

Financial Statements of

# **FORESTRY FUTURES TRUST**

Year ended March 31, 2016



August 8, 2016

**Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting**

The accompanying financial statements of the Forestry Futures Trust ("Trust") are the responsibility of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry (the "Ministry") and RBC Investor Services Trust as Trustee for the Ministry. The financial position and operations of the Trust, pursuant to the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, are included in the financial statements, which have been prepared by management in accordance Canadian public sector accounting standards. The statements include certain amounts based on estimates and judgments. Management has determined such amounts on a reasonable basis in order to ensure that the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects.

Management, with the assistance of the Trustee, maintains a system of internal accounting and administrative control that is designed to provide reasonable assurance the financial information is relevant, reliable and accurate and that the Trust's assets are properly accounted for and adequately safeguarded.

The financial statements have been audited by KPMG LLP, a firm of independent external auditors appointed by the Trust's Committee, whose report follows.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
and the Trustee of Forestry Futures Trust

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Forestry Futures Trust, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2016, the statements of operations, remeasurement gains and losses and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

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

### *Auditors' Responsibility*

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

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

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



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*Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Forestry Futures Trust as at March 31, 2016, and its results of operations, its remeasurement gains and losses and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

*KPMG LLP*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'KPMG LLP'. The signature is written in a cursive, slanted style. Below the signature is a horizontal line that starts under the 'K' and ends under the 'P', with a small upward tick at the end.

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

August 8, 2016  
Toronto, Canada

# FORESTRY FUTURES TRUST

## Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2016, with comparative information for 2015

	2016	2015
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 102,942	\$ 100,132
Accrued investment income	387,303	391,369
Due from Forest Renewal Trust	278,457	173,627
Unexpended Forestry Futures Trust Committee advances	245,942	153,694
Harmonized sales tax recoveries receivable (note 8)	933,595	283,156
	<u>1,948,239</u>	<u>1,101,978</u>
Investments at fair value (notes 4 and 5)	54,504,883	51,306,003
	<u>\$ 56,453,122</u>	<u>\$ 52,407,981</u>

## Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 217,013	\$ 162,882
Holdbacks on Forestry Futures Trust disbursements	109,354	22,258
	<u>326,367</u>	<u>185,140</u>
Net assets:		
Trust settlement	1	1
Net assets available for Forestry Futures		
Trust project disbursements	56,179,636	51,380,291
Accumulated remeasurement gains (losses)	(52,882)	842,549
	<u>56,126,755</u>	<u>52,222,841</u>
Commitments (note 11)		
	<u>\$ 56,453,122</u>	<u>\$ 52,407,981</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Trust:

\_\_\_\_\_ Trustee

\_\_\_\_\_ Ontario Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

# FORESTRY FUTURES TRUST

## Statement of Operations

Year ended March 31, 2016, with comparative information for 2015

	2016	2015
Investment income:		
Interest income (note 7)	\$ 1,508,767	\$ 1,369,505
Net realized gain on sale of investments	174,480	247,830
Total investment income	1,683,247	1,617,335
Expenses:		
Forestry Futures Trust Committee	453,059	506,306
Trustee and investment management fees (note 10)	122,642	111,693
Audit fee	48,759	42,559
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry administrative fees (note 10)	4,688	4,688
Harmonized sales tax recoveries (note 8)	—	(43,111)
Total expenses	629,148	622,135
Investment income over expenses	1,054,099	995,200
Forestry Futures Trust capital funding transactions:		
Forestry Futures Trust charges	21,423,832	18,518,800
Forestry Futures Trust project disbursements	(17,678,586)	(13,899,985)
Forestry Futures Trust project disbursement harmonized sales tax recoveries (note 8)	—	688,264
Net Forestry Futures Trust capital funding surplus	3,745,246	5,307,079
Surplus for the year	4,799,345	6,302,279
Net assets available for Forestry Futures Trust project disbursements, beginning of year	51,380,291	45,078,012
Net assets available for Forestry Futures Trust project disbursements, end of year	\$ 56,179,636	\$ 51,380,291

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# FORESTRY FUTURES TRUST

## Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses

Year ended March 31, 2016, with comparative information for 2015

	2016	2015
Accumulated remeasurement gains (losses), beginning of year	\$ 842,549	\$ (328,998)
Change in unrealized gains (losses) attributable to investments	(720,951)	1,419,377
Amounts reclassified to the statement of operations:		
Net realized gain on sale of investments	(174,480)	(247,830)
Net remeasurement gains (losses) for the year	(895,431)	1,171,547
Accumulated remeasurement gains (losses), end of year	\$ (52,882)	\$ 842,549

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# FORESTRY FUTURES TRUST

## Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended March 31, 2016, with comparative information for 2015

	2016	2015
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities:		
Investment income over expenses	\$ 1,054,099	\$ 995,200
Net realized gain on sale of investments, which does not involve cash	(174,480)	(247,830)
Change in non-cash operating working capital:		
Decrease (increase) in accrued investment income	4,066	(60,792)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	54,131	64,433
Increase (decrease) in holdbacks on Forestry Futures Trust project disbursements	87,096	(13,294)
Decrease (increase) in due from Forest Renewal Trust	(104,830)	140,186
Decrease (increase) in unexpended Forestry Futures Trust Committee advances	(92,248)	57,262
Increase in harmonized sales tax recoveries receivable	(650,439)	(283,156)
	<u>177,395</u>	<u>652,009</u>
Capital activities:		
Capital receipts - Forestry Futures Trust charges	21,423,832	18,518,800
Capital disbursements - Forestry Futures Trust project disbursements	(17,678,586)	(13,899,985)
Capital disbursement harmonized sales tax recoveries	-	688,264
	<u>3,745,246</u>	<u>5,307,079</u>
Investing activities:		
Purchase of investments	(71,735,577)	(86,256,075)
Net proceeds of investments sold	67,815,746	80,332,008
	<u>(3,919,831)</u>	<u>(5,924,067)</u>
Increase in cash	2,810	35,021
Cash, beginning of year	100,132	65,111
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 102,942</u>	<u>\$ 100,132</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# FORESTRY FUTURES TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements

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## 1. Reporting entity:

Pursuant to the Crown Timber Act, R.S.O. 1990, and subsequently, the Crown Forest Sustainability Act ("CFSA") S.O. 1994, the Forestry Futures Trust (the "Trust") was originally established by an agreement dated February 7, 1995 for the purpose of managing the funding of silviculture expenses in Crown Forests where forest resources have been killed or damaged by fire or natural causes; on land that is subject to a forest resource license if the licensees become insolvent; for the funding of intensive stand management and pest control in respect of forest resources in Crown Forests; and for such other purposes as may be specified by the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry (the "Minister"). The Trust settlement amount of \$1 was paid to the Trustee by the Crown on that date. The terms of the Trust agreement were amended by a First Amending Agreement with an effective date of January 31, 1998, a Second Amending Agreement with an effective date of April 1, 2000, a Third Amending Agreement, with an effective date of April 1, 2001, a Fourth Amending Agreement with an effective date of April 1, 2003, a Fifth Amending Agreement with an effective date of April 1, 2009 and an Interim Agreement Amending the Fifth Amending Agreement with an effective date of April 1, 2009. The Trust is domiciled in Canada and its registered office is 155 Wellington Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5V 3L3. RBC Investor Services Trust is the Trustee.

Licensees are invoiced by the Crown on a monthly basis according to the volume of wood harvested. These forestry futures charges are paid to the Trustee which, in turn, credits the payment to the appropriate account of the Trust (note 9). Decisions on allocations of funds from the Trust are made by the Forestry Futures Trust Committee (the "Committee"), the members of which are appointed by the Minister. The Committee provides payment authorization concerning the disbursement of the funds in accordance with the criteria established by the Minister.

Throughout the year, following Committee-generated Project Authorizations, applicants submit claims for work completed to date and in accordance with the scheduled payments set out on the Project Authorization Form. At the end of the fiscal year, with the exception of the Independent Forest Audit ("IFA") program the applicants are required to submit a project work report, that details work completed and any unused funds available for release back into the Trust which are uncommitted for that particular project. The Trustee has no duty or obligation to assess the eligibility of cost claimed as it is the responsibility of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (the "Ministry").

The Trust was established by the Ministry to provide a funding mechanism independent of the provincial treasury to fund silviculture activities in Crown forests.

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## 2. Basis of presentation:

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards ("PSAS").

### (a) Functional and presentation currency:

These financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Trust's functional currency. Except as otherwise indicated, all financial information presented in Canadian dollars has been rounded to the nearest dollar.

### (b) Use of estimates and judgments:

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with PSAS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the year in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

### (c) Liquidity format:

The Trust presents its statement of financial position broadly in order of liquidity. Current assets and liabilities are expected to be recovered or settled within 12 months after the reporting date and non-current assets and liabilities are expected to be recovered or settled more than 12 months after the reporting dates.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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### 3. Significant accounting policies:

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all years presented in these financial statements, unless otherwise indicated.

(a) Interest:

Interest income, including interest income from non-derivative financial assets at fair value, is recognized in profit or loss using the effective interest method on an accrual basis. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments and receipts through the expected life of the financial asset or liability (or, where appropriate, a shorter period) to the carrying amount of the financial asset or liability.

(b) Realized gain from financial instruments at fair value:

Realized gain from financial instruments at fair value includes all realized fair value changes, but excludes interest and dividend income.

(c) Fees and other expenses:

Fees and other expenses are recognized in profit or loss on an accrual basis when due.

(d) Capital transactions:

Funds received for forestry futures charges are deposited into the Trust and are considered to be capital receipts at that time. Reimbursements are considered to be capital disbursements when they are claimed from the Trustee, as directed by the Ministry.

(e) Income taxes, harmonized sales tax ("HST") and goods and services tax ("GST"):

The Trust is considered to be an asset of the Crown and, as such, the Trustee, under the advisement of the Ministry, has taken the position that the income earned within the Trust is not subject to income taxes.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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### 3. Significant accounting policies (continued):

According to the Excise Tax Act interpretation, reimbursements paid to Forest License Holders from the Trust are consideration for a taxable supply of silviculture services for GST/HST purposes. As such, claims submitted by the applicants should be subject to GST/HST, and the Trust, through the Ministry, then files a recovery of an eligible rebate. Accordingly, GST/HST should be paid by the Trust and is accounted for with a net offset for GST/HST recoveries. This treatment has been applied for the year ended March 31, 2015 and the subsequent years moving forward (note 8).

For periods up to and including March 31, 2014, GST/HST was accounted for by the Trust, whereby the amounts invoiced by forest managers, including licensees, were paid by the Trust and no filings for recoveries were made. The Trust, through the Ministry, subsequently filed and, accordingly, recovered GST/HST during the 2015 fiscal year for periods up to and including March 31, 2015 (note 8).

(f) Financial assets and liabilities:

(i) Financial assets:

The Trust initially recognizes loans and receivables and deposits on the date that they are originated. All other financial assets (including assets designated at fair value) are recognized initially on the trade date at which the Trust becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

The Trust derecognizes a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows on the financial asset in transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred. Any interest in transferred financial assets that is created or retained by the Trust is recognized as a separate asset or liability.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Trust has a legal right to offset the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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### 3. Significant accounting policies (continued):

The Trust has the following non-derivative financial assets: investments at fair value and loans and receivables:

a. Investments at fair value:

Investments are designated at fair value if the Trust manages such investments and makes purchase and sale decisions based on their fair value in accordance with the Trust's Statement of Investment Policies and Goals (the "SIPG"). Upon initial recognition, attributable transaction costs are recognized in profit or loss as incurred. Subsequent remeasurement of financial assets measured at fair value are recognized in the statement of remeasurement of gains and losses until realized, which are then recognized in the statement of operations. The Trust's bond portfolio comprises its financial assets at fair value. The Trust has elected that all investments will be at fair value as they are managed and evaluated on the basis of fair value.

Realized gains are recorded in the statement of operations, while unrealized gains/losses are recorded through the statement of remeasurement gains and losses.

b. Loans and receivables:

Loans and receivables are financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Such assets are recognized initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, loans and receivables are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

Loans and receivables comprise accrued investment income and cash.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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### 3. Significant accounting policies (continued):

#### (ii) Financial liabilities:

Financial liabilities are recognized initially on the trade date at which the Trust becomes a party to the contractual provisions in the instrument.

The Trust derecognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expired.

Such financial liabilities are recognized initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, these financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

### 4. Financial assets and liabilities:

(a) The following table details the categories of financial assets and financial liabilities held by the Trust at the reporting date:

	2016	2015
<b>Assets</b>		
Financial assets at fair value:		
Designated at fair value upon initial recognition:		
Investment in bonds	\$ 47,716,525	\$ 47,164,485
Investment in Canada treasury bills and other discount notes	6,788,358	4,141,518
Total designated at fair value	54,504,883	51,306,003
Cash	102,942	100,132
Receivables and other assets	1,845,297	1,001,846
	1,948,239	1,101,978
Total assets	\$ 56,453,122	\$ 52,407,981
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Other liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 217,013	\$ 162,882
Holdbacks on Forestry Futures Trust disbursements	109,354	22,258
Total liabilities, excluding net assets available for Forestry Futures Trust project disbursements	\$ 326,367	\$ 185,140

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#### 4. Financial assets and liabilities (continued):

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost presented above represent accounts payable and accrued liabilities and holdbacks on Forestry Futures Trust disbursements.

(b) The fair values of investments are as follows:

	2016	2015
Canada treasury bills and other discount notes	\$ 6,788,358	\$ 4,141,518
Canada bonds	13,635,264	14,532,785
Provincial bonds	11,493,546	9,065,523
Corporate bonds and notes over one year	22,587,715	23,566,177
	<u>\$ 54,504,883</u>	<u>\$ 51,306,003</u>

#### 5. Fair value estimation:

Investments recorded at fair value on the Trust's statement of financial position are categorized based upon the level of judgment associated with the inputs used to measure their fair value. Hierarchical levels, defined by Public Sector ("PS") 3450, Financial Instruments - Other Disclosures ("PS 3450"), and directly related to the amount of subjectivity associated with inputs to fair valuation of these assets, are as follows:

- Level 1 - quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets;
- Level 2 - inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices); and
- Level 3 - inputs for the asset that are not based on observable market data.

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## 5. Fair value estimation (continued):

The valuation of the Trust's invested assets under PS 3450 as at March 31 is as follows:

2016	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Canada treasury bills and other discount notes	\$ –	\$ 6,788,358	\$ –	\$ 6,788,358
Bonds	–	47,716,525	–	47,716,525
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ –</b>	<b>\$ 54,504,883</b>	<b>\$ –</b>	<b>\$ 54,504,883</b>

2015	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Canada treasury bills and other discount notes	\$ –	\$ 4,141,518	\$ –	\$ 4,141,518
Bonds	–	47,164,485	–	47,164,485
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ –</b>	<b>\$ 51,306,003</b>	<b>\$ –</b>	<b>\$ 51,306,003</b>

There were no transfers between levels during the year.

The investments are actively managed according to SIPG for the Trust dated October 2013, which includes guidelines with respect to return expectations, asset mix, approved securities, constraints and investment strategies.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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## 6. Financial instruments and associated risks:

The Trust may be exposed to financial risks as a result of its investment holdings. The Trust's risk management practices include the establishment of investment guidelines, as outlined in the SIPG and regular monitoring of compliance with these guidelines. The Trust manages the potential effects of these financial risks on the Trust's performance by employing and overseeing portfolio advisors who regularly monitor the Trust's positions, market events and ensure that the investment portfolio is diversified in accordance with investment guidelines.

There have been no changes to exposures to financial risks, or the objectives, policies and processes in place for managing and measuring the risks.

Eligible investments include Canadian entities, such as equities, bonds, debentures, notes or other debt obligations of government agencies or public corporations, guaranteed investment certificates, annuities, cash and money market securities. The Trust's fixed income securities have a quality rating of "A" or better, as determined by a public bond rating agency.

### (a) Credit risk:

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty will be unable or unwilling to meet a commitment that it has entered with the Trust. Credit risk is generally higher when a non-exchange traded financial instrument is involved because the counterparty for the non-exchange traded financial instrument is not backed by an exchange clearing house. The Trust's fixed income investments are primarily in Canadian-issued instruments and are diversified among federal, provincial, corporate and other issuers. All transactions in listed securities are settled or paid for upon delivery using approved brokers. There were no significant concentrations of credit risk in the portfolio in either 2016 or 2015. The maximum credit risk exposure as at March 31, 2016 is \$54,892,186 (2015 - \$51,980,528), which includes investments, accrued investment income and expense recoveries receivable.

The breakdown of the bond investment portfolio by credit ratings as at March 31, 2016 is as follows:

Credit rating	2016	2015
AAA	39%	39%
AA	17%	18%
A	44%	43%
	100%	100%

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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## 6. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued):

The breakdown of the money market investment portfolio by credit rating as at March 31 is as follows:

Credit rating	2016	2015
R-1 (High)	31%	24%
R-1 (Mid)	50%	60%
R-1 (Low)	19%	16%
	100%	100%

### (b) Market risk:

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market factors, whether those changes are caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer, or all factors affecting all instruments traded in the market. As the Trust's investments are carried at fair value with fair value changes recognized through income, all changes in market conditions will directly result in an increase or decrease in net assets. Market price risk is managed by the Trust through the construction of a diversified portfolio of instruments traded on various markets and across various industries, which is actively managed by a third party administrator.

The Trust's investment in fixed income securities is sensitive to interest rate movements. In general, as interest rates rise, the price of a fixed rate bond will fall, and vice versa. The magnitude of the decline will generally be greater for long-term debt securities than short-term debt securities. An immediate hypothetical 100-basis-point or 1% increase in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, would decrease net assets by approximately \$2,242,670 as at March 31, 2016 (2015 - \$2,200,000).

### (c) Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Trust will be unable to meet its obligations as they come due because of an inability to liquidate assets.

# FORESTRY FUTURES TRUST

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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## 6. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued):

The Trust's fixed income portfolio trades in an active market and can be readily sold. Although market events could lead to some investment becoming illiquid, the diversity of the Trust's portfolios should ensure that liquidity is available for future payments. The duration of investments are summarized below:

The following tables summarize the fair value of investments by maturity:

2016	Less than one year	1 - 3 years	3 - 10 years	Greater than 10 years	Total
Canada treasury bills and other discount notes	\$ 6,788,358	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 6,788,358
Bonds	–	9,545,620	37,023,919	1,146,986	47,716,525
	\$ 6,788,358	\$ 9,545,620	\$ 37,023,919	\$ 1,146,986	\$ 54,504,883

2015	Less than one year	1 - 3 years	3 - 10 years	Greater than 10 years	Total
Canada treasury bills and other discount notes	\$ 4,141,518	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 4,141,518
Bonds	–	8,718,515	37,240,017	1,205,953	47,164,485
	\$ 4,141,518	\$ 8,718,515	\$ 37,240,017	\$ 1,205,953	\$ 51,306,003

The investments with maturities greater than 10 years represent callable bonds. Their first call date occurs within 3 - 10 years.

The above investments have varying effective yields of 0.4% to 7.9% (2015 - 0.5% to 7.4%). Interest earned is accrued on a daily basis.

### (d) Fair values of financial instruments:

The fair values of the investments are as disclosed in note 4(b). The fair values of other financial instruments of the Trust, which consist of cash, accrued investment income, due from Forest Renewal Trust, holdbacks on Forestry Futures Trust project disbursements, unexpended Forestry Futures Trust Committee advances, harmonized sales tax recoveries receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities, approximate their carrying values due to the short-term nature of these financial instruments.

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## 7. Interest income:

	2016	2015
Interest income from financial assets at fair value	\$ 1,449,270	\$ 1,273,693
Interest income from cash	59,497	95,812
<b>Total interest income</b>	<b>\$ 1,508,767</b>	<b>\$ 1,369,505</b>

## 8. Harmonized sales tax recoveries:

During the year, the Trust, through the Ministry, had filings to the Canadian Revenue Agency that resulted in the HST recoveries. These recoveries pertain to rebates for HST paid by the Ministry on behalf of the Trust.

At March 31, 2016, \$933,595 (2015 - \$283,156) of the recoveries remain receivable. Expenses and project disbursements balances are presented, net of their related 2016 HST recoveries amounting to \$11,265 and \$1,157,537 (2015 - \$10,710 and \$392,903), respectively.

Recoveries related to periods up to and including March 31, 2014 are presented separately in the statement of operations as follows:

	2015
Expense recoveries	\$ 43,111
Forestry Futures Trust project disbursement recoveries	688,264
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 731,375</b>

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## 9. Capital management:

The Trust's capital is represented by its net assets.

All charges received and disbursements made are applied to the applicable fund. Each account balance is expressed in terms of units of the main Trust for the purpose of tracking its share of Trust assets. These units are of equal value and without priority or preference.

Amounts received are held in each fund until the Trust valuation date, which is the last business day of the month. At that time, the amounts are transferred into the Trust in exchange for units. Disbursements made from each fund are funded through the redemption of units of the main Trust using the most recent determined valuation.

The value of each unit of the Trust is determined on a monthly basis based upon the net assets of the Trust. The value of a unit is determined by dividing the aggregate value of net assets of the main Trust by the total number of units outstanding prior to the issuance and redemption of units.

The main objective of the Trust is to sustain a certain level of net assets in order to meet the mandate as set out by the CFSA. The Trust is managed by the Trustee and funds are allocated to successful applicants under the direction of the Committee. The Committee members are appointed by the Minister.

The Trust fulfills its primary objective by adhering to specific investment policies outlined in its SIPG, which is reviewed annually. The Trust manages net assets by engaging knowledgeable investment managers who are charged with the responsibility of investing existing funds and new funds (current year's receipts) in accordance with the approved SIPG. An increase in net assets is a direct result of investment income generated by investments held by the Trust and excess of receipts over disbursements made by the Trust.

Forest futures charges to the Trust are established by the CFSA, including funding by harvest volume charges that are paid by licensees who harvest Crown timber. The Trust is required to table the annual financial statements in the legislature.

The original purposes of the Trust were designated in CFSA. Additional purposes under Article 51(3) 4 of the CFSA have been identified for the Trust and in order to track funds separately, as required by the Trust agreement, the Trust is organized into separate accounts: Forestry Futures, Conversion, Far North Forestry Development Initiative Program, Enhanced Forest Resources Inventory, Forest Management Component, and Local Forest Management Corporation.

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## 9. Capital management (continued):

Charges paid into the Trust will be administered by the Trustee as directed by the Ministry and the Committee provides direction on expenditures out of the Trust. The Enhanced Forest Resources Inventory ("eFRI") and IFA programs are tendered through the Ministry, and awards are approved jointly by the Ministry and the Committee. Payments for the programs are made by the Ministry, with the funds then reimbursed out of the appropriate fund of the Trust.

### (a) Forestry Futures Trust Silviculture Program:

The first three initial purposes of the Trust as defined in the CFSA are known as the Silviculture Program. They are as follows:

- (i) The funding of silviculture expenses in Crown forests where forest resources have been killed or damaged by fire or natural causes.
- (ii) The funding of silvicultural expenses on land that is subject to forest resource licence, if the licensee becomes insolvent.
- (iii) The funding of intensive stand management and pest control in respect of forest resources in Crown forests.

The fourth purpose as defined in the CFSA is:

- (iv) Such other purposes as may be specified by the Minister.

Under Purpose four, three additional programs were specified by the Minister and are funded from the Forestry Futures base charge and paid from the main Trust Account. They are the Independent Forest Audit program, Scientific Memberships and Forest Genetic Resource Management program.

#### a. Independent Forest Audits ("IFAs"):

The Committee has worked with the Ministry since 1997 to deliver the annual IFA program. The CFSA requires that each management unit in Ontario be audited at least once every five years. The audits are conducted by independent audit firms selected through a competitive bidding process by the Committee.

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## 9. Capital management (continued):

The purpose of the IFAs are to:

- document to what extent forest management planning activities comply with the Forest Management Planning Manual and the CFSA;
- assess to what extent forest management activities comply with the CFSA and with the forest management plans, the manuals approved under the CFSA and the applicable guides;
- determine the effectiveness of forest management activities in meetings the forest management objectives set out in the forest management plan, as measured in relation to the criteria established for the audit;
- compare the forest management activities carried out with those that were planned;
- assess the effectiveness of any action plans implemented to remedy shortcomings revealed by a previous audit;
- review and assess a licensee's compliance with the terms and conditions of the forest resources license.

### b. Scientific Memberships:

The Trust provides funding for annual membership fees in FP Innovations, a science research-based organization engaged in sustainable forest management and forest productivity work. FP Innovations conducts research on solutions to forest industry challenges by bringing together the private sector, scientific community and federal and provincial governments providing for the sustainability of Ontario's Crown Forests.

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## 9. Capital management (continued):

### c. Forest Genetic Resource Management Program:

The Trust provides funding for the Forest Genetic Resource Management Program which contributes to the achievement of goals of the Provincial Tree Improvement Master Plan and other Ministry policies, plans or strategies. Funding is provided for activities such as the maintenance of existing tree improvement assets, such as genetic test and orchards and the tree breeding program design and establishment, regional association staff expenses, information management, establishment of genetic tests and forest gene conservation projects.

### (b) Conversion:

These funds are administered from a separate account within the main Trust account and drawn from monies remaining from the original Sustainable Forest License ("SFL") and Cooperative SFL conversion purpose. The conversion program now funds the Enhanced Sustainable Forest Licenses ("eSFL") Conversion, Local Forest Management Corporation ("LFMC") Conversion and Management Component programs.

#### (i) eSFL Conversion:

In June 2012, the Ministry identified that the conversion program funds were to be allocated to support the transition to eSFL, which is a key element of the Tenure Modernization Program. Currently, there are five management units utilizing this funding: Kenogami, Lake Nipigon, Nipissing, Northeast Superior (Magpie/Martel) and French Severn.

#### (ii) LFMC Conversion:

On August 30, 2012, a new purpose referred to as the "LFMC Conversion Program" was established by the Minister for the Trust to implement the approved approach for start-up financing. As part of that approval, an amount equivalent to what would otherwise have been deposited into the Consolidated Revenue Fund from the proposed management area for each particular LFMC will be deposited into the Trust. These funds are to be used by the LFMC to support establishment and start-up of the LFMC until an SFL is established. Currently, existing SFL holders have a broad array of forest management responsibilities, including forest management planning, harvesting, road construction and maintenance, and silviculture. Under the new tenure and pricing system, LFMCs, as the new SFL holder, would be required to undertake these responsibilities.

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## 9. Capital management (continued):

### (iii) Management Component:

In the event that an SFL is returned to the Crown due to bankruptcy or insolvency, the Ministry assumes responsibility for all planned forest management on a management unit. Expenditures by the Crown are funded from an additional component to the Forestry Futures charge, which has been termed the "Forest Management Component".

The charge will be included as part of the Forestry Futures charge and be included in stumpage payable to the Trust for those specific management units returned to the Crown. Currently, there is a Forest Management Component General account which includes funds for the Armstrong and Kenogami Forests. There are also individual Forest Management Component accounts for Big Pic, Lac Seul, Magpie, Pic River, Sapawe and Whiskey Jack Forests.

### (c) Far North Forestry Development Program ("FNFD"):

This program terminated on March 31, 2013; however, the Trust account still maintains a balance. These funds supported projects related to land use planning and the collection of background information necessary to evaluate the feasibility of commercial forestry in the far north. Under this program, only First Nations were eligible for funding.

### (d) Enhanced Forest Resources Inventory ("EFRI"):

This program is designed to develop a new Forest Resource Inventory, utilizing current technologies, for the portion of the province within the "Area of the Undertaking", as defined by the Timber Class Environmental Assessment and the southern portion of the Far North Planning Area. Funds for this program come from a portion of the harvest volume charge that is paid.

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## 9. Capital management (continued):

### (e) Capital transactions by fund:

#### (i) Changes in net assets resulting from capital transactions:

														2016	2015
	Forestry Futures	Conversion	FNFD	EFRI	LFMC	Forest Management Component General	Big Pic	Lac Seul	Sapawe	Whiskey Jack	Pic River	Magpie	Total	Total	
Capital transactions:															
Capital receipts:															
Forestry Futures Trust charges	\$ 7,099,947	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,925,772	\$ 3,315,947	\$ 1,591	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 388	\$ 56,402	\$ -	\$ 23,785	\$ 21,423,832	\$ 18,518,800	
Capital disbursements:															
Forestry Futures Trust project disbursements	(3,805,226)	(51,266)	-	(11,107,536)	(1,607,733)	-	-	(16,649)	-	(1,500)	-	-	(16,589,910)	(13,100,214)	
Independent Forest Audit Fees	(478,205)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(478,205)	(437,080)	
Scientific memberships	(377,805)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(377,805)	(362,691)	
Forest Genetic Resource Management	(232,666)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(232,666)	-	
	(4,893,902)	(51,266)	-	(11,107,536)	(1,607,733)	-	-	(16,649)	-	(1,500)	-	-	(17,678,586)	(13,899,985)	
Increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from capital transactions	\$ 2,206,045	\$ (51,266)	\$ -	\$ (181,764)	\$ 1,708,214	\$ 1,591	\$ -	\$ (16,649)	\$ 388	\$ 54,902	\$ -	\$ 23,785	\$ 3,745,246	\$ 4,618,815	

#### (ii) Investments held in the Trust by fund:

														2016	2015
	Forestry Futures	Conversion	FNFD	EFRI	LFMC	Forest Management Component General	Big Pic	Lac Seul	Sapawe	Whiskey Jack	Pic River	Magpie	Total	Total	
Cash and investments held in trust	\$ 18,886,539	\$ 2,729,494	\$ 167,680	\$ 26,961,938	\$ 5,245,746	\$ 94,958	\$ 375,400	\$ -	\$ 109,638	\$ 379,666	\$ 2,505	\$ 41,564	\$ 54,995,128	\$ 51,797,504	
Less holdbacks on Forestry Futures Trust project disbursements	(106,388)	-	-	(2,966)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(109,354)	(22,258)	
Total investments held in trust	\$ 18,780,151	\$ 2,729,494	\$ 167,680	\$ 26,958,972	\$ 5,245,746	\$ 94,958	\$ 375,400	\$ -	\$ 109,638	\$ 379,666	\$ 2,505	\$ 41,564	\$ 54,885,774	\$ 51,775,246	

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## 10. Related party information:

Trustee fees are assessed on the combined average book value of the Forestry Futures Trust and Forest Renewal Trust with the resultant charge apportioned to each Trust on the basis of its average book value. On the first \$50,000,000 in average book value, the Trustee's fee is 0.05%, on the next \$50,000,000 in average book value, the Trustee's fee is 0.04%, and on the average book value in excess of \$100,000,000, the Trustee's fee is 0.02%. The fee schedule also includes charges per individual account in the Trust that range from \$1,200 to \$2,400. Additional fees include fund administration and reporting for the investment funds and master trust fund, transaction charges and other charges. Total fees paid to the Trustee were \$44,687 (2015 - \$43,069).

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry administrative fees represent a fixed fee incurred by the Trust for account receivable management activities performed by the Ministry. Total administration fees paid to the Ministry were \$4,688 (2015 - \$4,688).

As at March 31, 2016, \$278,457 (2015 - \$173,627) was receivable from Forest Renewal Trust.

## 11. Commitments:

The Trust is committed to fund projects that have been approved by the Committee. At the year-end date, these projects may not yet be complete or the final invoice reporting incurred expenditures may not have been submitted by the project applicant for final payment. As a result, the potential liability is considered to be a commitment and has not been recorded in these financial statements.

Projects approved and disbursed up to March 31, 2016 are as follows:

	Total awarded	Total spent	Funds awarded but not spent and no longer committed	Current commitments 2016 to 2017
Futures silviculture projects (1995 - 1996 to present)	\$ 199,337,831	\$ 145,495,994	\$ 41,288,542	\$ 12,553,295
Enhanced Forest Resources inventory (2006 - 2007 to present)	89,736,720	72,958,136	7,788,837	8,989,747
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 289,074,551</b>	<b>\$ 218,454,130</b>	<b>\$ 49,077,379</b>	<b>\$ 21,543,042</b>