

# PIMACHIOWIN AKI WORLD HERITAGE SITE

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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 an Anishinaabe cultural landscape and global boreal biome.

Pimachiowin Aki is a 29,040 km2 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 Anishinaabe 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.







# Message from the Co-Chairs

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are pleased to present the 2019 Annual Report of the Pimachiowin Aki Corporation. This report documents our first year as a World Heritage Site. Inscription on the World Heritage List has brought many changes that we have successfully navigated and adapted to. It is truly an honour to have led the nomination of Pimachiowin Aki, and to carry out our mandate as a management authority for this rare and special place in the world.

New appointments this year include the Director for Ontario, Treasurer of the Corporation, and Audit and Bookkeeping Services for the Corporation. Our first year as a World Heritage Site has also been our first year with a new Executive Director, hired by the Board of Directors to oversee operations and provide effective leadership to the organization.

Highlights of our achievements this year are: participation in the Indigenous Guardians Pilot Program; a redesigned and reprogrammed website, and new domain name (https://pimaki.ca); the launch of social media channels; upgraded assets with savings realized through donated and discounted software and hardware; continued development of the information management system and monitoring framework; a Memorandum of Understanding with the Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre; and programs that celebrate the vitality of Anishinaabemowin and commemorate the International Year of Indigenous Languages. Progress has been made toward all of the organization's strategic goals. The Board of Directors has overseen the Corporation's activities during this reporting period, and is proud of the work we are doing.

William Young, Director Bloodvein River First Nation **Bruce Bremner**, Director *Manitoba Government* 



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF

# Co-Chairs

WILLIAM YOUNG is the Director for Bloodvein River First Nation. William owns and operates Bloodvein River Lodge, offering fishing and guided tours of the Bloodvein Canadian Heritage River. He also works with Shawenim Abinoojii Inc., building positive home environments for children in his community. 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 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 Coordinator of the Abbalak Thunderswift Memorial School bundles program. Born in Winnipeg, he was educated in both Little Grand Rapids and Winnipeg. Previously he was the Lands Coordinator for Little Grand Rapids First Nation and worked for several years at the nursing station in his community.

NORMAN PASCAL represents the Pauingassi First Nation on the Board of Directors. Norman has served as the First Nation's Lands Coordinator and Guardian. He is currently the First Nation's Band Constable and Safety Officer. MYLES PERCHUK represents the Government of Ontario on the Board of Directors, and is the A/District Manager for the Red Lake District of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Myles has been with the Red Lake Lake District for 17 years in various capacities, including in his home position as the Resource Operations Supervisor.

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

#### STAFF

**ALISON HAUGH** joined the Pimachiowin Aki Corporation as Executive Director in September, 2018 following positions for 10 years in the Manitoba public service in land use planning and management, and 15 years as a consultant to First Nations and First Nation organizations in Canada.

# PIMACHIOWIN AKI WORLD HERITAGE SITE

The Pimachiowin Aki World Heritage Site is a 29,040 square kilometre boreal forest Anishinaabe cultural landscape spanning the Manitoba-Ontario border. The site is comprised of ancestral lands of the Bloodvein River, Little Grand Rapids, Pauingassi and Poplar River First Nations. Woodland Caribou Provincial Park and Eagle-Snowshoe Conservation Reserve (Ontario), and Atikaki Provincial Park (Manitoba) complete the site.





Pimachiowin Aki (pronounced pim-MATCH-o-win-a KEH) means "the land that gives life", and "living the good life on the land". Pimachiowin Aki is a place that represents an ancient, enduring, and sustainable kinship between culture and nature.

This is Manitoba's first World Heritage site, and Canada's first and only mixed World Heritage site, recognized for both cultural and natural values.

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Less than 1% of all World Heritage sites are in the same category as Pimachiowin Aki.

Pimachiowin Aki is an exceptional example of:

 a landscape that provides testimony to the cultural tradition of Ji-ganawendamang Gidakiiminaan, reflected through Anishinaabe interactions with the land, such as pictographs and other archaeological and ceremonial sites, travel routes, cabin and camp sites, traplines, named places, Anishinaabemowin

- (Ojibwe / Saulteaux language), knowledge, beliefs and practices; and
- the global boreal biome, and is the best example of the ecological and biological diversity of the North American boreal shield ecozone, fully supporting wildfire, nutrient flow and species movements and predator-prey relationships. Large protected areas like Pimachiowin Aki are necessary to maintain ecological processes and integrity, build resilience to climate change, and maintain networks of sites supporting Indigenous livelihoods and cultural traditions.

The Pimachiowin Aki partners are grateful to everyone who has supported this initiative: Anishinaabe Elders, leaders and community members, the provinces of Ontario and Manitoba, the government of Canada, and to the many individuals and organizations who have donated to the Pimachiowin Aki World Heritage Fund, and who have contributed their time, energy and talents to protect and transmit to future generations this exceptional and irreplaceable heritage.

> For more information, please visit us at pimaki.ca













Pimachiowin Aki Corporation 2018 Annual General Meeting, Red Lake, Ontario

# 2018 Annual GENERAL MEETING

The 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Board of Directors was held on January 9, 2019 at the Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre in Red Lake, Ontario. All of the items on the agenda were covered despite a delayed start due to adverse weather and grounded aircraft. Many thanks to the Red Lake community for transporting people between venues, and hosting the meeting at the Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre.

Highlights of the 2018 AGM and Board of Directors meeting are:

- Presentation to Red Lake Municipal Council and staff on the nomination of Pimachiowin Aki to the World Heritage List;
- Video from the 42<sup>nd</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee featuring delegates of nine countries who speak about the Pimachiowin Aki nomination;
- Presentation of the 2018 Annual Report by Gord Jones, Project Manager for the Pimachiowin Aki Corporation in the reporting year;
- Presentation of the 2018 Finacial Statements by Graeme Swanwick, Treasurer for the Corporation in the reporting year;
- Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre Pimachiowin Aki Corporation Memorandum of Agreement is signed to collaborate and create a presence for the Corporation in Ontario, including a suboffice at the Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre, and a membership with the Centre;
- The Pimachiowin Aki Guardians Network recommendations made by a Committee of the Board of Directors are revisited, and progress

- made in the reporting year is described. A potential funding opportunity with Environment and Climate Change Canada for the Guardians Network is acknowledged and discussed; and
- Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada (ITAC), Manitoba Regional Coordinator is invited to explain the mandate of ITAC and the coordinator's role in working with Indigenous tourism operators throughout the province to enhance businesses and assist in product development. At the direction of the Board, Pimachiowin Aki Corporation applied for a membership with ITAC.

The meeting also provided an opportunity to acknowledge and honour people who have made invaluable contributions to Pimachiowin Aki over the

- Gord Jones, Project Manager, recognized for his perseverance, enthusiasm, and attention to detail since the Pimachiowin Aki Corporation was established in 2006. The Board expressed gratitude to Gord for the gift of his time, talents and leadership (see the "Message from the Co-Chairs" in the 2018 Annual Report);
- Graeme Swanwick, Director for Ontario and Treasurer of the Corporation, to whom the Pimachiowin Aki partnership extended immense gratitude and appreciation for his more than 10 years of service to the Board, performed with tenacity, insight, wit, reliability, professionalism and dedication. Graeme: thank you for your patience, guidance and commitment. You leave a great legacy for us to continue.
- Joe Owen, Director for Pauingassi and Lands Coordinator for Pauingassi First Nation, who has been integral to advancing Pimachiowin Aki's vision



and mission, particularly in the areas of community engagement, governance, and the Pimachiowin Aki Guardians Network. Staff of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry also acknowledged Joe's commitment to the Pauingassi Communitybased Land Use Plan, and his involvement with the Pauingassi-Ontario Land Use Plan Implementation Team.

• Enil Keeper, Advisor to the Board, Little Grand Rapids First Nation, who has been involved with Pimachiowin Aki since its inception, providing advice to the Board, broadcasting information on local radio, translating and teaching, and contributing to community-based land use planning processes and outcomes.



Dr. Virginia Petch, Anthropologist and Advisor to Pimachiowin Aki Corporation on the Cultural Landscape Study

• (late) Dr. Virginia Petch, Anthropologist and President of Northern Lights Heritage Services Ltd. It is with great sadness we learned of Virginia's passing on December 8, 2018. Jill-Taylor Hollings and Board members spoke about Virginia's extraordinary contribution to the nomination of Pimachiowin Aki to the World Heritage List. Virginia worked closely and respectfully with the Pimachiowin Aki partners, documenting stories and places that demonstrate the site's Outstanding Universal Value. Virginia was a great friend and support to Pimachiowin Aki and will be dearly missed by us all.

"Some sites like the spectacular cliff paintings at Artery Lake are impossible to miss... we meet the stone canoes of the memegwaysiwuk (the little people), the many legged misshupeshu (the water lynx). The stick-figured shaman held the otterskin bag in his hand, squiggling lines (rising up) like lightning above him. They're power lines ... He can call down power."

Dr. Virginia Petch, quoted in Noel, Lynn E. (ed.). (1995). Voyages: Canada's Heritage Rivers. St. John: Atlantic Centre for the Environment.



Little Grand Rapids First Nation members at the Pimachiowin Aki Annual General Meeting

# PIMACHIOWIN AKI PROGRAM AREAS

# Monitoring - Guardians Network

In November 2018, the Pimachiowin Aki Corporation was one of 28 successful applicants in Canada for an early round of funding from the Environment and Climate Change Canada Indigenous Guardians Pilot Program. The Pimachiowin Aki Guardians Network proposal was sourced through an expression of interest.

The Pilot Program is informing a long-term approach for a potential National Indigenous Guardians Network.



Primary outcomes of the Monitoring – Guardians Program in the reporting year are:

- a full-time Guardian is hired in each of the four Pimachiowin Aki First Nation communities;
- Elders and other knowledge-keepers are engaged in developing a broader set of indicators and metrics to provide a reliable statement on the condition of - and trends in - ecosystem health and the cultural landscape;
- the Board approved proceeding with the development of a monitoring framework for cultural and ecosystem values, to guide activities that are the responsibility of Guardians. This work also involves continued development of a comprehensive information management system and organization of the Pimachiowin Aki data library;

- data and information provided by Guardians about the cultural landscape and ecosystem health are added to the Pimachiowin Aki database;
- Guardians' range maps, place names research and mapping, and development of a seasonal land use calendar contribute to Program structure and standardization;
- Pimachiowin Aki Corporation and Poplar River First Nation are represented at the First Nations' National Guardians Gathering in March 12-13, 2019 to meet with Indigenous Guardians, non-governmental organizations, foundations, industry, and government representatives from across Canada, and share lessons learned and best practice in community-based stewardship initiatives;
- Pimachiowin Aki Corporation becomes a member of the Ontario Geospatial Data Exchange through an agreement administered by Land Information Ontario to access geographic data and attributes;
- information and applications circulated by the governments of Manitoba and Ontario are reviewed, and significant or sensitive issues which require shared management decisions are identified;
- innovative approaches to monitoring cultural indicators in Pimachiowin Aki are explored with experts in cultural anthropology and Indigenous language retention and attrition;
- the Pimachiowin Aki Guardians Network is featured in the April 2019 edition of the First Nations Drum, Canada's largest Indigenous newspaper; and
- in March 2019, the Pimachiowin Aki Corporation is invited to submit an expression of interest for a second round of funding under the First Nations' Guardians Tier 3 – Established and Emerging Initiatives. A proposal is submitted in May, 2019, and notice of approval is received in July 2019.

The Pimachiowin Aki Corporation Board of Directors, Guardians and community members are grateful for the support of the Government of Canada and the Indigenous Guardians Pilot Program Secretariat for the Pimachiowin Aki Guardians Network.

This project was undertaken with the financial support of: Ce projet a été réalisé avec l'appui financier de :



Environment and Climate Change Canada

Environnement et Changement climatique Canada





#### Safeguarding Cultural Heritage

Safeguarding Cultural Heritage Program achievements in the reporting year advance the revitalization and preservation of Anishinaabemowin and Indigenous knowledge, beliefs and practices, and ensure transmission of this heritage to future generations.

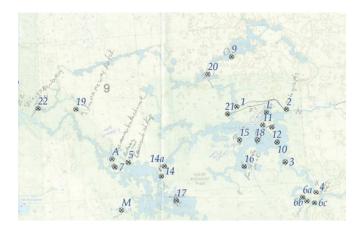
In October 2018, the Pimachiowin Aki Corporation provided a letter of support for a grant from the Manitoba Museum for the Nametwaawin: Land and Language project. One of the most consistent requests from representatives of the four Pimachiowin Aki First Nations has been that the information gathered for the World Heritage Site nomination be made available to the communities, the schools and the students in the area. The Nametwaawin project connects Pimachiowin Aki youth with their material cultural heritage, supports speakers and teachers of Anishinaabemowin, creates educational materials and outdoor education programs, and identifies ways to connect students with programs and content at the Manitoba Museum.

In February 2019, students from Miskooseepi School (Bloodvein River First Nation) enjoyed a sleepover at the Manitoba Museum to learn more about Pimachiowin Aki and view a collection of artifacts from Pauingassi First Nation. Thank you to Elaine Owens, the Guardian of the Pauingassi Collection; Dr. Maureen Matthews, the Curator of Cultural Anthropology at the Manitoba Museum; and Sidney Klassen, teacher at Miskooseepi School, for giving the students this rare opportunity. Five of the students also participated in the creation of a video to teach people how to pronounce Pimachiowin Aki:



pimaki.ca/resources

Work continued on a story map illustrating geographical names recorded by the Poplar River First Nation in the Asatiwisipe Aki portion of Pimachiowin Aki. It is expected that the map will be finalized by the First Nation and published in early 2020. Place names data and stories continue to be documented by Elders and Guardians from Bloodvein River, Pauingassi and Little Grand Rapids First Nations and will also be used to produce display maps for use in schools and other community spaces, and in educational and outreach activities. Appreciation is extended to the governments of Manitoba and Ontario for providing in-kind support for this research.



A highlight of the Program this year was a visit with Kaa Kaapish (Gerald Neufeld), and his father, Henry Neufeld, who shared their work on Anishinaabe cultural revitalization - genealogical mapping, language preservation, colonial impact mitigation, marriage laws, ways to enhance transportation between communities, and the restoration of kinship ties. The Neufelds have compiled a collection of historical photographs of the people and places of Pimachiowin Aki, and have been travelling to the communities and working with Elders, educators and others to put names on the photos. The Pimachiowin Aki partners are grateful to the Neufelds for sharing their knowledge, photographs, and ideas, and for offering to support future cultural heritage program priorities in Pimachiowin Aki.

# **Supporting Sustainable Economies**

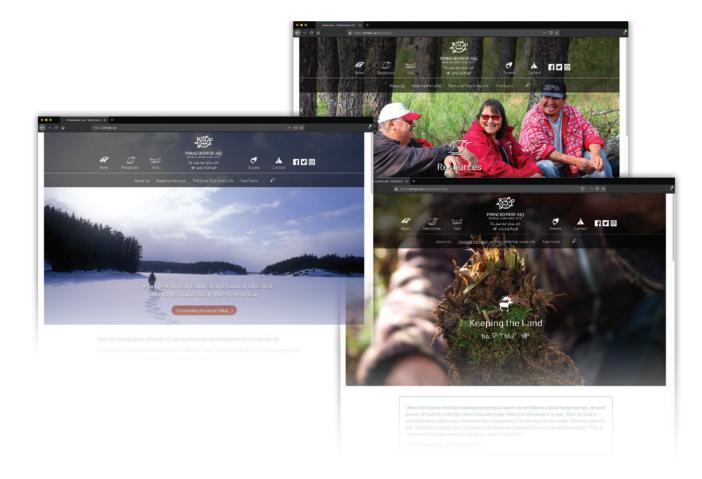
Within the range of potential sustainable economic development opportunities in Pimachiowin Aki, the organization focused efforts in the reporting year on the tourism industry.

With in-kind support from Manitoba, Parks and Protected Spaces, conceptual drawings were developed for a "Pimachiowin Aki Woodland Retreat Centre". A plan with descriptive text of the concept, and some precedent and inspirational images, were selected to inform the design. The Board of Directors expressed interest in utilizing the concept plan to access grants / target fundraising activities for more in-depth design, programming, feasibility, business planning and architectural services, as appropriate.

Pimachiowin Aki Directors, Guardians and staff, and Resource Tourism Operators met with Travel Manitoba to review the Pimachiowin Aki strategic plan and discuss the opportunity for growth in the Indigenous tourism sector. Sustainable tourism is also identified as a priority in the community-based management plans and the Pimachiowin Aki Management Plan. Dialogue with the four First Nations, Travel Manitoba, Resource Tourism Operators and the Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada to advance a sustainable tourism concept is expected to continue next year.

#### Information, Education and Communications

World Heritage status creates a tremendous opportunity to enhance understanding of Pimachiowin Aki's cultural and natural values and share these values with the world. Notable achievements of the year are a newly designed and reprogrammed website, purchase / commission for use of professional photography, and the introduction of social media and a newsletter campaign. Feedback has been very positive, and measures of subscribers' engagement are very high compared to the industry average.





Other means of informing the public about Pimachiowin Aki in the reporting year include publication and distribution of nomination summary booklets and posters, registration as one of Canada's Historic Places, and the production of designs for interpretive and wayfinding signage. Budgetting for sign construction and installation costs is planned to commence next year.

As part of the organization's mission to follow and teach sustainable practice, the Corporation adopted an environmentally responsible paper procurement policy. New print collateral was created and printed on paper with Forest Stewardship Council certification and recycled / post-consumer content attributes.

#### Governance

Building decision-making capacity and resilient networks, developing policy, and sharing information improved overall effectiveness and advanced the organization's mission in the reporting year.

The Pimachiowin Aki Strategic Plan was evaluated by Directors and Members of the Corporation throughout the year. Ideas were shared to gauge progress and inform estimates of expenditure and revenue, annual workplans and a future iteration of the Plan.

The Corporation's By-law was also reviewed during the reporting year. Updates are required to reflect changes in membership and new charitable objects. Legal counsel for the Corporation is providing advice and drafting prospective amendments for approval by the Directors and Members of the Corporation.

Board members and staff attended several events to build professional networks, shape and refine ideas, raise awareness, discuss collaborative projects and institutional developments, and advance common goals, including the World Heritage Tentative List Workshop (Nov 6-7, 2018), First Nations' National

Guardians Gathering (March 11-13, 2019), Charitable Sector Insights (April 2, 2019), Lighting the Fire: Honouring Our Heritage (May 8-10, 2019), and the Annual Treaty 5 Summit (July 8-11, 2019).

### Financial Sustainability and Fundraising

The Board of Directors deferred proceeding with a fund development campaign in the reporting year, directing resources to other core programs and priorities until revenue is sourced for this Program.

Pimachiowin Aki Corporation is a subscriber to a web-based service for not-for-profit organizations and charities to access profiles on solicited and unsolicited grantmakers, receive training on grant writing, and support community participation and investment in the organization's core programs.

The organizations' ability to maintain financial capacity, operational efficiency and pursue its mission increased during the reporting year through business process consolidation and modernization, and by taking advantage of opportunities offered by an international network of non-governmental organizations that provides technical support and access to donated and discounted hardware and software.

The Pimachiowin Aki partnership is thankful for the generousity of people who made contributions to the Pimachiowin Aki World Heritage Fund. Special recognition of our donors is given below. The Fund, invested with The Winnipeg Foundation, is critical to the financial sustainability of Pimachiowin Aki, and assures funds to maintain charitable programming consistent with the Corporation's mission.

The Board also gratefully acknowledges funding and in-kind support for the organization's programs and operations provided by the governments of Manitoba, Ontario and Canada.

# FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The attached Financial Statements show the position of the Pimachiowin Aki Corporation at the end of its fiscal year, August 31, 2019.

# PIMACHIOWIN AKI CORPORATION **Financial Statements** Year Ended August 31, 2019





#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Pimachiowin Aki Corporation

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Pimachiowin Aki Corporation (the Corporation), which comprise the statement of financial position as at August 31, 2019, and the statements of revenues and expenditures, 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, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as at August 31, 2019, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

#### Basis for Opinion

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

#### Other Matter

The financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2018 were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements on November 16, 2018.

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

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

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

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

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Pimachiowin Aki Corporation (continued)

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 Corporation's internal control.
- · Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- · Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our 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 Corporation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- · Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Winnipeg, Manitoba January 8, 2020

Chartered Professional Accountants Inc.



Statement of Financial Position

August 31, 2019

		2019		2018 s restated - Note 7)
ASSETS				
CURRENT				
Cash	\$	638,677	\$	506,877
Accounts receivable (Note 3)		5,140		2,541
Prepaid expenses		199		2,191
	\$	644,016	\$	511,609
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	v			
CURRENT				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	27,914	\$	8,181
Wages payable		4,109		-
Government remittances payable		5,119		2,317
Deferred income (Note 4)		601,349		495,586
		638,491		506,084
NET ASSETS		5,525		5,525
	\$	644,016	\$	511,609

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Director

Director

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Director

See notes to financial statements

# PIMACHIOWIN AKI CORPORATION Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Year Ended August 31, 2019

		2019	(A	2018 s restated - Note 7)
REVENUES				
Environment and Climate Change Canada	\$	186,451	\$	-
Winnipeg Foundation distribution (Note 5)		121,043		-
Manitoba Sustainable Development		100,000		134,000
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources		100,000		100,000
Miscellaneous income		2,289		1,018
Donations		846		990
Grants		-		20,000
		510,629		256,008
EXPENSES				
Communications		11,869		1,219
Consulting fees		3,245		68,867
General administration		5,015		2,661
Honorarium		1,400		12,150
Inform & education public		67,129		-
Insurance		1,992		2,630
Interest and bank charges		575		_
Meals and entertainment		5,827		34,25
Monitoring		156,620		-
Office		9,231		5,756
Other expense		196		6,209
Professional fees		30,182		23,305
Rental		1,379		-
Safeguarding cultural heritage		15,337		-
Salaries and wages		129,709		55,259
Supplies		2,493		2,239
Telephone		4,409		2,956
Travel		64,021		32,975
		510,629		250,483
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	s	-	\$	5,525

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Year Ended August 31, 2019

	 2019	2018
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR		
As previously reported	\$ 206,969 \$	-
Accounting differences (Note 7)	 (201,444)	-
As restated	5,525	-
Excess of revenues over expenses	 -	5,52
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 5,525 \$	5.52

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See notes to financial statements

# PIMACHIOWIN AKI CORPORATION Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended August 31, 2019

		2019		2018 (As restated - Note 7)	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$	-	\$	5,525	
Changes in non-cash working capital:					
Accounts receivable		(2,599)		324	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		19,733		2,524	
Deferred income		105,763		204,962	
Prepaid expenses		1,992		,	
Wages payable		4,109		5,113	
Government remittances payable		2,802		1,061	
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		131,800		213,984	
INCREASE IN CASH FLOW		131,800		219,509	
CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR		506,877		287,368	
CASH - END OF YEAR	S	638,677	\$	506,877	

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Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended August 31, 2019

#### PURPOSE OF THE CORPORATION

Pimachiowin Aki Corporation (the "Corporation") is a not-for-profit organization federally incorporated in Canada. The Corporation is a registered charity, and accordingly is exempt from the payment of income tax under Section 149(1) of the Income Tax Act.

The corporation operates to protect and preserve the cultural landscape of an area east of Lake Winnipeg recognized as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

#### SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of presentation

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNFPO).

#### Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### Financial instruments policy

#### Measurement of financial instruments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, financial assets with actively traded markets are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in income. All other financial instruments are reported at amortized cost, and tested for impairment at each reporting date. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale, or issue of financial instruments are expensed when incurred

Financial instruments measured at amortizes cost include cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and government remittances payable.

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

#### Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost or deemed cost less accumulated amortization. The estimated useful lives, residual values and amortization methods are reviewed if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Fixed assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis.

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#### SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Revenue recognition

Pimachiowin Aki Corporation follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

Government funding from Environment and Climate Change Canada, Manitoba Sustainable Development and Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources is recognized as revenue when the terms of the respective agreements are met, related expenses are incurred and collection is reasonably assured.

Winnipeg Foundation distributions are recognized when related expenses are incurred, the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Sales and donations are recognized as revenue in the period to which it relates.

Interest income is recognized in the period in which it is earned.

#### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	 2019	2018
GST receivable Accounts receivables	\$ 5,015 125	\$ 2,541
	\$ 5,140	\$ 2,541

#### DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

Deferred contribution relate to externally restricted contributions received or generated in the current or prior periods to fund related expenses in future periods as follows:

	2018		Additions	Revenue ecognized		2019
Environment and Climate Change						
Canada	\$ _	\$	186,451	\$ 186,451	S	-
Manitoba Sustainable Development	-	,	100,000	100,000		-
Ontario Ministry of Natural			_			
Resources	-		100,000	100,000		-
The Winnipeg Foundation	495,586		226,806	121,043		601,34
	\$ 495,586	\$	613,257	\$ 507,494	\$	601,34

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#### WINNIPEG FOUNDATION

In 2010 the Pimachiowin Aki World Heritage Fund was established at The Winnipeg Foundation. As of September 30, 2018 there was a total of \$3,336,696 in contributed capital to the fund with a market value of \$4,893,043. The current spending policy rate is 5% (2018 - 4.8%) distributed annually. Funds received through distributions from The Winnipeg Foundation are restricted in use per the fund agreement and Pimachiowin Aki World Heritage Fund Act C.C.S.M c.P70. Funds are recognized as expenses are incurred related to the purpose of the organization.

#### 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.

#### ACCOUNTING DIFFERENCE

During the current year it was noted that the prior year's financial statements included a misclassification of the Pimachiowin Aki Corporation's deferred revenue as net assets. As a result, the deferred revenue at August 31, 2018 was understated by \$201,444 and net assets were overstated by \$201,444. The comparative figures have been restated to correct this error.

On the statement of revenue and expenditures for the year ended August 31, 2018, revenues has been decreased by \$201,444 and excess revenue over expenditures have been decreased by \$201,444

#### COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.



Statement of Revenues and Expenditures by Program (Unaudited) Year Ended August 31, 2019

(Schedule 1)

	 2019	2018
REVENUES		
Environment and Climate Change Canada	\$ 186,451	\$ -
Winnipeg Foundation distribution	121,043	-
Manitoba Sustainable Development	100,000	134,000
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources	100,000	100,000
Miscellaneous income	2,289	1,018
Donations	846	990
Grants	 -	20,000
	510,629	256,008
EXPENSES		
Communications	11,122	24,60
Economic diversification	99	-
Fundraising	138	8,344
General administration	234,782	120,242
Governance	1,590	26,679
Inform & Education Public	67,129	-
Monitoring	180,432	12,282
Nomination evaluation	-	48,332
Safeguarding cultural heritage	15,337	-
Women's forum	-	10,000
	510,629	250,484
NCOME FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 	\$ 5,524

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