

Financial Statements of

# **NIPISSING UNIVERSITY**

And Independent Auditors' Report thereon

Year ended April 30, 2020

# NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Governors of Nipissing University

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the financial statements of Nipissing University (the Entity), which comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at April 30, 2020
- the statement of operations for the year then ended
- the statement of changes in net assets (deficiency) for the year then ended
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

(Hereinafter referred to as the “financial statements”)

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Nipissing University as at April 30, 2020, its results of operations, changes in net assets (deficiency) and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the ***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements*** section of our report.

We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the applicable independence standards, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these standards.

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



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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

## ***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.



- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation
- We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

North Bay, Canada

September 17, 2020

# NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

## Statement of Financial Position

April 30, 2020, with comparative information for 2019  
(thousands of dollars)

	2020	2019
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,866	\$ 9,499
Accounts receivable (note 4)	2,770	4,461
Investments - short-term (note 5)	4,834	4,620
Other assets	619	794
	19,089	19,374
Investments - long-term (note 5)	25,666	26,779
Capital assets (note 6)	75,879	78,643
	\$ 120,634	\$ 124,796
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 7)	\$ 5,080	\$ 4,696
Deferred revenue	3,535	3,373
Employee related	2,022	1,734
Current portion of long-term debt (note 8)	1,176	1,141
	11,813	10,944
Long-term:		
Long-term debt (note 8)	34,705	35,881
Deferred contributions (note 9)	11,801	13,651
Deferred capital contributions (note 10)	35,036	35,805
Employee future benefits (note 11)	8,110	7,160
	101,465	103,441
Net assets:		
Unrestricted:		
- operating	1,917	1,783
- employee related	(10,132)	(8,894)
Internally restricted (note 12)	15,371	16,561
Endowments (note 13)	12,013	11,905
	19,169	21,355
Commitments and contingencies (note 15)		
COVID-19 (note 17)		
	\$ 120,634	\$ 124,796

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board of Governors:

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## Statement of Operations

Year ended April 30, 2020, with comparative information for 2019  
(thousands of dollars)

	2020	2019
Revenue:		
Government grants	\$ 42,051	\$ 40,341
Student fees	28,826	29,095
Sales and services	5,809	6,053
Other	2,756	3,389
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	1,519	1,532
Investment	1,250	1,408
Donations	585	717
	82,796	82,535
Expenses:		
Salaries and benefits	58,494	57,720
Operating and research	13,151	13,513
Occupancy	3,726	6,178
Amortization of capital assets	3,595	3,606
Scholarships and bursaries	4,736	4,497
Interest on long-term debt	999	1,085
	84,701	86,599
Deficiency of revenue over expenses before the undernoted	(1,905)	(4,064)
Gain on disposal of capital assets	-	19
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	\$ (1,905)	\$ (4,045)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## Statement of Changes in Net Assets (Deficiency)

Year ended April 30, 2020, with comparative information for 2019  
(thousands of dollars)

	Unrestricted		Internally Restricted (note 12)	Endowments	2020	2019
	Operating	Employee Related				
Net assets (deficiency) beginning of year	\$ 1,783	(8,894)	16,561	11,905	21,355	25,218
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	1,020	(849)	(2,076)	-	(1,905)	(4,045)
Transfer of internally restricted funds	(886)	-	886	-	-	-
Endowment contributions	-	-		108	108	263
Employee future benefits remeasurement and other items	-	(389)	-	-	(389)	(81)
Net assets (deficiency), end of year	\$ 1,917	(10,132)	15,371	12,013	19,169	21,355

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended April 30, 2020, with comparative information for 2019  
(thousands of dollars)

	2020	2019
Cash provided by (used in):		
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	\$ (1,905)	\$ (4,045)
Adjustments for:		
Amortization of capital assets	3,595	3,606
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	(1,519)	(1,532)
Employee future benefits expense	561	556
Gain on disposal of capital assets	-	(19)
	732	(1,434)
Changes in non-cash working capital items:		
Accounts receivable	1,691	(877)
Other assets	175	(149)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	384	(1,044)
Deferred revenue	162	(744)
Employee related	288	(84)
	3,432	(4,332)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Endowment contributions	108	263
Repayment of long-term debt	(1,141)	(1,286)
Increase (decrease) in deferred contributions	(1,850)	862
Deferred capital contributions	750	111
	(2,133)	(50)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of capital assets	(831)	(874)
Proceeds on disposition of capital assets	-	19
Sale (purchase) in investments	899	(138)
	68	(993)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,367	(5,375)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	9,499	14,874
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 10,866	\$ 9,499

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## Notes to Financial Statements

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### 1. Objectives and purpose:

Nipissing University (the "University") was incorporated as a university in 1992 under the laws of the Province of Ontario. Its mission provides for undergraduate programming in Liberal Arts, Science, Business and Health Sciences and undergraduate and graduate programs in Education, History, Math, Environmental Studies and Environmental Science. The University aspires to fulfill the best traditions of scholarship and to provide an environment committed to the ideals of free inquiry and expression. As a university with predominantly undergraduate programming and roots in teacher education, the University places priority on the highest ideals of instructional excellence and student engagement.

The University is a registered charity and, as such, is exempt from income taxes under Section 149 (1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada).

### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies:

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations in Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook (the "Handbook").

The significant accounting policies for the University are described below:

#### (a) Revenue recognition:

The University follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions, which include donations and government grants.

Unrestricted contributions and donations are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount can be reasonably estimated and allocation is reasonably assured. Contributions pertaining to future periods are deferred and recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are recognized.

Pledges are recorded as revenue in the period in which they are received.

Contributions externally restricted for purposes other than endowment are deferred and recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are recognized.

Contributions restricted for capital asset purchases are deferred and amortized to operations on the same basis as the related asset is amortized.

Endowment contributions are recognized as direct increases in net assets in the year in which they are received. Income preserved as capital protection on internally restricted endowments is recorded as unrestricted revenue and transferred to internal endowments.

Student fees are recognized as revenue when courses and seminars are held. Sales and services revenue is recognized at point of sale or when the service has been provided.

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### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

(b) Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash, money market funds and investments with maturities of three months or less from their date of acquisition. Cash and investments meeting the definition of cash and cash equivalents held for trading rather than liquidity purposes are classified as investments.

(c) Financial instruments:

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value upon initial recognition.

Investments are subsequently measured at fair value. Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at amortized cost.

Transaction costs incurred on the acquisition of financial instruments measured subsequently at fair value are expensed as incurred.

The University enters into interest rate swaps to hedge the effect of changes in interest rates on its long-term debt that bears interest based on LIBOR. Gains or losses realized on the settlement of the hedging item are deferred until the settlement of the hedged item.

At the inception of hedging relationship, the University designates that hedge accounting will be applied. The University formally documents the hedging relationship between the hedging instruments and hedged item. At the inception of the hedge and throughout its term, the terms of the hedging item and hedged item are the same.

(d) Capital assets:

Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost. Contributed capital assets are capitalized at fair market value at the date of contribution. Capital assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

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Land	No amortization
Buildings	40 years
Equipment and furnishings	5 - 10 years

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Assets no longer in use are carried at the lesser of net book value and net realizable value. No further depreciation is taken on these assets.

(e) Internally restricted net assets:

The University restricts use of portions of its operating net assets for specific future uses. When incurred, the related expenses are charged to operations and the balance of internally restricted assets is reduced accordingly with a transfer to unrestricted net assets.

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### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

(f) Employee future benefits:

(i) Pension benefit plan:

The University has a defined contribution pension plan, "Pension Plan for the Employees of Nipissing University", which provides benefits to eligible employees of Nipissing University with more than six months of service. Certain faculty are members of the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, a multi-employer defined benefit plan. Contributions to the defined contribution and multi-employer defined benefit plan are expensed when due.

(ii) Other benefit plan:

The University provides medical, dental and life insurance benefits to eligible employees upon retirement. The University accrues for these obligations, with the cost of these benefits being actuarially determined using the projected benefit method prorated on service using management's best estimates of a number of future conditions including salary changes, withdrawals, retirement ages of employees and expected health care costs. Current service and finance costs are expensed during the year, while remeasurements and other items are recognized as a direct increase or decrease in net assets.

(g) Student organizations:

These financial statements do not reflect the assets, liabilities and results of operations of the student organizations as they are not controlled by the University.

(h) Use of estimates:

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the carrying amount of capital assets; financial instruments; valuation allowances for accounts receivable; employee future benefits; and accrued liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates. These estimates are reviewed periodically, and, as adjustments become necessary, they are recognized in the financial statements in the year in which they become known.

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### 3. Funds held in trust:

\$2,057 (2019 - \$6,992) is held in trust for Nipissing University Student Union (NUSU) for the construction of the student centre. This balance is not reflected in these financial statements.

### 4. Accounts receivable:

	2020	2019
Accounts receivable	\$ 4,371	5,912
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	(1,601)	(1,451)
	<u>\$ 2,770</u>	<u>4,461</u>

### 5. Investments:

	2020	2019
Cash	\$ 8	15
Term deposits	3,599	3,570
Mutual funds	26,893	27,814
	<u>30,500</u>	<u>31,399</u>
Less amounts reported as:		
Investments – short-term	(4,834)	(4,620)
Investments – long-term	<u>\$ 25,666</u>	<u>26,779</u>

Investments – long-term reflect funds for endowments and some specified programs.

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### 6. Capital assets:

2020	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net book Value
Land	\$ 3,024	–	3,024
Land Improvements	2,396	343	2,053
Buildings:			
Operating	81,219	29,005	52,214
Residence	29,355	13,260	16,095
Equipment and furnishings:			
Operating	25,659	23,284	2,375
Residence	2,967	2,963	4
Construction in progress	114	–	114
	<b>\$ 144,734</b>	<b>68,855</b>	<b>75,879</b>

2019	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net book Value
Land	\$ 3,024	–	3,024
Land Improvements	2,396	223	2,173
Buildings:			
Operating	80,799	26,974	53,825
Residence	29,355	12,527	16,828
Equipment and furnishings:			
Operating	25,356	22,575	2,781
Residence	2,967	2,961	6
Construction in progress	6	–	6
	<b>\$ 143,903</b>	<b>65,260</b>	<b>78,643</b>

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### 7. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities:

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities are government remittances of \$387 (2019 - \$348), which include amounts payable for payroll related taxes.

### 8. Long-term debt:

	Due	Rate	Blended Monthly Payment	2020	2019
\$35,000 TD Loan	June 2027	2.84%	\$ 162.9	\$ 32,168	33,193
\$2,000 TD Loan	June 2027	2.84%	9.3	1,843	1,901
\$1,000 TD Loan	June 2027	2.897%	4.7	939	968
\$1,000 TD Loan	June 2027	2.872%	4.7	931	960
Subtotal of unsecured loans				35,881	37,022
Less current portion of long-term debt				(1,176)	(1,141)
				<u>\$ 34,705</u>	<u>35,881</u>

The University has entered into interest rate derivative agreements to manage the volatility of interest rates. The University converted floating rate debt (1% for first two and 2% for last two) for fixed rate debt as noted above. The related derivative agreements are in place until the maturity date.

The following are the minimum annual debt principal repayments due over the next five years and thereafter:

2021	\$ 1,176
2022	1,213
2023	1,248
2024	1,274
2025	1,318
Thereafter	29,652
	<u>\$ 35,881</u>

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### 9. Deferred contributions:

Deferred contributions represent the unspent amount of externally restricted donations, grants and investment income received for research and other restricted purposes. The change in the deferred contribution balance is as follows:

	2020	2019
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 13,651	12,789
Add: contributions received during the year	182	172
Less: amount recognized as revenue	(2,187)	(1,496)
Investment returns	155	2,186
Balance, end of year	\$ 11,801	13,651

### 10. Deferred capital contributions:

Deferred capital contributions represent the unamortized and unspent amounts of donations, student contributions and grants received for the purchase of capital assets. The amortization of deferred capital contributions, which commences once an asset is put into service, is recorded as revenue in the statement of operations. The change in the deferred capital contribution balance is as follows:

	2020	2019
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 35,805	37,226
Add: contributions received in the year	750	111
Less: amortization of deferred capital contributions	(1,519)	(1,532)
Balance, end of year	\$ 35,036	35,805
Comprised of:		
Capital contributions - unamortized	\$ 34,986	35,755
Capital contributions - unspent	50	50
	\$ 35,036	35,805

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### 11. Employee future benefits:

(a) Pension benefit plan:

The University's contributions to the defined contribution plan and the multi-employer defined benefit plan are expensed when due.

Total contributions made during the year were \$3,015 (2019 - \$2,870).

(b) Other benefit plan:

The University provides certain non-pension benefits to eligible retirees until the age of 65.

These benefits include medical, dental and life insurance. For eligible faculty retirees only, the University provides a health care spending account which commences at the age of 65 and continues until death.

The interval between actuarial valuations does not exceed three years with the most recent valuation prepared as at April 30, 2020. In years between valuations, an extrapolation of the actuarial valuation is used to determine the projected benefit obligation.

There are no plan assets.

Information about the financial status of University's non-pension benefits is as follows:

	2020	2019
Accrued benefit obligation, being plan deficit	\$ 8,110	7,160

Total net benefit expense for the University's non-pension benefits plan is as follows:

	2020	2019
Current service costs	\$ 438	429
Interest cost	236	241
Actuarial loss	389	81
	\$ 1,063	751

Benefits paid during the year amounted to \$113 (2019 - \$114).

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### 11. Employee future benefits (continued):

#### (b) Other benefit plan (continued):

The significant actuarial assumptions adopted in measuring the University's employee future benefits obligation are as follows (weighted-average assumptions):

	2020	2019
Discount rate	3.00%	3.30%
Rate of compensation increase for life insurance	2.00% to 3.00%	3.00%
Prescription drug trend rate (to 2040)	6.67% to 4.00%	6.80% to 4.00%
Average health care trend rate (to 2040)	6.31% to 4.00%	6.06% to 4.00%

### 12. Internally restricted net assets:

	2020	2019
Infrastructure upgrades (i)	\$ 1,358	1,358
Scholarship funds (ii)	1,555	1,600
Ancillary operations (iii)	3,728	3,728
Investment in capital assets (iv)	5,894	6,747
Commitments to employees (v)	1,209	1,145
Future budget provision (vi)	732	983
International student initiative (vii)	895	1,000
	<b>\$ 15,371</b>	<b>16,561</b>

Internally restricted net assets include funds committed for specific purposes as approved by the Board of Governors as follows:

- (i) Infrastructure upgrades - this represents funds restricted for deferred maintenance and capital emergencies.
- (ii) Scholarship funds – this represents net assets the University has invested for the purposes of providing scholarships and bursaries to students.
- (iii) Ancillary operations – this represents funds set aside for future major capital improvements, replacements and refurbishments of the ancillary operations.
- (iv) Investment in capital assets – this represents the unamortized value of capital assets funded by the University, net of outstanding debt for these assets. It excludes assets funded through capital contributions.
- (v) Commitments to employees – this represents the net carryforward of funds set aside to meet future commitments to various employees for professional development activities and internally-funded research.
- (vi) Future budget provision – this represents excess funds from conferences and other ancillary activities set aside for future initiatives.
- (vii) International student initiative – this represents excess funds from ancillary operations set aside for recruitment of international students

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### 13. Endowments:

Endowments consist of externally restricted donations received by the University. The endowment principal is required to be maintained intact. The investment income generated from endowments must be used in accordance with the various purposes established by donors. The University ensures, as part of its fiduciary responsibilities, that all funds received with a restricted purpose are expended for the purpose for which they were provided.

Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund and Ontario Trust for Student Support:

The Government of Ontario established the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund ("OSOTF") and the Ontario Trust of Student Support ("OTSS") programs to encourage individuals and companies to contribute funds to support post-secondary students. The University established three funds – OSOTF - Phase 1 in fiscal 1997; OSOTF - Phase 2 in fiscal 2004; and OTSS in fiscal 2005. Eligible donations were equally matched by the Province. Investment income earned on these funds is used to finance awards to qualified students in need of financial aid.

<b>OSOTF – Phase 1</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund balance	\$ 4,769	4,769
Expendable balance, beginning of year	\$ 849	523
Investment gain	11	469
Bursaries awarded (2020 – 112 bursaries; 2019 – 115 bursaries)	(170)	(143)
Expendable balance, end of year	\$ 690	849

<b>OSOTF – Phase 2</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Endowment balance	\$ 898	898
Expendable balance, beginning of year	\$ 144	75
Investment gain	2	91
Bursaries awarded (2020 – 28 bursaries; 2019 – 31 bursaries)	(18)	(22)
Expendable balance, end of year	\$ 128	144

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### 13. Endowments (continued):

OTSS	2020	2019
Endowment balance	\$ 1,774	1,774
Expendable balance, beginning of year	\$ 528	283
Investment gain	4	293
Bursaries awarded (2020 – 51 bursaries; 2019 – 60 bursaries)	(50)	(48)
Expendable balance, end of year	\$ 482	528

### 14. Financial instrument risk:

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the University if a member or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises principally from the University's accounts receivable and investments. The University mitigates its potential credit risk from accounts receivable through credit evaluation, approval and monitoring processes. Furthermore, it evaluates the collectability of accounts receivable and records an allowance for doubtful accounts, which reduces the receivables to the amount the University reasonably believes will be collected. Credit risk with respect to investments is managed through the University's investment policies.

Foreign currency risk refers to the extent to which instruments denominated in a currency other than Canadian dollars will be affected by changes in the value of the Canadian dollar in relation to other currencies. The University holds investments denominated in a foreign currency and is subject to foreign currency risk. The University believes that it is not exposed to significant currency risks arising from its financial instruments.

Market volatility risk arises from the University's investment portfolio, which contains various pooled funds, fixed income and equity instruments. It is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows from a financial instrument will fluctuate because of general economic and other market factors affecting equity prices.

There has been no significant change to risk exposures from 2019.

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### 15. Commitments and contingencies:

- (a) The University is involved from time to time in litigation that arises in the normal course of operations. In respect to these claims, the University believes it has valid defenses, funded provisions and/or appropriate insurance coverage in place. Litigation is subject to many uncertainties, and the outcome of individual matters is not predictable. It is possible the final resolution of some of these matters may require the University to make expenditures in excess of estimated reserves, over an extended period of time and range that cannot be reasonably estimated at this time. The University's policy is to recognize the losses on any litigation when the outcome becomes known and the amount is reasonably determinable.
- (b) The University has access to an unsecured line of credit in the amount of \$5 million. The line of credit bears interest at TD Commercial Banking prime less 0.5%. As at April 30, 2020, the University has not drawn on this line of credit.
- (c) Nipissing University Student Union, through a referendum, approved a student levy to cover repayment of a student long-term debt facility to provide funding for a new Student Centre. The Board of Governors of the University has approved that the University guarantee the student loan up to the amount of \$6,500.

### 16. Adoption of new accounting policies:

The University has adopted the following Canadian Not-for-Profit Accounting Standards effective on May 1, 2019:

- Section 4433, to replace Section 4431, Tangible Capital Assets Held by Not-for-Profit Organizations
- Section 4434, to replace Section 4432, Intangible Assets Held by Not-for-Profit Organizations
- Section 4441, to replace Section 4440, Collections Held by Not-for-Profit Organizations

The University has adopted these standards on a prospective basis and will apply the componentization approach of significant tangible capital assets (and related amortization) acquired and will comply with revised intangible asset impairment assessment guidelines. Collections are carried on a nominal basis.

The adoption of these standard did not result in any adjustments to the financial statements as at May 1, 2019.

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### 17. COVID-19:

Prior to April 30, 2020, the COVID-19 (the “pandemic”) outbreak was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. Nipissing University halted in-person activity, restricted its facilities to staff and students and moved to online education format in March 2020 based on recommendations from Public Health Ontario. The spring semester was moved to an online format and summer 2020 semester will continue in the same format. The University continues to monitor the situation and plan for the fall 2020 semester and beyond.

As a result of the pandemic, the University may experience increased risk exposure in several areas. This includes an increased credit risk exposure on accounts receivable where the risk of default on contractual obligations may increase.

The University’s fixed-rate financial instruments by way of swap contracts and application of hedge accounting help mitigate the potential exposure to changing interest rate risks.

The University’s investments are recognized at fair value and the impact of the pandemic has created volatility and uncertainty in world markets, which may ultimately lead to a loss on market value that is other than temporary. The ultimate length and duration of the pandemic is unknown and the potential magnitude of the impact on the University’s investments is not yet known at this time. The University continues to monitor investment balances and working with investment managers to mitigate the impact where possible.

As at April 30, 2020, the University did not have significant adjustments to reflect the possible future impact of COVID-19. Management has assessed the going concern assumptions and believes there are no issues given the University has a strong working capital base and access to sufficient liquid resources to see through operations in the coming year. Given the outcome and timeframe to a recovery from the current pandemic is highly unpredictable, it is not practicable to estimate and disclose its financial effect on future operations at this time.

### 18. Comparative information:

Certain comparative information has been reclassified from those previously presented to conform to the presentation of the 2020 financial statements.