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CANADA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SERVICE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

For the year ended March 31, 2016

Statement of Management Responsibility Including Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Responsibility for the integrity and objectivity of the accompanying financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2016, and all information contained in these statements rests with the management of the Canada School of Public Service (the School). These financial statements have been prepared by management using the Government's accounting policies, which are based on Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Management is responsible for the integrity and objectivity of the information in these financial statements. Some of the information in the financial statements is based on management's best estimates and judgement and gives due consideration to materiality. To fulfill its accounting and reporting responsibilities, management maintains a set of accounts that provides a centralized record of the School's financial transactions. Financial information submitted in the preparation of the *Public Accounts of Canada* and included in the School's Departmental Performance Report is consistent with these financial statements.

Management is also responsible for maintaining an effective system of internal control over financial reporting (ICFR) designed to provide reasonable assurance that financial information is reliable, that assets are safeguarded and that transactions are properly authorized and recorded in accordance with the *Financial Administration Act*, the *Canada School of Public Service Act* and other applicable legislation, regulations, authorities and policies.

Management seeks to ensure the objectivity and integrity of data in its financial statements through careful selection, training and development of qualified staff; through organizational arrangements that provide appropriate divisions of responsibility; through communication programs aimed at ensuring that regulations, policies, standards, and managerial authorities are understood throughout the School and through conducting an annual risk-based assessment of the effectiveness of the system of ICFR.

The system of ICFR is designed to mitigate risks to a reasonable level based on an ongoing process to identify key risks, to assess effectiveness of associated key controls and to make any necessary adjustments.

The School is subject to periodic Core Control Audits performed by the Office of the Comptroller General (OCG) and uses the results of such audits to comply with the Treasury Board Policy on Internal Control.

A Core Control Audit was performed in 2014–2015 by the OCG. [The Audit Report](#) and related [Management Action Plan](#) are posted on the School's Web site.

The financial statements of the School have not been audited.

Original signed by:

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Vice-President, Corporate Services Branch
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August 15, 2016
Ottawa, Canada

August 10, 2016
Ottawa, Canada

Statement of Financial Position (Unaudited)

As at March 31 (in thousands of dollars)	2016	2015
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 4)	12,484	11,060
Vacation pay and compensatory leave	2,546	2,678
Employee future benefits (note 5)	3,757	3,989
Other liabilities	1	5
Total liabilities	18,788	17,732
Financial assets		
Due from the Consolidated Revenue Fund	12,281	9,657
Accounts receivable and advances (note 6)	971	1,160
Total financial assets	13,252	10,817
Departmental net debt	5,536	6,915
Non-financial assets		
Prepaid expenses	58	673
Tangible capital assets (note 7)	5,129	3,224
Total non-financial assets	5,187	3,897
Departmental net financial position	(349)	(3,018)

Contractual obligations (note 8)

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

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Statement of Operations and Departmental Net Financial Position
(Unaudited)

For the year ended March 31 (in thousands of dollars)	Planned Results	2016	2015
Expenses			
Learning Services	71,333	66,475	70,763
Internal Services	27,585	37,291	30,255
Total expenses	98,918	103,766	101,018
Revenues			
Sales of goods and services	11,283	11,719	31,477
Other revenues	-	4	5
Total revenues	11,283	11,723	31,482
Net cost of operations before government funding and transfers	87,635	92,043	69,536
Government funding and transfers			
Net cash provided by Government		77,690	52,428
Change in due from Consolidated Revenue Fund		2,624	3,983
Services provided without charge by other government departments (note 9)		14,434	13,784
Transfer of the transition payments for implementing salary payments in arrears (note 10)		(19)	(1,756)
Transfer of tangible capital assets from (to) other government departments		(17)	-
Net cost (revenue) of operations after government funding and transfers		(2,669)	1,097
Departmental net financial position – Beginning of year		(3,018)	(1,921)
Departmental net financial position – End of year		(349)	(3,018)

Segmented information (note 11)

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

Statement of Change in Departmental Net Debt (Unaudited)

For the year ended March 31 (in thousands of dollars)	2016	2015
Net cost (revenue) of operations after government funding and transfers	(2,669)	1,097
Change due to tangible capital assets		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	2,843	2,486
Amortization of tangible capital assets	(914)	(2,036)
Gain (loss) on disposal of tangible capital assets, including adjustments	(7)	(12)
Proceeds from disposal of tangible capital assets	-	(10)
Transfer from (to) other government departments	(17)	-
Total change due to tangible capital assets	1,905	428
Change due to prepaid expenses	(615)	298
Net increase (decrease) in departmental net debt	(1,379)	1,823
Departmental net debt – Beginning of year	6,915	5,092
Departmental net debt – End of year	5,536	6,915

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

Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

For the year ended March 31 (in thousands of dollars)	2016	2015
Operating activities		
Net cost of operations before government funding and transfers	92,043	69,536
Non-cash items		
Amortization of tangible capital assets (note 7)	(914)	(2,036)
Gain (loss) on disposal of tangible capital assets	(7)	(12)
Services provided without charge by other government departments (note 9)	(14,434)	(13,784)
Transition payments for implementing salary payments in arrears (note 10)	19	1,756
Variations in Statement of Financial Position		
Increase (decrease) in accounts receivable and accountable advances	(189)	(27)
Increase (decrease) in prepaid expenses	(615)	298
Decrease (increase) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(1,424)	(4,233)
Decrease (increase) in vacation pay and compensatory leave	132	(49)
Decrease (increase) in employee future benefits	232	(1,527)
Decrease (increase) in other liabilities	4	30
Cash used in operating activities	74,847	49,952
Capital investing activities		
Acquisitions of tangible capital assets (note 7)	2,843	2,486
Proceeds from disposal of tangible capital assets	-	(10)
Cash used in capital investing activities	2,843	2,476
Net cash provided by Government of Canada	77,690	52,428

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

Notes to the Financial Statements (Unaudited)

For the year ended March 31

1. Authority and objectives

On April 1, 2004, amendments to the *Canadian Centre for Management Development Act* were proclaimed and the organization was renamed the Canada School of Public Service (the School). The amended legislation, now entitled the *Canada School of Public Service Act*, continues and expands the mandate of the former organization as a departmental corporation. The School reports to the President of the Treasury Board.

The School has a single strategic outcome: “Public servants have the common knowledge and the leadership and management competencies they require to fulfill their responsibilities in serving Canadians.” One program supports this strategic outcome: Learning Services.

The School was created to ensure that all employees of the Public Service of Canada have the required competencies and common knowledge to serve Canadians in the most efficient and effective way possible. To achieve this goal, the School continues to offer a strong, consistent curriculum that focuses on the key skills and knowledge required by a dynamic public service that must constantly adapt to the needs of its stakeholders and Canadians.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared using the Government’s accounting policies stated below, which are based on Canadian public sector accounting standards. The presentation and results using the stated accounting policies do not result in any significant differences from Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Significant accounting policies are as follows:

(a) Parliamentary authorities

The School is financed primarily by the Government of Canada through parliamentary authorities. Financial reporting of authorities provided to the School do not parallel financial reporting according to generally accepted accounting principles since authorities are primarily based on cash flow requirements.

Consequently, items recognized in the Statement of Operations and Departmental Net Financial Position and in the Statement of Financial Position are not necessarily the same as those provided through authorities from Parliament. Note 3 provides a reconciliation between the bases of reporting. The planned results amounts in the “Expenses” and “Revenues” sections of the Statement of Operations and Departmental Net Financial Positions are the amounts reported in the Future-oriented Statement of Operations included in the *2015-16 Report on Plans and Priorities*. Planned results are not presented in the “Government funding and transfers” section of the Statement of Operations and Departmental Net Financial Position and in the Statement of Change in Departmental Net Debt because these amounts were not included in the *2015-16 Report on Plans and Priorities*.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

(b) Net cash provided by Government

The School operates within the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF), which is administered by the Receiver General for Canada. All cash received by the School is deposited to the CRF, and all cash disbursements made by the School are paid from the CRF. The net cash provided by Government is the difference between all cash receipts and all cash disbursements, including transactions between departments of the Government.

(c) Due from or to the CRF

Amounts due from or to the CRF are the result of timing differences at year-end between when a transaction affects authorities and when it is processed through the CRF. Amounts due from the CRF represent the net amount of cash that the School is entitled to draw from the CRF without further authorities to discharge its liabilities.

(d) Revenues

Revenues are accounted for in the period in which the underlying transaction or event occurred that gave rise to the revenues.

(e) Expenses

Expenses are recorded on the accrual basis:

- ✓ Vacation pay and compensatory leave are accrued as the benefits are earned by employees under their respective terms of employment.
- ✓ Services provided without charge by other government departments for accommodation and employer contributions to the health and dental insurance plans are recorded as operating expenses at their estimated cost.

(f) Employee future benefits

- ✓ **Pension benefits:** Eligible employees participate in the Public Service Pension Plan, a multiemployer pension plan administered by the Government of Canada. The School's contributions to the Plan are charged to expenses in the year incurred and represent the total departmental obligation to the Plan. The School's responsibility with regard to the Plan is limited to its contributions. Actuarial surpluses or deficiencies are recognized in the financial statements of the Government of Canada, as the Plan's sponsor.
- ✓ **Severance benefits:** Employees entitled to severance benefits under labour contracts or conditions of employment earn these benefits as services necessary to earn them are rendered. The obligation relating to the benefits earned by employees is calculated using information derived from the results of the actuarially determined liability for employee severance benefits for the Government as a whole.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

(g) Accounts receivable and advances

Accounts receivable and advances are stated at the lower of cost or net recoverable value. A valuation allowance is recorded for receivables where recovery is considered uncertain.

(h) Tangible capital assets

All tangible capital assets and leasehold improvements having an initial cost of \$5,000 or more are recorded at their acquisition cost. The School does not capitalize intangibles, works of art and historical treasures that have cultural, aesthetic or historical value, assets located on Indian Reserves and museum collections.

Amortization of tangible capital assets is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the assets as follows:

Asset class	Amortization period
Machinery and Equipment	5-10 years
Other Equipment (including furniture)	5-12 years
Informatics Hardware	3-5 years
Software (including developed software)	3-5 years
Motor Vehicles	4 years
Leasehold Improvements	2-10 years

Assets under construction are recorded in the applicable capital asset class in the year that they become available for use and are not amortized until they become available for use.

(i) Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses reported in the financial statements. At the time of preparation of these statements, management believes the estimates and assumptions to be reasonable. The most significant items where estimates are used are the allowance for doubtful accounts, the liability for employee future benefits and the useful life of tangible capital assets. Actual results could significantly differ from those estimated. Management's estimates are reviewed periodically, and as adjustments become necessary, they are recorded in the financial statements in the year they become known.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Unaudited)

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3. Parliamentary authorities

The School receives most of its funding through annual parliamentary authorities. Items recognized in the Statement of Operations and Departmental Net Financial Position and the Statement of Financial Position in one year may be funded through parliamentary authorities in prior, current or future years. Accordingly, the School has different net results of operations for the year on a government funding basis than on an accrual accounting basis. The differences are reconciled in the following tables:

(a) Reconciliation of net cost of operations to current year authorities used

(in thousands of dollars)	2016	2015
Net cost of operations before government funding and transfers	92,043	69,536
Adjustments for items affecting net cost of operations but not affecting authorities		
Revenues	11,723	31,482
Services provided without charge by other government departments	(14,434)	(13,784)
Decrease (increase) in employee future benefits	232	(1,527)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	(914)	(2,036)
Gain (loss) on disposal of tangible capital assets	(7)	(12)
Prior year adjustments	228	143
Decrease (increase) in vacation pay and compensatory leave	132	(49)
Other	902	216
Total adjustments for items affecting net cost of operations but not affecting authorities	(2,138)	14,433
Adjustments for items not affecting net cost of operations but affecting authorities		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets (note 7)	2,843	2,486
Transition payments for implementing salary payments in arrears (note 10)	19	1,756
Increase (decrease) in prepaid expenses	(615)	298
Total adjustments for items not affecting net cost of operations but affecting authorities	2,247	4,540
Current year authorities used	92,152	88,509

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3. Parliamentary authorities (Continued)

(b) Authorities provided and used

(in thousands of dollars)	2016	2015
Authorities provided		
Vote 1 – Program expenditures	55,790	42,349
Less		
Lapsed authorities	(4,967)	(4,416)
Total authorities used	50,823	37,933
Statutory authorities		
Spending of revenues pursuant to subsection 18(2) of the <i>Canada School of Public Service Act</i>	32,849	42,278
Contributions to employee benefits plan	8,480	8,280
Spending of proceeds from the disposal of surplus Crown assets	-	18
Total statutory authorities used	41,329	50,576
Current year authorities used	92,152	88,509

4. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

The following table presents details of the School's accounts payable and accrued liabilities:

(in thousands of dollars)	2016	2015
Accounts payable – Other government departments and agencies	6,409	4,053
Accounts payable – External parties	2,229	2,593
Total accounts payable	8,638	6,646
Accrued liabilities	3,846	4,414
Total accounts payable and accrued liabilities	12,484	11,060

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5. Employee future benefits

(a) Pension benefits

The School's employees participate in the Public Service Pension Plan, which is sponsored and administered by the Government of Canada. Pension benefits accrue up to a maximum period of 35 years at a rate of 2 percent per year of pensionable service times the average of the best five consecutive years of earnings. The benefits are integrated with the Canada/Québec Pension Plan benefits, and they are indexed to inflation.

Both the employees and the School contribute to the cost of the Plan. Due to the amendment of the *Public Service Superannuation Act* following the implementation of provisions related to Economic Action Plan 2012, employee contributors have been divided into two groups – Group 1 consists of existing plan members as of December 31, 2012 and Group 2 consists of members joining the Plan as of January 1, 2013. Each group has a distinct contribution rate.

The 2015-2016 expense amounts to \$5.8 million (\$5.7 million in 2014–2015). For Group 1 members, the expense represents approximately 1.25 times (1.41 times in 2014–2015) the employee contributions and, for Group 2 members, approximately 1.24 times (1.39 times in 2014–2015) the employee contributions.

The School's responsibility with regard to the Plan is limited to its contributions. Actuarial surpluses or deficiencies are recognized in the financial statements of the Government of Canada, as the Plan's sponsor.

(b) Severance benefits

The School provides severance benefits to its employees based on eligibility, years of service and salary at termination of employment. These severance benefits are not pre-funded. Benefits will be paid from future authorities.

As part of collective agreement negotiations with certain employee groups, and changes to conditions of employment for executives and certain non-represented employees, the accumulation of severance benefits under the employee severance pay program ceased for these employees commencing in fiscal year 2011–2012. Employees subject to these changes have been given the option to be immediately paid the full or partial value of benefits earned to date or to collect the full or remaining value of benefits on termination from the public service. These changes have been reflected in the calculation of the outstanding severance benefit obligation. Information about the severance benefits, measured as at March 31, is as follows:

(in thousands of dollars)	2016	2015
Accrued benefit obligation – beginning of year	3,989	2,462
Expense for the year	1,009	2,323
Benefits paid during the year	(1,241)	(796)
Accrued benefit obligation – end of year	3,757	3,989

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6. Accounts receivable and advances

The following table presents details of the School's accounts receivable and advances balances:

(in thousands of dollars)	2016	2015
Receivables – Other government departments and agencies	774	703
Receivables – External parties	248	504
Employee advances	8	11
Subtotal	1,030	1,218
Allowance for doubtful accounts on receivables from external parties	(59)	(58)
Accounts receivable and advances	971	1,160

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7. Tangible capital assets

Capital asset class	(in thousands of dollars)											
	Cost					Accumulated amortization					Net book value	
	Opening balance	Acquisitions	Adjustments	Disposals and write-offs	Closing balance	Opening balance	Amortization	Adjustments	Disposals and write-offs	Closing balance	2016	2015
Machinery and equipment	1,896	1,125	51	(570)	2,502	1,065	190	-	(567)	688	1,814	831
Other equipment (including furniture)	174	-	-	(29)	145	105	15	-	(26)	94	51	69
Informatics hardware	344	198	-	(36)	506	213	67	-	(35)	245	261	131
Software (including developed software)	9,641	-	902	-	10,543	8,412	460	-	-	8,872	1,671	1,229
Motor vehicles	26	-	(26)	-	-	7	2	(9)	-	-	-	19
Leasehold improvements	1,620	-	346	-	1,966	675	180	-	-	855	1,111	945
Assets under construction	-	1,520	(1,299)	-	221	-	-	-	-	-	221	-
Total	13,701	2,843	(26)	(635)	15,883	10,477	914	(9)	(628)	10,754	5,129	3,224

The adjustments represent assets under construction of \$1,299,000 that were transferred to the other categories upon completion of the assets.

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8. Contractual obligations

The nature of the School's activities can result in some large multi-year contracts and obligations whereby the School will be obligated to make future payments when the services/goods are received. Significant contractual obligations that can be reasonably estimated are summarized as follows:

(in thousands of dollars)	Operating leases
2017	1,133
2018	74
2019	74
2020	-
2021 and thereafter	-
Total contractual obligations	1,281

9. Related party transactions

The School is related as a result of common ownership to all government departments, agencies, and Crown corporations. The School enters into transactions with these entities in the normal course of business and on normal trade terms.

(a) Common services provided without charge by other government departments

During the year, the School received services without charge from certain common service organizations related to accommodation and the employer's contribution to the health and dental insurance plans. These services provided without charge have been recorded in the School's Statement of Operations and Departmental Net Financial Position as follows:

(in thousands of dollars)	2016	2015
Accommodation	9,467	9,307
Employer's contribution to the health and dental insurance plans	4,967	4,477
Total common services provided without charge from other government departments	14,434	13,784

The Government has centralized some of its administrative activities for efficiency, cost-effectiveness and economic delivery of programs to the public. As a result, the Government uses central agencies and common service organizations so that one department performs services for all other departments and agencies without charge. The costs of these services, such as payroll and cheque issuance services provided by Public Works and Government Services Canada, are not included in the School's Statement of Operations and Departmental Net Financial Position.

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9. Related party transactions (Continued)

(b) Other transactions with related parties

(in thousands of dollars)	2016	2015
Expenses – Other government departments and agencies	27,572	24,119
Revenues – Other government departments and agencies	11,397	30,498

Expenses and revenues disclosed in (b) exclude common services provided without charge, which are already disclosed in (a).

10. Transfer of the transition payments for implementing salary payments in arrears

The Government of Canada implemented salary payments in arrears in 2014–2015. As a result, a one-time payment was issued to employees and will be recovered from them in the future. The transition to salary payments in arrears forms part of the transformation initiative that replaces the pay system and also streamlines and modernizes the pay processes. This change to the pay system had no impact on the expenses of the School. However, it did result in the use of additional spending authorities by the School. Prior to 2014-15 year end, the transition payments for implementing salary payments in arrears were transferred to a central account administered by Public Services and Procurement Canada, which is responsible for the administration of the Government pay system.

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11. Segmented information

Presentation by segment is based on the School's Program Alignment Architecture. The presentation by segment is based on the same accounting policies as described in the Summary of significant policies in note 2. The following table presents the expenses incurred and revenues generated for the main program activities, by major object of expense and by major type of revenue. The segment results for the period are as follows:

(in thousands of dollars)	Learning Services	Internal Services	2016	2015
Operating expenses				
Salaries and employee benefits	46,640	22,968	69,608	68,042
Professional and special services	6,551	8,137	14,688	14,230
Rental of accommodation and equipment	8,042	4,095	12,137	10,998
Transportation and telecommunications	2,617	262	2,879	1,624
Utilities, materials and supplies	223	211	434	451
Small equipment and parts	583	619	1,202	2,159
Printing and publishing	507	194	701	781
Amortization of tangible capital assets	278	636	914	2,036
Repair and maintenance	416	160	576	675
Other operating expenses	616	4	620	10
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	2	5	7	12
Total expenses	66,475	37,291	103,766	101,018
Revenues				
Sales of goods and services	11,719	-	11,719	31,477
Other revenues	4	-	4	5
Total revenues	11,723	-	11,723	31,482
Net cost of operations before government funding and transfers	54,752	37,291	92,043	69,536

12. Comparative Information

Comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.