# The Seaway International Bridge Corporation, Ltd.

Financial Statements

March 31, 2025

#### STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

The accompanying financial statements of The Seaway International Bridge Corporation, Ltd. (the Corporation) and information related to the Corporation contained in the annual report of The Federal Bridge Corporation Limited (Parent Company) are the responsibility of management.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards and necessarily include some estimates, which are based on management's best judgements.

To meet management's responsibility, management has developed and maintains books of account, records, financial and management controls, information systems and management practices. These are designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of financial information, that assets are safeguarded and controlled, and that transactions and events are properly recorded. The system of internal control is supplemented by internal auditors, who conduct periodic reviews of different aspects of the Corporation's operations.

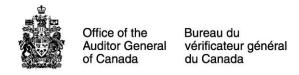
The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control in accordance with Part X of the *Financial Administration Act* and regulations, the *Canada Business Corporations Act and* regulations, the *Canada Marine Act* and regulations and the articles and by-laws of the Corporation. The Board exercises these responsibilities with the assistance of the Audit Committee of the Board, which is composed of two directors who are not employees of the Corporation.

The Audit Committee meets with management and the Auditor General of Canada, the external auditor, and also reviews and recommends to the Board the approval of the auditor's report and the Corporation's annual financial statements. In addition, the external auditor has full and free access to the directors of the Corporation.

The Auditor General of Canada is responsible for auditing the financial statements and for issuing her report thereon.

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Minister of Transport and Internal Trade

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Seaway International Bridge Corporation, Ltd. (SIBC), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2025, and the statement of operations, statement of change in net debt and statement of cash flow 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 SIBC as at 31 March 2025, and the results of its operations, changes in its net debt, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

#### Basis for Opinion

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

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 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.

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

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

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
  procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of
  expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of SIBC'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 SIBC'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 SIBC 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.

#### **Report on Compliance with Specified Authorities**

#### **Opinion**

In conjunction with the audit of the financial statements, we have audited transactions of The Seaway International Bridge Corporation, Ltd. coming to our notice for compliance with specified authorities. The specified authorities against which compliance was audited are Part X of the *Financial Administration Act* and regulations, the *Canada Business Corporations Act* and regulations, the *Canada Marine Act* and regulations, and the articles and by-laws of The Seaway International Bridge Corporation, Ltd.

In our opinion, the transactions of The Seaway International Bridge Corporation, Ltd. that came to our notice during the audit of the financial statements have complied, in all material respects, with the specified authorities referred to above. Further, as required by the *Financial Administration Act*, we report that, in our opinion, the accounting principles in Canadian public sector accounting standards have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance with Specified Authorities

Management is responsible for The Seaway International Bridge Corporation, Ltd.'s compliance with the specified authorities named above, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable The Seaway International Bridge Corporation, Ltd. to comply with the specified authorities.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance with Specified Authorities

Our audit responsibilities include planning and performing procedures to provide an audit opinion and reporting on whether the transactions coming to our notice during the audit of the financial statements are in compliance with the specified authorities referred to above.

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Principal

for the Auditor General of Canada

Ottawa, Canada 3 June 2025

## **Statement of Financial Position**

as at March 31

(in Canadian dollars)

	2025	2024
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash	689,784	533,640
Investments	745,605	141,300
Accounts receivable	103,758	51,883
Government funding receivable (Note 3)	236,442	448,443
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS	1,775,589	1,175,266
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		
Federal departments and agencies	131,985	90,604
Others	378,965	379,030
Client deposits	66,170	50,660
Due to partners (Note 4)	1,645,558	995,605
Employee future benefits (Note 5)	93,543	107,274
Unearned revenue (Note 6)	268,487	238,653
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,584,708	1,861,826
NET DEBT	809,119	686,560
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible capital assets (Note 7)	811,710	480,153
Prepaid expenses	5,409	214,407
TOTAL NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS	817,119	694,560
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	8,000	8,000

Contractual obligations (Note 9), Contractual rights (Note 10) and Contingencies (Note 11)

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Director

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## **Statement of Operations**

for the year ended March 31 (in Canadian dollars)

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2024 Actual
REVENUE			
Tolls	3,189,587	3,170,002	2,724,398
Leases and permits	190,505	208,785	185,885
Interest	52,410	51,113	46,735
Other	8,800	33,541	5,983
TOTAL REVENUE	3,441,302	3,463,441	2,963,001
EXPENSES (Note 13)			
Maintenance	1,555,552	1,792,427	1,679,478
Operations	1,259,140	1,197,700	1,072,564
Administration	1,458,448	1,534,189	1,355,391
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,273,140	4,524,316	4,107,433
Annual Deficit before Government Funding	(831,838)	(1,060,875)	(1,144,432)
Government Funding (Note 3)	831,838	1,060,875	1,144,432
Annual Surplus	-	-	-
Accumulated Surplus at beginning of year	8,000	8,000	8,000
Allocation of annual operating surplus as per the joint venture agreement (Note 4)			
Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation The Federal Bridge Corporation Limited	-	-	- -
Accumulated Surplus at end of year	8,000	8,000	8,000

## **Statement of Change in Net Debt**

for the year ended March 31 (in Canadian dollars)

	2025	2025	2024
	Budget	Actual	Actual
ANNUAL SURPLUS	-	-	-
Acquisition of tangible capital assets (Note 7)	(160,000)	(457,313)	(136,623)
Amortization of tangible capital assets (Note 7)	141,456	125,756	102,010
	(18,544)	(331,557)	(34,613)
Acquisition of prepaid expenses	(307,280)	(33,782)	(415,960)
Use of prepaid expenses	307,280	242,780	220,646
	-	208,998	(195,314)
INCREASE IN NET DEBT	(18,544)	(122,559)	(229,927)
NET DEBT AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	813,903	686,560	456,633
NET DEBT AT END OF YEAR	832,447	809,119	686,560

#### **Statement of Cash Flow**

for the year ended March 31 (in Canadian dollars)

(III Canadian donars)		
	2025	2024
OPERATING TRANSACTIONS		
Annual surplus	-	-
Adjustment for non-cash items		
Amortization of tangible capital assets (Note 7)	125,756	102,010
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	(149)	(83)
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	(5,000)	· -
Changes in non-cash working capital items		
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest receivable on investments	(19,155)	14,197
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(8,822)	(5,041)
(Increase) decrease in government funding receivable	212,001	(309,621)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable to federal departments and agencies	41,381	7,415
Increase (decrease) in other accounts payable	(98,229)	210,484
Increase (decrease) in client deposits	15,510	(1,649)
Increase (decrease) in unearned revenue	29,834	11,883
Increase (decrease) in interest due to partners	26,785	12,583
Increase (decrease) in employee future benefits	(13,731)	(133,494)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	208,998	(195,314)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	515,179	(286,630)
CARITAL TRANSACTIONS		
CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS	E 000	
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	5,000	(244.667)
Cash used to acquire tangible capital assets	(433,831)	(211,667)
NET CASH USED FOR CAPITAL ACTIVITIES	(428,831)	(211,667)
INVESTING TRANSACTIONS		
Disposal of investments	141,300	692,000
Acquisition of investments	(745,605)	(141,300)
NET CASH (USED FOR) GENERATED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(604,305)	550,700
FINANCING TRANSACTIONS		
Amounts received from partners	838,295	52,752
Amounts paid for work done on behalf of the partners	(164,343)	(164,850)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) FINANCING ACTIVITIES	673,952	(112,098)
Foreign avalongs wein (loss) on each hold in foreign augrenay	140	
Foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash held in foreign currency	149	83
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	156,144	(59,612)
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	533,640	593,252
CASH AT END OF YEAR	689,784	533,640

Interest received during the year was \$31,958 (\$59,932 for the year ended March 31, 2024) and interest paid during the year was nil (nil for the year ended March 31, 2024).

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

(in Canadian dollars)

#### 1. AUTHORITY AND ACTIVITIES

The Seaway International Bridge Corporation, Ltd. (SIBC) is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Federal Bridge Corporation Limited (FBCL), a federal Crown corporation listed in Schedule III-Part I of the *Financial Administration Act*. SIBC is exempt from income tax under Part I of the Canadian *Income Tax Act*.

SIBC was incorporated under the *Canada Corporations Act* in 1962 and was continued under the *Canada Business Corporations Act* to operate and manage an international toll bridge between Cornwall, Ontario and Rooseveltown, New York.

Based on a September 1957 agreement, SIBC manages and operates a joint venture on behalf of FBCL and the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (GLS). The joint venture has been classified as a government partnership. The accumulated surplus includes 8 issued, fully paid common shares of SIBC at a value of \$1,000 each. FBCL owns all of the shares, which makes SIBC a wholly owned subsidiary of FBCL for the purposes of the *Financial Administration Act*. FBCL's share ownership in SIBC accounts for its 50% investment in the government partnership.

The mandate of SIBC is to operate and manage the international toll bridge corridor linking Cornwall, Ontario, Akwesasne and Rooseveltown, New York. The corridor comprises a low level bridge connecting the City of Cornwall, Ontario to Cornwall Island (North Channel Bridge); a toll plaza; maintenance and administrative facilities and a roadway extending across Cornwall Island; and a high level suspension bridge connecting Cornwall Island to Rooseveltown in the state of New York (South Channel Bridge).

The international toll bridge corridor's assets and liabilities are owned by the partners and are excluded from SIBC's financial statements. The assets and liabilities presented in these financial statements reflect assets and liabilities administered by SIBC in accordance with the joint venture agreement.

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

(in Canadian dollars)

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards (PSAS).

#### Cash

Cash includes cash on hand and bank balances.

#### Investments

In the course of its normal activities, SIBC invests its excess funds in guaranteed investment certificates of Canadian Financial Institutions. The investments are all due within a one year period.

#### Prepaid expenses

Prepaid expenses consist of payments made in advance for insurance services to be received in the future, and payments in lieu of tax paid in advance. Prepaid expenses are recognized in expenses as the related services are rendered. Prepaid insurance and prepaid payments in lieu of taxes are included in acquisitions of prepaid expenses and use of prepaid expenses, as shown on the Statement of Change in Net Debt.

#### Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at amortized cost. SIBC's tangible capital assets include assets acquired to operate the international toll bridge corridor. Since the North and South Channel Bridges and certain buildings are owned directly by the partners, capital projects relating to these assets are recorded as work done on behalf of the partners (Note 4), rather than as tangible capital assets of SIBC.

Replacements and major improvements which extend the useful service lives of existing assets, increase their capacity, safety or effectiveness, or are committed to reduce or prevent environmental contamination are capitalized. Repairs and maintenance are charged to operations as incurred.

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

(in Canadian dollars)

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Tangible capital assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives using the straightline method, at the following rates:

Vehicles and equipment Buildings

5 to 10 years 10 to 25 years

Tangible capital assets classified as work in progress are transferred to the appropriate capital asset classification when they start being used, and are then amortized.

When conditions indicate that a tangible capital asset no longer contributes to SIBC's ability to provide goods and services, or that the value of future economic benefits associated with the tangible capital asset is less than its net book value, the cost of the tangible capital asset is reduced to reflect the decline in the asset's value.

#### Client deposits

Security deposits from charge account customers are retained by SIBC. The amount secured is an estimate of two months of transit costs for new customers. Customers who have been with SIBC for over two years with no delinquent payments can reduce that deposit to one and a half months. After five years of no delinquent payments, the deposit can be reduced to one month, which represents two billing cycles. Deposits are returned to the customer without interest when the accounts are closed.

#### Employee future benefits

#### a) Compensated absences

Employees of SIBC are entitled to vesting medical leave or accumulating but non-vesting medical leave and long-term disability benefits provided for under conditions of employment. SIBC accounts for the vesting medical leave based on the balances remaining at year-end. SIBC accounts for the cost of future accumulating but non-vesting medical leave and long-term disability benefits over the periods which employees render services to the entity. The liability for these benefits are recognized based on the probability of usage by employees, which are determined from historical data. This benefit plan is not pre-funded and thus has no associated assets, resulting in a plan deficit equal to the accrued benefit obligation.

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

(in Canadian dollars)

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### b) Severance benefits

Prior to January 1, 2012, eligible employees of SIBC were entitled to specified benefits as provided for under conditions of employment, through a severance benefit plan and from time to time employees may receive a separate severance benefit, if applicable. SIBC has eliminated the pre-January 1, 2012, benefit and any outstanding payments due as at year end have been accrued and are remeasured on a yearly basis to take into consideration salary increases.

#### c) Pension plan

All eligible employees of SIBC are enrolled in the public service pension plan (Plan), a contributory defined benefit plan established through legislation and sponsored by the Government of Canada. Both employees and SIBC are required to contribute to cover current service costs. Pursuant to legislation currently in place, SIBC has no legal or constructive obligation to make additional contributions for past service costs or to cover any funding shortfalls of the Plan. Consequently, contributions are recognized as an expense in the year when employees have rendered services and represents SIBC's total pension obligation.

#### Contingent liabilities

Contingent liabilities are potential liabilities, which may become actual liabilities if certain future events occur or fail to occur. If the future event is likely to occur or fail to occur, and a reasonable estimate of the potential loss can be made, an estimated liability is recognized, and an expense recorded. If the likelihood of the event is not determinable or if the potential loss cannot be reasonably estimated, the contingency is only to be disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

#### Contractual rights

Contractual rights are rights to economic resources arising from contracts or agreements that will result in both an asset and revenue in the future. For SIBC, this includes lease contracts.

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

(in Canadian dollars)

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Revenue recognition

Tolls revenue is recognized when SIBC provides access to use the bridge to customers in exchange for a fixed fare, as this is when the performance obligation has been satisfied. Where customers prepay tolls, these amounts are included in unearned revenue until the customer crosses the bridge. A receivable is recognized when customers cross the bridge as the performance obligation has been performed and the collectability is reasonably assured. Discounts provided are recognized at the same time the SIBC provides access to the use of the bridge to customers. Discounts are offered on toll debit cards, toll tickets, and customer accounts.

Revenue from leases and permits are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Unearned revenue represents tolls paid in advance and prepaid lease payment. Revenue from toll debit cards, toll tickets, leases, and permits that have not been rendered are deferred and recognized as revenue once the services are provided. Previously unearned revenue from unused toll debit cards with an inactive period greater than 10 years, are recognized as toll revenue. Proceeds from unredeemed toll tickets at year-end are recognized as toll revenue, based on the average redemption rate of prior year balances.

Interest income is recognized when earned.

#### Government funding

Government funding is recognized as revenue when the transfer is authorized and any eligibility criteria are met, except to the extent that transfer stipulations give rise to an obligation that meets the definition of a liability. Approved government funding drawdowns not received at year-end are presented in Government funding receivable.

#### Lease

The operating lease payments, in which SIBC is the lessee, are recognized on a straightline basis over the term of the lease.

#### Annual surplus

As per the Joint Venture agreement, the annual surplus is to be distributed equally between FBCL and GLS.

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

(in Canadian dollars)

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Financial instruments

SIBC identifies, assesses and manages financial risks in order to minimize their impact on its results and financial position. Financial risks are managed by SIBC in accordance with the criteria disclosed below and presented in Note 15, and SIBC does not engage in speculative transactions or use of derivatives.

The measurement of financial instruments depends on their classification as follows:

- SIBC has elected to measure investments at fair value to correspond with how they are evaluated and managed.
- All other financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at cost or amortized cost.

All financial instruments that are carried at fair value are classified within a fair value measurement hierarchy. The nature of the inputs used to arrive at fair value measurement determine the classification. The classifications are described below:

- Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets
- Level 2 Quoted prices for similar assets, quoted prices in markets that are not active, or models using inputs that are observable
- Level 3 One or more significant inputs used in a valuation technique are unobservable in determining the fair value of the instruments

#### Foreign currency translation

Transactions involving foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollar equivalents using rates in effect at the time of those transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rates at the end of the fiscal year.

Realized gains and losses resulting from foreign currency translation are reported on the Statement of Operations.

#### Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with PSAS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the financial statement date and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The estimated useful lives of tangible capital assets, the amount of accrued liabilities, the assessment of employee future benefits obligations, and contingencies are the most significant items where estimates are used. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimates.

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

(in Canadian dollars)

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Services provided and received without charge

SIBC provides free usage of the bridge system to North American First Nations persons, to individuals qualifying under the First Nations economic free passage incentive programs and to some government agencies. These services are not recorded in the financial statements.

SIBC also receives audit services free of charge from the Office of the Auditor General of Canada. These services have not been recorded in the financial statements.

#### 3. GOVERNMENT FUNDING AND GOVERNMENT FUNDING RECEIVABLE

The Corporation has recognized \$1,060,875 in Government funding (\$1,144,432 for the year ended March 31, 2024), \$958,967 to cover its revenue shortfall (\$1,090,809 for the year ended March 31, 2024) and \$101,908 equal to the tangible capital asset amortization (\$53,623 for the year ended March 31, 2024). As at March 31, 2025, \$236,442 (\$448,443 for the year ended March 31, 2024) of Government funding is receivable.

As part of the *Appropriation Act No. 2, 2024-25* (*Appropriation Act No. 2, 2023-24* for the year ended March 31, 2024), FBCL was authorized to receive up to \$17,923,000 (\$7,381,000 for the year ended March 31, 2024) in Government funding to support the continued requirements of its bridge locations, including SIBC. This Government funding is required given the reduction of the Corporation's revenues as a result of the significant reduction in traffic (and associated toll collection) following the prolonged cross-border travel restrictions related to COVID-19. With relation to SIBC, FBCL claimed and transferred \$958,967 (\$1,090,809 for the year ended March 31, 2024) in funding to SIBC to cover its revenue shortfall and \$457,313 (\$136,623 for the year ended March 31, 2024) was used to purchase capital assets. The government funding for SIBC tangible capital assets is transferred to SIBC based on the amortization of tangible capital assets, as historically the partners fund tangible capital assets annually based on amortization rates. During the year, \$101,908 (2024 - \$53,623) was recognized.

There is no requirement for either partner to reimburse the government funding received in the current year or in a future year should SIBC incur a positive annual surplus.

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

(in Canadian dollars)

#### 4. DUE TO PARTNERS

As per the Joint Venture agreement, the annual surplus is to be distributed equally between FBCL and GLS. In addition, interest earned on funds held in guaranteed investment certificates is credited to FBCL and GLS based on their proportionate share of the balance due to partners. Finally, major repairs and/or betterments incurred to assure the reliability of the South Channel Bridge and capital improvements to the North Channel Bridge are paid for by the owners under a service job order system which specifies the owners' percentage allocations.

The amount owed to the partners bears interest at a rate which varies between 0.00% and 5.37% (0.00% and 5.37% for the year ended March 31, 2024) and is payable on demand. The carrying amount approximates its fair value. As of March 31, 2025, the partners have requested that \$1,150,212 be reinvested in capital improvements (included as work done on behalf of the partners) to be undertaken during the next fiscal year (\$117,000 as at March 31, 2024). FBCL's share of this work is \$479,860 (\$117,000 as at March 31, 2024), and GLS's share is \$670,352 (nil as at March 31, 2024).

FBCL will provide additional funds in order to alleviate the difference between the capital improvements requested and their portion of the Due to partners balance, as \$950,000 (\$250,000 as at March 31, 2024) of FBCL's Due to partners balance is required to stay within SIBC for working capital. During the year, the working capital was increased from \$250,000 to \$950,000 as SIBC pays for tangible capital assets upfront while the associated government funding relating to these assets is received based on the amortization of these assets. As at March 31, 2025, there is \$23,898 from the partners outstanding (no contribution from the partners outstanding as at March 31, 2024).

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

(in Canadian dollars)

## 4. **DUE TO PARTNERS (continued)**

The amounts due to FBCL and GLS are calculated as follows:

	FB	CL	GLS	5	Tot	tal
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	2025	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Balance due at beginning						
of year	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	<b>\$ 745,605</b> \$	845,120	\$ 995,605	\$ 1,095,120
Interest credited	-	-	26,785	12,583	26,785	12,583
Allocation of annual						
surplus	-	-	-	-	-	-
Increase to working						
capital	700,000	-	-	-	700,000	-
Contributions from						
the partners	162,193	52,752	-	-	162,193	52,752
	1,112,193	302,752	772,390	857,703	1,884,583	1,160,455
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Interest paid	_	_	_	_	_	-
Work done on behalf of						
the partners	162,193	52,752	76,832	112,098	239,025	164,850
	162,193	52,752	76,832	112,098	239,025	164,850
Balance due at end of						
year	\$ 950,000	\$ 250,000	<b>\$ 695,558</b> \$	745,605	\$ 1,645,558	\$ 995,605

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

(in Canadian dollars)

#### 5. EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS

#### a) Compensated absences and severance benefits

The accumulating non-vesting medical leave benefits program has been curtailed and replaced with a vesting medical leave benefit. Upon the introduction of the new program, employees had a choice to remain under the non-vesting medical leave benefit or transfer to the vesting medical leave benefit. Under the vesting medical leave, unused balances as at the end of the calendar year shall be paid out at a rate of 50%. Accumulating non-vesting medical leave benefits are provided to the three employees, who elected to continue under this plan, at a rate of 15 days per year. SIBC employees may also qualify for short-term and long-term disability.

SIBC recognizes the cost of future medical leave, long-term benefits and other severance benefits based on the probability of usage by groups of employees which ranges from 0% to 100%. The probability of usage is determined based on historical usage by group of employees as well as taking into account the health of individual employees.

The employee future benefits liability includes the following components:

2025	2024
\$ 107,274	\$ 240,768
23,031	(101,771)
(22,289)	(31,723)
(17,760)	
90,256	107,274
3,287	-
\$ 93,543	\$ 107,274
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#### b) Pension benefits

Under the public service pension plan, the President of the Treasury Board of Canada sets the required employer contributions based on a multiple of the employees' required contribution. The employer matches employee contributions, resulting in SIBC contributing \$114,364 (\$110,382 for the year ended March 31, 2024).

The Government of Canada holds a statutory obligation for the payment of benefits relating to the Plan. Pension benefits generally accrue up to a maximum period of 35 years at an annual rate of 2% of pensionable service times the average of the best five consecutive years of earnings. The benefits are coordinated with Canada/Québec Pension Plan benefits and they are indexed to inflation.

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6. UNEARNED F	REVENUE
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	2025	2024
Prepaid tolls (transit cards and tickets) Prepaid leases and permits	\$ 175,371 93,116	\$ 153,044 85,609
Total unearned revenue	\$ 268,487	\$ 238,653

### 7. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	\	/ehicles &		
Cost	E	quipment	Buildings	Total
Opening balance, at April 1, 2023		1,266,569	976,369	2,242,938
Acquisitions		136,623	-	136,623
Ending balance, at March 31, 2024	\$	1,403,192	\$ 976,369	\$ 2,379,561
Acquisitions		457,313	-	457,313
Disposals		(201,753)	-	(201,753)
Ending balance, at March 31, 2025	\$	1,658,752	\$ 976,369	\$ 2,635,121
Amortization				
Opening balance, at April 1, 2023		975,414	821,984	1,797,398
Amortization		92,221	9,789	102,010
Ending balance, at March 31, 2024	\$	1,067,635	\$ 831,773	\$ 1,899,408
Amortization		115,967	9,789	125,756
Diposals		(201,753)	-	(201,753)
Ending balance, at March 31, 2025	\$	981,849	\$ 841,562	\$ 1,823,411
Net Book Value at March 31, 2025	\$	676,903	\$ 134,807	\$ 811,710
Net Book Value at March 31, 2024	\$	335,557	\$ 144,596	\$ 480,153

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#### 8. BRIDGE USAGE

Free usage of the bridge system to North American First Nations persons is provided to individuals qualifying under the First Nations economic free passage incentive programs and to some government agencies. This represents approximately 76% of the bridge traffic for the year ended March 31, 2025 (approximately 76% for the year ended March 31, 2024).

#### 9. CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

SIBC has commitments for an operating lease, waste disposal, purchase of materials and bridge inspections for a total of \$1,556,089 (\$2,085,313 as at March 31, 2024). The contractual amounts outstanding for the next five years and beyond are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Contractual amounts outstanding	
2025-26	\$ 484,741	
2026-27	\$ 234,613	
2027-28	\$ 112,245	
2028-29	\$ 112,245	
2029-30	\$ 112,245	
Beyond 2029-30	\$ 500,000	

#### 10. CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS

Contractual rights are rights to economic resources arising from contracts or agreements that will result in both an asset and revenue in the future.

SIBC, through FBCL and GLS, has lease agreements with utility companies on both Canadian and American lands. The lease relating to the Canadian land commenced in December 2011 and is for a 20 year term ending November 2031. The base rent established in 2011 is subject to CPI indexation on an annual basis and the payment is due annually in December for the upcoming year. The current annual lease is \$93,703 for the period starting December 2024 and ending November 2025 (\$91,866 for period starting December 2023 and ending November 2024). Under the agreement, either lessor or lessee may terminate the agreement by providing not less than 18 months' prior notice in writing. As at March 31, 2025, no written notices were provided.

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#### 10. CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS (continued)

A similar lease relating to the American land was renewed in June 2018 and is for a five year term ending June 2023. A new renewal is being finalized however the lease payment for fiscal 2023-24 and 2024-25 have been received. The base rent is also subject to CPI indexation on an annual basis and the payment is due annually in June for the upcoming year. The current annual lease is US\$89,500 (\$122,588 Cdn) for the period starting July 2024 and ending June 2025 (US\$73,972 or \$97,462 Cdn for the period starting July 2023 and ending June 2024). Under the agreement, either the lessor or lessee may terminate the agreement by providing not less than 12 months' prior notice in writing. As at March 31, 2025, no written notices were provided.

#### 11. CONTINGENCIES

FBCL is named as a defendant jointly and severally with its subsidiary corporation SIBC and The Crown in regards to its mandate at the Seaway International Crossing. The amount of the claim is \$50 million, subject to accounting for bridge tolls and revenues. Transport Canada has assumed responsibility to defend against the claim. FBCL and its subsidiary corporation SIBC are agent Crown corporations in their own rights and, with respect to this claim, they are being sued for taking actions that they are mandated to take as agents of The Crown. The outcome, timing and amount of any settlement of this claim cannot be determined at this time due to uncertainties primarily related to the resolution of a separate land claim by the same party against The Crown that must first be considered and decided.

In the normal course of its activities, SIBC may become a claimant or defendant or may be involved in certain pending claims or lawsuits. At March 31, 2025, there are no claims outstanding. There exists also a potential claim relating to an incident causing death. The outcome of this potential claim is not determinable at this time.

#### 12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

SIBC is related to FBCL and GLS as these two entities have shared control of SIBC. Consequently, SIBC is related to the federal governments of both Canada and the United States as these governments ultimately control FBCL and GLS. SIBC enters into transactions with these entities in the normal course of business. All related party transactions, with the exception of the transactions listed below, are measured at fair value in the financial statements.

SIBC provides free usage of the bridge system to some government agencies. SIBC also receives audit services free of charge from the Office of the Auditor General of Canada. These services are provided without charge and are not recorded in the financial statements.

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#### 12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

Key management personnel consists of the Bridge Director, Board of Director members and immediate family. There are no significant related party transactions with these individuals.

#### 13. CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENSES BY TYPE

	2025	2024
Salaries and benefits	\$ 2,480,689	\$ 2,042,481
Materials and other services	973,227	1,030,948
Professional services	575,129	589,617
Insurance	243,010	232,405
Amortization	125,756	102,010
Lease of tolling facilities	100,000	100,000
Interest expense	26,785	12,583
Foreign currency loss	-	181
Recovered expenses	(280)	(2,792)
Total expenses	\$ 4,524,316	\$ 4,107,433

#### 14. BUDGET TO ACTUAL VARIANCE

At the time the budgets are prepared, the toll volume and associated revenues are based on existing volumes. In the current year, actual volumes can differ from budgeted volumes based on numerous factors such as changes in travel patterns as well economic and political influences. Toll volumes and revenues, however, continue to be insufficient to cover the cost of operations, thus requiring government funding (as disclosed in Note 3). Additionally, SIBC continually monitors operating expenses to ensure that only required spending is incurred during the year with the expectation to ensure expenses do not exceed total revenues plus government funding.

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#### 15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

SIBC's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, investments, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, client deposits, and due to partners. Unless otherwise disclosed, the fair value of the financial instruments approximates their respective carrying values due to their impending maturity.

It is management's opinion that SIBC is not exposed to significant credit, interest rate, currency or liquidity risks arising from these financial instruments.

**Credit risk** - Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

SIBC is subject to credit risk on cash and investments. The carrying value reported on the Corporation's Statement of Financial Position represents the maximum amount exposed to credit risk. In order to reduce this risk, SIBC deals only with members of Payments Canada and invests in highly liquid investments.

SIBC is also subject to credit risk on the accounts receivable from non-related parties and investments. SIBC's maximum exposure to credit risk as at March 31, 2025, was \$809,586 (\$193,184 as at March 31, 2024). In total, \$673 (nil as at March 31, 2024) accounts receivable are past due but not impaired. Accounts that have exceeded 30 days are considered past due.

Based on a specific analysis of accounts receivable, and considering the Corporation's knowledge of the financial condition of its customers, no allowance for doubtful accounts was recorded at year-end (nil at March 31, 2024). In order to further reduce this risk, SIBC's credit policy requires customers to provide a non-interest bearing security deposit ranging between one to two months of transits, or a minimum of \$300. As at March 31, 2025, the security deposit balance was \$66,170 (\$50,660 as at March 31, 2024).

**Interest rate risk** - Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

SIBC is exposed to interest rate risk from its investments and its obligation to pay interest on outstanding balances due to partners. SIBC manages this risk by basing the interest paid to the partners on actual interest earned on investments. The investments that the Corporation holds as of March 31, 2025, yield 4.85% and matures July 2025 (the investments yielded 5.37% for the year ended March 31, 2024).

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#### 15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

**Currency risk** - Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rate.

SIBC operates internationally and is exposed to foreign exchange risks mainly arising as a result of tolls collected in US dollars. SIBC manages this risk by periodically adjusting the US toll rates with the Canadian rates and by converting US bank account balances to Canadian dollars on a regular basis.

During the fiscal year, SIBC recorded US\$493,718 in total revenue (US\$454,993 for the year ended March 31, 2024) and paid out US\$5,732 in expenses (US\$41,635 for the year ended March 31, 2024). A 5% change in the average exchange rate during the year would not be material.

At the end of the fiscal year, SIBC held \$38,503 in US funds (US\$36,924 as at March 31, 2024). A 5% change in the exchange rate in effect on March 31, 2025 would not be material.

**Liquidity risk** - Liquidity risk is the risk that SIBC will not be able to meet its obligations as they fall due.

As summarized in Note 4, FBCL has requested that \$479,860 (\$117,000 as at March 31, 2024) be reinvested in capital improvements in the upcoming year in which FBCL will invest the difference between its Due to Partner balance adjusted by the working capital retained in SIBC and the capital improvements. GLS has requested that \$670,352 be re-invested in capital improvements for the upcoming year (\$nil was requested as at March 31, 2024).

The maturities of SIBC's financial liabilities as at March 31, 2025, are estimated by management to be as follows:

	Less than 3 months	3 months to 1 year	Over 1 year	Total
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities <sup>1</sup>	\$ 492,211	\$ 18,739	\$ -	\$ 510,950
Client deposits	66,170	-	-	66,170
Due to partners <sup>2</sup>	<u>-</u>	670,352	975,206	\$ 1,645,558

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is an amount of \$99,973, payable to one Owner, for operating expenses of SIBC (2024 - \$69,929).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The liquidity risk for SIBC relates to the fact that the due to partners is payable on demand. SIBC manages this risk by requesting a letter of intention from the partners, on the amounts they expect to withdraw or re-invest in the short-term.

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#### 16. REORGANIZATION

In December 2013 the Government of Canada passed legislation, *Economic Action Plan Act, No.2* authorizing the re-organization of certain Crown corporations involved in the management of international bridges crossing waterways between the Province of Ontario and the States of New York and Michigan. The effects of the re-organization on SIBC would be an amalgamation of SIBC with FBCL. Currently, there are no plans for SIBC to amalgamate with FBCL as the U.S. owner has expressed its concerns regarding any proposed amalgamation. However, there are discussions underway between Transport Canada and the U.S. Department of Transportation regarding possible changes to the responsibilities of the owners and the governance structure of the Seaway International Bridge. SIBC continues its operations as a subsidiary of FBCL.

#### 17. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Since the fourth quarter of the current fiscal year, the socio-political environment and reduced value of the Canadian dollar have resulted in lower traffic volumes and revenues. While the extent and longevity of the decrease in revenues is unknown, SIBC has put in place a reduced operating budget for the fiscal year 2025-26. However, management is working with its owners to find additional sources of revenue to compensate for the limited toll revenues.