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

[Original signed by W. Doug Wylie FCPA, FCMA, ICD.D]

W. Doug Wylie FCPA, FCMA, ICD.D Auditor General

March 11, 2020 Edmonton, Alberta

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(Thousands of dollars)

As at December 31

	Notes	2019		2018
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	4	\$ 5,043	\$	3,932
Assessments receivable		2,098		3,549
Accrued interest receivable and prepaid expenses		1,419		1,342
Current tax receivable		-		673
Deferred tax asset		-		1,087
Investments	5,6	387,114		356,615
Right of use asset		344		-
Property, equipment and intangible assets		180		262
TOTAL ASSETS		396,198		367,460
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		\$ 814	\$	450
Currrent tax liability		269		-
Lease liability		345		-
Deferred tax liability		497		-
Unclaimed credit union balances	8	2,277		2,488
TOTAL LIABILITIES		4,202		2,938
EQUITY				
Deposit guarantee fund		\$ 390,825	\$	367,187
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		1,171	ı '	(2,665)
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TOTAL EQUITY		391,996		364,522
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		\$ 396,198	\$	367,460

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The accompanying notes are part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Board: March 11, 2020

Original signed by John McGowan Chair, Board of Directors

Original signed by Ken Morris

Chair, Audit and Finance Committee

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Thousands of dollars)

For the Years Ended December 31

	Notes	2019	2018
Revenue			
Assessment revenue	9	\$ 18,636	\$ 19,656
Investment income	9	12,864	5,861
		31,500	25,517
Expenses			
Administration expenses	10	6,607	6,992
		6,607	6,992
Income before income taxes		24,893	18,525
Income tax expense (recovery)	13	1,255	(238)
NET INCOME		\$ 23,638	\$ 18,763
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS), NET OF TAX			
Items that will be reclassified to net income			
Net unrealized gain (loss) on fair value through			
other comprehensive income financial instruments			
Other comprehensive income (loss)		\$ 5,256	\$ (1,230)
Income tax		(1,129)	246
Reclassification to net income, net of tax		(291)	2,101
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME, NET OF TAX		3,836	1,117
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		\$ 27,474	\$ 19,880

The accompanying notes are part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

(Thousands of dollars)

For the Years Ended December 31

	Deposit Guarantee Fund	Com	Other prehensive ome (Loss)	Total Equity
Balance as at December 31, 2017	\$ 349,369	\$	(4,727)	\$ 344,642
Impact of adopting IFRS 9 Net income Other comprehensive income, net of tax	(945) 18,763		945 - 1,117	18,763 1,117
Balance as at December 31, 2018	\$ 367,187	\$	(2,665)	\$ 364,522
Net income Other comprehensive income, net of tax	23,638		3,836	23,638 3,836
Balance as at December 31, 2019	\$ 390,825	\$	1,171	\$ 391,996

The accompanying notes are part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(Thousands of dollars)

For the Years Ended December 31

	2019	2018
Operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 23,638	\$ 18,763
Adjustments for:		
Amortization	107	116
Investment income	(2,994)	700
Bond pool fair value adjustment	(2,611)	302
Impairment loss	12	32
Deferred income taxes	530	(52)
Depreciation of right-of-use asset	206	-
Lease interest	10	- (00)
Decrease (Increase) in assessments receivable	1,451	(88)
Increase in accrued interest receivable and prepaid expenses	(77) 942	(209)
Increase (Decrease) in current tax payable/receivable	942 364	(184)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities		6 54
(Decrease) Increase in long-term unclaimed credit union balances	(211)	34
Cash flows from operating activities	21,367	19,440
Investing activities:		
Purchase of investments	(133,013)	(119,271)
Proceeds from sales of investments	112,998	100,621
Purchase of property, equipment and intangible assets	(26)	(84)
Cash flows used in investing activities	(20,041)	(18,734)
Financing activities:		
Lease payments	(215)	-
Cash flows used in financing activities	(215)	-
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,111	706
Cash and cash equivalents, at beginning of year	3,932	3,226
Cash and cash equivalents, at end of year	\$ 5,043	\$ 3,932

The accompanying notes are part of these financial statements.

(Thousands of dollars)

NOTE 1 NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

The Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation ("the Corporation") was established in 1974 and operates under the authority of the *Credit Union Act*, Chapter C-32, revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000. It is a provincial agency without share capital. The mandate of the Corporation is to provide risk-based regulatory oversight and a deposit guarantee to enable a safe and sound credit union system in Alberta.

The Corporation is located in Canada. The address of the Corporation's office is 20th Floor, 10104 – 103 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 0H8.

To fulfill its mandate the Corporation undertakes functions set out in the *Credit Union Act* and maintains the Deposit Guarantee Fund ("the Fund"). The Corporation is funded by assessments from credit unions.

The Credit Union Act provides that the Government of Alberta ("the Province") will ensure that the obligations of the Corporation are carried out. As at December 31, 2019, credit unions in Alberta held deposits, including accrued interest, totaling \$22,215,503 (2018: \$22,305,630).

In cases where a credit union is experiencing financial difficulty, the Corporation implements an intervention strategy that may result in placing the credit union under supervision. The Corporation provides financial assistance, support and direction in planning, policy and operational matters for supervised credit unions.

NOTE 2 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on March 11, 2020.

Statements and notes are in Canadian dollars which is the Corporation's functional currency and expressed in thousands of dollars.

The Corporation presents its Statement of Financial Position in order of liquidity.

NOTE 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

3.1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Financial Instruments

Under IFRS 9, the Corporation classifies and measures its financial assets as:

- amortized cost;
- fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI); and
- fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL)

The classification and measurement for financial assets are based on the Corporation's business models for managing its financial assets and whether the contractual cash flows represent solely payments for principal and interest (SPPI).

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Thousands of dollars)

NOTE 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

3.1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Financial Instruments (continued)

The Corporation determines its business model that best reflects how the financial assets are managed based on observable factors and relevant objective evidence. The Corporation has determined its business models as follows:

- Held-to-collect: Assets held to collect the contractual principal and interest cash flows.
- Held-to-collect-and-sell: Both collecting contractual cash flows and selling are fundamental to achieving the objective of the business.
- Other business model: Neither of the above and represent business objectives where assets are managed on a fair value basis.

Financial assets are measured at amortized cost if they are held within the held-to collect business model and the contractual cash flows pass the SPPI test.

Financial assets in the held-to-collect-and-sell business model where the contractual cash flows meet the SPPI test are measured at FVOCI. The financial assets measured at FVOCI are recorded at fair value with unrealized gains and losses included in AOCI until realized when the cumulative gain or loss is transferred to net income. Interest income and impairment losses, are recognized in Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Financial assets that do not meet the criteria for amortized cost or FVOCI are measured at fair value through profit or loss. A gain or loss on the financial assets is recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the period in which it arises.

The Corporation elected, at initial recognition, to irrevocably designate equity investments at FVOCI. The fair value changes are recorded in OCI, with any gains or losses when selling the asset not reclassified in profit or loss. Dividend income is recorded in Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Impairment of Financial Assets

The Corporation recognizes expected credit loss (ECL) for financial assets classified as FVOCI and amortized cost.

For financial assets classified as FVOCI, the Corporation uses a model to calculate the loss allowance that reflects an unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes; the time value of money; and reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions. The calculated ECL does not reduce the carrying amount in the Statement of Financial Position, which remains at fair value. Instead, the allowance is recognized in OCI with a corresponding charge to Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The Corporation assesses guarterly whether the financial assets classified as FVOCI have experienced a significant increase in credit risk. Since the financial assets measured at FVOCI are investment grade and considered low credit risk, the Corporation measures loss allowance at 12-month ECL, instead of lifetime ECL.

(Thousands of dollars)

NOTE 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

3.1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Impairment of Financial Assets (continued)

A simplified approach of the expected loss model is applied to trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component. The simplified approach does not require the tracking of changes in credit risk but requires the recognition of lifetime ECLs at all times. The Corporation applied the simplified approach and used a provision matrix as a practical expedient for determining ECLs on trade receivables.

Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified and measured at amortized cost.

Effective Interest Method

The Corporation uses the effective interest method to recognize investment income or expense, which includes premiums or discounts earned on financial instruments.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial instrument and of allocating investment income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial instrument, or (where appropriate) a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Transaction Costs

Transaction costs related to financial assets and liabilities are expensed as incurred, as these do not represent material amounts.

Property, Equipment and Intangible Assets

Property, equipment and intangible assets are recorded in the Statement of Financial Position at historical cost, less accumulated depreciation, amortization and impairment losses.

Cost includes the expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. When parts of an item of property and equipment have materially different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property and equipment. Assets which are fully depreciated are maintained on the books at original cost less accumulated depreciation and show zero net book value until they are disposed of at which time they are removed from the books.

Depreciation and impairment losses are recognized in net income. Depreciation and amortization have been calculated on the following basis:

Furniture and equipment	Five year straight line
Computer equipment	Three year straight line
Leasehold improvements	Straight line over lease term
Intangible assets ¹	
Software without maintenance agreement	Three year straight line
Software with maintenance agreement	Five year straight line

¹ Intangible assets include the purchase of computer software

(Thousands of dollars)

NOTE 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

3.1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Property, Equipment and Intangible Assets (continued)

Gains and losses on disposal of property, equipment and intangible assets are determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount of the property, equipment and intangible assets.

Provision for Financial Assistance

A provision is recognized if, as a result of a past event, the Corporation has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that the outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. The amount, timing and form of financial assistance that may be required for credit unions are dependent on future events and outcomes. Outcomes that may require financial assistance are stabilization, amalgamations, arrangements, liquidations or dissolutions. The Corporation provides for a provision for financial assistance based on three main components, as follows:

- 1. Where the need for financial assistance becomes likely and the amount for specific credit unions can reasonably be estimated.
- 2. Where the amount can be reasonably estimated and arises from indemnity agreements entered into with credit unions due to outcomes described above.
- 3. Where the Corporation has determined there is the potential for financial assistance based on an analysis of the inherent risks in the credit union system.

A contingent liability for financial assistance arises from a liability of sufficient uncertainty with respect to the probability and amount of the expected outflows such that it does not qualify for recognition as a provision. Depending on the probability of loss occurring, contingent liabilities may be disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. Contingent liabilities may be established based on potential individual credit union assistance payments and/or an assessment of the inherent risk in the credit union system.

Provisions and contingencies for financial assistance consist of the calculation of potential liabilities and contingencies to meet the IFRS standards. Calculations include management's judgment based on historical information and other factors. Credit union analysis for potential liabilities includes a review of all credit unions based on key financial and risk information and provisions related to amalgamations or arrangements and any indemnity agreements.

Revenue Recognition

Assessment Revenue

Credit union deposit guarantee assessments are classified as revenue and are recognized when:

- The amount of revenue can be measured reliably; and
- It is probable that the economic benefit will flow to the Corporation.

Credit union deposit guarantee assessments are recognized when earned. These regular assessments are determined quarterly, and accrued monthly. Credit union payments are received quarterly.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Thousands of dollars)

NOTE 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

3.1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Revenue Recognition (continued)

Investment Income

Interest and dividend income from a financial asset is recognized when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Corporation and the amount of income can be measured reliably. Interest income is accrued on a time basis, by reference to principal outstanding at the applicable effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount on initial recognition. Dividend income is recognized when it is known that a dividend has been declared.

Employee Benefits

Defined Contribution Plan

The Corporation has a defined contribution plan and pays fixed contributions to a service provider with no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. The contributions to the registered retirement saving plans are recognized as an employee benefit expense on the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the periods during which services are rendered by employees.

Short-term Employee Benefits

Short-term employee benefit obligations are measured at cost on an undiscounted basis and are expensed as the related service is provided.

Income Taxes

The Corporation is a deposit insurance corporation for income tax purposes and pays income taxes on its taxable income at the statutory rate prescribed for deposit insurance corporations. Its taxable income excludes deposit guarantee assessments and financial assistance recoveries and no deduction may be made for financial assistance payments.

The Corporation records income taxes based on the tax liability method which is the amount expected to be paid to or recovered from the federal and provincial taxation authorities.

Current Tax

The current tax assets and liabilities are based on taxable income for the year. Taxable income differs from net income as reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Income because of items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and items that are never taxable or deductible. The Corporation's current tax liability is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred Tax

Deferred tax is recognized on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax basis used in the computation of taxable income. Deferred tax liabilities are the amounts of income taxes payable in future periods in respect of temporary taxable differences.

(Thousands of dollars)

NOTE 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

3.1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Income Taxes (continued)

Deferred Tax (continued)

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realized, based on tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period. The measurement of deferred tax assets and liabilities reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Corporation expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Corporation intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Comprehensive Income and Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income ("AOCI")

Comprehensive income is comprised of net income and other comprehensive income. For the Corporation, other comprehensive income includes net unrealized gains and losses on investments classified as FVOCI.

Amounts recognized in other comprehensive income will eventually be transferred to the Statement of Comprehensive Income and reflected in net income as gains or losses once FVOCI investments are realized.

Comprehensive income and its components are disclosed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The Statement of Changes in Equity present the continuity of AOCI. The cumulative amount of other comprehensive income recognized, AOCI, represents a component of equity on the Statement of Financial Position.

3.2 Changes in Accounting Policies

IFRIC 23 - Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments

IFRIC 23 'Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments' was issued to clarify the accounting for uncertainties in income taxes in determining taxable profit (tax loss), tax bases, unused tax losses, unused tax credits and tax rates, when there is uncertainty over income tax treatments under IAS 12. This was effective for periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019. The standard has no impact on the Corporation's financial statements.

IFRS 16 Leases

IFRS 16 became mandatorily applicable for financial years commencing on or after January 1, 2019. IFRS 16 replaces IAS 17 'Leases' along with three Interpretations (IFRIC 4 'Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease', SIC 15 'Operating Leases-Incentives' and SIC 27 'Evaluating the Substance of Transactions Involving the Legal Form of a Lease'). The new standard removes the distinction between operating and finance leases in IAS 17 and introduces a single lessee accounting model, which requires the recognition of assets and liabilities for all leases, except for leases of low value assets; and leases with a duration of twelve months or less.

(Thousands of dollars)

NOTE 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

3.2 Changes in Accounting Policies (continued)

IFRS 16 Leases (continued)

Classification and Measurement

The Corporation assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease, at inception of a contract. The Corporation recognizes a right-of-use asset (ROU) and a corresponding lease liability with respect to all lease agreements in which it is the lessee, except for short-term leases and leases of low value assets. For these leases, the Corporation recognizes the lease payments as an operating expense.

ROU asset is measured at cost and is depreciated on a straight-line basis to the end of the useful life of the ROU asset or the end of the lease term. Impairment is assessed when such indicators exist.

Lease liability is measured at the present value of the lease payments unpaid at that date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease, or the incremental borrowing rate if the interest rate implicit in the lease cannot be readily determined.

Impact of Adopting IFRS 16

The Corporation adopted IFRS 16 on January 1, 2019 which resulted in recognizing a ROU asset and related lease liability in connection to the office lease. The Corporation also has an equipment lease, which is considered a low value lease and expensed as such.

A modified retrospective approach was taken wherein the cumulative effect of adopting IFRS 16 is recognized as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings for the current period without restating prior period's financial statement. There was no adjustment to opening retained earnings.

The interest rate implicit in the office lease could not be readily determined. Since the Corporation has no borrowing history or credit rating, the borrowing rates of Government of Alberta was used as a proxy for the Corporation's incremental borrowing rate.

The Corporation elected to measure the ROU asset at an amount equal to the lease liability.

Reconciliation of Lease Liabilities

The following table reconciles financial statement line items from IAS 17 as at December 31, 2018 to IFRS 16 at January 1, 2019:

Operating lease commitment per IAS 17 as at December 31, 2018 (including operating costs and property tax) Effect of discounting lease commitments Non-lease components (operating costs and property tax)	\$ 1,296 (20) (726)
Lease liability as at January 1, 2019	\$ 550

(Thousands of dollars)

NOTE 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

3.3 Future Changes in Accounting Policies

A number of new standards and amendments are not yet effective for the year ended December 31, 2019.

IAS 1 - Presentation of Financial Statements; and IAS 8 - Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

The IASB has issued amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8 to clarify the definition of material and to align the definition used in the Conceptual Framework and the standards themselves. "Information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements, which provide financial information about a specific reporting entity." The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2020. Earlier application is permitted. The Corporation is evaluating the impact of the standard on its 2020 financial statements.

NOTE 4 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents are on deposit in the bank account and Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund ("CCITF") of the Province which is managed with the objective of providing competitive interest income while maintaining appropriate security and liquidity of capital. The portfolio is comprised of high-quality short-term and mid-term fixed-income securities with a maximum term-to-maturity of three years. As at December 31, 2019 securities held in CCITF have a rate of return of 1.8% per annum (2018: 1.7%).

NOTE 5 INVESTMENTS

The fair value of the Corporation's investments is summarized below:

	20	119		2018			
	Fair Value		Cost	Fair Value		Cost	
Investment securities measured at: FVOCI — segregated portfolio FVTPL — bond pool FVOCI (designated) — equity instruments	\$ 320,424 66,575 115	\$	318,994 65,486 115	\$ 296,366 60,134 115	\$	299,815 61,656 115	
Total	\$ 387,114	\$	384,595	\$ 356,615	\$	361,586	

(Thousands of dollars)

NOTE 5 INVESTMENTS (continued)

The fair value of the segregated portfolio is summarized below:

	20	119		20		
	Fair Value		Cost	Fair Value		Cost
Directly held						
Securities issued or guaranteed by:						
Canada	\$ 101,042	\$	101,417	\$ 79,032	\$	80,657
Provinces	87,474		86,576	81,689		82,591
Financial institutions	86,626		85,834	106,397		107,064
Asset backed securities	45,282		45,167	29,248		29,503
Total	\$ 320,424	\$	318,994	\$ 296,366	\$	299,815

Fair Value Hierarchy

The table below provides a summary of management's best estimate of the relative reliability of data or inputs used to measure the fair value of the Corporation's investments. The measure of reliability is determined based on the following three levels:

Level 1:	The fair value is based on quoted prices in active markets.
Level 2:	The fair value is based on inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
Level 3:	The fair value is based on inputs that are not based on observable market data.

		2	019	2018						
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total		
Investment securities measured at: FVOCI — segregated portfolio FVTPL — bond pool FVOCI (designated) — equity instruments	\$ 93,856 - -	\$ 226,568 66,575	\$ - - 115	\$ 320,424 66,575 115	\$ 70,934 - -	\$ 225,432 60,134	\$ - - 115	\$ 296,366 60,134 115		
Total	\$ 93,856	\$ 293,143	\$ 115	\$ 387,114	\$ 70,934	\$285,566	\$ 115	\$356,615		

There were no transfers (2018: Nil) between Level 1 and 2 nor were there changes to the Level 3 assets in the period.

Valuation Technique and Inputs

Fair value is calculated using independent pricing sources and Canadian investment dealers. The calculation of fair value is based on market conditions or estimates at a point in time and may not be reflective of future fair value. Fair value is an estimated amount of the consideration that would be agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act.

(Thousands of dollars)

NOTE 5 INVESTMENTS (continued)

Valuation Technique and Inputs (continued)

The valuation technique and key inputs used for Level 2 securities for fixed income securities and the Bond Pool are based on a vendor hierarchy:

- Using either spread pricing or curve pricing when direct quotes are not available. Spread pricing involves using interpolated spreads from liquid bonds and applying those to the valuation of illiquid bonds. Curve pricing involves using a variety of different generic quotes and terms to maturity to generate a curve of data points that would then be used to value securities using a linear interpolation.
- Using market observations to calculate evaluated prices for a variety of security types with a 3-pronged approach in the valuation algorithms: direct observations, historical tracking and observed comparables. The results are then weighted and aggregated based on the reliability of each input to arrive at a final evaluated price for that security.

Fair Value Classification of Bond Pool

The Corporation owns units in the Bond Pool and is considered to have exposure to the risks and benefits of those units in the pool and not the underlying investments. The classification of the Bond Pool is therefore determined based on the level that represents the most significant portion of the underlying investments in the entire pool. As a result, the value of the Bond Pool is categorized as Level 2.

Fair Value Measurement of Shares

The Corporation has designated the shares with Credit Union Central Alberta Limited (\$100) and Concentra Bank (\$15) as FVOCI. They have no specific maturity, are not quoted nor traded in an active market, the shares are issued and redeemed at par value, and there is no observable market data with which to reliably measure a fair value. There are no identifiable observable inputs and thus no inputs from which to determine the relationship to or sensitivity of fair market value to changes in unobservable inputs. During the year, there were no changes to the valuation of the shares.

NOTE 6 INVESTMENT RISK MANAGEMENT

The Corporation established an investment policy that is reviewed annually by the Board. In accordance with the Corporate Investment Policy, the Corporation manages investment risk by maintaining a conservative portfolio, and engages Alberta Investment Management Corporation ("AIMCo"), an experienced investment manager, to manage the portfolio. Compliance with the investment policy is monitored by the investment manager and management, and is reported to the Audit and Finance Committee on a quarterly basis.

The Corporation has a segregated investment portfolio and owns units in a Bond Pool established and managed by AIMCo. The segregated portfolio consists of high quality Canadian fixed income and debt related investments. The Bond Pool consists of investment grade securities. The Bond Pool has a market-based unit value that is used to allocate income to participants and to value purchases and sales of pool units. The Corporation's units in the Bond Pool represents approximately 0.6% (2018: 0.6%) of the Bond Pool's outstanding units.

(Thousands of dollars)

NOTE 6 INVESTMENT RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

As at December 31, 2019, securities directly held (excluding the Bond Pool) have an average effective market yield of 2.1% per annum (2018: 2.6%) based on fair value. As at December 31, 2019, securities held by the Bond Pool have an average effective market yield of 2.9% per annum (2018: 3.7%).

The Corporation's rate of return objective is to earn an average return over a rolling four year period on the aggregate investment portfolio of 25 basis points ("bps") greater than the benchmark. As of December 31, 2019, the average return over a rolling four year period over the policy benchmark is 52 bps (2018: 36 bps).

The Corporation's investments are exposed to financial risks including credit risk, interest rate and liquidity risk. The Corporation has risk management processes to monitor and address risks.

i) Credit Risk

Credit risk relates to the possibility that a loss may occur from the failure of another party to discharge its contractual obligation. The Corporation has established specific rules with respect to the credit ratings of counter-parties so that they do not fall below an acceptable threshold. For the segregated portfolio, the Corporation only invests in issuers of debt instruments with a credit rating of A for federal and provincial investments, AA for financial institutions, AAA for asset backed securities and A for infrastructure from recognized credit rating agencies: S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") or Dominion Bond Rating Service ("DBRS"). DBRS is used to rate most fixed income investments, followed by S&P.

The following table shows the credit risk exposure of the segregated portfolio at the end of the reporting period.

	2019							2018	
Credit Rating		Fair Value		Book Value	% of Total		Fair Value	Book Value	% of Total
AAA AA (From AA+ to AA-) A (From A+ to A-)	\$	146,323 170,487 3,614	\$	146,584 168,893 3,517	45.7% 53.2% 1.1%	\$	108,282 153,402 34,682	\$ 110,161 154,096 35,558	36.5% 51.8% 11.7%
Total	\$	320,424	\$	318,994	100.0%	\$	296,366	\$ 299,815	100.0%

Note: Excludes Credit Union Central Alberta Limited (\$100) and Concentra Bank (\$15) shares as there is no credit risk associated with these equities.

The credit risk within the Bond Pool is managed by AIMCo in accordance with their statement of investment policies and guidelines. The units held are considered investment grade securities as the majority of the investments in the Bond Pool are of investment grade guality.

The ECL for the segregated portfolio is \$44 (2018: \$32). The segregated portfolio consists of investment grade securities. For investment grade securities, ratings on such investments do not significantly change over a short period. As such, the expected credit loss is recognized only in respect of default events that are possible within the next 12 months. The following table shows the breakdown of ECL per credit rating.

(Thousands of dollars)

NOTE 6 INVESTMENT RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

i) Credit Risk (continued)

Credit Rating	2019 12-month ECL value	2018 12-month ECL value
AAA	\$ -	\$
AA A	35 9	18 14
A	3	
Total	\$ 44	\$ 32

ii) Interest Rate Risk

As investments are carried at fair value, they are exposed to fluctuations in fair value. The Corporation is exposed to interest rate fluctuation as a result of normal market risk. This can affect cash flows, term deposits and fixed income securities at the time of maturity and re-investment of individual instruments. To mitigate the interest rate risk, the Corporation's portfolio is positioned defensively on interest rates with shorter duration relative to its benchmark with a view that the current low yield environment is not sustainable, especially in Canada. A one percent increase or decrease is used when reporting interest rates to represent management's assessment of a possible change in interest rates. Any changes would impact cash flow, term deposits and fixed income securities at the time of maturity and re-investment of individual instruments. An increase or decrease of one percent would result in a decrease or increase of \$19,934 (2018: \$17,899) in the fair value of total investment if all other variables are constant.

iii) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk of having insufficient financial resources to meet the Corporation's funding requirements in delivering its mandate of regulating the credit unions and guaranteeing the deposits at the credit unions. The Corporation's principal sources of funds are cash generated from credit union deposit guarantee assessments and interest earned on its investments. The assessment revenue and investment income support the normal operations of the Corporation. The Fund is invested conservatively and a draw from the Fund is only done when needed. The term structure for the segregated portfolio is unchanged from last year wherein 55% is under 1 to 5 years and 45% of the portfolio is over 5 years.

The investment in units of the Bond Pool can be liquidated on a timely basis.

NOTE 7 PROVISION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Corporation monitors credit unions experiencing financial difficulty and has a contingent responsibility to provide financial assistance in the outcomes referred to in Note 3: Provision for Financial Assistance. The provision is based on expected loss calculation and is subject to uncertainty surrounding the amount. The expected timing of outflows of economic benefit is dependent on future events. As such, actual losses may differ significantly from estimate.

There were no indemnification agreements outstanding with credit unions in 2019.

(Thousands of dollars)

NOTE 8 UNCLAIMED CREDIT UNION BALANCES

The unclaimed credit union balances are customer accounts, transferred from credit unions after ten years of inactivity, to the Corporation. The amounts earn monthly interest calculated using the prescribed rate by the *Credit Union Act*. The interest rate used in 2019 is 1% (2018: 1%). After a period of 20 years since an unclaimed balance was transferred to the Corporation without any valid claim having been made, the balance will be transferred to the Province's General Revenue Fund. After that transfer, the person(s) entitled to that money can no longer make a claim.

The Corporation transferred \$320 (2018: nil) in unclaimed balances to the Province's General Revenue Fund on December 31, 2019.

NOTE 9 REVENUE

Assessment Revenue

The Corporation charges quarterly deposit guarantee assessments to credit unions to carry out its legislated mandate. The assessment rate is reviewed every three years provided the fund size is within the operating range of 1.40% to 1.60%. The assessment rate was reviewed in 2019, which resulted in the reduction of the assessment rate from 0.09% to 0.05% of credit unions' deposits and borrowings effective November 1, 2019 (2018: 0.09%).

Assessments received by the Corporation from the largest credit union represent 64% of the total assessments received.

Investment Income

The investment portfolio is being actively managed by AIMCo. Investment income is as follows:

	2019	2018
Investment and other income	\$ 9,899	\$ 8,888
Net gain (loss) on sale of investments	366	(2,693)
Fair value adjustments on FVTPL	2,611	(302)
Impairment loss	(12)	(32)
Total investment income	\$ 12,864	\$ 5,861

(Thousands of dollars)

NOTE 10 ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

	2019	2018
Salaries and benefits	\$ 4,738	\$ 5,316
Occupancy	467	460
Professional fees	449	343
Office	229	233
Board and committee fees	196	190
Employee related expenses	154	115
Employee travel	139	122
Depreciation and amortization	107	116
Board and committee expenses	97	70
Other	31	27
Total administration expenses	\$ 6,607	\$ 6,992

NOTE 11 RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS

The Corporation maintains a defined contribution plan for its employees where the cost is charged to net income or expenses when recognized. The Corporation contributes 9% (2018: 9%) of the employees' gross salary including any paid vacation pay to each employee's RRSP and the employee contributes a required minimum of 3% (2018: 3%). Participation is compulsory for all permanent employees. The RRSP deductions are remitted monthly to the administrator of the group plan. In 2019, the Board approved an ad-hoc top-up to the employer's contribution.

The total expense recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income of \$525 (2018: \$357) represents contributions paid to these plans by the Corporation. As at December 31, 2019, \$29 contributions (2018: nil) was outstanding.

The Corporation does not have any defined benefit plans.

NOTE 12 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Included in these financial statements are transactions with AIMCo, an Alberta Crown Corporation, and departments of the Province. Routine operating transactions and outstanding balances with any related parties, which are settled at negotiated market prices under normal trade terms and conditions are incidental and not disclosed. Investment management fees paid to AIMCo is \$353 (2018: \$273).

The Corporation is governed by the *Credit Union Act*, and the Province appoints the Board of Directors. The Board Chair of the Corporation reports directly to the President of Treasury Board, Minister of Finance. The Corporation applied the exemption set out in IAS 24 – Related Party Disclosures regarding the disclosure of transactions with a related government and its related entities. The transactions carried out with the Province and its related entities are investment activities involving bonds issued by the Province and are carried out under normal market conditions. These bonds totaling \$12,400 (2018: \$11,900) are included under Note 5 "Securities issued or guaranteed by Provinces".

(Thousands of dollars)

NOTE 12 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

The Board of Directors, executives and their immediate family members are also deemed to be related parties. As at the reporting date, there were no business relationships or transactions, other than compensation, between the Corporation, Board of Directors and its executives. The Board of Directors and executives' remuneration are disclosed in the table below. As at December 31, 2019, the balance of compensation payable was \$27 (2018: \$27). The Chair receives a retainer paid monthly for an annual amount of \$10. The Chair and Board of Directors are paid on a per diem basis for preparation and meeting time. The minimum and maximum amounts paid to directors were \$16 (2018: \$15) and \$42 (2018: \$39), respectively. The average amount paid to directors was \$22 (2018: \$21).

		20	119		2018
	Salary ¹	Other Compensation ²	Other Non-Cash Benefits ³	Total	Total
Chair	\$ 42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42	\$ 39
Board of Directors	155	-	-	155	147
Executives:					
President & CEO ⁷	337	43	8	388	376
Executive Vice President, Regulation & Risk Assessment (EVP, RRA) ⁴	240	34	10	284	283
Chief Financial Officer(CFO) ⁵	164	34	9	207	487
Vice President, Business Services & Regulatory Practices (VP, BSRP) ⁶	165	25	9	199	245
Assistant Vice President, Governance & Human Resources	140	31	8	179	163
Total remuneration	\$ 1,243	\$ 167	\$ 44	\$ 1,454	\$ 1,740

 $^{^{\}mathrm{1}}$ Salary includes regular base pay and vacation payout on departure or contract renewal.

Other compensation includes wellness, vehicle allowance, contributions to the group Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP), independent life and accidental disability insurance and parking. The total amount contributed to executive RRSPs in the defined contribution plans was \$128 (2018: \$107). The compensation amount disclosed on the Corporation's public website includes salary and other compensation.

³ Other non-cash benefits include employer's portion of CPP and EI, WCB and health and dental premiums.

⁴ The EVP, RRA position was occupied by two individuals.

⁵ The Vice President, Finance & Enterprise Risk (VP, FER) was retitled to CFO in 2019. The former AVP, Finance assumed the CFO role effective March 16, 2019. The 2018 comparatives are the combined compensation of the AVP, Finance of \$139 and VP, FER of \$348 which included a separation allowance of \$260.

 $^{^{\}rm 6}$ The VP, BSRP position was occupied by two individuals.

⁷ The Corporation contributes to a Retirement Compensation Arrangement Plan (RCA Plan) and is not included in the disclosure. The contributions are calculated annually up to a maximum amount. Contributions made for 2019 was \$27 (2018: nil).

(Thousands of dollars)

NOTE 13 INCOME TAX EXPENSE (RECOVERY)

The Corporation's statutory income tax rate is 20.5% (2018: 22%). Income taxes differ from the expected result that would have been obtained by applying the combined federal and provincial tax rate to income before taxes for the following reasons:

	2019	2018
Expected income taxes on pre-tax net income at the statutory rate Add (deduct) tax effect of:	\$ 5,103	\$ 4,075
Non-taxable assessments Other	(3,820) (28)	(4,324) 11
Total income tax expense (recovery)	\$ 1,255	\$ (238)

At December 31, 2019, the non-depreciated property and equipment values for income tax purposes are higher than the related book values by approximately \$18 (2018: \$30). The resulting deferred tax asset is reflected in the Statement of Financial Position. The Corporation's future effective income tax rate is 19%.

NOTE 14 COMMITMENTS

The following represents the estimated payments for the office lease over the next five years.

	Lease I Interest Payments	Lease Operating Expenses
Not later than one year Later than one year and not later than five years Later than five years	\$ 214 143 -	\$ 257 172 -
	\$ 357	\$ 429

NOTE 15 CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Corporation's capital is comprised of ex ante funding. The Corporation is not subject to externally imposed regulatory capital requirements. The Corporation manages equity through the following: quarterly reporting to the Board of Directors through its committees on financial results; setting budgets and reporting variances to those budgets; establishing the Corporate Investment Policy; monitoring, reporting, and reviewing the adequacy of the Fund, and reviewing the assessment rates for credit unions.

The Corporation has determined that it is prudent to maintain an amount in advance or ex ante funding to absorb losses. The amount of such funding consists of the Fund and AOCI. The Fund size is maintained within an operating range of 1.40% to 1.60% of total deposits and borrowings plus adjustments for any credit union deficiency from the minimum supervisory capital requirement. The Fund size as of December 31, 2019 is 1.76%.

NOTE 16 COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain 2018 figures have been reclassified, where necessary, to conform to 2019 presentation.



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