

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

iNova Credit Union Limited  
December 31, 2023

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Members of iNova Credit Union Limited

### *Opinion*

We have audited the financial statements of iNova Credit Union Limited (the "Credit Union"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of comprehensive income and retained earnings and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and schedules of administrative and occupancy expenses.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Credit Union as at December 31, 2023, and the financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

### *Basis for Opinion*

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

### *Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements*

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Credit Union's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Credit Union or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of iNova Credit Union Limited (*continued*)

*Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements*

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

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

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

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

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Dartmouth, Nova Scotia  
March 25, 2024

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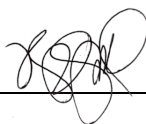
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
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	2023	2022
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash resources (Note 6)	\$ 6,059,861	\$ 14,891,801
Accrued receivables (Note 8)	66,243	70,469
Prepaid expenses (Note 19)	405,491	126,080
Members' loans (Note 7)	43,736,531	37,840,633
Long-term investments (Note 9)	1,204,366	1,231,916
Capital assets (Note 10)	251,772	253,412
Right-of-use asset - building (Note 18)	<u>622,754</u>	<u>698,239</u>
	<b>\$ <u>52,347,018</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>55,112,550</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payables and accruals	\$ 107,728	\$ 106,534
Patronage rebate payable	100,000	150,000
Members' deposits (Note 11)	44,826,495	48,220,490
Deposit interest payable	269,286	106,191
Income taxes payable (Note 13)	34,259	51,743
Deferred income taxes (Note 13)	9,996	7,844
Lease liability (Note 18)	<u>677,477</u>	<u>746,762</u>
	<b><u>46,025,241</u></b>	<b><u>49,389,564</u></b>
<b>Members' equity</b>		
Members' shares (Note 12)	158,034	63,561
Contributed surplus	35,752	35,752
Retained earnings	<u>6,127,991</u>	<u>5,623,673</u>
	<b><u>6,321,777</u></b>	<b><u>5,722,986</u></b>
	<b>\$ <u>52,347,018</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>55,112,550</u></b>

Approved by the Board



Director



Director

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

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**STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS**

Year ended December 31

	2023	% of Income	2022	% of Income
<b>Income</b>				
Loan interest	\$ 2,026,163	70.9	\$ 1,528,137	69.5
Investment income	<u>354,586</u>	<u>12.4</u>	<u>275,593</u>	<u>12.5</u>
	<u>2,380,749</u>	<u>83.3</u>	<u>1,803,730</u>	<u>82.0</u>
<b>Interest expenses</b>				
Distributions to members:				
Interest on deposits	<u>543,221</u>	<u>19.0</u>	<u>215,952</u>	<u>9.8</u>
<b>Financial margin</b>	<u>1,837,528</u>	<u>64.3</u>	<u>1,587,778</u>	<u>72.2</u>
<b>Other income</b>				
Discretionary rebate income	41,262	1.4	15,794	0.7
Other income	<u>437,580</u>	<u>15.3</u>	<u>380,060</u>	<u>17.3</u>
	<u>478,842</u>	<u>16.7</u>	<u>395,854</u>	<u>18.0</u>
<b>Income before operating expenses</b>	<u>2,316,370</u>	<u>81.0</u>	<u>1,983,632</u>	<u>90.2</u>
<b>Operating expenses</b>				
Administrative (see schedule)	413,255	14.3	334,831	15.6
Amortization of capital assets	111,248	3.9	112,668	5.1
Central service charges	131,941	4.6	131,755	6.0
Occupancy (see schedule)	92,797	3.3	93,643	4.3
Salaries, benefits, contracted services	796,469	27.9	662,495	30.1
Deposit insurance	37,392	1.3	38,876	1.8
Loan impairment losses (recoveries)	<u>47,876</u>	<u>1.7</u>	<u>15,064</u>	<u>0.7</u>
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<u>1,630,978</u>	<u>57.0</u>	<u>1,389,332</u>	<u>63.6</u>
<b>Rebate to members</b>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>3.5</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>5.2</u>
<b>Income before provision for income taxes</b>	<u>585,392</u>	<u>20.5</u>	<u>444,300</u>	<u>21.4</u>
<b>Provision for income taxes (Note 13)</b>				
Current	78,922	2.8	51,743	2.4
Future (recovery)	<u>2,152</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>(542)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>81,074</u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>51,201</u>	<u>2.4</u>
<b>Net income and comprehensive income</b>	<u>504,318</u>	<u>17.6</u>	<u>393,099</u>	<u>19.0</u>
<b>Retained earnings, beginning</b>	5,623,673		5,230,574	
<b>Net income and comprehensive income</b>	<u>504,318</u>		<u>393,099</u>	
<b>Retained earnings, ending</b>	<u>\$ 6,127,991</u>		<u>\$ 5,623,673</u>	

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

Year ended December 31

	2023	2022
<b>Cash generated from (used in) operating activities</b>		
Loan interest received	\$ 1,982,358	\$ 1,506,933
Investment income received	362,705	247,854
Other income received	43,423	39,591
Rebates received	41,262	15,794
Revenue from contracts received	394,157	338,799
Decrease in members' deposits	(3,393,995)	(270,461)
Bad loans recovered	39,664	8,972
Interest paid on members' deposits	(380,126)	(186,135)
Increase in members' loans	(5,943,525)	(3,909,629)
Patronage rebate paid	(150,000)	-
Payments to suppliers	(953,609)	(693,642)
Payments to employees	(796,464)	(637,746)
Income taxes paid	(96,406)	(37,484)
	<u>(8,850,556)</u>	<u>(3,577,154)</u>
<b>Cash used in investing activities</b>		
Redemption (purchase) of investments	27,550	(32,392)
Purchase of capital assets	(34,122)	(17,236)
	<u>(6,572)</u>	<u>(49,628)</u>
<b>Cash used in financing activities</b>		
Principal payments on lease liability	(69,285)	(66,929)
Proceeds from issue of shares (net of redemptions)	94,473	(5,483)
	<u>25,188</u>	<u>(72,412)</u>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash flows</b>	<b>(8,831,940)</b>	<b>(3,699,194)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year</b>	<b><u>14,891,801</u></b>	<b><u>18,590,995</u></b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year (Note 6)</b>	<b><u>\$ 6,059,861</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 14,891,801</u></b>
<b>Supplemental cash flow information</b>		
Interest received from investments	\$ 362,705	210,741

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

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## 1. REPORTING ENTITY

iNova Credit Union Limited (the "Credit Union") is incorporated under the Nova Scotia Companies Act. The operation of the Credit Union is subject to the Nova Scotia Credit Union Act. Products and services offered to its members include loans, mortgages, chequing and savings accounts, MasterCard's, RRSP's, term deposits, online and telephone banking and financial planning. The Credit Union is located at 6150 Almon Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

On March 25, 2024, the Credit Union's Board of Directors approved and authorized for issue the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

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## 2. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

### *Statement of compliance*

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

### *Basis of measurement*

These financial statements were prepared under the historical cost principle using a going concern basis, with the exception of available-for-sale financial assets which have been measured at fair value.

### *Functional currency*

These statements are denominated in Canadian dollars which is the Credit Union's functional currency.

### *Critical accounting estimates and judgments*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Credit Union's accounting policies. Changes in assumptions may have a significant impact on the financial statement in the year the assumptions changed.

Significant estimates made in the preparation of these financial statements include, but are not limited to the following areas, with further information contained in the applicable accounting policy note.

#### Measurement of the expected credit loss (ECL) allowance

The Credit Union reviews its loan portfolio to assess the ECL allowance for loans at least on a quarterly basis. The measurement of the ECL allowance for financial assets measured at amortized cost and fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI) is an area that requires the use of models and significant assumptions about future economic conditions and credit behaviour (e.g. the likelihood of members defaulting and resulting losses). Explanation of the inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques used in measuring ECL is further detailed in Note 4.

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

- Determining criteria for significant increase in credit risk;
- Choosing appropriate models and assumptions for the measurement of ECL; and
- Establishing groups of similar financial assets for the purpose of measuring ECL.

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



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### 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE (Continued)

#### Fair value of available-for-sale securities

The fair values of available-for-sale securities where no active market exists or where quoted prices are not otherwise available are determined by using valuation techniques. In each instance, management has reviewed the attributes of its investments and determined that fair value was liquidation value for each investment as there is no ability to otherwise sell the investments. Management also determined that liquidation value approximated historical cost.

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### 4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### *Cash and cash equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, and short-term highly liquid securities which are readily convertible into known amounts of cash. The Credit Union considers securities with original maturities of three months or less as meeting the definition of convertible to known amounts of cash.

#### *Members' loans and foreclosed assets*

Members' loans are initially measured at fair value, net of loan origination fees and inclusive of transaction costs incurred. Members' loans are subsequently measured at amortized cost, using the effective interest rate method, less any impairment losses.

Members' loans are reported at their recoverable amount representing the aggregate amount of principal, less any allowance or provision for impaired loans plus accrued interest. Interest is accounted for on the accrual basis for all loans.

Real estate held for resale is carried at the lower of the amortized cost of the loan or mortgages foreclosed, adjusted for revenues received and costs incurred subsequent to foreclosure and the estimated net proceeds from the sale of assets.

#### *Allowance for impaired loans*

The Credit Union recognizes a loss allowance for the expected credit losses associated with its members' loans. Expected credit losses are measured to reflect the probability-weighted amount, the time value of money, and reasonable and supportable information regarding past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

The Credit Union records a loss allowance equal to the expected credit losses resulting from default events that are possible within the next 12-month period, unless there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. For those members' loans for which the Credit Union assessed that a significant increase in credit risk has occurred, the Credit Union records a loss allowance equal to the expected credit losses resulting from all possible default events over the assets' contractual lifetime.

The Credit Union assesses at each balance sheet date whether there is objective evidence that a members' loan or group of members' loans is impaired. A members' loan or group of members' loans is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the members' loan (a "loss event") and that loss event (events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the members' loan or group of members' loans that can be reliably estimated.

The criteria the Credit Union uses to determine whether there is objective evidence of an impairment loss includes:

- Delinquency in contractual payments of principal or interest;
- Cash flow difficulties experienced by the member;
- Breach of loan covenants or conditions;
- Initiation of bankruptcy proceedings;
- Deterioration of the member's competitive position; and
- Deterioration in the fair value of collateral.

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#### 4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

For members' loans assessed as credit-impaired at the reporting date, the Credit Union continues to recognize a loss allowance equal to lifetime expected credit losses. Loss allowances for expected credit losses are deducted from the gross carrying amount of the members' loans in the statement of financial position.

Members' loans are written off when the Credit Union has no reasonable expectation of recovering all or any portion thereof.

##### *Revenue recognition*

Interest on loans and advances is recognized on an accrual basis using the effective interest rate method. Revenue from the provision of services is recognized when earned and the ability to collect is reasonably assured.

##### *Members' deposits*

All members' deposits are initially recognized at fair value, net of any transaction costs directly attributable to the issuance of the instrument. Members' deposits are subsequently measured at amortized cost, using the effective interest rate method.

##### *Financial assets*

The Credit Union recognizes financial assets when it becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets are measured initially at their fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to their acquisition. Transaction costs attributable to the acquisition of financial assets subsequently measured at fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL) are expensed in profit and loss when incurred.

On initial recognition, financial assets are classified and subsequently measured at amortized cost, FVTOCI or FVTPL. The Credit Union determines the classification of its financial assets, including any derivatives, based on the business model for managing the financial assets and their contractual cash flow characteristics.

Debt instruments are classified as follows:

- Amortized cost - assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest are measured at amortized cost. Interest revenue is calculated using the effective interest method and gains or losses arising from impairment, foreign exchange and derecognition are recognized in profit and loss.
- FVTOCI - assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling the financial assets, and for which the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, are measured at FVTOCI. Interest income calculated using the effective interest method and gains or losses arising from impairment and foreign exchange are recognized in profit or loss. All other changes in the carrying amount of the financial asset are recognized in other comprehensive income. Upon derecognition, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognized in other comprehensive income is reclassified to profit and loss.
- Mandatory FVTPL - assets that do not meet the criteria to be measured at amortized cost, or FVTOCI, are measured at FVTPL. All interest income and changes in the financial assets' carrying amount are recognized in profit or loss.
- Designated FVTPL - on initial recognition, the Credit Union may irrevocably designate a financial asset to be measured at FVTPL in order to eliminate or significantly reduce an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise from measuring the assets or liabilities or recognizing the gains and losses on them, on different bases. All interest income and changes in the financial assets' carrying amount are recognized in profit or loss.

The Credit Union measures equity instruments at FVTPL, except where the Credit Union has irrevocably elected on initial recognition to present in other comprehensive income the fair value gains and losses of an equity instrument that is neither held for trading purposes nor contingent consideration acquired in a business combination. In such cases, the cumulative gains and losses recognized in other comprehensive income are not reclassified to profit or loss on derecognition of the investment.

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#### 4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

##### Business model assessment

The Credit Union assesses the objective of its business model for holding a financial asset at a level of aggregation which best reflects the way in which the business is managed and information is provided to management. Information considered in this assessment includes stated policies and objectives and how performance of the portfolio is evaluated.

##### Contractual cash flow assessment

The cash flows of financial assets are assessed as to whether they are solely payments of principal and interest on the basis of their contractual terms. For this purpose, "principal" is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition. "Interest" is defined as consideration for the time value of money, the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding, and other basic lending risks and costs. In performing this assessment, the Credit Union considers factors that would alter the timing amount of cash flows such as prepayment and extension features, terms that might limit the Credit Union's claim to cash flows, and any features that modify consideration for the time value of money.

##### Reclassifications

The Credit Union reclassifies debt instruments only when its business model for managing those financial assets has changed. Reclassifications are applied prospectively from the reclassification date and any previously recognized gains, losses or interest are not restated.

##### Derecognition of financial assets

A financial asset is derecognized when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset have expired, or the Credit Union transfers the contractual rights to receive the cash flows from the asset, or has assumed an obligation to pay those cash flows to a third party and the Credit Union has transferred all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to a third party.

##### *Financial liabilities*

The Credit Union recognizes financial liabilities when it becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. At initial recognition, the Credit Union measures all financial liabilities at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to their issuance, with the exception of financial liabilities subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss for which transaction costs are immediately recorded in profit or loss.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

Interest, gains and losses related to a financial liability are recognized in profit and loss.

A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expires.

The Credit Union has classified its financial instruments as follows:

FINANCIAL ASSET/LIABILITY	CLASSIFICATION	SUBSEQUENT MEASUREMENT
Cash resources	Amortized cost	Amortized cost
Deposits with Atlantic Central	Amortized cost	Amortized cost
Long term investments	FVTOCI	FVTOCI
Members' loans (inc. accrued interest) and rebates receivable	Amortized cost	Amortized cost
Members' deposits (inc. accrued interest), borrowings and payables	Amortized cost	Amortized cost

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#### 4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

##### *Capital assets*

Capital assets are recorded at cost. Amortization is based on their estimated useful life using the following rates and terms:

Right-of-use assets	straight-line	term of lease plus two renewal terms
Leasehold improvements	straight-line	term of lease plus two renewal terms
Furniture & equipment	declining balance	20%
Computer equipment	declining balance	33%
Vaults	declining balance	10%
Sign	declining balance	20%

Residual values and useful lives are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted if appropriate.

##### *Leases*

A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

At the commencement date of a lease, the Credit Union recognizes a right-of-use asset and a lease liability in the Statement of Financial Position. The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of lease payments that are not paid at that date.

The right-of-use asset is measured at cost. The cost of a right-of-use asset is comprised of:

- the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability;
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, less any lease incentives received;
- any initial direct costs incurred by the lessee; and
- an estimate of any dismantling and site restoration costs to be incurred by the lessee.

After the commencement date, the lease liability is measured by:

- increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability;
- reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made;
- remeasuring the carrying amount to reflect any reassessment or lease modifications.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently measured at cost:

- less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses; and
- adjusted for any remeasurement of the lease liability.

##### *Income taxes*

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Current tax and deferred tax are recognized in net income except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity or in other comprehensive income.

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

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized where the carrying value of an asset or liability differs from its tax base. Recognition of deferred taxes for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences is restricted to those instances where it is probable that future taxable profit will be available which allow the deferred tax asset to be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realized.

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#### **4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### *Trade payables*

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business. Trade payables are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. Trade payables are recognized at historical cost which is a reasonable estimate of fair value.

##### *Cash flow statement*

The cash flow statement is prepared using the direct method.

##### *Shares*

Savings shares, which are included in members' deposits, are in practice withdrawable on demand. Common shares and surplus shares, which are classified as equity, represent a residual interest in the equity of the Credit Union. They are not covered by deposit insurance. Common shares are redeemable upon request of the member and approval of the directors.

##### *Dividends to members*

Provision for dividends on savings shares represents the amount recommended by the Board of Directors. The recommended dividend is included in the statement of financial position as an accrued liability under payables and accruals. In the statement of comprehensive income, these dividends are deducted as an expense under interest and loan related expenses in determining net income for the year.

##### *Foreign currency translation*

Assets and liabilities which are denominated in foreign currencies (US dollars) are translated at the exchange rate prevailing at the year end date. Revenues and expenses denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate prevailing on the transaction date. Exchange differences are charged or credited to income.

##### *Employee future benefit plans*

The Credit Union uses defined contribution accounting for its Canadian Credit Union Employees Pension Plan.

##### *Government grants*

Unconditional government grants are recognized in profit or loss as other income when the grant becomes receivable. Other government grants are initially recognized as deferred income at fair value if there is reasonable assurance that they will be received and the Credit Union will comply with the conditions associated with the grant; they are then recognized in profit or loss as other income on a systematic basis over the useful life of the asset.

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#### **5. NATURE AND EXTENT OF RISKS ARISING FROM FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the determination of the Credit Union's risk management objectives and policies and, while retaining ultimate responsibility for them, it has delegated the authority for designing and operating processes that ensure effective implementation of the objectives and policies of the Credit Union's finance function. The Board of Directors receives quarterly reports from the general manager through which it reviews the effectiveness of the processes put in place and the appropriateness of the objectives and policies it sets.

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## 5. NATURE AND EXTENT OF RISKS ARISING FROM FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

The following are the significant risks that the Credit Union is exposed to through its financial instruments:

### *Credit risk*

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

Providing credit facilities to qualified members is one of the Credit Union's primary sources of earnings and is the area where the Credit Union is exposed to the most significant risk. Approval of these facilities is based on the members' ability to repay principal and interest over the term of the facility which is determined by following Board approved policies and procedures, which include assessing the members' credit history, character, collateral and debt servicing capacity.

In addition, the Credit Union provides to its employees comprehensive training to ensure compliance with Credit Union lending policies and procedures. As well, formal policies governing approval of credit facilities including acceptable risk assessment and security requirements are in place.

Overdue loan accounts, or lending delinquency, is closely monitored and reported to senior management on a timely and frequent basis to ensure that all allowances for potential loan losses are adequately provided for and written off when collection efforts have been exhausted. Credit risk is mitigated primarily by the nature and quality of the underlying security as prescribed by the Credit Union's lending agreements.

The Credit Union's loan portfolio is focused in two main areas; consumer loans and mortgages, and commercial loans, the latter to small and mid-size companies. Commercial loans to larger companies are available through a syndication process with other Credit Unions in order to appropriately mitigate the Credit Union's credit risk. Consumer mortgages are made available on a conventional basis up to eighty percent of the appraised value of a residential property with all mortgages in excess of that amount being insured through a third party, for example Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation or Genworth Financial Corporation. Other credit facilities provided include personal overdrafts, and MasterCard accounts that have no recourse to the Credit Union.

The Credit Union uses the expected loss model to record an allowance against members' loans. The allowance is broken into three stages. Stage 1 contains all loans that are not delinquent and do not have any known additional risk. Stage 2 contains all loans delinquent between 31 and 90 days, and any loan that has been assessed to have additional risk. Stage 3 contains all loans delinquent over 90 days, bankruptcy, and foreclosure. Each stage is broken down into pools of members' loans that have similar risk characteristics. The probability of default, risk adjustment and loss given default are used to determine the expected credit loss for each pool of members' loans.

The loss allowances for financial assets are based on assumptions about risk of default and expected loss rates. The Credit Union uses judgment in making these assumptions and selecting the inputs to the impairment calculation, based on the Credit Union's past history, existing market conditions as well as forward looking estimates at the end of each reporting period.

The Credit Union's maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

	2023	2022
Cash resources	\$ 6,059,861	\$ 14,891,801
Members' loans	<u>43,736,531</u>	<u>37,840,633</u>
	<u>\$ 49,796,392</u>	<u>\$ 52,732,434</u>

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**5. NATURE AND EXTENT OF RISKS ARISING FROM FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)**

*Interest rate risk*

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Credit Union is exposed to this risk through traditional banking activities, such as deposit taking and lending. The Credit Union's goal is to manage the interest rate risk of the statement of financial position to a target level. The Credit Union continually monitors the effectiveness of its interest rate mitigation activities.

Interest rate sensitivity

The Credit Union's major source of income is the financial margin between the income earned on investments and loans to members, and the interest paid on their deposits. The objective of "interest rate sensitivity" management is to keep interest sensitive assets and interest sensitive liabilities in balance by amount and term to maturity, thus monitoring fluctuations of income during periods of changing interest rates.

The following schedule shows the Credit Union's sensitivity to interest rate changes. Amounts with floating rates due or payable on demand are classified as maturing in the first three months, regardless of maturity. A significant amount of loans can be settled before maturity without penalty, on mortgages and deposits a penalty will be levied. No adjustments have been made for repayments that may occur prior to maturity. Amounts that are not interest sensitive have been grouped together, regardless of maturity.

<b>Expected Repricing or Maturity Date</b>	<b>Weighted Average Interest Rate</b>		<b>Assets (000's)</b>	<b>Liabilities (000's)</b>	<b>Net Asset Liability Mismatch (000's)</b>
	<b>Assets</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>			
0 to 3 months	6.45	0.72	\$ 14,477	\$ 22,675	\$ (8,198)
4 to 6 months	4.58	4.33	3,231	1,726	1,505
6 to 12 months	3.87	4.33	6,095	4,448	1,647
1 to 2 years	4.30	4.29	10,007	2,478	7,529
2 to 3 years	3.91	4.30	8,832	409	8,423
3 to 4 years	4.02	4.54	5,293	970	4,323
4 to 5 years	5.73	4.49	4,538	985	3,553
Over 5 years	5.69	n/a	388	-	388
Not interest sensitive	n/a	n/a	(514)	18,656	(19,170)
			<u>\$ 52,347</u>	<u>\$ 52,347</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Interest sensitive assets and liabilities cannot normally be perfectly matched by amount and term to maturity. One of the roles of a credit union is to intermediate between the expectations of borrowers and depositors. As a matter of policy, the Credit Union will limit the short term exposure to a maximum of a negative .2% of the Credit Union's assets, based on a 1% fluctuation in interest rates.

*Foreign exchange risk*

The Credit Union's foreign exchange risk is related to United States dollar deposits and cash on hand denominated in United States dollars. At year end, the Credit Union's holdings in foreign currency were 0.31% (2022 - 0.34%) of the total members' deposits portfolio.

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## 5. NATURE AND EXTENT OF RISKS ARISING FROM FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

The Credit Union limits its exposure to foreign exchange risk by maintaining only minimal levels of US dollar deposits and cash on hand.

There have been no significant changes from the previous year in the exposure to foreign exchange risk or procedures used to limit the risk.

### *Liquidity risk*

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Credit Union will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities as they come due. Liquidity risk is inherent in any financial institution and could result from entity level circumstances and/or market events.

The Credit Union's liquidity management framework is designed to ensure that adequate sources of reliable and cost effective cash or its equivalents are continually available to satisfy its current and prospective financial commitments under normal and contemplated stress conditions.

The Credit Union is required to maintain 10% of members deposits in liquid investments of which 90% must be held with Atlantic Central Credit Union. The Credit Union was in compliance with this requirement at December 31, 2023.

The Credit Union manages liquidity risk by:

- Continuously monitoring actual daily cash flows and longer term forecasted cash flows;
- Monitoring the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities;
- Maintaining adequate reserves, liquidity support facilities and reserve borrowing facilities; and
- Monitoring the liquidity ratios monthly.

The Board of Directors receives quarterly liquidity reports as well as information regarding cash balances in order for it to monitor the Credit Union's liquidity framework. The Credit Union was in compliance with the liquidity requirements throughout the year.

The Credit Union's maximum exposure to liquidity risk at the reporting date was:

	2023	2022
Liquid assets	\$ 6,674,841	\$ 15,534,331
Required liquidity	<u>4,482,650</u>	<u>4,822,049</u>
Excess liquidity	<u>\$ 2,192,191</u>	<u>\$ 10,712,282</u>
Liquid assets comprise:		
Cash held at Atlantic Central	\$ (169,108)	\$ 1,144,695
Liquidity and short-term deposits held at Atlantic Central	6,228,969	13,747,106
Shares held at Atlantic Central	<u>614,980</u>	<u>642,530</u>
	<u>\$ 6,674,841</u>	<u>\$ 15,534,331</u>

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## 6. CASH RESOURCES

	2023	2022
Cash on hand and in current account	\$ (169,108)	\$ 1,144,695
Atlantic Central Deposits (Market value = cost)	<u>6,228,969</u>	<u>13,747,106</u>
	<u>\$ 6,059,861</u>	<u>\$ 14,891,801</u>

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## 7. MEMBERS' LOANS

### Loans by purpose

	2023	2022
Consumer loans	\$ 11,637,989	\$ 11,355,636
Consumer lines of credit	1,317,381	1,377,485
Consumer mortgages	16,198,415	12,776,292
Commercial loans	9,634,590	7,928,647
Commercial lines of credit	2,183,353	1,771,246
Commercial and participation mortgages	1,607,155	1,709,882
Commercial loans - participation	1,230,800	1,009,289
Overdrafts	<u>29,417</u>	<u>19,001</u>
	43,839,100	37,947,478
Accrued interest	<u>111,046</u>	<u>67,240</u>
	43,950,146	38,014,718
Less : Allowance for impaired loans	<u>213,615</u>	<u>174,085</u>
Net loans	<u>\$ 43,736,531</u>	<u>\$ 37,840,633</u>

Members' loans can have either variable or fixed rates of interest and they mature within 1 month to 5 years. The rates offered to members are determined by the type of security offered, the member's credit worthiness, competition from other lenders and the current prime rate.

Commercial loans that are not subject to a government guarantee are secured by collateral ranging from specific assets to a general security agreement or personal guarantee. Consumer loans also are secured by collateral such as vehicles, investments and property.

Syndicated loans consist of commercial mortgages maturing within five years and secured by commercial property. The Credit Union receives monthly amounts from the loan administrators which represent blended payments of principal and interest equal to its percentage interests in the loans, less an administration fee.

	2023	2022
Maturity analysis:		
Scheduled for repayment:		
Overdrafts and line of credit facilities	\$ 7,899,799	\$ 7,210,400
Within one year	7,333,188	7,102,105
One to three years	18,641,018	12,111,323
Over three years	<u>9,965,095</u>	<u>11,523,650</u>
	<u>\$ 43,839,100</u>	<u>\$ 37,947,478</u>

### Allowance for impaired loans

#### Assessment of credit risk

Members' loans are assessed at each reporting date for a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition.

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## 7. MEMBERS' LOANS (Continued)

This assessment considers changes in the risk of a default occurring at the reporting date as compared to the date of initial recognition.

The Credit Union considers members' loans to be in default when contractual payments are more than 90 days past due or other objective evidence of impairment exists.

Changes in credit risk are assessed on the basis of the risk that a default will occur over the contractual lifetime of the member's loan rather than based on changes in the amount of expected credit losses or other factors. The Credit Union takes into account all reasonable and supportable information, including forward-looking information, available without undue cost or effort in making this assessment. The Credit Union considers past due information of its balances and information about the borrower available through regular commercial dealings, such as requests for loan modifications.

Members' loans with an acceptable credit risk consistent with that upon origination of the loan are considered to be Stage 1. The credit risk of a loan is deemed to have significantly increased since initial recognition when contractual payments have exceeded 30 days past due, or other information becomes available to management (e.g., through the course of regular credit reviews, communication with the borrower or forecasting processes which consider macroeconomic conditions expected to have a future impact on borrowers). The increase in credit risk designates the loan to be Stage 2.

The Credit Union identifies credit-impaired members' loans through regular review of past due balances and credit assessment of its customers. Loans greater than 90 days past due are considered credit impaired. Credit impaired loans are classified as Stage 3.

### *Measurement of expected credit losses*

The Credit Union measures expected credit losses of members' loans receivable on a group basis. These assets are grouped on the basis of their shared credit risk characteristics such as loan type (residential mortgages, commercial mortgages, other secured loans or non-secured loans). Otherwise, expected credit losses are measured on an individual basis.

Forward-looking information is incorporated into the determination of expected credit loss by considering regional economic journals and forecasts, collecting information available from regular commercial dealings with its customers and other publicly available information and considering the effects such information could have on any assumptions or inputs used in the measurement of expected credit losses, determining significant increases in credit risk or identifying a credit impaired loan.

Significant judgments, estimates and assumptions are required when calculating the expected credit losses of members' loans. In measuring the 12-month and lifetime expected credit losses, management makes assumptions about prepayments, the timing and extent of missed payments or default events. In addition, management makes assumptions and estimates about the impact that forward-looking information may have on the historical data used to measure expected credit losses. The Credit Union has identified forecasted unemployment rates to be the most relevant factor, and accordingly adjusts the historical loss rates based on expected changes in this factor.

### *Write-offs*

Members' loans are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. The Credit Union assesses that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery when the borrower has filed for bankruptcy and the trustee has indicated that no additional funds will be paid. Where an asset has been written off but is still subject to enforcement activity, the asset is written off but remains on a list of delinquent accounts. Where information becomes available indicating the Credit Union will receive funds, such amounts are recognized at their fair value.

The following tables set out information about the members' loans classified based on the credit quality of financial assets assessed for impairment under IFRS 9 for 2022 and 2023. The gross carrying amount of members' loans represent the maximum exposure to credit risk.

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**7. MEMBERS' LOANS (Continued)**

	<u>Stage 1</u>	<u>Stage 2</u>	<u>Stage 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at December 31, 2023				
Gross carrying amount of members' loans	\$ 42,121,720	\$ 1,393,472	\$ 323,908	\$ <b>43,839,100</b>
Loss allowance	\$ 64,887	\$ 35,063	\$ 113,665	\$ <b>213,615</b>
Balance at December 31, 2022				
Gross carrying amount of members' loans	\$ 36,842,367	\$ 903,237	\$ 201,874	\$ 37,947,478
Loss allowance	\$ 60,233	\$ 35,857	\$ 77,995	\$ 174,085

The following tables explain the changes in the loss allowance between the beginning and end of the year.

	<u>Stage 1</u>	<u>Stage 2</u>	<u>Stage 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at December 31, 2023				
Allowance beginning	\$ 60,233	\$ 35,857	\$ 77,995	\$ <b>174,085</b>
Recoveries	3,767	-	35,897	<b>39,664</b>
Write-offs	(951)	-	(47,059)	<b>(48,010)</b>
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	<u>1,838</u>	<u>(794)</u>	<u>46,832</u>	<u><b>47,876</b></u>
Allowance ending	<u>\$ 64,887</u>	<u>\$ 35,063</u>	<u>\$ 113,665</u>	<u>\$ <b>213,615</b></u>
Balance at December 31, 2022				
Allowance beginning	\$ 45,817	\$ 63,874	\$ 65,839	\$ 175,530
Recoveries	108	-	8,864	8,972
Write-offs	(226)	-	(25,255)	(25,481)
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	<u>14,534</u>	<u>(28,017)</u>	<u>28,547</u>	<u>15,064</u>
Allowance ending	<u>\$ 60,233</u>	<u>\$ 35,857</u>	<u>\$ 77,995</u>	<u>\$ 174,085</u>

The following is an analysis of loans in arrears based on the age of repayments outstanding:

	<b>2023</b>	2022
31 to 60 days	\$ <b>102,391</b>	\$ 17,109
61 to 90 days	<b>15,276</b>	2,102
91 to 180 days	<b>115,519</b>	3,801
Over 180 days	<u><b>61,812</b></u>	<u>66,974</u>
	<u>\$ <b>294,998</b></u>	<u>\$ 89,986</u>

**Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loans**

The Credit Union is participating in the CEBA loan program announced by the government of Canada. As of December 31, 2023, the Credit Union was administering, on behalf of Export Development Canada, commercial loans totaling \$1,701,067 (2022 - \$2,338,071). As these loans do not belong to the Credit Union, they are not included in these financial statements.

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**8. ACCRUED RECEIVABLES**

	2023	2022
Accrued receivables	\$ 15,142	\$ 11,249
Interest receivable	<u>51,101</u>	<u>59,220</u>
	<u>\$ 66,243</u>	<u>\$ 70,469</u>

**9. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS**

	2023	2022
Shares in unlisted entities (at cost):		
Atlantic Central common shares	\$ 513,980	\$ 541,530
Atlantic Central provincial shares	101,000	101,000
Central 1 - class B shares	100	100
League Savings and Mortgage Limited	577,216	577,216
League Data Limited - class B preference shares	11,970	11,970
Nova Scotia Co-operative Council	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
	<u>\$ 1,204,366</u>	<u>\$ 1,231,916</u>

The Credit Union's long-term equity investments are not held for trading or contingent consideration from a business combination. Long-term equity investments are irrevocably measured at FVTOCI. The investments do not have a quoted market price in an active market. In each instance, management has reviewed the attributes of its investments and determined that fair value was liquidation value for each investment as there is no ability to otherwise sell the investments. Management also determined that liquidation value approximates historical cost.

**10. CAPITAL ASSETS**

	Leasehold Improvements	Computer Equipment	Furniture & Fixtures	Sign	Vault	Total
<b>Cost</b>						
Balance at January 1, 2022	\$ 404,423	\$ 14,637	\$ 198,635	\$ 26,450	\$ 48,372	\$ 692,517
Additions	-	17,236	-	-	-	17,236
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance on December 31, 2022	<u>404,423</u>	<u>31,873</u>	<u>198,635</u>	<u>26,450</u>	<u>48,372</u>	<u>709,753</u>
Additions	15,665	11,961	6,496	-	-	34,122
Disposals	-	-	(15,706)	(26,450)	-	(42,156)
<b>Balance on December 31, 2023</b>	<u>\$ 420,088</u>	<u>\$ 43,834</u>	<u>\$ 189,425</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 48,372</u>	<u>\$ 701,719</u>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>						
Balance at January 1, 2022	\$ 190,715	\$ 8,331	\$ 166,290	\$ 23,253	\$ 30,570	\$ 419,159
Depreciation expense	20,353	4,925	6,927	3,197	1,780	37,182
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance on December 31, 2022	<u>211,068</u>	<u>13,256</u>	<u>173,217</u>	<u>26,450</u>	<u>32,350</u>	<u>456,341</u>
Depreciation expense	21,532	8,248	4,380	-	1,602	35,762
Disposals	-	-	(15,706)	(26,450)	-	(42,156)
<b>Balance on December 31, 2023</b>	<u>\$ 232,600</u>	<u>\$ 21,504</u>	<u>\$ 161,891</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 33,952</u>	<u>\$ 449,947</u>
<b>Net book value</b>						
December 31, 2022	\$ 193,355	\$ 18,617	\$ 25,418	\$ -	\$ 16,022	\$ 253,412
<b>December 31, 2023</b>	<u>\$ 187,488</u>	<u>\$ 22,330</u>	<u>\$ 27,534</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 14,420</u>	<u>\$ 251,772</u>

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### 11. MEMBERS' DEPOSITS

	2023	2022
Chequing	\$ 20,024,522	\$ 22,740,955
Demand, no penalty on withdrawal	10,178,378	12,972,102
RRSP and RRIF	5,273,417	5,293,477
Term deposits	<u>9,350,178</u>	<u>7,213,956</u>
	<u>\$ 44,826,495</u>	<u>\$ 48,220,490</u>
Maturity analysis:		
At call	\$ 31,183,703	\$ 36,790,303
Within one year	8,800,130	8,090,239
One to three years	2,887,237	2,501,948
Over three years	<u>1,955,875</u>	<u>838,000</u>
	<u>\$ 44,826,945</u>	<u>\$ 48,220,490</u>

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### 12. MEMBERS' SHARES

Each member must hold 1 common share with a par value of \$5. Common shares and surplus shares may be withdrawn on demand or withdrawal from membership, subject to the Credit Union meeting capital adequacy requirements and the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Authorized:

An unlimited number of common shares with par value of \$5 each.

An unlimited number of surplus shares with par value of \$1 each.

	2023	2022
Issued:		
Common shares		
Balance, beginning of year (1,904 shares)	\$ 9,520	\$ 9,480
Add: shares issued during year (144 shares)	<u>720</u>	<u>700</u>
	10,240	10,180
Less: shares redeemed during year (186 shares)	<u>(930)</u>	<u>(660)</u>
Balance, end of year (1,862 shares)	<u>9,310</u>	<u>9,520</u>
Surplus shares		
Balance, beginning of year (54,041 shares)	54,041	59,564
Add: distributions to members (145,109 shares)	145,109	-
Less: shares redeemed during year (50,426 shares)	<u>(50,426)</u>	<u>(5,523)</u>
Balance, end of year (148,724 shares)	<u>148,724</u>	<u>54,041</u>
Total equity shares	<u>\$ 158,034</u>	<u>\$ 63,561</u>

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### 13. INCOME TAX

The components of tax expense (benefit) were as follows:

	2023	2022
Current tax expense	\$ 78,922	\$ 51,743
Deferred tax expense		
Originating and reversal of deductible temporary differences	<u>2,152</u>	<u>(542)</u>
Total income tax expense	<u>\$ 81,074</u>	<u>\$ 51,201</u>

The provision for income taxes differs from the result which would be obtained by applying the combined Canadian Federal and Provincial statutory income tax rates to income. This difference results from the following:

	2023	2022
Income before income taxes	\$ 585,392	\$ 444,300
Combined Canadian basic federal and provincial income tax rate	<u>11.50 %</u>	<u>11.50 %</u>
Expected income tax	67,320	51,095
Effect on income tax of:		
Permanent differences	198	-
Other	<u>13,556</u>	<u>106</u>
Total income tax expense	<u>\$ 81,074</u>	<u>\$ 51,201</u>

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### 14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Credit Union entered into the following transactions with key management personnel, which are defined by IAS 24 - Related Party Disclosures, as those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, direction and controlling the activities of the Credit Union, including directors and senior management.

	2023	2022
<b>Compensation of key management personnel</b>		
Direct compensation	\$ 190,883	\$ 174,027
Contributions to defined contribution plan	<u>15,589</u>	<u>14,151</u>
Total salaries and benefits	<u>\$ 206,472</u>	<u>\$ 188,178</u>
<b>Loans and deposits to related parties</b>		
Loans, mortgages and lines of credit advanced	\$ 2,238,821	\$ 2,120,941
Deposits	<u>1,300,928</u>	<u>1,378,877</u>

The Credit Union enters transactions, arrangements and agreements involving directors, senior management and staff in the ordinary course of business. Terms and conditions on the transactions, arrangements and agreements are the same terms and conditions which apply to Members. None of the loans outstanding by key management personnel or the Board of Directors are impaired.

#### Group RRSP plan

The Credit Union sponsors a group RRSP plan. The plan provides the Credit Union with flexibility in that the percentage contributed to the employees' plan can be modified. The Credit Union contributed 9% of base salaries to the employees' plan. Staff contributed 6% of their base salary to the plan. Current service costs totalled \$48,549 (2022 - \$40,516) and were included in salaries, benefits and contracted services expense on the statement of income.

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## 15. FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The estimated fair values of the Credit Union's financial instruments are set out below. Fair value represents the amount at which a financial investment could be exchanged in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Fair value amounts disclosed represent point in time estimates that may change in subsequent reporting periods due to market conditions or other factors. Where there is no quoted market value, fair value is determined using a variety of valuation techniques and assumptions. The Credit Union has estimated fair values taking into account changes in interest rates and credit risk that have occurred since the assets and liabilities were acquired. These calculations represent management's best estimates based on a range of methods and assumptions; since they involve uncertainties, the fair values may not be realized in an actual sale or immediate settlement of the instruments. Interest rate changes are the main cause of changes in the fair value of the Credit Union's financial instruments. The carrying value is a reasonable approximation of fair value for the Credit Union's cash resources, demand deposits, certain other assets and certain other liabilities, due to their short-term nature.

The fair value of financial instruments are as follows:

### Loans:

In determining the fair value of loans, the Credit Union incorporates the following assumptions:

- For fixed rate performing loans, fair values are determined by discounting remaining contractual cash flows at current market interest rates offered for loans with similar terms.
- For floating rate performing loans, changes in interest rates have minimal impact on the fair value since loans reprice to market. On that basis, fair value is assumed to equal carrying value.
- The total value of loans determined using the above assumptions is reduced by the allowance for impaired loans to determine the fair value of the Credit Union's loan portfolio.

### Deposits:

In determining the fair value of deposits, the Credit Union incorporates the following assumptions:

- For fixed rate and fixed maturity deposits, the Credit Union discounts the remaining contractual cash flows, at current market interest rates offered for deposits with similar terms and risks.
- For floating rate deposits, changes in interest rates have minimal impact on the fair value since deposits reprice to market. On that basis fair value is assumed to equal carrying value.

The Credit Union categorizes valuation methods used for financial instruments carried at fair value under a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether inputs are observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect the Credit's Union market assumptions. These two inputs create the following fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 – Quoted prices for active markets for identical financial instruments.
- Level 2 – Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar financial instruments in markets that are not active; and model derived valuation in which all significant inputs are observable in active markets.
- Level 3 – Valuations derived for valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs are not based on observable market data.

A financial instrument is classified to the lowest level of the hierarchy for which a significant input has been considered in measuring fair value.

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**15. FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)**

Fair value of investments:

	2023	2022
Fair Value Hierarchy		
Level 1	\$ -	\$ -
Level 2	1,204,366	1,231,916
Level 3	-	-
	<u>\$ 1,204,366</u>	<u>\$ 1,231,916</u>

Fair value of loans and deposits:

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Estimated Fair Value</u>	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Estimated Fair Value</u>
Members' loans	\$ 43,736,531	\$ 43,717,337	\$ 37,840,633	\$ 35,465,384
Members' deposits	\$ 44,826,495	\$ 44,658,226	\$ 48,220,490	\$ 47,972,536

The differences between the book values and fair values of the Credit Union's loans, deposits and other financial instruments are due primarily to changes in interest rates.

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**16. CREDIT FACILITY**

The Credit Union has an approved operating line of credit with Atlantic Central with a limit of \$1,380,000 to cover shortfalls in cash resources. The line of credit is secured by an assignment of book debts, bears interest at prime and is to be reviewed on an annual basis. At December 31, 2023 the line of credit balance was \$445,910 and bears interest at 7.20% per annum.

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**17. CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Credit Union's plan to manage equity is designed to establish a strong base for future growth, to pay dividends on the equity shares and to provide a cushion in the event of market instability. Members' equity consists of equity shares and retained earnings. In accordance with the Credit Union Act, iNova Credit Union shall establish and maintain equity at a level equal to 5% of its assets. At December 31, 2023, equity was 12.08% (2022 - 10.38%) of its assets. Members' equity ratios are monitored regularly and reported to the Board monthly. The Credit Union's equity ratios have been in compliance with the regulatory requirements throughout the year.

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**18. LEASES**

The Credit Union has a lease agreement with Westwood Development Limited for building space.

Terms of lease:

- Original lease term: September 1, 2012 - August 31, 2022
- Current lease term: September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2025
- Renewal: Option to renew for a further 3 consecutive five-year terms.

On January 1, 2019, the Credit Union recognized a lease liability measured at the present value of lease payments not yet paid in accordance with IFRS 16. The measurement reflects an expectation to renew the lease for an additional two consecutive five-year terms.



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### 18. LEASES (Continued)

A right-of-use asset was recognized at the initial amount of the lease liability.

On October 20, 2021, the lease was renewed for a period of three years, commencing on September 1, 2022 and expiring on August 31, 2025. The basic monthly rent during the renewal period remains at \$23.50 per square foot plus HST. The lease renewal does not impact the measurement of the lease liability and right-of-use asset recorded in these financial statements.

Lease payments will continue to be made to Westwood Developments Limited in equal monthly installments of \$7,823.74, including an implicit interest rate, until the end of the lease term.

Changes to the lease liability and right-of-use asset balances are illustrated in the following table:

	Right-of-use Asset	Lease Liability
Balance at December 31, 2023		
Carrying amount - beginning of year	\$ 698,239	\$ 746,762
Amortization expense	(75,485)	-
Interest expense	-	24,600
Lease payments	-	(93,885)
Carrying amount - end of year	<u>\$ 622,754</u>	<u>\$ 677,477</u>
	Right-of-use Asset	Lease Liability
Balance at December 31, 2022		
Carrying amount - beginning of year	\$ 773,724	\$ 813,691
Amortization expense	(75,485)	-
Interest expense	-	26,956
Lease payments	-	(93,885)
Carrying amount - end of year	<u>\$ 698,239</u>	<u>\$ 746,762</u>

### 19. PREPAID EXPENSES

	2023	2022
Honeybee implementation costs	\$ 386,299	\$ 110,371
Other prepaid expenses	<u>19,192</u>	<u>15,709</u>
	<u>\$ 405,491</u>	<u>\$ 126,080</u>

The honeybee Mission is the overall brand name for League Data projects related to core banking, digital services and cyber security service. These projects include transitioning the current HORIZON core system to a new Mambu core banking platform by 2025.

The Credit Union's portion of The honeybee Mission costs will be invoiced according to the following payment schedule:

- June 31, 2022 \$110,371
- January 31, 2023 \$137,964
- June 30, 2023 \$137,964
- January 31, 2024 \$198,560

These up-front payments are recorded as a prepaid asset. The prepaid asset will be amortized over the term of the honeybee service contract, which will be determined by League Data and the member Credit Unions.

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**SCHEDULES OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND OCCUPANCY EXPENSES**

Year ended December 31

2023 % of Income

2022 % of Income

**Administrative expenses**

Advertising and promotion	\$	22,457	0.8	\$	27,722	1.3
Accounting and audit		40,025	1.4		21,330	1.0
Atlantic Central dues		44,291	1.5		48,825	2.2
Data processing		149,094	5.2		111,115	5.1
Donations		11,548	0.4		1,735	0.1
Dues, fees and courier		6,261	0.2		5,505	0.4
Equipment repairs and maintenance		11,449	0.4		13,288	0.6
Insurance - general and bonding		28,742	1.0		27,991	1.3
Legal, collection and foreclosed property		4,004	0.1		2,126	0.1
Meeting expenses		43,820	1.5		29,748	1.4
Miscellaneous		5,339	0.2		7,305	0.3
Office, stationery and postage		30,005	1.0		28,688	1.4
Telephone		14,699	0.5		8,795	0.4
Travel		1,521	0.1		658	-
	\$	<u>413,255</u>	<u>14.3</u>	\$	<u>334,831</u>	<u>15.6</u>

**Occupancy expenses**

Heat, lights and water	\$	11,670	0.4	\$	10,672	0.5
Interest on lease liability		24,600	0.9		26,956	1.2
Repairs and maintenance		16,375	0.6		15,075	0.7
Rent and common area costs		40,152	1.4		40,940	1.9
	\$	<u>92,797</u>	<u>3.3</u>	\$	<u>93,643</u>	<u>4.3</u>

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)