

Ernestine's Women's Shelter
Financial Statements
For the year ended March 31, 2021

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of Ernestine's Women's Shelter

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Ernestine's Women's Shelter (the organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2021, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position as at March 31, 2021, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the organization derives revenue from donations and fundraising activities the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to fundraising and donation revenues, excess of revenues over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the years ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, current assets as at March 31, 2021 and 2020, and net assets as at April 1 and March 31 for both the 2021 and 2020 years. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2020 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

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

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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 organization'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 or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Barrie, Ontario
June 28, 2021

**Ernestine's Women's Shelter
Statement of Financial Position**

March 31 2021 2020

Assets

Current

Cash (note 2)	\$ 392,621	\$ 186,523
Short-term investments (note 3)	373,080	56,194
Accounts receivable (note 4)	117,210	72,118
Prepaid expenses	54,700	65,547

937,611 380,382

Long-Term Investments (note 3) 735,747 681,132

Capital Assets, at cost less accumulated amortization (note 5) 3,389,390 3,461,001

\$ 5,062,748 \$ 4,522,515

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 6)	\$ 282,351	\$ 100,888
Deferred contributions (note 7)	22,363	79,042

304,714 179,930

Long-Term Debt (note 8) 638,889 675,555

Deferred Contributions Related to Capital Assets (note 9) 1,741,335 1,834,990

Contingency (note 17)

Net Assets

Unrestricted	918,644	611,498
Internally restricted reserve funds (note 11)	450,000	270,086
Invested in capital assets (note 10)	1,009,166	950,456

2,377,810 1,832,040

\$ 5,062,748 \$ 4,522,515

On behalf of the Board:



Director



Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Ernestine's Women's Shelter Statement of Operations

For the year ended March 31	2021	2020
Revenues		
Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (note 12)	\$ 1,627,827	\$ 1,407,040
Fundraising and donations	919,239	596,620
United Way	406,482	336,482
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	113,471	(65,274)
Amortization of deferred contributions related to capital assets (note 9)	93,655	93,655
Women's Shelters Canada	79,202	-
City of Toronto	-	60,034
CMHC debt forgiveness (note 8)	36,666	36,666
Investment income	29,186	31,849
City of Toronto - personal needs allowance	15,142	36,407
Other	1,480	1,401
Government of Canada	-	12,394
	3,322,350	2,547,274
Expenses		
Salaries and wages	1,511,972	1,516,516
Residents' expenses (note 13)	545,839	269,610
Employee benefits	221,049	245,198
Amortization of capital assets	153,028	153,491
Repairs and maintenance	144,732	71,345
Travel	90,614	7,037
Office and general	70,075	52,906
Professional fees	50,294	28,267
Fundraising expenses	37,401	86,220
Transitional support expenses	28,573	16,263
Payroll fees and bank charges	19,500	14,926
Training and development	11,254	13,082
Memberships and dues	7,149	4,733
Capacity building	5,663	5,428
Volunteer expenses	666	4,385
	2,897,809	2,489,407
Government assistance (note 14)		
- Canada emergency wage subsidy (CEWS)	108,207	-
- 10% temporary wage subsidy (TWS)	13,022	-
	121,229	-
Excess of revenues over expenses for the year	\$ 545,770	\$ 57,867

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Ernestine's Women's Shelter Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended March 31

2021

	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted (note 11)	Invested in Capital Assets (note 10)	Total
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 611,498	\$ 270,086	\$ 950,456	\$ 1,832,040
Excess of revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues) for the year	568,477	-	(22,707)	545,770
Net change in investment in capital assets	(81,417)	-	81,417	-
Fund transfer (note 11)	(179,914)	179,914	-	-
Balance, end of year	\$918,644	\$ 450,000	\$ 1,009,166	\$ 2,377,810

For the year ended March 31

2020

	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted (note 11)	Invested in Capital Assets (note 10)	Total
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 538,090	\$ 270,086	\$ 965,997	\$ 1,774,173
Excess of revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues) for the year	81,037	-	(23,170)	57,867
Net change in investment in capital assets	(7,629)	-	7,629	-
Balance, end of year	\$ 611,498	\$ 270,086	\$ 950,456	\$ 1,832,040

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**Ernestine's Women's Shelter
Statement of Cash Flows**

For the year ended March 31	2021	2020
Cash flows from operating activities		
Excess of revenues over expenses for the year	\$ 545,770	\$ 57,867
Adjustments for		
Amortization of capital assets	153,028	153,491
CMHC debt forgiveness	(36,666)	(36,666)
Amortization of deferred contributions related to capital assets	(93,655)	(93,655)
	<u>568,477</u>	<u>81,037</u>
Net change in non-cash working capital balances		
Accounts receivable	(45,093)	(34,274)
Prepaid expenses	10,844	5,894
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	181,467	(36,096)
Deferred contributions	(56,679)	(3,596)
	<u>90,539</u>	<u>(68,072)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Additions to capital assets	(81,417)	(18,629)
Decrease (increase) in investments	(371,501)	117,685
	<u>(452,918)</u>	<u>99,056</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Increase in deferred contributions related to capital assets	-	11,000
Increase in cash during the year	206,098	123,021
Cash, beginning of year	<u>186,523</u>	<u>63,502</u>
Cash, end of year	\$ 392,621	\$ 186,523

Ernestine's Women's Shelter

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended March 31, 2021

1. Significant Accounting Policies

Nature and Purpose of Organization

Ernestine's Women's Shelter is incorporated without share capital under the laws of Ontario. Ernestine's provides temporary emergency housing, crisis counselling and protection for women and children escaping from situations of emotional, psychological and physical abuse.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared using Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of 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 at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. The principal estimates used in the preparation of these financial statements include the estimated useful life of capital assets and fair value of financial instruments. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

Capital Assets

Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution. Where fair value cannot be reasonably determined, contributed assets are recorded at a nominal amount.

Amortization is provided on capital assets based on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Building	- 20 to 40 years
Shelter furniture and equipment	- 10 years
Office furniture and equipment	- 5 years
Telephone system	- 10 years
Security system	- 10 years
Paving and landscaping	- 10 years
Fence	- 40 years
Computer software	- 1 year
Computer hardware	- 3 years

Ernestine's Women's Shelter Notes to the Financial Statements

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1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Revenue Recognition

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions which includes donations and grants.

Operating revenues, including grants, are recorded as revenue in the period to which they relate. Grants approved but not received at the end of an accounting period are accrued. When a portion of a grant relates to a future period, it is deferred and recognized in that future period.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Externally restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are recognized.

Contributions restricted for the purchase of capital assets are deferred and amortized into revenue at a rate which corresponds with the amortization rate of the related capital asset.

Investment income is recorded when earned.

Forgiveness of debt is recognized as revenue in the period when the debt is forgiven.

Income Taxes

The organization is not subject to federal or provincial income taxes pursuant to exemptions accorded to registered charities in the income tax legislation.

Contributed Materials and Services

Contributions of materials and assets are recognized in the period they are donated at their fair market value.

The organization is dependent on the voluntary services of many individuals. Since these contributed services are not normally purchased by the organization and because of the inherent difficulty in estimating their fair value, these services are not recorded in these financial statements.

Ernestine's Women's Shelter Notes to the Financial Statements

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1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Impairment of Long Lived Assets

In the event that facts and circumstances indicate that the organization's long lived assets may be impaired, an evaluation of recoverability would be performed. Such an evaluation entails comparing the estimated future undiscounted cash flows associated with the asset to the asset's carrying amount to determine if a write down to market value or discounted cash flow is required. The organization considers that no circumstances exist that would require such an evaluation.

Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, equities traded in an active market are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in operations. In addition, all bonds and guaranteed investment certificates have been designated to be in the fair value category, with gains and losses reported in operations. All other financial instruments are reported at cost or amortized cost less impairment, if applicable. Financial assets are tested for impairment when changes in circumstances indicate the asset could be impaired. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale or issue of financial instruments are expensed for those items remeasured at fair value at each statement of financial position date and charged to the financial instrument for those measured at amortized cost.

2. Cash

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Petty cash	\$ 500	\$ 526
Investment cash	1,306	21,093
General account	390,687	164,884
Web donations account	128	20
	<u>\$ 392,621</u>	<u>\$ 186,523</u>

The organization's bank accounts are held at a chartered bank. The bank accounts earn interest at variable rates calculated on the daily balance.

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3. Investments

	2021	2020
Bonds, measured at amortized cost	\$ 407,728	\$ 453,755
Canadian equities, measured at fair value	386,876	283,571
Renaissance high interest savings account	314,223	-
Less amounts maturing in the next 12 months included in current assets	(373,080)	(56,194)
	\$ 735,747	\$ 681,132

Investments in bonds have an effective interest rate of 3.15% to 5.65% per annum (2020 - 3.15% to 5.65%) and have maturity dates between November 18, 2021 and December 1, 2033 (February 1, 2021 and December 1, 2033).

4. Accounts Receivable

	2021	2020
Grants receivable	\$ 60,336	\$ 52,354
Accrued interest receivable on investments	3,175	3,557
HST receivable	42,263	16,207
Other receivables	11,436	-
	\$ 117,210	\$ 72,118

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5. Capital Assets

	2021		2020	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Cost	Accumulated Amortization
Land	\$ 833,588	\$ -	\$ 833,588	\$ -
Building	3,581,611	1,284,182	3,558,474	1,194,637
Computer hardware and software	103,247	84,952	85,339	77,919
Shelter furniture and equipment	299,639	180,705	299,639	155,044
Office furniture and equipment	211,958	178,935	203,275	154,891
Telephone system	12,441	1,866	12,441	622
Security system	56,658	46,229	52,876	45,208
Paving and landscaping	70,087	45,450	44,154	44,077
Fence	45,312	2,832	45,312	1,699
	\$ 5,214,541	\$ 1,825,151	\$ 5,135,098	\$ 1,674,097
Net book value		\$ 3,389,390		\$ 3,461,001

6. Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities as at March 31, 2021 are government remittances totaling \$18,678 (2020 - \$16,435).

7. Deferred Contributions

Deferred operating contributions relates to funding received in the current year that will be recognized into revenue in future years when the related expenses are incurred.

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8. Long-Term Debt

	2021	2020
<p>City of Toronto forgivable loan payable, loan is non-interest bearing and the agreement is for a 25 year term, the loan is 100% repayable if the agreement is terminated before April 12, 2021; 75% is repayable if the agreement is terminated between April 12, 2021 and April 12, 2025; 50% repayable if the agreement is terminated between April 12, 2025 and April 11, 2030, loan is secured by a collateral charge on the property</p>	\$ 565,554	\$ 565,554
<p>Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation forgivable loan payable, loan is non-interest bearing and the agreement is for a 15 year term, maturing May 1, 2022, loan is forgivable at the rate of 1/15th of the original principal amount of \$550,000 for each year (\$36,667 per year) that the property is owned and used in accordance with the agreement beginning May 1, 2008, if default occurs or if there is any breach of the conditions set out in the commitment letter, the unearned amount is immediately due and payable, the loan is secured by a registered first mortgage on the property</p>	73,335	110,001
	\$ 638,889	\$ 675,555

9. Deferred Contributions Related to Capital Assets

Deferred contributions represent the unamortized amount of grants and restricted donations received and used for the purchase of certain capital assets. The amortization of these contributions is recorded as revenue in the statement of operations.

	2021	2020
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 1,834,990	\$ 1,917,645
Assaulted Women's Helpline funding	-	11,000
Amounts amortized to revenue	(93,655)	(93,655)
Balance, end of year	\$ 1,741,335	\$ 1,834,990

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10. Net Assets Invested in Capital Assets

Net assets invested in capital assets consists of the following:

	2021	2020
Capital assets	\$ 3,389,390	\$ 3,461,001
Long-term debt	(638,889)	(675,555)
Deferred contributions related to capital assets	(1,741,335)	(1,834,990)
	\$ 1,009,166	\$ 950,456

Net change in investment in capital assets:

	2021	2020
Additions to capital assets	\$ 81,417	\$ 18,629
Increase in deferred grants related to capital assets	-	(11,000)
	\$ 81,417	\$ 7,629

The portion of excess of revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues) charged to net assets invested in capital assets consists of the following:

	2021	2020
Amortization of deferred contributions related to capital assets	\$ 93,655	\$ 93,655
CMHC debt forgiveness	36,666	36,666
Amortization of capital assets	(153,028)	(153,491)
	\$ (22,707)	\$ (23,170)

Ernestine's Women's Shelter Notes to the Financial Statements

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11. Internally Restricted Reserve Funds

Capital Acquisitions and Replacements Reserve Fund

During 2003, the Board of Directors have approved a policy to designate any unrestricted operating surplus in excess of three months' operating expenses as internally restricted assets for capital acquisitions and replacements. During the year, the Board approved a transfer of \$109,914 from unrestricted net assets based on projected capital expenses over the next five years.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 240,086	\$ 240,086
Transfer from unrestricted net assets	<u>109,914</u>	-
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 350,000</u>	<u>\$ 240,086</u>

Human Resources Reserve Fund

During 2007, the Board has approved a policy to designate certain surplus funds to a Human Resource fund. These funds will allow the organization to manage, on an ongoing basis, unanticipated personnel expenditures. During the year, the Board approved a transfer of \$70,000 from unrestricted assets for this purpose.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Transfer from unrestricted assets	<u>70,000</u>	-
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
Total Internally Restricted Reserve Funds	<u>\$ 450,000</u>	<u>\$ 270,086</u>

Ernestine's Women's Shelter Notes to the Financial Statements

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12. Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services Grant Revenues

	2021	2020
Case management	\$ 1,138,046	\$ 1,211,494
Transitional support program	71,456	71,276
Capacity building	5,650	5,400
Proxy pay equity adjustment	4,853	4,863
Temporary beds	-	45,000
Child and youth	40,744	51,403
COVID-19 residential relief	281,277	17,604
Pandemic pay	27,523	-
Gender based funding	58,278	-
	\$ 1,627,827	\$ 1,407,040

13. Residents' Expenses

	2021	2020
Program expense	\$ 386,881	\$ 134,904
Food and supplies	113,267	82,954
Utilities	26,269	31,586
Insurance	16,052	16,071
Telephone	3,370	4,095
	\$ 545,839	\$ 269,610

Included in the March 31, 2021 program expenses are COVID-19 related expenses for hotel accomodation, transportation, other social distancing measures and food security support in the amount of \$218,621.

14. Government Assistance

During the year, the organization determined they were eligible for \$108,207 of Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) funding and \$13,022 of 10% Temporary Emergency Wage Subsidy (TWS). The subsidy program provides employers with assistance by paying a percentage of an employee's wages up to a maximum per week. The total eligible amount of the grant funding was recorded as revenue during the year.

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15. Financial Instrument Risk

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The organization is exposed to interest rate risk through its interest bearing investments.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The organization is exposed to credit risk arising from non-collection of its accounts receivable. The majority of the organization's receivables are due from government entities. There has been no history of significant impairments and management considers there to be minimal exposure to credit risk.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the organization encounters difficulty in meeting its obligations associated with financial liabilities. Liquidity risk includes the risk that, as a result of operational liquidity requirements, the organization will not have sufficient funds to settle a transaction on the due date; will be forced to sell financial assets at a value, which is less than what they are worth; or may be unable to settle or recover a financial asset. Liquidity risk arises from accounts payable and accrued liabilities and long-term debt.

Market Risk

The company is exposed to fluctuations in equity markets on its long-term investments.

There has been no changes to the organization's financial instrument risk exposure from the prior year.

16. Economic Dependence

The organization received 55% (2020 - 62.9%) of its revenue from a combination of grants from federal, provincial and municipal governments.

Ernestine's Women's Shelter Notes to the Financial Statements

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17. Contingency

Several of the organization's programs are funded by external agencies, including the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, United Way and City of Toronto. The organization has a service contract under the MCCSS Act with the Ministry. The amount of funding provided to the organization is subject to final review and approval by the Ministry. As at the date of these financial statements, funding for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 has not been subject to this review process. Any adjustment to prior years' funding resulting from a review of the programs by these agencies are recorded in the period in which written confirmation is received.

18. COVID-19

On March 11, 2020, the COVID-19 outbreak was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. On March 17, 2020 and January 14, 2021, the province of Ontario declared a state of emergency and ordered the closure of many establishments. Due to both Federal and Provincial government restrictions put in place to mitigate the impact of this virus, the organization temporarily reduced its operations to essential work only.

The Ministry has created a COVID-19 Residential Relief Fund (CRRF) to support residential gender-based violence residential programming to help address the financial and service delivery pressures during the outbreak. The ministry also provided funded pandemic pay for frontline workers.

The organization received additional funding from the United Way of Greater Toronto and Women's Shelter Canada and the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) (note 14) to combat the impacts of the pandemic on the organization.

Subsequent to year end, on April 8, 2021, the province of Ontario declared another stay-at-home order. If the impacts of COVID-19 continue, there could be impacts on the organization and the clients it serves, suppliers and other third party business associates that may impact the timing and delivery of services and funding amounts received by the Ministry. At this time, the full potential impact of COVID-19 on the organization is not known.
