
**MUNICIPAL FINANCING
CORPORATION OF
SASKATCHEWAN**

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Regina, Saskatchewan

March 11, 2024

To His Honour
The Honourable Russell Mirasty
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

Sir:

I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 2023, in accordance with **The Municipal Financing Corporation Act**. The financial statements included in this Annual Report are in the form approved by the Treasury Board and have been reported on by the Corporation's auditors.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Harpauer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Donna Harpauer
Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance
And Minister Responsible
Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan

MUNICIPAL FINANCING CORPORATION OF SASKATCHEWAN

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MUNICIPAL FINANCING CORPORATION OF SASKATCHEWAN

HISTORY AND CURRENT HIGHLIGHTS – 2023

The Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan (the Corporation) was established to assist in making capital funds available for the financing of school, hospital and other essential construction and local improvement projects in cities, towns, villages and rural areas throughout the Province. The Corporation may borrow directly from private lending institutions or through the Ministry of Finance. The Corporation uses the funds borrowed to purchase a portion of the approved debentures sold each year by Saskatchewan local governments.

The Corporation participated in the financing of 11 projects by purchasing \$50.5 million of debentures. Most of the financing involved sewer and water projects, land and building acquisition or construction, and projects involving the construction and maintenance of roads.

The Corporation's debenture holdings at December 31, 2023 totalled \$317.7 million, up \$30.1 million from the total at December 31, 2022.

The Corporation recorded a comprehensive income of \$1.24 million in 2023, which is \$2.15 million higher than the comprehensive loss of \$0.91 million recorded in 2022 and \$0.84 million higher than the \$0.40 million amount budgeted (see note 10 to the financial statements).

The increase from 2022 reflects a lower level of volatility in the market value of the debt retirement assets during 2023 after the sharp decline in value during 2022 caused by a rapid increase in interest rates. There was a slight overall decrease in interest rates during the current year, resulting in higher income than expected at budget due to an increase in unrealized gains in debt retirement assets.

For 2024, the Corporation expects improved results relative to 2023 as fewer fluctuations in the value of the debt retirement assets are anticipated, though the improvement may be partially offset by an increase in interest expense resulting from elevated interest rates on new borrowing.

The Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan is administered by a Board of Directors through the use of staff and facilities provided by the Ministry of Finance. The Corporation incurred around \$50,000 of administrative expenses in 2023. These expenses were primarily for the reimbursement of the costs to the Ministry of Finance of providing administrative services. The Directors of the Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan do not receive fees and, with the exception of interest paid on borrowed funds, the Corporation had no other expenses in the current year.

A table of lending activity for the current and previous year is presented on page 4.

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COMPARATIVE TABLE OF LENDING ACTIVITY

For the Year Ended December 31

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	(thousands of Canadian dollars)	
Amount of debentures offered to the Corporation	\$ 54,714	\$ 53,145
Prior year's purchase commitments carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>217</u>
Total purchase commitments for the year	\$ 54,714	\$ 53,362
Purchases completed	<u>50,452</u>	<u>53,362</u>
Purchase commitments outstanding at the year end	<u><u>\$ 4,262</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

DEBENTURES PURCHASED IN 2023

(thousands of Canadian dollars)

City of Prince Albert	\$ 30,000
RM of Browning No. 34	12,000
RM of Coalfields No. 4	3,000
RM of Leask No. 464	522
RM of Pinto Creek No. 75	400
Town of Gravelbourg	330
Town of Macklin	800
Town of Maidstone	2,400
Town of Midale	350
Town of Pense	450
Village of Conquest	200
	<u><u>\$ 50,452</u></u>

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management has prepared the financial statements of the Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards on a basis consistent with that of the previous year. Management is responsible for the reliability and integrity of the financial statements and all other information contained in this Annual Report.

Management has the primary responsibility for the integrity and objectivity of the financial statements. To fulfill this responsibility, management maintains appropriate systems of internal controls, policies and procedures to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded and that the books and records reflect the authorized transactions of the Corporation.

Dudley & Company LLP Chartered Professional Accountants, the Corporation's external auditors, have reviewed the systems of internal control and audited the financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards to enable them to express their opinion on the financial statements. Their report appears on the following page.

The financial statements have been examined and approved by the Board of Directors.



Rod Balkwill
General Manager



Shanna Hoffman
Treasurer

March 11, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly, Province of Saskatchewan

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the MUNICIPAL FINANCING CORPORATION OF SASKATCHEWAN (the Corporation), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity, and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2023 and notes to the financial statements, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as at December 31, 2023 and the results of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2023 in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

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 Corporation in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audits of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with those requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the 2023 Annual Report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon.

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

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or any knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this auditors' report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

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

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

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Corporation'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. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

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

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.



Dudley & Company LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants

Regina, Saskatchewan
March 11, 2024

MUNICIPAL FINANCING CORPORATION OF SASKATCHEWAN

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at December 31

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
(thousands of Canadian dollars)		
ASSETS		
Due from General Revenue Fund (Note 3)	\$ 6,811	\$ 889
Interest receivable	5,252	4,077
Debt retirement funds (Note 4)	19,772	16,328
Investments in municipal debentures (Note 5)	317,683	287,561
	\$ 349,518	\$ 308,855
LIABILITIES AND PROVINCE'S EQUITY		
Interest payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,556	\$ 1,321
Short-term debt (Note 6)	-	19,965
Debt (Note 6)	328,656	269,507
	330,212	290,793
Province of Saskatchewan's Equity		
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(549)	(1,393)
Retained earnings	19,855	19,455
	19,306	18,062
	\$ 349,518	\$ 308,855

(See accompanying notes)

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

For the Year Ended December 31

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	(thousands of Canadian dollars)	
Revenue		
Investment income - municipal debentures	\$ 10,862	\$ 9,796
Gain on early redemption - municipal debentures	4	-
Investment income - debt retirement funds (Note 4)	239	14
Interest income - GRF	155	15
	11,260	9,825
Expenses		
Interest on debt	10,810	8,974
Administration	50	50
	10,860	9,024
Net income	400	801
Other comprehensive income (loss)		
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to net income:		
Debt retirement funds designated as FVOCI:		
change in fair value during the period	844	(1,710)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 1,244	\$ (909)

(See accompanying notes)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended December 31

(thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Equity
Balance, January 1, 2022	\$ 18,654	\$ 317	\$ 18,971
Net income	801	-	801
Other comprehensive income (loss)	-	(1,710)	(1,710)
Balance, December 31, 2022	\$ 19,455	\$ (1,393)	\$ 18,062
Net income	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ 400
Other comprehensive income (loss)	-	844	844
Balance, December 31, 2023	\$ 19,855	\$ (549)	\$ 19,306

(See accompanying notes)

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Year Ended December 31

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	(thousands of Canadian dollars)	
Operating Activities		
Interest received from municipal debentures	\$ 9,869	\$ 8,731
Interest received from GRF	76	8
Accrued interest received on debt issuance	1,032	292
Interest paid on debt	(11,538)	(9,090)
Accrued interest paid on purchase of debentures	(102)	(61)
Payments to suppliers	(50)	(52)
	(713)	(172)
Cash used in operating activities	(713)	(172)
Investing Activities		
Purchase of municipal debentures	(50,452)	(53,362)
Proceeds from maturing municipal debentures	19,842	17,452
Proceeds from prepayment of debentures	492	1,435
	(30,118)	(34,475)
Cash used in investing activities	(30,118)	(34,475)
Financing Activities		
Debt retirement fund redemptions	-	1,923
Debt retirement fund installments	(2,362)	(2,156)
Issuance of long term debt	77,080	41,659
Repayment of long term debt	(18,000)	(15,996)
Issuance of short term debt	69,265	45,635
Repayment of short term debt	(89,230)	(35,911)
	36,753	35,154
Cash provided by financing activities	36,753	35,154
Net increase in cash equivalents during the year	5,922	507
Cash equivalents, beginning of year	889	382
Cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 6,811	\$ 889

(See accompanying notes)

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2023

1. Status of the Corporation

The Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan is a Canadian company that was established in 1969 pursuant to the provisions of **The Municipal Financing Corporation Act**. The Corporation's objective is to assist municipalities in financing their capital requirements.

The Corporation is a Crown corporation of the Government of Saskatchewan and is therefore not subject to Federal or Provincial income tax but is subject to Provincial corporation capital tax.

The Corporation is administered by the Ministry of Finance at 2350 Albert Street, Regina, Saskatchewan.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and interpretations as published in the CPA Canada Handbook – Accounting effective as of December 31, 2023.

These financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on March 11, 2024.

Basis of Measurement

These financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars and have been prepared on a historical cost basis.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Interest Revenue and Expense

Interest revenue and expense for all investments in municipal debentures and debt is calculated using the effective interest method. This method uses a rate that discounts estimated future cash flows over the expected life of a financial asset or liability to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or liability. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Corporation estimates future cash flows by considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument other than potential future credit losses.

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Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are classified into one of the following categories: fair value through profit or loss, fair value through other comprehensive income and amortized cost.

All financial instruments are measured at fair value on initial recognition. Transaction costs are included in the initial carrying amount of financial instruments, except for financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, in which case the transaction costs are expensed as incurred. Measurement in subsequent periods depends on the classification of the financial instrument.

i. Fair value through profit or loss

The corporation has no financial assets or liabilities classified at fair value through profit or loss. Financial assets and financial liabilities would be classified as at fair value through profit or loss if they are held for trading or designated as such upon initial recognition.

ii. Fair value through other comprehensive income

Debt retirement funds are classified at fair value through other comprehensive income. Debt retirement funds represent investments that the Corporation intends to hold for the long term for strategic purposes.

iii. Amortized cost

Due from the General Revenue Fund, interest receivable, investments in municipal debentures, interest payable, accrued liabilities and both short and long-term debt are classified at amortized cost. The amortized cost category consists of financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. These financial assets are accounted for at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

New Accounting Standards Not Yet Adopted

The Corporation has no unadopted accounting standards that would materially affect its financial statements.

3. Due from General Revenue Fund

The Corporation's bank account is included in the Consolidated Offset Bank Concentration arrangement for the Government of Saskatchewan.

The Corporation's earned interest is calculated and paid quarterly by the General Revenue Fund to the Corporation using the General Revenue Fund's thirty-day borrowing rate and the Corporation's average daily bank account balance. The General Revenue Fund's average thirty-day borrowing rate for 2023 was 4.75% (2022 – 1.86%).

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4. Debt Retirement Funds

Under conditions attached to certain advances from the Government of Saskatchewan's General Revenue Fund, the Corporation is required to pay annually into debt retirement funds administered by the Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of Finance, amounts at least equal to 1% of certain debt outstanding. As at December 31, 2023 scheduled debt retirement fund installments for the next five years are as follows:

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Debt retirement fund annual contribution	\$ 2,902	\$ 2,752	\$ 2,722	\$ 2,619	\$ 2,597

A reconciliation between the opening and closing debt retirement funds balance is provided below:

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)	Dec. 31 2023	Dec. 31 2022
Debt retirement funds, beginning of year	\$ 16,328	\$ 17,791
Debt retirement fund instalments	2,362	2,156
Debt retirement fund earnings	239	14
	\$ 18,929	\$ 19,961
Debt retirement fund redemptions	-	(1,923)
Debt retirement fund market value gains (losses)	843	(1,710)
Debt retirement funds, end of year	\$ 19,772	\$ 16,328

\$2.0 million (2022 - \$nil) of the Corporation's debt retirement funds pertain to debt that matures within twelve months.

5. Investments in Municipal Debentures

The Corporation invests in fixed rate debentures issued by cities, towns, villages, rural municipalities and school divisions throughout the Province of Saskatchewan. Debentures purchased by the Corporation must be approved by the Saskatchewan Municipal Board, where applicable.

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The Corporation has an investment in 188 (December 31, 2022 – 191) debentures issued by 119 (December 31, 2022 – 117) issuers with a weighted average yield of 3.58% (December 31, 2022 – 3.44%) and maturity dates ranging from 2024 through 2058.

The carrying amount invested by issuer category is as follows:

	Dec. 31		Dec. 31
	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>
	(thousands of Canadian dollars)		
Cities	\$ 180,513	\$	157,512
Towns	51,987		52,998
Villages	10,737		11,950
Rural Municipalities	72,666		62,784
School Divisions	1,780		2,317
	<u>\$ 317,683</u>	\$	<u>287,561</u>

Investments in municipal debentures maturing in the next five years are as follows:

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
	\$ 22,257	\$ 22,208	\$ 22,609	\$ 19,403	\$ 17,718

The fair value of these debentures is \$313.2 million (December 31, 2022 - \$275.5 million). This fair value is determined by discounting the debentures' future cash flows using investment rates presently available to the Corporation for investments with similar terms and remaining maturity. Prepayment rates and credit losses are assumed to be zero, based on the past experience of the Corporation. A one per cent change in the investment rates noted above would change the fair value of these debentures by approximately \$24.3 million. The Corporation measures its investments in municipal debentures at amortized cost using the effective interest method, so changes in the fair value of these securities have no immediate effect on net earnings.

The Corporation's policy is to permit borrowers to redeem debentures prior to maturity. The redemption price of debentures is set at the higher of the fair market value of the debenture and the remaining principal balance owing. During 2023, \$0.488 million of debentures were redeemed prior to maturity (2022 - \$1.436 million).

At December 31, 2023, the Corporation had committed to purchase \$4.262 million (2023 - \$nil) of debentures in the subsequent fiscal year.

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6. Debt

	Dec. 31, 2023		Dec. 31, 2022	
	Principal Outstanding	Average Interest Rate	Principal Outstanding	Average Interest Rate
	(thousands of Canadian dollars)			
Amounts due in:				
1-5 years	\$ 56,530	2.58%	\$ 74,530	2.60%
6-10 years	117,800	3.51%	30,000	2.18%
11-15 years	17,000	3.65%	26,800	3.75%
16-20 years	22,879	3.63%	22,879	3.63%
More than 20 years	120,000	3.72%	120,000	3.72%
	\$ 334,209		\$ 274,209	
Unamortized deferred financing charges	(5,553)		(4,702)	
Long-term debt	\$ 328,656	3.44%	\$ 269,507	3.24%

The fair value of long-term debt is \$320.4 million (December 31, 2022 - \$253.3 million). This amount is determined by discounting future cash flows using borrowing rates presently available to the Corporation for debt with similar terms and remaining maturity. A one per cent change in the borrowing rates noted above would change the fair value of debt by approximately \$29.8 million. The Corporation measures its debt at amortized cost using the effective interest method, so changes in the fair value of debt have no immediate effect on net earnings.

Short-term debt of \$nil (2022 - \$20.0 million) is a line of credit issued from the GRF. Book value of short-term debt approximates its fair value.

a) operating line of credit

The Corporation is authorized to borrow up to \$200.0 million on a short term basis from the GRF.

b) principal repayments

Principal repayments for the next five years are as follows:

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
	\$ 21,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,330	\$ 2,200	\$ -

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7. Related Party Transactions

The Corporation is controlled by the Government of Saskatchewan.

These financial statements include the results of transactions with various Saskatchewan Crown corporations, ministries, agencies, boards and commissions related to the Corporation by virtue of common control by the Government of Saskatchewan. Significant outstanding balances and transactions are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	(thousands of Canadian dollars)	
Balances		
Due from General Revenue Fund	\$ 6,811	\$ 889
Interest receivable	50	65
Debt retirement funds	19,772	16,328
Investments in municipal debentures	1,780	2,317
Interest payable and accrued liabilities	1,556	1,312
Short-term debt	-	19,965
Long-term debt	328,656	269,507
Transactions		
Investment income - municipal debentures	104	131
Investment income - debt retirement funds	239	14
Investment income - GRF	155	15
Interest on debt	10,809	8,974
Administration	40	40

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8. Financial Instruments

Management of Financial Risks

The activities of the Corporation result in exposure to three types of risk:

i) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the Corporation's assets and liabilities will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. This risk exists because the maturity dates of the Corporation's assets and liabilities are not precisely matched:

Year of Maturity	Financial Assets	Financial Liabilities	Difference 2023	Difference 2022
	(thousands of Canadian dollars)			
2023	36,396	22,557	13,839	(14,386)
2 - 5 years	84,710	35,509	49,201	23,371
Thereafter	228,412	272,146	(43,734)	4,375
	<u>\$ 349,518</u>	<u>\$ 330,212</u>	<u>\$ 19,306</u>	<u>\$ 13,360</u>

The Corporation manages this risk by matching the maturity dates of material assets and liabilities to the extent possible.

ii) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that financial obligations will not be met over the short-term due to lack of access to capital. This risk is managed by distributing debt maturities over many years, maintaining debt retirement funds on long-term debt issues and maintaining adequate cash reserves and a \$200 million short-term line of credit with the General Revenue Fund.

A maturity analysis of financial liabilities is as follows:

(thousands of Canadian dollars)	Contractual Maturities				
	Carrying Amount	Less than 1 Year	1-2 years	3-5 Years	More Than 5 Years
Interest payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,556	\$ 1,556	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Short-term debt	-	-	-	-	-
Long-term debt	328,656	-	41,000	15,530	272,126
	<u>\$ 330,212</u>	<u>\$ 1,556</u>	<u>\$ 41,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,530</u>	<u>\$ 272,126</u>

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iii) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that the Corporation will not receive payment in full for its investments in municipal debentures or its debt retirement funds.

For municipal debentures, this risk is managed by legislative restrictions on the amounts that can be borrowed by local governments and scrutiny of all proposed transactions. Few of the Corporation's municipal debentures have a credit rating, however all are considered secure. At December 31, 2023, the Corporation had a maximum exposure of \$317.6 million (2022 - \$287.6 million) on its investments in municipal debentures.

For debt retirement funds, this risk is managed by holding a diversified portfolio of investment grade fixed income securities and amounts due from the General Revenue Fund. The investment guidelines applicable to the debt retirement funds prohibit the acquisition of non-investment grade securities. At December 31, 2023, the Corporation had no exposure on its debt retirement funds of \$19.8 million (2022 - \$16.3 million).

The Corporation has never experienced a credit-related loss.

Fair Value Information Regarding Financial Instruments

Fair value is the amount of consideration that would be agreed upon in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act. The Corporation has classified the fair valuation of its financial instruments as level 1, 2 or 3 as defined below.

Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices).

Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

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(thousands of Canadian dollars)	Classification	Fair Value Hierarchy	Dec. 31, 2023		Dec. 31, 2022	
			Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
FINANCIAL ASSETS						
Due from General Revenue Fund	AC	n/a	\$ 6,811	\$ 6,811	\$ 889	\$ 889
Interest receivable	AC	n/a	5,252	5,252	4,077	4,077
Debt retirement funds	FVOCI	Level 2	19,772	19,772	16,328	16,328
Investments in municipal debentures	AC	Level 2	317,683	313,190	287,561	275,457
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES						
Interest payable and accrued liabilities	AC	n/a	1,556	1,556	1,321	1,321
Short-term debt	AC	Level 2	-	-	19,965	19,965
Long-term debt	AC	Level 2	328,656	320,377	269,507	253,381

Classification details: AC - amortized cost, FVOCI - fair value through other comprehensive income, OL - other liabilities
 Not Applicable (n/a) financial instruments, including Due from General Revenue Fund, Interest receivable and Interest payable and accrued liabilities, are carried at values which approximate their fair value.

The fair value of debt retirement funds is determined by Saskatchewan's Ministry of Finance using a market approach with information provided by investment dealers. To the extent possible, valuations reflect indicative secondary pricing for these securities. In all other circumstances, valuations are determined with reference to similar actively traded instruments.

The fair value of investments in municipal debentures and debt are determined for disclosure purposes only using an income approach. Fair values are estimated using the present value of future cash flows discounted at the market rate of interest for the equivalent Province of Saskatchewan debt instruments.

Other Information Regarding Financial Instruments

The effective interest rates on the Corporation's interest bearing financial instruments are as follows:

	Dec. 31 2023	Dec. 31 2022
Investments in municipal debentures	3.58%	3.44%
Interest bearing liabilities	3.44%	3.32%

The Corporation had no impaired financial instruments, so no interest income or losses were incurred from such assets.

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9. Capital Management

The Corporation defines its capital as its reinvested earnings and its short and long term debt payable.

The Corporation strives to ensure that the interest rate on its investment in municipal debentures exceeds the effective interest rate on its long term debt. The Corporation also attempts to match the payments required to service its long term debt to the cash flows expected from its investments.

The Corporation is not subject to any external or statutory capital requirements.

The points noted above have not changed from the previous fiscal year.

Information on the specific management of financial risks is included in Note 8.

10. Operations Budget

The Corporation's annual budget is approved by its board of directors. For 2023, the approved budget was as follows:

(thousands of Canadian dollars)

Revenue		
Investment income - municipal debentures	\$	9,980
Investment income - debt retirement funds		450
Investment income - General Revenue Fund		20
		<hr/>
		10,450
Expenses		
Interest on debt		10,000
Administration - Ministry of Finance		40
- audit		10
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		10,050
Net income	\$	<hr/> <hr/> 400