







PIMACHIOWIN AKI IS OJIBWE

FOR THE *Land that Gives Life*

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## **PIMACHIOWIN AKI CORPORATION**

Pimachiowin Aki Corporation is a not-for-profit charitable organization with a mandate to coordinate and integrate actions to protect and present the Outstanding Universal Value of a boreal forest Anishinaabe cultural landscape.

Pimachiowin Aki is a 29,040 km<sup>2</sup> World Heritage Site in eastern Manitoba and northwestern Ontario. The site was inscribed on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) *World Heritage List* in 2018.

The Corporation is a partnership of the First Nations of Bloodvein River, Little Grand Rapids, Pauingassi and Poplar River, and the governments of Manitoba and Ontario.





## THE CORPORATION'S VISION

Pimachiowin Aki is celebrated for its cultural and natural values, and regarded as a model of sustainability. Pimachiowin Aki is an organization that is recognized as a cross-cultural, community-based leader in World Heritage Site management.

## THE CORPORATION'S MISSION

To acknowledge and support Anishinaabe culture and safeguard the boreal forest; preserving a living cultural landscape to ensure the well-being of Anishinaabeg and for the benefit and enjoyment of all people.



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization



Pimachiowin Aki  
inscribed on the World  
Heritage List in 2018





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## MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Through dedication and perseverance, the vision set out in the 2002 First Nations' Accord was realized in 2018 when Pimachiowin Aki was inscribed on the *World Heritage List*. Throughout the nomination process, the Pimachiowin Aki partners have remained committed to this vision.

This report reviews the activities of the Pimachiowin Aki Corporation for 2018. The Board of Directors has overseen the Corporation's activities during this reporting period.

We express our utmost appreciation and respect to Elders, Chiefs and Councillors and community members, the governments of Manitoba, Ontario and Canada, our Board of Directors and staff. We sincerely hope that the many people who have contributed their time and talents to Pimachiowin Aki over the years are proud of this significant achievement. We extend thanks to everyone who stood with us, and reiterate our commitment to carry forward Pimachiowin Aki as a gift to future generations.

The Pimachiowin Aki partnership has been guided and sustained by a set of values that reflect our cross-cultural organization: reciprocal, respectful relationships; effective collaboration and shared decision-making; and individual and collective responsibility. Moving forward, we reaffirm our commitment to shared values, mutual respect, best practice and a strong corporate governance framework.

This year, we continued the transition to new roles and responsibilities related to protection and management of a World Heritage Site, and to the realization of benefits within and beyond the communities of Pimachiowin Aki. As part of this transition, we undertook a full-cycle recruitment and selection process, and welcome Alison Haugh as our new Executive Director. Alison's education, experience and long history in supporting Pimachiowin Aki as an advisor to the Board of Directors position her well to address new challenges and opportunities. We thank Gord Jones for his dedication and diligence in building the organization to what it is today, for advancing the mission of the Corporation and ensuring continuity in program operations, and for his many achievements that will be an important part of our continued success. Thank you, Gord, for your tireless efforts, and best wishes in your future endeavors.

**William Young**, Director  
*Bloodvein River First Nation*

**Bruce Bremner**, Assistant Deputy Minister  
*Manitoba Sustainable Development*





## BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF

### CO-CHAIRS



**WILLIAM YOUNG** is the Director for Bloodvein River First Nation. William is the Southern Safety Officer for Norwin Construction Co. Ltd. He also owns and operates Bloodvein River Lodge. He is a former Chief and served as Band Councillor for four terms.



**BRUCE BREMNER** represents the Government of Manitoba on the Board of the Directors. Bruce retired from his position as Assistant Deputy Minister of Regional Services and Parks, Department of Sustainable Development in November 2017, but continues his role on the Board of Directors. Bruce worked for the Manitoba government for 39 years in a variety of positions including Park Ranger, Park Planner, Park Manager, Director of the Eastern Region and Assistant Deputy Minister.





## DIRECTORS



**AUGUSTINE KEEPER** is the Director for Little Grand Rapids First Nation and is the Lands Coordinator for his community. Born in Winnipeg, he was educated in both Little Grand Rapids and Winnipeg. Previously he worked for several years at the nursing station in his community.



**GRAEME SWANWICK** represents the Government of Ontario on the Board of Directors, and is Treasurer for the Corporation. Graeme has worked for the Ontario government for 34 years and is the District Manager for the Red Lake District of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.



**JOE OWEN** represents the Pauingassi First Nation on the Board of Directors. Joe served as Chief for six years before becoming his community's Lands Coordinator. His varied career includes being a Health Care Representative taking care of birthing mothers and sick children before his community had a nursing station. Regrettably Joe was unable to continue his role a Board representative due to poor health. Thank you, Meegwetch, Joe, for your commitment to Pimachiowin Aki. Your energy and devotion to the role will be difficult to match. You leave Pimachiowin Aki a better organization with a strong foundation for those who follow you. Pauingassi Chief and Council named **NORMAN PASCAL** as Joe's replacement in May 2018.



**ED HUDSON** is the Director for Poplar River First Nation and is a Councillor for the First Nation's government. Ed is a business owner and has managed transportation, housing, education and training projects for his community. He has also served as a Justice of the Peace and Magistrate.





## STAFF



**GORD JONES** joined the Pimachiowin Aki Corporation as Project Manager in 2007 following a career in the Manitoba public service in parks and forestry. Gord retired from the position in September 2018.



**SOPHIA RABLIAUSKAS** is a member of the Poplar River First Nation and has served as Community Coordinator and spokesperson for the Pimachiowin Aki World Heritage initiative. She currently assists the organization on a part-time basis. She has been a Councillor for the Poplar River First Nation government and has been recognized internationally for her environmental and community work.





## HISTORY OF PIMACHIOWIN AKI

In 2002, Little Grand Rapids, Poplar River and Pauingassi First Nations of Manitoba and Pikangikum First Nation of Ontario – signed a document called the *Protected Areas and First Nations Resource Stewardship: A Cooperative Relationship Accord* (the Accord). Through the Accord the First Nations agreed to work together to propose lands within their traditional territories as a World Heritage Site. A short time later, Bloodvein River First Nation signed the Accord. The First Nations are linked by family and kinship ties and a shared Anishinaabe/Ojibwe cultural identity and tradition.

The Accord states, “Our First Nations are joining together in the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect. We are joining together so that we may support each other and work together in our shared vision of protecting the ancestral lands and resources of our respective First Nations.”

As part of the Accord, the First Nations committed “to pursue, cooperatively and collectively, the shared objective of creating an internationally recognized and designated network of linked protected areas on our ancestral lands” and to “seek support and recognition for our network of protected areas in the form of UNESCO World Cultural Heritage and World Natural Heritage designation.” The planning area for the proposed World Heritage Site encompassed over 40,000 square kilometres.

Following the Accord’s approval by the First Nations, the provincial governments of Ontario and Manitoba joined with the First Nations to develop a submission to Parks Canada, the government agency responsible for the World Heritage program in Canada. In May 2004, Parks Canada published its new Tentative List of sites that would be forthcoming from Canada to the World Heritage Centre over the next 10 years. The Pimachiowin Aki site was included on that list.

The next major milestone was the creation of the Assembly of Partners, which originated during a meeting held in December 2004. The First Nations and the provincial governments met and agreed that a formal process should commence to develop a World Heritage nomination dossier.

The Pimachiowin Aki Corporation was established in 2006 as a legal entity that would co-ordinate the work necessary for the development of the nomination. A

Project Manager was hired in April 2007 and work began on further defining the approach to the project, the recruitment of project teams and the development of the background information required to complete the nomination.

The Corporation’s Board directed the development of the Pimachiowin Aki nomination dossier between 2007 and 2012. During this time, the First Nations prepared land management plans for ancestral lands and waterways. Manitoba and Ontario each introduced new legislation to enable the development and implementation of community-based land management plans.

Advisory Bodies to the World Heritage Committee – the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and the International Council for Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) – carried out an extensive field mission to Pimachiowin Aki in 2012, part of the evaluation processes for the nomination. In May 2013, the Advisory Bodies recommended that the nomination of Pimachiowin Aki be deferred. At its 37<sup>th</sup> session, the World Heritage Committee upheld the Advisory Bodies’ recommendations to defer the nomination and suggested that Canada invite a joint ICOMOS and IUCN Advisory Mission in order to address issues raised during the evaluation. The Committee also requested the World Heritage Centre, in consultation with the Advisory Bodies, examine options for changes to the criteria for selection of World Heritage sites and/or to the Advisory Bodies’ evaluation processes in the context of mixed (natural and cultural) nominations such as Pimachiowin Aki.

An upstream advisory mission was held in October 2013 at the Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre. A joint ICOMOS/IUCN report on the mission was issued in November 2013. Following this mission, work began on a second nomination. A new Pimachiowin Aki nomination dossier was submitted to the World Heritage Center in January 2015. The 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the World Heritage Committee in July 2015 marked a number of significant changes in World Heritage processes, which had been influenced by the Pimachiowin Aki nomination.

Inscription of Pimachiowin Aki on the *World Heritage List* at the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the World Heritage Committee, in Istanbul, Turkey in July 2016, was highly





anticipated. However, given a decision by Pikangikum First Nation to withdraw from the project, the World Heritage Committee referred the nomination back to Canada.

The Pimachiowin Aki partners decided to move forward with a revised nomination dossier and boundary, and submitted a new nomination in January 2017. The Advisory Bodies dispatched a brief mission as part of the evaluation processes, given that the site's proposed Outstanding Universal Value was already well-documented, reviewed and understood. The mission focused on changes to the nomination since 2016, notably the boundaries, management/governance of the nominated area, and included updates on key issues/potential threats to the site. The mission took place in Winnipeg, Manitoba on September 6 and 7, 2017, at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and the Manitoba Museum, respectively.



Pimachiowin Aki Evaluation Mission, Winnipeg, Manitoba, September 2017

In May 2018, the Advisory Bodies' evaluation reports concluded that Pimachiowin Aki met the requirements for protection and management, conditions of integrity and authenticity and the threshold for Outstanding Universal Value. Pimachiowin Aki was inscribed on the *World Heritage List* on July 1, 2018 at the 42<sup>nd</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee in Manama, Bahrain.

## 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Board of Directors was held on January 24, 2018 at Canad Inns Garden City in Winnipeg and was well-attended by First Nation members and provincial government representatives. Simon Hall of Simon Hall Chartered Accountants, Auditor to Pimachiowin Aki, joined the AGM to present the 2017 financial statements.

The meeting featured presentations from the following individuals:

- Sophia Rabliauskas provided an overview of the Women's Forum held the previous day in Winnipeg;
- Jason White of Canadian Ecotourism Consultants presented on "Setting Direction for Indigenous Tourism";
- Paul Stepnuk from The Winnipeg Foundation, presented on the status of the Pimachiowin Aki Fund;
- Maureen Matthews from the Manitoba Museum provided an update on the "*Nametwaawin: Land and Language*" grant application;
- Iain Davidson-Hunt of the Natural Resources Institute, University of Manitoba, provided an overview of a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Partnership Grant supported by the Board of Directors;
- Des Kappel from Manitoba Sustainable Development described his organization's work with communities to identify and record indigenous geographical names;
- Ray Rabliauskas, Board Advisor, on behalf of the Land Guardians Working Group, presented on the status of work on this initiative;
- Gord Jones provided an update on the status of the Pimachiowin Aki nomination.

The Board welcomed The Honourable Rochelle Squires, Manitoba Minister of Sustainable Development, who acknowledged the work being done by the communities and the Board of Directors, and indicated her government's support for Pimachiowin Aki. She noted that there are many opportunities to showcase Pimachiowin Aki, and commented that people will see this work as important in helping to protect the





Earth. The Minister expressed her good wishes as the project approaches the session of the World Heritage Committee in 2018. The Minister then met with members of the Women's Forum to learn about and lend her support to the group.

The Board was very happy to welcome Joe Owen, who recently had left the role of Director for Pauingassi First Nation due to health concerns. The Board made a presentation to Joe in recognition of his valued support and commitment to the Pimachiowin Aki project.



Joe Owen, Director, Pimachiowin Aki Corporation, and Lands Coordinator for Pauingassi First Nation

## INSCRIPTION OF PIMACHIWIN AKI ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

Leading up to the 42<sup>nd</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee Meeting in Manama, Bahrain, in June 2018, the Corporation worked with colleagues in Parks Canada to prepare for this event.

Canada received the joint ICOMOS/IUCN interim report on January 22, 2018, a final step in the nomination evaluation process. The interim report identified topics requiring clarification by February 28, 2018 in accordance with the *Operational Guidelines for Implementation of the World Heritage Convention*. The Corporation provided the requested clarification prior to the deadline. On May 14, 2018, the Advisory Bodies publicly released their recommendations that Pimachiowin Aki be inscribed on the *World Heritage List*.

On July 1, 2018, Canada Day, Pimachiowin Aki became Canada's 19<sup>th</sup> World Heritage Site and first "mixed" site, recognized for both cultural and natural values. In its decision, the World Heritage Committee commended the Pimachiowin Aki partnership for developing a nomination that is a landmark for Indigenous-led conservation, and for deepening the understanding of nature-culture connections in the context of the *World Heritage Convention*.



Gord Jones, Project Manager, Pimachiowin Aki Corporation  
42<sup>nd</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee, Manama, Bahrain,  
July 2018





Pimachiowin Aki delegates at the 42<sup>nd</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee, Manama, Bahrain, July 2018

In his remarks to the World Heritage Committee, Ed Hudson, on behalf of the Board of Directors, expressed excitement and humility in joining the family of places that help to recognize and protect the World's precious heritage, and the hope that the Pimachiowin Aki experience contributes in some way to greater use of the *World Heritage Convention* by indigenous peoples.

Sophia Rabliauskas, Pimachiowin Aki spokesperson, addressed the Session initially in Ojibwe, and acknowledged the Elders for their vision, wisdom, and guidance. Sophia reiterated the Anishinaabe belief that nature and culture are inseparable, and explained how the nomination describes the cultural tradition of Ji-ganawendamang Gidakiminaan (keeping the land), which is a sacred responsibility and spiritual connection to the boreal forest of Pimachiowin Aki. Sophia stated that, as Anishinaabe people, we want to leave a lasting legacy to protect and preserve this special place for the benefit of the world.

At a side event hosted by Canada, and attended by many delegates, Sophia and Ray Rabliauskas performed the Pimachiowin Aki song and other songs reflecting a connection to the land. Sophia took the opportunity to again acknowledge all of our Elders and to thank all community members, including young people and leadership, who have supported the work from the beginning.

Sophia expressed gratitude to the World Heritage Committee, and ICOMOS and IUCN, for their vision in recognizing the importance of the spiritual connection that indigenous peoples of the world have with their ancestral lands, and thanked the Government of Canada, through Parks Canada, for their guidance and assistance. Sophia also expressed sincere thanks to the provinces of Manitoba and Ontario, and many individuals and organizations for their support and involvement over the years.

Sophia concluded by honouring the First Nation partners - Bloodvein River, Little Grand Rapids, Pauingassi and Poplar River - saying that "we have shared this land for thousands of years and have shared the vision of a Pimachiowin Aki World Heritage Site for the last fifteen years. I am very proud of these communities."

The Corporation and The Winnipeg Foundation helped to sponsor community celebrations following the decision of the World Heritage Committee to inscribe Pimachiowin Aki on the *World Heritage List*. Bloodvein River First Nation celebrated this achievement of the partners' vision on August 2, 2018. Community-based celebrations in Poplar River, Little Grand Rapids and Pauingassi are planned for the next reporting year.



Celebration of Pimachiowin Aki, Bloodvein River First Nation, August 2018





## PIMACHIOWIN AKI PROGRAM AREAS

### Safeguarding tangible and intangible heritage

The second annual Pimachiowin Aki Women's Forum was held in Winnipeg on January 23, 2018. The Women's Forum is a standing institution of the Pimachiowin Aki partnership, intended to revitalize and safeguard Anishinaabemowin and cultural knowledge, beliefs and practices, and ensure transmission of this heritage to future generations. During the Forum, Pimachiowin Aki community members and invited guests convened discussion groups on questions ranging from women's roles in communities, programs to support culture, and ways to engage Elders, youth and schools. Retention of language and cultural identity were among the main priorities expressed during the Forum. There was strong reiteration of the importance of encouraging women's leadership, and recognition that much important work can be done with community resources and by learning from Elders.



Pimachiowin Aki Women's Forum, January 2018

A grant application entitled "*Nametwaawin: Land and Language*" was prepared by the Manitoba Museum with support of the Pimachiowin Aki Board of Directors. The intent of the grant is to develop curricula for local schools based in part on research completed during the Pimachiowin Aki project. It was expected the work would be completed over two years. Unfortunately, the grant was not approved. The grant application is being revised for resubmission in 2019.

The Manitoba Museum, with Maureen Matthews assistance, hosted a workshop in June 2018 with five teachers and education administrators from the Pimachiowin Aki communities. The purpose of the workshop was: to explore the teachers' interests in acquiring educational materials, as contemplated in the *Nametwaawin: Land and Language* proposal described above; to explore opportunities to develop outdoor education programs; and to identify ways to connect students with programs and content at the Manitoba Museum. The teachers expressed interest in continuing to build on this initial gathering.

Work continued on a poster illustrating named places within Poplar River First Nation's traditional territory. Meetings with Poplar River Elders were held to document meanings and stories of selected place names. The concept is to create posters for display in schools and other community spaces. The poster is a means to support cultural heritage locally, and to inform external audiences about Anishinaabe culture.

### Supporting sustainable economies

The Corporation developed a Letter of Engagement as a Partner Organization for a proposed Social Sciences, Humanities Research Council of Canada Partnership Grant in "*Biocultural Design: Opportunities for Indigenous Territorial Revitalization and Nation building in a time of Globalized Change*", being led by Iain Davidson-Hunt, of the Natural Resources Institute, University of Manitoba. As one of the Canadian partners, Pimachiowin Aki could receive support for appropriate local projects that could be developed through the grant. Regrettably the proposal was not approved and at this time it is uncertain if it will be revisited by the University.





Jason White of Canadian Ecotourism Services (CES) delivered a presentation at the 2017 Annual General Meeting on “Setting Direction for Indigenous Tourism”. The presentation was made in the context of the Corporation’s desire to investigate the feasibility of a tourism social enterprise. CES was previously engaged by the Corporation in facilitating a tourism workshop for the Board and community members. Following several discussions with CES, the Board felt that further consideration of our interests and requirements in tourism development by individuals and entrepreneurs was needed.

The Board determined that attention should be given to opportunities for First Nations to submit applications in 2019 to various federal government granting agencies, especially those related to climate change mitigation and adaptation. The Board expressed interest in supporting the Pimachiowin Aki communities to access grants and, as appropriate, to consider possible collective grant applications by the Corporation on behalf of its partners.

### Information and education

The primary means to inform the public about Pimachiowin Aki was a 30 second video that aired on CTV in August and September 2018. The video was part of a broader communications strategy described below.

The Corporation partnered with Alex Martin, an 18-year-old Winnipeg student, on his quest to circumnavigate Lake Winnipeg by kayak during the summer of 2018, as a means to raise awareness about the lake and its environs. Alex incorporated a power point presentation on Pimachiowin Aki into presentations he made to various school groups in advance of his trip, and included information about Pimachiowin Aki on his website. Congratulations to Alex who successfully completed his journey.

Several writers and film producers contacted the Corporation about support for potential book and film projects. The Corporation provided film clips on Woodland Caribou to a CBC *Nature of Things* production to be completed in 2018.

Upon request, the Corporation submitted an article to fall issue of *Heritage Matters*, a publication of the Ontario Heritage Trust.

In June 2018, Sophia Rabliauskas was invited to attend a meeting of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO which serves as a bridge between Canadians and the work of UNESCO.

### Monitoring

The Land Guardians Working Group of the Board of Directors continued its work in support of the implementation of a Pimachiowin Aki Guardians Program. The Working Group developed and presented information to the Board on Guardians’ activities, priority zones to focus activities, needs for and approaches to training, and recommendations related to financing and organizational structure.

In response to an informal request for proposals from the Government of Canada received following the inscription of Pimachiowin Aki, the Committee prepared a 2-year budget and timeline for a Guardians Program.

The Committee invited a proposal from Ecosystem Ltd. to develop an ecosystem health monitoring framework that would set out specific monitoring activities to be conducted by Guardians.

On behalf of the Board, Alison Haugh attended an Indigenous Guardians workshop in May 2018 sponsored by the Indigenous Leadership Initiative (ILI). The ILI sought input and ideas from First Nations and First Nation organizations in the context of Canada’s 2017 commitment to support a National Indigenous Guardians Network.

Regular monitoring activities continued throughout the year, including review of information issued by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry about annual work planning schedules and forest management planning initiatives in forest units adjacent to the nominated area. These activities are critical to ensure that implementation of programs remains focused on the ultimate goal of safeguarding the outstanding universal value of Pimachiowin Aki.

### Governance

The recruitment of an Executive Director was a top priority for the Board of Directors in 2018. The Executive Director is a full-time position, accountable to the Board, and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Pimachiowin Aki Corporation, and





ensuring fulfilment of new roles and responsibilities associated with a World Heritage Site.

The Board's Selection Committee directed the process with the support of Legacy Bowes, a firm specializing in recruitment, leadership development, and business advisory services. From a strong list of candidates, the Board was pleased to offer the position of Executive Director to Alison Haugh. An employment agreement was concluded in early September 2018.

## Communications

In June 2018, a communications strategy was developed for announcement and celebration of a Pimachiowin Aki World Heritage site. The purpose of the strategy was to:

1. inform various audiences (international, national, provincial, and local) that Pimachiowin Aki is a new World Heritage Site;
2. highlight that Pimachiowin Aki is a boreal forest cultural landscape of global significance, and Canada's first "mixed" cultural and natural World Heritage Site;
3. acknowledge the efforts of four First Nations and two provincial governments in achieving World Heritage status;
4. highlight "next steps" for Pimachiowin Aki, and inform people of the impact of programs planned by the Corporation; and
5. recognize and thank donors who have supported the nomination process, announce any new financial contributions, and prompt donations.

The methods to announce and celebrate inscription included: extensive media relations with the assistance of Sean Durkan Ltd.; the preparation and distribution of a brochure summarizing the nomination; the preparation and distribution of two high quality posters; development and broadcast of a 30-second video on television and websites; updates to the website; letters to partners and stakeholders; and community-based celebrations.

Inscription garnered extensive media interest with 11 different outlets covering stories nationally and internationally. Parks Canada reported that over 87,000 people were reached through its Facebook page alone, making this the most successful post in 2018.

## Fundraising

A grant proposal to The Winnipeg Foundation (TWF) for \$20,000 in support of communications and celebrations associated with the inscription was approved. The Board sincerely appreciates TWF's generosity in awarding this grant.

The Board also acknowledges the continued funding support provided by the governments of Manitoba and Ontario.

The Corporation contacted several Government of Canada officials during the year to follow up on correspondence to The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, and The Honourable Carolyn Bennet, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, regarding Canada's commitment in Budget 2017 to support the development of a National Indigenous Guardians Network. The Corporation requested Canada's consideration of Pimachiowin Aki as a model for the establishment of indigenous-led protected areas and a priority for funding support. The Corporation was contacted shortly after the inscription of Pimachiowin Aki and invited to submit a proposal for funding to the end of the Government of Canada's fiscal year, March 31, 2018.

The Corporation wrote to congratulate the Government of Manitoba on completion of the 2017 Climate and Green Plan, and to request consideration of Pimachiowin Aki in the context of the Plan's proposed Conservation Trust program.

The Corporation appreciates the many donors who have contributed to the Pimachiowin Aki World Heritage Fund managed by The Winnipeg Foundation. The Fund is critical to the financial sustainability of the Pimachiowin Aki Corporation, and assures funds to support the Corporation's programs and strategic priorities.





The organization's priority programs are:

1. Safeguarding tangible and intangible cultural heritage;
2. Conserving and understanding ecosystems and species;
3. Supporting sustainable economies;
4. Informing and educating the public;
5. Coordinating monitoring and reporting activities; and
6. Supporting community-based initiatives.

At the end of September 2018, the market value of the fund was \$4.7 million. It is the long-term objective of The Winnipeg Foundation to make available to Pimachiowin Aki an amount of 4.5% of the average of the three preceding years' market value of the Fund for annual grant-making activities.





# FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Corporation is funded primarily by grants from the governments of Manitoba and Ontario, and from The Winnipeg Foundation. The attached Financial Statements show the position of the Corporation at the end of its fiscal year, August 31, 2018.

## PIMACHIOWIN AKI CORPORATION

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AUGUST 31, 2018

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**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board Members of  
PIMACHIWIN AKI CORPORATION,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Pimachiowin Aki Corporation, which comprise the statement of financial position as at AUGUST 31, 2018 and the statement of operations and changes in net assets, and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

***Management's Responsibility***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with 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.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the 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.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

***Clear Opinion***

In my opinion the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Pimachiowin Aki Corporation as at AUGUST 31, 2018, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations.

SIMON HALL CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT  
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

November 16, 2018  
Winnipeg, Manitoba



**PIMACHIOWIN AKI CORPORATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AUGUST 31, 2018**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	\$	\$
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash in bank	206,877	287,368
Term Deposit	300,000	-
Accounts receivable (note 3)	2,541	2,866
Prepaid expenses	<u>2,191</u>	<u>7,303</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>511,609</u></b>	<b><u>297,537</u></b>

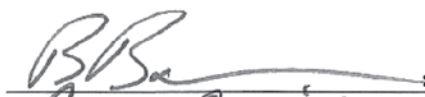
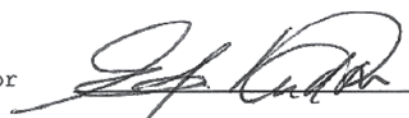
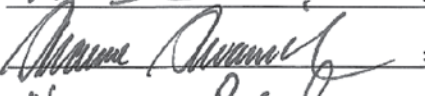


**LIABILITIES**

<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable (note 4)	10,498	6,913
Deferred revenue (note 5)	<u>294,142</u>	<u>290,624</u>
	<u>304,640</u>	<u>297,537</u>

**NET ASSETS**

Unrestricted net assets	<u>206,969</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>511,609</u></b>	<b><u>297,537</u></b>

**APPROVED BY BOARD:**

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**PIMACHIOWIN AKI CORPORATION**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2018**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	\$	\$
<b>REVENUES:</b>		
Mantitoba Sustainable Development	134,000	134,000
Ontario M.N.R.	100,000	100,000
Sales	600	1,186
Winnipeg Foundation	204,962	1,259
Winnipeg Foundation - Community Grant	20,000	-
Miscellaneous Income	418	2,500
Donations	990	629
Deferred - to future period	(3,518)	(40,856)
Deferred - from prior period	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>457,452</u>	<u>198,718</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Board Travel	10,960	-
Book keeping	8,400	8,400
Community Coordinator - Fees	2,175	1,362
Computer & office equipment	2,537	147
Consultant fees	74,895	75,958
Honorariums	12,150	4,650
Insurance	2,630	2,241
Miscellaneous	6,061	3,299
Office supplies	2,959	2,111
Professional fees	5,421	6,619
Promotion	1,219	-
Telephone & utilities	6,412	5,860
Travel & accommodations	59,405	44,110
Wages & salaries	<u>55,259</u>	<u>43,961</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>250,483</u>	<u>198,718</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenses	206,969	-
Net assets, beginning of year	-	-
Net assets, end of year	<u><u>206,969</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

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**PIMACHIOWIN AKI CORPORATION**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2018**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	\$	\$
<b>CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) OPERATIONS:</b>		
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenses expenses for the year	206,969	-
Change in working capital:		
Accounts receivable	325	1,470
Prepaid expenses	5,112	(7,100)
Accounts payable	3,585	(18,898)
Deferred revenue	<u>3,518</u>	<u>40,856</u>
	<u>219,509</u>	<u>16,328</u>
<b>CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Investment in term deposit	<u>(300,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash for the year	(80,491)	16,328
Cash, beginning of year	<u>287,368</u>	<u>271,040</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>206,877</u>	<u>287,368</u>
Represented By:		
Cash in bank	<u>206,877</u>	<u>287,368</u>

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**PIMACHIOWIN AKI CORPORATION**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2018**

**1. FORM OF ORGANIZATION**

Pimachiowin Aki Corporation (Pimachiowin hereafter) is a non profit corporation, federally incorporated in Canada. Pimachiowin Aki is working to create an internationally recognized network of linked protected areas and managed landscapes which is worthy of UNESCO World Cultural and World Heritage designation. Pimachiowin Aki is working with governments of First Nations, Ontario, Manitoba and Canada to complete the nomination process and achieve the UNESCO designation.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for non profit organizations. Because a precise determination of many assets and liabilities is dependent upon future events, the preparation of financial statements for a period necessarily involves the use of estimates which have been made using careful judgment. The financial statements have, in management's opinion, been properly prepared within the reasonable limits of materiality and within the framework of the significant accounting policies summarized below.

**i) Revenue Recognition**

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. 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. Restricted contributions are deferred and recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Other donations are recorded on a cash basis since pledges are not legally enforceable claims.

**ii) Fixed Assets**

Fixed assets are recorded at cost in the year of acquisition. The cost of the fixed assets less any expected residual value is expensed over the assets useful life.

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**iii) Measurement Uncertainty**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accounts receivable are stated after evaluation as to their collectibility and an appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts is provided where considered necessary. These assumptions are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known.

**iv) Financial Instruments**

It is management's opinion that the corporation is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from its financial instruments

**vi) Accounting standards for Not-for-Profit organizations**

Pimachiowin Aki follows Canadian Not For Profit accounting standards.

<b>3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE</b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
G.S.T. receivable	2,541	2,417
Misc Receivable	-	449
	<u><b>2,541</b></u>	<u><b>2,866</b></u>

<b>4. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Accounts Payable and Accrued liabilities	<u><b>10,498</b></u>	<u><b>6,913</b></u>

**5. DEFERRED REVENUE**

The deferred revenue balance is made up of funding received in prior years for the furtherance of the Pimachiowin Aki efforts to establish and develop a world heritage site in Canada. The use of the funding is restricted to that purpose.

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**6. COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Certain 2017 comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the 2018 financial statement presentation in order to provide meaningful comparative information.

**7. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE**

The organization's primary source of funding is through government grants. The organization's ability to continue viable operations is dependent upon maintaining these grants.

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**PIMACHIOWIN AKI CORPORATION**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**AUGUST 31, 2018**

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**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS BY PROGRAM**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2018**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	\$	\$
<b>REVENUES:</b>		
Mantitoba Sustainable Development	134,000	134,000
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Deferred - to future period	(3,518)	(40,856)
Deferred - from prior period	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>457,452</u>	<u>198,718</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Communications	24,602	8,175
Economic Diversification	-	8,202
First Nation Participation	-	8,500
Fundraising	8,345	-
Governance	26,679	-
General Administration	120,242	110,415
Management Plan - Revised	-	4,618
Nomination Process	48,332	-
Monitoring	12,282	-
Revised Nomination	-	51,440
Safeguarding Cultural Heritage	<u>10,000</u>	<u>7,368</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>250,482</u>	<u>198,718</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenses	<u>206,970</u>	<u>-</u>

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**PIMACHIOWIN AKI CORPORATION**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2018**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	\$	\$
<b><u>COMMUNICATIONS</u></b>		
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Consultant fees	<u>24,602</u>	<u>8,175</u>
<b><u>ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION</u></b>		
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Consultant fees	-	1,000
Meals & accomodations	-	1,307
Travel	<u>-</u>	<u>5,895</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>8,202</u>
<b><u>FIRST NATION PARTICIPATION</u></b>		
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Honorarium	-	900
Meals & Accommodation	-	3,955
Travel	<u>-</u>	<u>3,645</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>8,500</u>
<b><u>FUNDRAISING</u></b>		
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Campaign	1,823	-
Consultants	6,022	-
Other	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>8,345</u>	<u>-</u>

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2018**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	\$	\$
<b><u>GOVERNANCE</u></b>		
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Consultants	22,238	-
Honoraria	2,250	-
Meals & travel	<u>2,191</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>26,679</u>	<u>-</u>

<b><u>GENERAL ADMINISTRATION</u></b>		
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
A.G.M. - Travel, Meals & Accomodations	15,733	11,230
Audit Fees	4,617	5,428
Bank Charges	-	455
Board - Travel	10,962	11,033
Bookkeeping	8,400	8,400
Community Coordinator - Fees	1,750	9,325
Community Coordinator - Costs	425	1,362
Computer & Office Equipment	2,537	147
Courier & Postage	720	455
Employee Benefits	1,278	614
GST	2,661	2,527
Insurance	2,630	2,241
Internet	270	270
Legal Fees	804	1,191
Miscellaneous	1,066	316
Office Supplies	2,576	1,657
Project Manager - Travel, Meals & Accommodation	2,809	4,826
Promotion	881	-
Telephone	2,686	2,422
Technology Support	3,456	3,170
Wages & Salaries	<u>53,981</u>	<u>43,346</u>
	<u>120,242</u>	<u>110,415</u>

<b><u>MANAGEMENT PLAN - REVISED</u></b>		
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Consultant fees	<u>-</u>	<u>4,618</u>

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**SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2018**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	\$	\$
<b><u>NOMINATION PROCESS</u></b>		
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Consultants	12,436	-
Honoraria	3,550	-
Travel & accomodations	<u>32,346</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>48,332</u>	<u>-</u>
<b><u>MONITORING</u></b>		
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Consultants	7,175	-
Honoraria	600	-
Travel & accomodations	<u>4,507</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>12,282</u>	<u>-</u>
<b><u>REVISED NOMINATION</u></b>		
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Consultant fees	<u>-</u>	<u>51,440</u>
<b><u>SAFEGUARDING CULTURAL HERITAGE</u></b>		
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Community Coordinator - Fees	2,420	1,400
Honoraria	2,200	1,500
Travel & accomodations	<u>5,380</u>	<u>4,468</u>
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>7,368</u>

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