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From the Minister to the Lieutenant-Governor

The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau
Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick

May it please your Honour:

Pursuant to subsection 28(1) of the *Economic and Social Inclusion Act*, it is my privilege, as Minister responsible for the New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation, to submit the Annual Report of the Corporation for the fiscal year April 1, 2016, to March 31, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Honourable John Ames
Minister responsible for the New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation

From the President to the Minister

Honourable John Ames
Minister responsible for the New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation

Sir:

I am pleased to be able to present the Annual Report describing operations of the New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation for the fiscal year April 1, 2016, to March 31, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Éric Beaulieu
President

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Minister's message

As Minister responsible for the Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation, I am pleased to report on the activities of the Corporation for fiscal year 2016-2017.

The Corporation continues to strive to improve the lives of New Brunswickers while fostering citizen engagement and participation in the economic and social inclusion of communities.

The Government of New Brunswick is one the four partners in the implementation of *Overcoming Poverty Together: The New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Plan*.

In the past year, the Government of New Brunswick has introduced a framework and stakeholder engagement process to develop the New Brunswick Family Plan. The Plan, to be released in the spring of 2017, will build on seven pillars and will aim to improve the lives of all New Brunswickers by addressing factors that are the biggest determinants of overall health. It will complement work already underway in the *New Brunswick Economic Growth Plan* and 10-year education plans. Stakeholder groups were invited to get involved in the process by participating in a series of summits and providing input. The summit on poverty reduction took place on February 21 in Saint John with one hundred participants.

In July, the New Brunswick Job Board released the report on the 22 Opportunities Summits that were held in 15 communities in 2015-2016.

The summits brought together academia, advocacy groups, artists, business people, First Nations, industry associations, non-profits, start-ups, unions, youth, and different levels of government to identify new prospects for creating jobs and economic growth opportunities in the province.

Again, participation at the Opportunity Summit on Economic Inclusion was outstanding with 90 participants. Some of the themes brought up at the summit include food security, navigating the system, social enterprise, just to name a few. The report is available [online](#).

Other accomplishments during the fiscal year include the introduction of the HST Credit for persons with a low income, the expansion of the Home Energy Assistance Program, the introduction of the Tuition Access Bursary to make tuition free for New Brunswick students from low-income and many middle-class families, and a partnership with Rogers to offer the Connected for Success program, which offers families, seniors and individuals living in public housing the opportunity to benefit from a low-cost Internet access to help them fully participate in the digital economy.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the members of the CINs, their project partners, and ESIC board members and staff for their work over the past year. Your dedication, conviction, and cooperation speak to the vitality of the community development and capacity-building movement spreading through our province.



Honourable John Ames
Minister responsible for the Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation

Co-Chairs' message

As co-chairs of the Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation, we are pleased to see a change of culture in the way poverty is addressed in the province. More than seven years after the launch of the first economic and social inclusion plan in the province, the multi-sectorial and bottom-up approach to poverty reduction has gained momentum.

Citizen participation, combined with engagement from businesses, non profit groups and government emerge as a leading force in our collective effort to reduce poverty.

We wish to commend the twelve Community Inclusion Networks for their outstanding work in the past year. These networks are very active in their communities, and year after year, they succeed in bringing together citizens, groups and other partners in an effort to help their fellow citizens improve their quality of life.

In the past year, ESIC has fostered or developed many initiatives that will benefit the province as a whole. They include:

- Support efforts in the development and implementation of local and regional community transportation services in various regions of the province.
- Support and foster an advisory committee created to develop a comprehensive rural and urban transportation strategy for the province.
- Increase the promotion of the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, in which volunteers help people with a modest income file their income tax returns for free. Many federal and provincial tax credits and benefits are available and help improve the financial situation of people with a modest income.
- Participation in the National Poverty Reduction Strategy from the Government of Canada
- Participation in the Nourishing Minds New Brunswick project, an organization that will oversee the provision of resources to the province's public schools to support universal no-charge food programs, starting with breakfast, for students.

In the past year, ESIC has continued its efforts towards public engagement by increasing its presence in social media. An awareness campaign, with monthly themes, has raised the visibility of *Overcoming Poverty Together*.

In closing, we wish to thank the members of the ESIC board of directors. These men and women from around the province represent the four activity sectors. As with the CIN representatives, they dedicate many hours of their precious time to improving the quality of life of many New Brunswickers. They are supported daily by a small but efficient team of employees at ESIC. We appreciate their efforts and commitment. We hope we can continue to count on the support of all New Brunswick stakeholders and residents as we move forward with this innovative and unique social project.

Monique Richard
Roger Martin
Nick Ganong
Honourable John Ames, Minister responsible

Co-Chairs

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Board of directors

(as of March 31, 2017)

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Craig Dalton, Deputy Minister, Social Development

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Monique Richard – Citizens, Saint-Ignace
Roger Martin – Non-profit, Miramichi
Honourable Dr. E. J. Doherty – Minister responsible,
Saint John
Vacant - Business sector

Citizens who live or have lived in poverty

Juanita Black – Saint John
Jennifer Melanson – Upper Coverdale
Angel Michaud – Perth-Andover
Beverly Wilcox – Bathurst
Two positions vacant

Non-profit sector

Haley Flaro – Fredericton
Two positions vacant

Business sector

Joanna Bernard – Edmundston
Nick Ganong – St. Stephen
Brian McCain – Florenceville-Bristol

Provincial government

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and Children, Fredericton
Honourable Brian Kenny – Minister of Education and
Early Childhood Development, Bathurst

Official opposition

Dorothy Shephard – MLA, Saint John Lancaster

Mandate

The prevention and reduction of poverty in New Brunswick is very complex. The causes and effects are many, and not one solution is universal in preventing or eradicating poverty. No matter how poverty is defined, it is clear that it is an issue that requires everyone's attention. It is important that all members of our society work together to provide opportunities for all New Brunswickers to reach their potential.

Following an extensive engagement process based on public dialogue with New Brunswickers from all walks of life, the province's first poverty reduction plan, *Overcoming Poverty Together: The New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Plan, 2009-2014 (OPT1)* was developed. The Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation (ESIC) was established to implement and manage this unique approach to addressing the issue of poverty in New Brunswick.

ESIC was established:

1. To ensure the implementation of *OPT* and the development and adoption of any other economic and social inclusion plan;
2. To co-ordinate and support the Community Inclusion Networks (CINs) in developing their plans and in reaching objectives of the provincial plan set out in their regional plans;
3. To administer the Economic and Social Inclusion Fund established under section 29 of the *Economic and Social Inclusion Act*;
4. To exercise the other functions or activities authorized or required by this Act or the regulations or as directed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

In addition, the *Economic and Social Inclusion Act* stipulates that a new economic and social inclusion plan shall be adopted every five years through a public engagement process led by ESIC. A second plan, *Overcoming Poverty Together: The New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Plan (2014-2019) (OPT2)* was created and is implemented to build on the success of OPT1.

ESIC is governed by a board of directors. The board met four times in 2016-2017. As per the *Economic and Social Inclusion Act*, the board administered the business and affairs of the corporation, including financial, operational, setting policies and monitoring the progress of *OPT*.

Historical background

In October 2008, the provincial government announced a public engagement initiative that gave New Brunswickers the opportunity to become involved in reducing and preventing poverty. It was decided that everyone should be included in finding solutions to the economic and social problems related to poverty.

After a comprehensive consultation process that included almost 2,500 participants, including people living in or who have experienced poverty, representatives from the non-profit community, the business community, the provincial government and the official Opposition, *Overcoming Poverty Together (OPT1)* was developed and adopted.

The Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation (ESIC) was created to incubate, foster and drive the plan. *The Economic and Social Inclusion Act* was adopted at the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick to support the plan and the corporation's efforts in its implementation.

The Act stipulates that the plan must be renewed every five years through a public engagement process. In the fall of 2013, ESIC conducted a second public engagement initiative – Public Dialogues – which led to the creation of a second plan, *Overcoming Poverty Together 2014-2019 (OPT2)*.

Vision

Through the collaboration of governments, business and non-profit sectors, persons living in poverty and individuals – all men, women and children in New Brunswick – shall have the necessary resources to meet their basic needs and to live with dignity, security and good health. Furthermore, all New Brunswickers shall be included as full citizens through opportunities for employment, personal development and community engagement.

Delivery and accountability

The success of the poverty reduction initiative has its roots in the recognition that all individuals and sectors of society play a key role in the reduction of poverty. There is an ongoing commitment to continue this partnership in a governance model with the following components:

1. Community economic and social inclusion networks established at the local level composed of representatives of persons living in poverty, non-profit, business and government sectors.
2. A provincial economic and social inclusion board consisting of representatives of the provincial government (ministers and deputy ministers), community, business and low-income persons, presided over by four co-chairs.
3. A co-ordination unit providing coordination and administrative support to the board and community inclusion networks.

OPT2 (2014-2019)

The New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Act states that a new economic and social inclusion plan shall be adopted every five years through a public engagement process led by ESIC. The process for *OPT2* took place in the fall of 2013 in collaboration with the CInS and consisted of the following phases:

- Gathering of comments through public dialogues, meetings with regional and provincial stakeholders and online submissions;
- Analysis of the information and development of the plan;
- Analysis and approval by ESIC's board of directors.

Nearly 750 people took part in public dialogue sessions in 12 regions throughout the province. About 50 community organizations sent in briefs and participated in sessions held for regional and provincial agencies. Close to 500 comments were received online.

Almost 5,000 comments were collected through the entire process. This resulted in the development of 28 priority actions that capture the essence of the discussion. These actions are the heart of the plan and have been categorized into the four pillars outlined below.

The ESIC board of directors approved the new plan in the spring of 2014, and it was unveiled at a news conference in May 2014. Its implementation started at the end of 2014.

OPT2 places emphasis on community capacity-building. It recognizes that each individual and community has a role to play in fostering economic and social inclusion and suggests that communities be empowered to tackle poverty reduction and other issues in New Brunswick

For more information:

[Overcoming Poverty Together: The New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Plan \(2014-2019\)](#)

Global objective

In keeping with *OPT1*, continued focus is put toward fostering the economic and social inclusion of all New Brunswickers and reducing poverty through increased community capacity and collaboration of the four sector partners. Ongoing emphasis will be placed on reducing income poverty by 25 per cent and deep income poverty by 50 per cent.

Priority actions

OPT2 includes 28 priority actions, grouped in four pillars:

- **Pillar 1** – Community empowerment, includes actions addressing community development, communication and networking and volunteerism.
- **Pillar 2** – Learning, includes actions addressing child and youth education and adult education, training and preparation for work.
- **Pillar 3** – Economic inclusion, includes actions addressing participation in the labour market and business activity.
- **Pillar 4** – Social inclusion, includes actions addressing food security and healthy food availability, housing and transportation.

One action that was not completed in *OPT1* is carried over in *OPT2* until completion.

ESIC Advisory Committee on Rural and Urban Transportation Systems

Social inclusion includes actions addressing food security and healthy food availability, housing and transportation. It is within this pillar that an advisory committee was created to address two priority action related to transportation in OPT2's 28 priority actions:

- develop a comprehensive rural and urban transportation strategy for the province;
- promote and support community-based alternative transportation systems.

Mandate

The mandate of the committee is to:

- develop a comprehensive rural transportation strategy for the province; develop a comprehensive urban transportation strategy for the province.

Both strategies are developed in partnership with community-based alternative transportation systems that provide an increase in accessibility to essential services, promote the development of local and regional businesses and improve the overall quality of life in rural and urban areas.

Members

The composition of the committee is multi-sectorial. All four sectors partners: business, government, non-profit organizations and individuals are represented to the committee. Members have been selected based on their expertise related to the transportation issues in New Brunswick, particularly in relation to those living in poverty and/or with disability. They serve in the best interests of all New Brunswickers in identifying options to address the transportation issue.

- Yves Bourgeois, Chair, Moncton
- Ross Alexander, Upper Coverdale
- Gérard Belliveau, Moncton
- Stan Choptiany, Saint Andrews
- Haley Flaro, Fredericton
- Germaine Guimond, Richibucto
- Trevor Hanson, Fredericton
- Manon Landry-Pitre, Saint-Joseph
- Roger Martin, Miramichi
- Frank McCarey, Saint John
- Jamie O'Rourke, Belledune
- Aurore Thériault, Village Blanchard
- Richard Beaugard, Ad hoc support member, Edmundston
- Department of Transportation and Infrastructure;
- Scott MacAffee, ESIC staff member.

The committee started its work in April 2015 and will submit its report and recommendations to ESIC's Board of Directors in the summer of 2017.

Reporting

The committee is responsible to the ESIC board of directors.

Community Inclusion Networks (CINs)

The *Economic and Social Inclusion Act* sets the framework for 12 Community Inclusion Networks (CINs) to be established either independently or through the support of existing community-oriented organizations. The CINs' objectives are to identify, through a collaborative process, regional poverty issues and priorities; and to develop and implement a regional poverty reduction plan that aligns with *OPT1* and *OPT2*.

The CINs are at the heart of building community capacity and raising the level of engagement through collective and collaborative impact. They play a co-ordination role with local organizations and support them in the development and implementation of diverse community projects that promote economic and social inclusion with the aim of reducing poverty. The CINs provide a new model for economic and social inclusion. Rather than relying on the various levels of government to eradicate poverty, ESIC in partnerships with the CINs have empowered communities and individuals to participate and contribute collectively.

There were four meetings between ESIC and the CINs during 2016-2017. These meetings provided an opportunity for the CINs and ESIC to share information, knowledge, resources and best practices.



Provincial picture

Number of people mobilized	20,783
Value of projects in communities (including ESIC's funding)	\$5,696,054
Value of leverage by communities	\$4,670,600
Percentage of investment by the communities	82%

Note: This table reflects projects that received funding from ESIC. The CINs were involved in additional community development projects that were not funded by ESIC.

Projects funded by ESIC generate community engagement that comes in various ways: financial contribution, in-kind donations and volunteer time. The percentage of community investment per project is a representation of this community engagement.

The following are the 2016-2017 projects initiated by the CINs and that received funding from ESIC.

Region 1

WA Action

Communities served:

Greater Moncton, Westmorland County and Albert County

Amount invested in projects by ESIC in 2016-2017:

\$142,005

Total leveraged by the community:

\$633,638

Total value of projects:

\$775,643

Percentage of investment by the community:

82 per cent

Number of participants:

4014

Projects funded by ESIC in 2016-2017:

- Our Food Southeast NB – Continued evolution of Food Security Network in Westmorland/Albert Counties.
- Peer to peer training - Training of 12 Peer Support specialists, to assist persons living with mental health challenges re-integrate into community
- Atlantic Stars Academy - Providing daily transportation from 3 local schools to a high performance sport development program
- Sackville Transportation Expansion - Expansion of door to door transportation service through partnership of existing regional services
- Sackville Commons Community Resource Hub – One stop shop for programs and services in Tantramar region
- RR Rural Rides Ltd - Transportation volunteer driver program for the Petitcodiac region
- Tele-Drive Albert County, inc - Volunteer Driver program for Albert county.

Region 2

Living SJ

Host:

Enterprise Saint John

Communities served:

Greater Saint John, Sussex, Queens East and Kings East

Amount invested in projects by ESIC in 2016-2017:

\$99,016

Total leveraged by the community:

\$376,301

Total value of projects:

\$475,317

Percentage of investment by the community:

79 per cent

Number of participants:

9,146

Projects funded by ESIC in 2016-2017:

- Building an early start together – Evolution of Early Childhood Development Coalition to bring high quality early learning opportunities so children are ready for kindergarten
- North End Neighbourhood Transpo – development of a coordinated transportation strategy for the North End of Saint John
- Learn and Go – Community leadership capacity building
- Around the Block- reporting good news from around the city of Saint John
- Community Soft Skills Development Project – training on soft skills to gain and maintain employment
- Empath Mobility Mentoring - training of front-line staff to use a partnering model with families to acquire the resources, skills, and behavior changes necessary to attain and preserve economic independence.

Region 3

Greater Fredericton Community Inclusion Network

Host:

Greater Fredericton Social Innovation Inc.

Communities served:

Fredericton, York South, Tracy, Oromocto, Gagetown, Sunbury County, Queens North, Minto and Chipman

Amount invested in projects by ESIC in 2016-2017:

\$72,180

Total leveraged by the community:

\$121,725

Total value of projects:

\$193,905

Percentage of investment by the community:

63 per cent

Number of participants:

3,302

Projects funded by ESIC in 2016-2017:

- Nourishing Minds in New Brunswick Schools (K-12) – Development of network and a business plan to support school food in all NB Schools.
- Partnering for Impact – Bringing together all non-profit agencies in the capital region to explore through meaningful conversation areas of connection, coordination and collaboration
- Skills Training for New Canadian Farmers on Tula Farms - a teaching farm to train aspiring New Canadian farmers.
- Lovin Spoonfuls: Hubbard Breakfast Program Start Up – Bringing a School Kitchen up to code to enable volunteer school food provision so that all students can learn.
- Gleaning Connections in Fredericton – Coordination of volunteers to harvest/glean local farmers fields after the harvest to assist the farmer, share the food, and donate a third to local community food centre
- Urban Teaching Farm – learning space to teach aspiring local agri-entrepreneurs to grow food and the economy
- Discovering Greatness at Minto High – citizenship building through self-esteem workshops for students at Minto High
- Determining Alternative Transportation Solutions in Chipman and Minto – transportation strategy for the region
- Activating Volunteers Together – Volunteer engagement, recruitment and retention program for regional NPOs.

Region 4

North West Community Inclusion Network

Host:

L'Atelier R.A.D.O. inc.

Communities served:

Madawaska County, Grand Falls, Drummond

Amount invested in projects by ESIC in 2016-2017:

\$102,030

Total leveraged by the community:

\$168,717

Total value of projects:

\$270,747

Percentage of investment by the community:

62 per cent

Number of participants:

286

Projects funded by ESIC in 2016-2017:

- Semer la Joie – Project that connects High School students to seniors in their community through the provision of small garden boxes with healthy plants
- Food recuperation – Effort of Atelier RADO to pick up near dated food for local stores and redistribute them to hungry citizens.
- NW CIN 5th Anniversary – celebration and strategic direction setting for partners in the Madawaska Region
- Autonomie Transport 2016 – Community bus proving alternative transportation in the Edmundston region
- Service AUTO-nomie Madawaska Inc. – Expansion of Community bus alternative transportation to the entirety of Madawaska Region, and delivery of Food boxes from Food bank to rural citizens dealing with food insecurity.

Region 5

Restigouche Community Inclusion Network

Communities served:

Restigouche County

Amount invested in projects by ESIC in 2016-2017:

\$15,000

Total leveraged by the community:

\$418,257

Total value of projects:

\$433,257

Percentage of investment by the community:

97 per cent

Number of participants:

45

Projects funded by ESIC in 2016-2017:

- Project Transition to work (francophone) – Campbellton
- Project Transition to work (anglophone) – Dalhousie
- Learn to read, equal chance – Literacy project at local schools

Region 6

Chaleur Community Inclusion Network

Host:

Bathurst Youth Centre

Communities served:

Pabineau First Nation, New Bandon, Allardville, Beresford, Nigadoo, Petit-Rocher, Pointe-Verte, Bathurst.

Amount invested in projects by ESIC in 2016-2017:

\$77,500

Total leveraged by the community:

\$122,300

Total value of projects:

\$199,800

Percentage of investment by the community:

61 per cent

Number of participants:

287

Projects funded by ESIC in 2016-2017:

- Tire-Lire va à l'école – Financial literacy capacity building for high school students in the Chaleur region
- Chaleur Transportation Cooperative – Continued development of an Alternative transportation system for the Chaleur region

Region 7

Northumberland Community Inclusion Network

Host:

Miramichi Adult Learning Inc.

Communities served:

Miramichi and surrounding area

Amount invested in projects by ESIC in 2016-2017:

\$35,010

Total leveraged by the community:

\$148,703

Total value of projects:

\$183,713

Percentage of investment by the community:

81 per cent

Number of participants:

308

Projects funded by ESIC in 2016-2017:

- Food Security & Healthy Food Capacity Building – Support for the development of the regional Food Security Network
- Teaching & Sharing Kitchen – The Heart of the Nataoaganeg Community Food Centre Project – Development of a collective teaching kitchen on the Eel Ground First Nation to increase food security for the community

Region 8

Vibrant Communities Charlotte

Communities served:

Charlotte County

Amount invested in projects by ESIC in 2016-2017:

\$200,000

Total leveraged by the community:

\$1,891,841

Total value of projects:

\$2,091,841

Percentage of investment by the community:

90 per cent

Number of participants:

2,284

Projects funded by ESIC in 2016-2017:

- Solid Foundations Housing Project – Building a 12 Unit Affordable Housing building in St. Stephen
- Leaders in training and Youth Center – Summer leadership program for Charlotte Co. Youth and Drop in Centre
- Charlotte Dial-a-Ride – Volunteer Driver program
- Youth Mentoring Project - matching High School students as volunteer mentors in school-based, small group mentoring programs with local elementary school students.
- Charlotte County Business Bootcamp Expansion – mentoring program to support local business operators
- Early Childhood Literacy Programs, Materials and Campobello Expansion – expanding proven literacy programs to Campobello Island
- Launching Rural Lynx – Setup and launch of a regional transportation service
- Expanding Possibilities for Students and Families within Charlotte County – Expansion of Afterschool and summer literacy and numeracy programming across Charlotte Co.
- Nurturing the Entrepreneurial Spirit – Project aimed at supporting people to develop their own employment through entrepreneurship
- End the Isolation – Social inclusion and community service project in St. Stephen

Region 9

Inclusion Network of Central New Brunswick

Communities served:

Part of York County, Blissfield, Ludlow, Doaktown, Harvey, McAdam, Nackawic

Amount invested in projects by ESIC in 2016-2017:

\$21,715

Total leveraged by the community:

\$61,215

Total value of projects:

\$82,930

Number of participants:

594

Percentage of community investment:

74 per cent

Projects funded by ESIC in 2016-2017:

- Calling all green thumbs – Building the Nackawic Community Garden
- Nackawic Area Community Outreach – Start of a Volunteer driving program in Nackawic
- Upper Miramichi Community Library MakerSpace – Community creativity stations to increase entrepreneurship and employability
- ABC – Opportunities for Education in Nackawic – GED Program for Nackawic and region
- Community Action Nights – Economic and Social Information sessions in Stanley

Region 10

Carleton-Victoria Community Inclusion Network

Communities served:

Carleton County and part of Victoria County

Amount invested in projects by ESIC in 2016-2017:

\$10,000

Total leveraged by the community:

\$15,900

Total value of projects:

\$25,900

Number of participants:

88

Percentage of community investment:

61 per cent

Projects funded by ESIC in 2016-2017:

- Transportation Planning – Development of a regional alternative transportation strategy
- Real Food @ Saint Leo's – building food security through food literacy and the provision of healthy food to students

Region 11

Kent Community Inclusion Network

Host:

Place aux compétences inc.

Communities served:

Kent County

Amount invested in projects by ESIC in 2016-2017:

\$181,094

Total leveraged by the community:

\$369,866

Total value of projects:

\$550,960

Number of participants:

159

Percentage of community investment:

67 per cent

Projects funded by ESIC in 2016-2017:

- Kent Community Transportation - dial-a-ride volunteer driver program providing key service to the most vulnerable in Kent County.
- Kent Community Skills Centre - Part 2 – Funding for the continued development of the centre which provides employment transferable skills training for food bank clients
- Volunteering – Project to increase the coordination and effectiveness of volunteerism in Kent Co.
- Centres de formation secondaire – Alternative education program for Kent Co.
- Between parents: – Family literacy project to increase reading ability of children prior to entering the school system

Region 12

Community Inclusion Network Acadian Peninsula

Host:

Fondation communautaire de la Péninsule acadienne

Communities served:

Parts of Gloucester County, Alnwick, Neguac, Tabusintac and Eskinuopitijk First Nation.

Amount invested in projects by ESIC In 2016-2017:

\$69,904

Total leveraged by the community:

\$342,137

Total value of projects:

\$412,041

Number of participants:

270

Percentage of community investment:

83 per cent

Projects funded by ESIC 2016-2017

- Pourquoi pas, moi aussi je peux – Strength based Social inclusion of marginalised citizens
- Ensemble pour faire une difference – Social Enterprise
- Avenir Jeunesse -
- Déplacement Péninsule 2016-17 - community-based transportation program that includes dial-a-ride type service and carpooling
- Déplacement Péninsule : Development of a marketing and communications strategy for the volunteer driver group.

Financial Literacy

In 2011, ESIC started collaborating with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and the Department of Social Development (SD) of New Brunswick to promote *Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)*. The program, called *Get Your Piece of the Money Pie* in New Brunswick, has been greatly promoted by ESIC ever since.

Individuals and families on low income who do not file their yearly income tax miss out on a number of provincial and federal tax credits and benefits that will help improve their lives, as eligibility to these programs is income based.

The strength of NB’s Money Pie project is the collaborative partnerships developed amongst the organizations. ESIC is project lead and assists CRA in connecting with individuals and communities, enabling the program to expand throughout the province. *Get Your Piece of the Money Pie* is unique in that it is a provincially operated program connecting provincial and federal departments and agencies like the NB Department of Health, Service Canada, the New Brunswick Public Library Service and

First Nations, with community groups to assist in the uptake of a federal benefits program. In addition, a Financial Literacy Coordinator was hired to assist with the project.

In 2017, ESIC, CRA and Service Canada teamed up as part of a pilot project of seven super clinics held throughout the province. New Brunswickers with a modest income who participated at these super clinics were able to file their taxes, get their children a Social Insurance Number and sign them up for the Canada Learning Bond all at the same time and location. Information on other programs and possible benefits for their family was also provided at these clinics.

For the 2016 tax filing season that took place in the winter of 2017, ESIC significantly increased the promotion of the *Get Your Piece of the Money Pie* project, including the super clinics, with an awareness campaign on radio, bus advertisements, electronic billboards, Facebook and Twitter.

Tax Season	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Volunteers	363	352	443	579	539	450	571
Returns filed	13,969	14,481	17,705	17,763	20,124	21,402	in
# of clinics	61	62	68	89	99	125	166

Source: Revenue Canada, *Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)*

Canada Learning Bond

ESIC is leading in New Brunswick the promotion of the Canada Learning Bond (CLB) which is a benefit offered by the Department of Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC). The CLB is free money to children born after 2004, with a family net income of less than \$45,282 (2017 tax year).

Eligible children receive \$500, and will receive \$100 more for each year they are eligible (to age 15 or a maximum of \$2,000).

Benefits are also available for all the years the child was eligible prior to the application.

The money must be deposited into an appropriate child’s RESP and can to be used to help pay for education or training after high school.

No contribution is ever required to get the grant and parents/grandparents can open the account for free. Parents/grandparents need a social insurance number for the primary caregiver and the eligible child.

ESIC promotes the CLB through a partnership with Smart Saver under the Omega Foundation in Toronto. The partnership allows for easy, online application for the CLB.

The CLB is promoted via posters, mail inserts, sign-up events, web, Facebook, Twitter through various GNB departments and organizations. An ESIC staff member is also the National Co-Chair for ESDC's CLB Champions Network which is a working group of cross-Canada organizations that actively promote the CLB. In 2017, ESIC revamped its website to include comprehensive information, videos and links concerning the CLB.

<http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/esic/bond.html>

Food security

Food security is dependent on a healthy and sustainable food system that ensures healthy food is available now and for future generations. Production, distribution, access, consumption, disposal and education are needed to achieve food security. Currently, 59 food banks are registered with the New Brunswick Food Bank Association. On average, in 2016, 19,764 people accessed the food bank each month; one in three of those users was 18 and younger.

Under the Social Inclusion pillar of OPT2, the corporation is addressing food security through partnerships and connections. As an active member of the New Brunswick Food Security Action Network Advisory Committee, the corporation partners with stakeholders in government and among non-profit organizations to promote connectedness, alignment and engagement around food in the province. One successful initiative is Everybody Eats, a regional forum designed to ignite and amplify provincial conversation on food and its importance in New Brunswick.

Nourishing Minds New Brunswick

Nourishing Minds New Brunswick is a registered non-profit organization with the purpose of improving the health and education of all New Brunswick school-aged children and youth. As part of OPT2, the corporation has partnered with stakeholders from around the province

to address the action, "Promote the establishment of community-based breakfast programs in public schools." In the past year, the working group has worked in the development and implementation of an organization that who would oversee the provision of resources to public schools to support universal no-charge food programs, starting with breakfast, for students.

The corporation continues to play a supportive role through the CINs on community-based initiatives related to food preparation, food safety and access to healthy food.

Housing

The Department of Social Development has established a project team to develop the Provincial Housing Strategy. As a member of both the provincial steering committee and working group, the corporation is responsible to provide feedback and advice to the project team on client needs, challenges and opportunities for improvement.

Specifically speaking to priority actions to:

- support sustainability and quality of existing affordable housing option and;
- encourage innovative community-based housing solutions for affordable, accessible, quality and mixed housing communities.

The strategy renewal is scheduled for completion in 2018.

Literacy

As part of the OPT2 Learning pillar, the corporation has partnered with the Executive Council Office to provide input on a comprehensive and integrated literacy plan for New Brunswick. Work continues toward the creation of a list of literacy programs that will help inform New Brunswickers of available services around the province.

Disability and mental illness

In collaboration with the Premier’s Council on the Status of Disabled Persons, the corporation supports the renewal of the Employment Action Plan to address the issue of employment for those who are disabled, with focus on priority actions that:

- promote inclusion in the workplace; and
- support flexible workplace conditions to generate opportunities for people with barriers to employment and/or unique work practices and availability.

Volunteerism

Under OPT2’s Community Empowerment pillar, the corporation plays a supportive role by continuing to support the CINs on projects that:

- promote the spirit of volunteerism in our communities; and
- support the alignment of community volunteer organizations and initiatives.

The corporation continues to work, in partnership with the CINs, on linking community stakeholders to pursue common goals and support other volunteer organizations that fight poverty around the province.

Health benefits

Two programs were developed and implemented following recommendations from the corporation’s Advisory Committee on Health Benefits as part of OPT1.

New Brunswick Drug Plan

The New Brunswick Drug Plan provides prescription drug coverage for New Brunswickers without drug insurance.

New Brunswickers with a valid Medicare card can enrol. The plan covers drugs listed on the New Brunswick Drug Plan Formulary.

The New Brunswick Drug Plan is available to all New Brunswick residents who:

- have an active Medicare card;
- do not have existing drug coverage (through a private plan or a government program); or
- have existing drug coverage but it does not cover a specific drug that is included in the drug plan formulary or the resident has reached his or her yearly or lifetime maximum for drug coverage.

New Brunswick Drug Plan enrolment at the end of fiscal years

Fiscal year (ending on March 31)	2015-2016	2016-2017
Total members enrolled	5,840	8,479
Total number (%) of members paying the three lowest premiums (\$200, \$400 and \$800/year premium)	4,502 (77%)	6,449 (76%)
Number (%) of members paying \$200/year	2,347 (40%)	3,326 (39%)
Number (%) of members paying \$400/year	667 (11%)	1,008 (12%)
Number (%) of members paying \$800/year	1,488 (26%)	2,115 (25%)

Source: Department of Health New Brunswick

Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision

Healthy Smiles, Clear Vision is New Brunswick's dental and vision plan for children of families with low income who do not have dental and vision coverage through any other government program or private insurance plan.

As of March 31, 2017, 18,449 New Brunswick children had access to the program.

Promotion and awareness

During 2016-2017, the corporation developed and implemented a promotional campaign focusing on various themes publicly recognized over a 12-month period.

Social media were at the heart of the campaign, complemented with radio advertisements for certain themes.

The campaign started in October 2016 and will continue monthly

Monthly themes:

November – Financial Literacy Month

December – Buy Local

January – Literacy

February – I ♥ MY CIN

March – Food Security

Upcoming months (fiscal year 2017-2018)

April – Health

May – Housing

June – Transportation

July – OPT Pillars 1 and 2

August – OPT Pillars 3 and 4

September – Learning

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OPT 2

Action	Status of action
Pillar 1: Community Empowerment	
1. Foster community development through community asset mobilization.	On-going
2. Foster an entrepreneurial spirit to promote economic and social inclusion.	On-going
3. Share and communicate information to improve coordination of community activities and regional initiatives that foster economic and social inclusion.	On-going
4. Support creation of a “one-stop shop” to inform people about government and non- profit organization programs related to economic and social inclusion.	In progress
5. Celebrate communities’ best practices and success stories.	On-going
6. Promote the spirit of volunteerism in our communities.	On-going
7. Support the alignment of community volunteer organizations and initiatives.	On-going
Pillar 2: Learning	
8. Reinforce and build upon capacity of parents, families, caregivers and communities to support children and youth in their learning.	On-going
9. Support and promote literacy in early childhood development and education.	On-going
10. Extend and strengthen the concept of innovative school models, such as entrepreneurial community schools and community-based school programming.	On-going
11. Promote skill-based mentoring and afterschool programming and support participation of children and youth living in low income families.	On-going
12. Support community-based initiatives in literacy, financial literacy, adult education, skill development and workplace entry preparation.	In progress
13. Support learning initiatives related to career development and employment counselling services for people with low incomes.	On-going
Pillar 3: Economic Inclusion	
14. Explore concept of a living wage.	In progress
15. Consider the creation of comprehensive pay equity legislation.	In progress
16. Promote inclusion in the workplace.	In progress
17. Support flexible work place conditions to generate opportunities for people with barriers to employment and/or unique work practices and availability.	In progress
18. Foster entrepreneurship.	On-going
19. Promote the support of local and micro businesses.	On-going
20. Promote and support development, creation and sustainability of a social enterprise ecosystem.	On-going

Action	Status of action
Pillar 4: Social Inclusion	
21. Promote and support community-based initiatives related to food preparation, food safety and access to healthy food.	On-going
22. Promote transition of food banks to community-based food centres.	On-going
Pillar 4: Social Inclusion	
23. Encourage initiatives that address availability of nutritional food and food management and coordination in emergency food programs.	On-going
24. Promote the establishment of community based breakfast programs in all public schools.	In progress
25. Support sustainability and quality of existing affordable housing options that.	On-going
26. Encourage innovative community-based housing solutions for affordable, accessible, quality, mixed housing communities.	On-going
27. Develop a comprehensive rural and urban transportation strategy for the province.	In progress
28. Promote and support community-based alternative transportation systems.	On-going

Participants in Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation meetings and conferences

Community Inclusion Networks

- Carleton-Victoria Community Inclusion Network
- Chaleur Community Inclusion Network
- Community Inclusion Network Acadian Peninsula
- Greater Fredericton Social Innovation
- Inclusion Network of Central New Brunswick
- Kent Community Inclusion Network
- North West Community Inclusion Network
- Northumberland Community Inclusion Network
- Restigouche Community Inclusion Network
- Vibrant Charlotte County
- Vibrant Communities Saint John and Sussex/Living SJ
- Westmorland-Albert Community Inclusion Network Co-operative

Community organizations

- Atlantic Council for International Cooperation
- Atlantic Summer Institute
- Bathurst Youth Centre
- Business Community Anti-Poverty Initiative
- Canadian Red Cross Society
- Cities Reducing Poverty Conference
- Community Action Group on Homelessness in Fredericton
- Community Economic Development Investment Funds
- Community Food Smart
- Carleton-Victoria Community Inclusion Co-operative
- Door-to-Door Volunteer Driving Group
- Elementary Literacy Friends
- Empty Stocking Fund
- Enterprise Council of New Brunswick
- Falls Brook Centre
- Financial Education Network
- GovMaker
- Green Nexus
- Healthy Built Environment Working Group
- Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Coalition (HEPAC)
- Human Development Council
- Ideas Festival
- Innovation Labs at Planet Hatch
- Joint Economic Development Initiative (JEDI) – Aboriginal Affairs
- McConnell Foundation
- Mouvement acadien des communautés en santé du NB
- NB Association of Nursing Homes
- NB Council on Aging
- NB Institute for Research, Data and Training
- NB Multicultural Association
- NB Non-Profit Housing Association
- NB Transit Initiative Authority
- NB Food Security Action Network
- NB Health Council
- NB Social Policy Research Network
- NouLabs
- Nourishing Minds Committee – School Food in Greater Fredericton
- Planet Hatch
- Poverty Advisory Committee
- Prosper Canada
- Provincial Community Food Mentors Gathering
- Right to Play
- Robertson Institute for Community Development
- Rural and Urban Transportation Advisory Committee
- Saint John Community Foundation
- Saint John Community Loan Fund
- Saint John Early Childhood Coalition
- Sistema NB and its five locations
- Smart Saver / Omega Foundation
- Social Determinants of Health Southwest
- Tamarack Institute

- The Shift NB
- United Way Canada
- United Way Central

- Greater Moncton United Way
- 21 inc.

Government of British Columbia

- Department of Social Development

Government of Canada

- Canada Revenue Agency
- Canada Learning Bonds
- Champions Network
- Employment and Social Development Canada
- Financial Consumer Agency of Canada
- HRSDC/Employment and Social Development Canada
- Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (HUMA)
- National Poverty Reduction Strategy
- National Summit on Poverty Reduction
- Privy Council Office – Innovation Hub
- Service Canada

Government of New Brunswick

- Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat
- Child Care Sector Task Force
- Child and Youth Advocate
- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
- Department of Environment and Local Government
- Department of Finance
- Department of Health
- Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour
- Department of Social Development
- Department of Transportation and Infrastructure
- Executive Council Office
- Federal/Provincial/Territorial Poverty Advisory Committee
- Financial and Consumer Services Commission
- Interdepartmental Group on Obesity and Tobacco
- New Brunswick literacy consultation
- New Brunswick Public Library Service
- NB Right to Information
- Premier's Summit on Economic Inclusion
- Public Health – Fredericton region
- Service New Brunswick
- Women's Equality Branch

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

- Department of Community Services

Government of Prince Edward Island

- Department of Social Development
- Executive Council Office
- Department of Workforce and Advanced Learning

Media

- NB Publishing
- CBC Information Morning
- CHSR – University of New Brunswick radio station

Municipalities and municipal organizations

- Association francophone des municipalités du NB
- Mayor of Fredericton
- Mayor of Moncton
- Mayor of Saint John
- Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick

Universities, colleges and schools

- Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick

- District scolaire francophone du Nord-Ouest
- Health Promoting Schools – Anglophone School District West
- Leo Hayes High School Leadership Class
- New Brunswick Community College
- Pond-Deshpande Centre – University of New Brunswick
- Renaissance College – University of New Brunswick
- Université de Moncton

Other

- Nova Scotia 211
- Provincial/Territorial Government Officials Community of Practice
- Scotia Bank

Summary of staffing activity

Pursuant to section 20 (1 and 2) of the *Economic and Social Inclusion Act*, the corporation may appoint employees on the basis of merit.

As of March 31, 2017, the corporation had five permanent employees, and one employee on secondment from the Department of Social Development. Also, one employee joined the corporation on a secondment in January 2017 to help with the Get Your Piece of the Money Pie project and financial literacy promotion.

Official Languages

The corporation recognizes its Official Languages obligations and is committed to actively offering and providing quality services to the public in the Official Language of their choice in all modes of service delivery. The CINs and their partners are also subject to the *Official Languages Act*.

The corporation strives to offer its services in both Official Languages, not only to comply with the Act, but particularly to promote the firmly entrenched value it places on inclusion, which is a crucial pillar of society and *OPT*.

The corporation's Official Languages strategy reinforces the position of the corporation vis-à-vis Official Languages. It is also designed to provide the CINs with the appropriate tools required to serve New Brunswickers in the Official Language of their choice.

During the year ending March 31, 2017, the corporation continued to promote, monitor and support at the internal level, with the CINs and external partners, the use of Official Languages in accordance with its strategy.

Highlights of Overcoming Poverty Together

Additional information can be found in the corporation's various reports: www.gnb.ca/poverty

2008	
October	Announcement of the public engagement initiative to adopt a poverty reduction plan for New Brunswick
2009	
January to April	Public dialogues
June to September	Round table discussions
November 12-13	Final forum to adopt <i>Overcoming Poverty Together: The New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Plan (OPT1)</i>
December	Extension of health card for up to three years for persons exiting social assistance
2010	
January	Elimination of the interim social assistance rate program
January	Application of household income policy to social assistance recipients in spousal relationships
April	Adoption of the <i>Economic and Social Inclusion Act</i>
April	Provision of stable funding for homeless shelters within five years. Funds also provided in 2011 and 2012
April	Amendments to the <i>Residential Tenancies Act</i> to protect boarders
April	Minimum wage increase to \$8.50 per hour
May	Appointment of the corporation's president and four co-chairs
June	Appointment of the corporation's board members
June	First board of directors meeting
September	Minimum wage increase to \$9 per hour
October	Investment in early learning and child care spaces
August to January 2011	Hiring of corporation staff
2011	
January	First meetings of three advisory committees
February to October	Creation of 12 Community Inclusion Networks (CINs)

April	Minimum wage increase to \$9.50 per hour
August	Linkage of benefits such as health, child care and home heating to household income to the extent possible
November	Commencement of corporation funding for CIN projects in Community Transportation and Community Learning
2012	
April	Minimum wage increase to \$10 per hour
June	Hosting of Community Transportation conference by the corporation
June	Presentation of Advisory Committee for Health Benefits – Dental and Vision Report to government
June	Presentation of Advisory Committee for Social Enterprise and Community Investment Funds (SECIF) report to government
September	Launch of Healthy Smiles Clear Vision program for children in low income families
October	Presentation of Social Assistance Reform Advisory Committee Report to government
2013	
May	Development of GNB Interdepartmental Transportation Working Group
October	Restructure and increase of social assistance rates
October	Overhaul of the household income policy
October	Provision of more opportunities for people transitioning to work to keep earned income
October	Reform of wage exemptions to include a working income supplement
September to October	Public dialogues – OPT2
September to October	Regional and provincial stakeholder meetings
October to April 2014	Development of the Economic and Social Inclusion Plan: <i>Overcoming Poverty Together 2014-2019 (OPT2)</i>
October	First meeting of the Interdepartmental Working Group on Persons Living In Poverty
December	Announcement of New Brunswick Drug Plan
2014	
February	Announcement of Community Economic Development Initiative Funds and Small Business Tax Credit based on the SECIF report
May	Presentation of <i>Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation Overcoming Poverty Together 2014-2019 (OPT2)</i>
May	Launch of the New Brunswick Drug Plan
October	New wage exemption policy for persons with disabilities as part of social assistance reform

November	Conclusion of <i>OPT1</i>
December	Commencement of <i>OPT2</i>
December	<i>Minimum wage increase to \$10.30 per hour</i>
2015	
March	Youth Employment Fund launched to help create jobs for unemployed youth
April	First meeting of the Rural and Urban Transportation Advisory Committee
May	<i>OPT</i> receives a national award on poverty reduction from Tamarack Institute (Category: provinces and cities working together in partnership)
June	Public presentation of <i>The Impact of NB's 2009-2014 Economic and Social Inclusion Plan</i>
November-December	Corporation launches two-week awareness campaign <i>Small Acts, Big Impact</i> on volunteering
2016	
January	Opportunity Summit on Economic Inclusion
February	Community conversation on Health Equity
April	Minimum wage increase to \$10.65/hr
April	Government of NB announces free tuition for postsecondary students from low-income and middle-class families
September	Creation of 10-year education plans
September	Investment \$56 million with the federal government in affordable housing to give the most vulnerable a place to live
September	Province invests \$1 million to help unemployed adults learn a second official language
November	NB expands the Home Energy Assistance Program
2017	
January	Expansion of the Integrated Service Delivery model
February	Family Plan Summit on reducing poverty
February	<i>Unleashing the power of literacy: New Brunswick's Comprehensive Literacy Strategy</i> to improve literacy rates in the province

Financial information

**New Brunswick Economic and
Social Inclusion Corporation**

**Financial Statements
March 31, 2017**

New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation

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Independent Auditor's Report

To: The Board of Directors of New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2017, and the statements of operations and changes in accumulated surplus and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

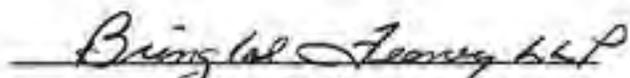
An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation as at March 31, 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Fredericton, New Brunswick
June 27, 2017


Chartered Professional Accountants

New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation

Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2017

	2017	2016
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Accounts receivable (note 3)	\$ 150	\$ -
Due from related party, Province of New Brunswick (note 4)	<u>3,563,576</u>	<u>3,320,229</u>
	<u>\$ 3,563,726</u>	<u>\$ 3,320,229</u>
LIABILITY		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 5)	\$ 30,207	\$ 35,678
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
Surplus	<u>3,533,519</u>	<u>3,284,551</u>
	<u>\$ 3,563,726</u>	<u>\$ 3,320,229</u>

Approved

Director

Monique Richard

Director

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Chartered Professional Accountants

New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation

Statement of Operations and Changes in Accumulated Surplus
Year ended March 31, 2017

	2017	2016
Revenues		
Province of New Brunswick	\$ 2,799,000	\$ 2,790,000
Program spending		
Community Inclusion Networks	757,500	750,000
Community Action (Learning) Grants	389,205	463,501
Community Impact Grants	341,302	250,000
Community Transportation Grants	294,947	330,359
Financial Literacy	62,744	-
Special Projects	42,000	-
Board expenses	26,211	20,553
Other Grants	9,000	4,000
Summit on Economic Inclusion	-	11,186
	<u>1,922,909</u>	<u>1,829,599</u>
Operating expenses		
Salaries and related benefits	456,153	503,431
Services	106,545	121,235
Travel	32,984	26,787
Advisory committees	20,725	31,147
Telephone	8,070	7,664
Supplies	1,534	1,389
Computer expenses	1,112	421
	<u>627,123</u>	<u>692,074</u>
Excess of revenues over operating expenses	248,968	268,327
Accumulated surplus, opening	<u>3,284,551</u>	<u>3,016,224</u>
Accumulated surplus, closing	<u>\$ 3,533,519</u>	<u>\$ 3,284,551</u>

New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation

Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended March 31, 2017

	2017	2016
Operating activities		
Cash received - Province of New Brunswick	\$ 2,555,503	\$ 2,507,601
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	<u>(2,555,503)</u>	<u>(2,507,601)</u>
Change in cash position	-	-
Cash, opening	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash, closing	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The corporation's source of cash is the Province of New Brunswick. The corporation does not maintain a separate bank account and all operating activities are processed through the Province of New Brunswick.

New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation

Notes to Financial Statements
March 31, 2017

1. Nature of operations

New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation is a Province of New Brunswick Crown Corporation created by special act on April 16, 2010. The corporation is exempt from income taxes under ITA 149(1)(d).

This corporation was created as part of the Provincial Plan for the continued partnership of the citizens of New Brunswick in the development, adoption, implementation and evaluation of the Economic and Social Inclusion Plan. The Plan's vision is that all citizens shall have the necessary resources to meet their basic needs and to live with dignity, security and good health.

The primary objectives and purposes of the corporation are as follows:

- (a) to lead the implementation and evaluation of the Provincial Plan and the development and adoption of other Economic and Social Inclusion Plans;
- (b) to coordinate and support community inclusion networks in the development of their local plans and in the implementation of the objectives of the Provincial Plan set out in their local plans;
- (c) to manage the Economic and Social Inclusion Fund established under the Economic and Social Inclusion Act;
- (d) to carry out the other activities or duties authorized or required by the Economic and Social Inclusion Act and regulations, as directed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

2. Significant accounting policies

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. The significant policies are detailed as follows:

(a) Revenue recognition

The corporation follows the deferral method of accounting for grants received for operations and specific projects. Grants to be used for restricted purposes are recognized as revenue in the period in which the related expenditures are incurred. When a portion of a grant relates to a future period, it is deferred and recognized in the subsequent period.

Unrestricted grants are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Grants approved but not received at the end of an accounting period are accrued.

The corporation currently receives all of its funding from the Province of New Brunswick.

New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation

Notes to Financial Statements

March 31, 2017

2. Significant accounting policies, continued

(b) Capital assets

The corporation records capital expenditures under \$10,000 as current period expenses as incurred.

(c) Contributed materials and services

The Province of New Brunswick provides various materials and services to the company without charge including fixed assets, information technology, human resource, occupancy, accounting and other administrative support. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, contributed materials and services are not recognized in the financial statements.

(d) Pension plans and other retirement benefit plans

Full-time employees of the corporation are members of the New Brunswick Public Service Shared Risk Plan. The plan is a multi-employer plan under which contributions are made by both the corporation and its employees. The employer's contributions to the plan are accounted for as a defined contribution plan, as the corporation's obligation is limited to the amount of these contributions.

(e) Financial instruments

The organization initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value, except for certain non-arm's length transactions. The company subsequently measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for securities quoted in an active market, which are subsequently measured at fair value.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include accounts receivable. Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

(f) Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation

Notes to Financial Statements

March 31, 2017

3. Accounts receivable

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Canada Learning Bond recoverable	\$ 150	\$ -

4. Related party transactions

The Province of New Brunswick pays all costs on behalf of the corporation throughout the fiscal year.

The amount due from the Province of New Brunswick represents the amount due to the corporation for the excess of approved funding over expenditures incurred.

During the year, the Province of New Brunswick authorized funding totalling \$2,799,000 (2016-\$2,790,000).

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Province of New Brunswick	\$ 3,563,576	\$ 3,320,229

5. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Vacation accrual	\$ 22,707	\$ 28,178
Audit accrual	7,500	7,500
	<u>\$ 30,207</u>	<u>\$ 35,678</u>