NORTHERN LIGHTS HEALTH REGION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2006

NORTHERN LIGHTS HEALTH REGION MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MARCH 31, 2006

The accompanying financial statements are the responsibility of management and have been approved by the Authority. The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and the Financial Directives issued by Alberta Health and Wellness, and of necessity include some amounts based on estimates and judgment.

To discharge its responsibility for the integrity and objectivity of financial reporting, management maintains a system of internal accounting controls comprising written policies, standards, procedures, a formal authorization structure, and satisfactory processes for reviewing internal controls. This system provides management with reasonable assurance that transactions are in accordance with governing legislation, are properly authorized, reliable financial records are maintained, and assets are adequately safeguarded. The Authority has established a code of ethics and corporate directives, which include communication of the code to employees.

The Authority carries out its responsibility for the financial statements through the Committee of the whole. This Committee meets with management and the external auditor, the Auditor General of Alberta to review financial matters, and recommends the financial statements to the Northern Lights Health Region board for approval. The external auditor has free access to the Committee of the whole.

The external auditor, the Auditor General of Alberta, provides an independent audit of the financial statements, Their examination is conducted in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and includes tests and procedures which allow them to report on the fairness of the financial statements prepared by management.

[Original signed by Bernie Blais]

[Original signed by Linda Metz]

Chief Executive Officer

Chief Financial Officer

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Auditor's Report

To the Members of Northern Lights Health Region and the Minister of Health and Wellness

I have audited the statement of financial position of Northern Lights Health Region (the Region) as at March 31, 2006 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Region's management. 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 plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Region as at March 31, 2006 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

[Original signed by Fred J. Dunn]

FCA Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta May 26, 2006

NORTHERN LIGHTS HEALTH REGION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION March 31, 2006 (in thousands)

2006 2005 Actual Actual ASSETS Current: \$ 4,628 \$ 9,122 Cash and investments (Note 3) 3.209 Accounts receivable (Note 4) 1.875 Contributions receivable from Alberta Health and Wellness 1.284 1,544 733 565 Inventories 469 573 Prepaid expenses 10,323 13.679 Non-current cash and investments (Note 3) 1,163 1,643 Capital contributions receivable (Note 5) 5,329 1,788 Capital assets (Note 6) 81,399 81,498 TOTAL ASSETS \$ 98,608 \$ 98,214 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS Current: \$ 8.443 Accounts payable and accrued liabilities \$ 6.109 Accrued vacation pay 2,860 2,624 Deferred contributions (Schedule 3) 3.223 2.299 Bank loan (Note 7) 240 360 14.766 11,392 Deferred contributions (Schedule 3) Δ 5 Deferred capital contributions (Note 8) 6,488 3,426 Unamortized external capital contributions (Note 9) 77,536 77,832 98,794 92,655 Net assets Accumulated surplus(deficit) (Note 22) (4,443)2.287 Investment in capital assets from internally funded sources 3.863 3.666 (580) 5,953 Operating net assets TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$ 98,214 \$ 98,608

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

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<u>NORTHERN LIGHTS HEALTH REGION</u> <u>STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS</u> <u>March 31, 2006</u> (in thousands)

	2	2006		2005
	Budget		Actual	Actual
	(Note 10)			
Revenue				
Alberta Health and Wellness contributions (Note 11)	\$71,224	Ś	72,023	\$ 67,506
Other government contributions (Note 12)	1,027		1,198	2,323
Fees and charges (Note 13)	6,012		6,914	4,993
Ancillary operations, net (Note 14)	(64)		(90)	(42)
Donations	180		256	463
Investment and other income (Note 15)	1,450		1,541	1,124
Amortized external capital contributions (Note 9)	5,093		5,155	6,019
TOTAL REVENUE	84,922		86,997	82,386
Expenses (Schedule 1)	22 001		22 000	10 770
racility based inpatient acute nutsing services	6 5 1 3		6 7/0	5 703
Facility-based continuing care services	4.227		4.634	3.831
Ambulance services	I		22	112
Community-based care	2,434		2,527	2,180
Home care	3,383		2,932	2,618
Diagnostic and therapeutic services	17,910		16,678	15,150
Promotion, prevention and protection services	6,875		6,153	5,507
Administration (Note 16)	5,868		6,556	5,067
Information technology (Note 17)	4,079		3,177	3,367
Support services (Note 18)	16,700		16,864	15,309
Amortization of facilities and improvements	3,481		3,626	4,000
Capital assets write down	 		1	583
TOTAL EXPENSES	95,461		93,527	82,787

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Deficiency of revenue over expenses

\$ (10,539)

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NORTHERN LIGHTS HEALTH REGION STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS March 31, 2006

(in thousands)

			200	6			 2005
	surpl	umulated us(deficit) lote 22)	capit from	stment in al assets internally d sources	,	Total	 Гotal
Balance at beginning of year	\$	2,287	\$	3,666	\$	5,953	\$ 6,354
Deficiency of revenue over expenses		(6,530)		-		(6,530)	(401)
Capital assets purchased with internal funds		(911)		908		(3)	-
Amortization of internally funded capital assets		711		(711)		-	-
Balance at end of year	\$	(4,443)	\$	3,863	\$	(580)	\$ 5,953

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

March 31, 2006 (in thousands)

(in thousands)			
	20	06	2005
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Cash generated from (used by):			
Operating activities:			
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	\$ (10,539)	\$ (6,530)	\$ (401)
Non-cash transactions:			
Amortization of capital equipment - internally funded	626	636	738
- externally funded	1,500	1,565	1,635
Amortization of facilities and improvements	3,674	3,720	4,161
Amortized external capital contributions (Note 9)	(5,093)	(5,210)	(6,138)
Loss on disposal of capital equipment	-	-	22
Write down of capital assets	-	-	583
Changes in non-cash working capital account	(469)	2,355	(3,640)
Cash used by operations	(10.301)	(3,464)	(3,040)
Investing activities:			
Purchase of capital assets:			
internally funded	(667)	(908)	(830)
externally funded - equipment (Note 8)	(2,090)	(2,744)	(6,112)
externally funded - facility and improvements (Note 8)	(1,457)	(2,170)	(1,429)
Allocations from non-current cash	377	480	2,558
Allocations to long term receivable	(755)	(3,540)	(881)
Cash used by investing activities	(4,592)	(8,882)	(6,694)
Financing activities:			
Capital contributions received	3,926	7,972	5,864
Repayment of bank loan	(120)	(120)	(120)
Cash generated from financing activities	3,806	7,852	5,744
Decrease in cash and investments	(11,087)	(4,494)	(3,990)
Cash and investments, beginning of year	9,122	9,122	13,112
Cash and investments (bank indebtedness), end of year	\$ (1,965)	\$ 4,628	\$ 9,122

NORTHERN LIGHTS HEALTH REGION NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MARCH 31, 2006 (in thousands)

Note 1 Authority, Purpose and Operations

Northern Lights Health Region (the "Authority") was established June 24, 1994 under the Regional Health Authorities Act, Chapter R-10, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000. The Authority is exempt from payment of income tax and is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act.

The Authority delivers appropriate, accessible and affordable health services in Alberta. This responsibility includes operating programs that promote, protect, maintain, restore and enhance physical and mental well-being.

The Authority's operations include the following facilities and sites:

Northern Lights Regional Health Centre Northwest Health Centre St. Theresa General Hospital Rainbow Lake Health Centre La Crete Health Centre Paddle Prairie Health Centre Ft. Vermilion Health Centre Zama City Nursing Station La Crete Continuing Care Centre

The financial statements do not include the assets, liabilities and operations of voluntary or private facilities providing health services in the region, except as disclosed in Note 20 and Schedule 4.

Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices Note 2

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and the reporting requirements of Alberta Health and Wellness' Financial Directive 26. Following are the significant accounting policies:

(a) Basis of Presentation

These financial statements use the deferral method, the key elements of which are:

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year receivable. (i)

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Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued) Note 2

- (a) Basis of Presentation (continued)
 - (ii) Externally restricted capital contributions are recorded as deferred capital contributions until invested in capital assets. Amounts invested, or externally funded capital assets, are transferred to unamortized external capital contributions. Unamortized external capital contributions are recognized as revenue in the period the related amortization expense of the capital asset is recorded.
 - (iii) Externally restricted non-capital contributions are recognized as revenue in the year proportional to the related expenses incurred.
 - (iv) Endowments and restricted contributions to purchase capital assets that will not be amortized are recorded as direct increases to net assets.
 - (v) Unrestricted investment income is recognized in the year earned.
 - (vi) Investment income subject to external restrictions is, depending on the nature of the restriction, recorded as a direct increase to net assets, or deferred and recognized as revenue in the year the related expenses are incurred.
 - (vii) Donations and contributions in kind are recorded at fair value when such value can reasonably be determined.

(b) Full cost

The Authority records the fair value of costs of services for which it is responsible. Fair value transactions comprise the following:

- (i) Revenue earned by contracted health service operators from Ministry of Health and Wellness designated fees and charges are recorded as the Authority's fees and charges. An equivalent amount is recorded as contracted health service expense of the Authority.
- (ii) Alberta Health and Wellness payments directly to contracted health service operators are recorded as revenue and an equivalent amount recorded as program expense as these payments represent part of the cost of the Authority's health programs.

Note 2 Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued)

- (b) Full cost (continued)
 - (iii) Fair value for use of acute care facilities not owned by the Authority is recorded as revenue from other government contributions or donations, and as program expense, since contract payments from the Authority do not include an amount for use of these facilities.
 - (iv) Fair value for use of non-acute care facilities not owned by the Authority and provided to the Authority at zero or nominal rent is recorded as other government contributions and as program expense.
 - (v) Other assets, supplies and services that would otherwise have been purchased are recorded as revenue and expenses, at fair value at the date of contribution, when a fair value can be reasonably determined. The value of volunteers' contributed services is not reported because a fair value cannot be reasonably determined.
- (c) Employee Future Benefits

The Authority participates in the Local Authorities Pension Plan. This multi-employer defined benefit pension plan provides pensions for participating employees, based on years of service and earnings. Defined contribution plan accounting is applied to a multi-employer defined benefit plan for which the authority has insufficient information to apply defined benefit plan accounting.

The Region provides a non-contributory defined benefit Supplementary Executive Retirement Plan (SERP) to senior executives of the Region. The cost of these benefits is actuarially determined using the projected benefit method pro-rated on services, a market interest rate, and management's best estimate of expected costs and the period of benefit coverage. Net actuarial gains or losses of the benefit obligation are amortized over the average remaining service life of the employee group.

Pension costs comprise the employer's contributions for its employees during the year, based on rates expected to provide benefits payable under the pension plans. The Authority does not record its portion of the plans' deficit or surplus.

The Authority fully accrues its obligations for employee non-pension future benefits.

Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices (continued) Note 2

losses on disposal are recognized in the period of disposal.

Short-term investments are recorded at lower of cost and market value.

Cash and Investments Note 3

	2006	<u>2005</u>
Cash	\$ 5,338	\$ 8,452
Guaranteed investment certificates	453	454
Bonds		1,859
Total current & non-current cash and investments	\$ 5,791	\$ 10,765
Classified as:		
Current	\$ 4,628	\$ 9,122
Non-current	1,163	1,643
Total cash and investments	\$ 5,791	\$ 10,765

(i) Guaranteed investment certificates maturing on September 3rd, 2009 are guaranteed by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation and have an average effective yield of 4.13%.

Non-current cash and investments represent the following:

ollars are expensed.		2006	2005	
estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis as	Externally restricted for capital acquisitions	\$ 6,488	\$ 3,426	
Useful Life	Less: Capital contributions receivable	(5,329)	(1,788)	
20-40 years	Externally restricted for Specialized Training	4	5	
20 years				
20 years				
5-20 years		\$ 1,163	\$ 1,643	

Note 4 Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable represents the following:

	2006	2005
Patients	\$ 2,170	\$ 1,647
Other	1,039	228
	\$ 3,209	\$ 1,875

(d)

(e) Financial Instruments

Investments

The carrying value of accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximates their fair value because of the short-term maturity of these items.

Non-current investments are recorded at cost unless there was an other-than-temporary impairment in value. At that time, the value is reduced. Discounts or premiums arising on purchase are amortized on a straight-line basis over the maturity period. Gains or

(f) Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of moving average cost or net realizable value.

(g) Capital Assets

Capital assets and construction projects in progress are recorded at cost. Capital assets with unit costs less than five thousand dollar

Capital assets are amortized over their esti

follows: Buildings Land improvements Building service equipment Vehicles and equipment

Construction projects in progress are not amortized until the project is complete. Leases transferring substantially all benefits and risks of capital asset ownership are reported as capital asset acquisitions financed by long-term obligations.

(j) Measurement Uncertainty

> The financial statements, by their nature, contain estimates and are subject to measurement uncertainty. Actual results could differ from estimates.

Note 5 Capital Contributions Receivable

Capital contributions receivable represents the following:

	<u>2006</u>	2005
Alberta Health & Wellness	\$ 2,000	\$-
Regional Shared Health Information Project - Picture Archival		
Communication System (PACS)	1,242	-
Northern Lights Regional Health Foundation	975	1,122
Regional Shared Health Information Project (RSHIP)	591	211
Alberta Infrastructure	521	455
	\$ 5,329	\$ 1,788

Note 6 Capital Assets

				Cost				
Capital Asset	Ba	ening lance 1, 2005	Tı	ansfers from Work in Progress	Additions	1	Disposals	ing Balance ch 31, 2006
Land	\$	900	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 900
Site Improvements		4,922		-	 69		-	4,991
Buildings		89,594		750	1,546		-	91,890
Building Service Equipment		20,961		-	-		-	20,961
Equipment		26,922		616	1,516		(133)	28,921
Construction in Progress		1,407		(1,366)	2,691		-	 2,732
	\$	144,706	\$	-	\$ 5,822	\$	(133)	\$ 150,395

	Acc	umulated	Amort	zation					
iing Balance ril 1, 2005		ent year tization		ization on posals	ng Balance h 31, 2006	Net F	300k Value 2006		Book Value 2005
\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	900	\$	900
3,878		118			3,996		995	1	1,044
33,532		2,759			36,291		55,599		56,062
9,647		830			10,477		10,484		11,314
 16,151		2,214		(133)	18,232		10,689		10,771
 -					 -		2,732		1,407
\$ 63,208	\$	5,921	\$	(133)	\$ 68,996	\$	81,399	\$	81,498

Note 6 Capital Assets (continued)

Construction in progress is comprised of the following:

	<u>2006</u>	2005
Regional Shared Health Information Project (RSHIP)	\$ 1,904	\$-
DI Trauma Room II	-	766
DI Equipment (PACS system)	-	600
Northwest Health Centre	294	-
NLHC Elevator Upgrade	182	-
NLHC X-Ray Replacement	121	-
Sprinkler Pump Booster	97	-
Boiler Replacement	31	31
Other	103	10
Total Construction in Progress	\$ 2,732	\$ 1,407

Capital assets were funded from the following sources:

Externally funded Internally funded	2 <u>006</u> \$ 77,536 3,863	2005 \$ 77,832 3,666
	\$ 81,399	\$ 81,498

Note 7 Bank Loan

The bank loan bears interest of prime minus .25% and is secured by a borrowing resolution of the Authority and is due on demand.

Future principal payments are as follows:

For the year ended March 31:	
2007	\$ 120
2008	120
	<u>\$ 240</u>

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Note 8 **Deferred Capital Contributions**

Deletteu Capital Contributions		
	2006	2005
Amounts received:		
Restricted Alberta Health and Wellness contributions	\$-	\$ 1,513
Restricted other government contributions	2,813	2,957
Restricted other contributions	-	27
Donations restricted for capital purposes	694	1,053
Regional Shared Health Information Project contributions	1,242	1,889
-	4,749	7,439
Transferred (to) from:		
Unamortized external capital contributions (Note 9)	(4,914)	(7,541)
Deferred Contributions (Schedule 3)	3,575	35
Internally Funded	5	-
Other government contributions (Note 13)	(353)	(1,610)
-	(1,687)	(9,116)
Change during the year	3,062	(1,677)
Balance, beginning of year	3,426	5,103
Balance, end of year	\$ 6,488	\$ 3,426
Balance at the end of the year is restricted for the following purpose	es:	
Equipment replacement	\$ 65	\$ 65
Improvement of capital assets	6,423	3,361
	\$ 6,488	\$ 3,426

Unamortized External Capital Contributions Note 9

The balance of Unamortized external capital contributions at the end of year represents the external capital contribution to be recognized as revenue in future years.

	2006	2005
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 77,832	\$ 76,429
Transfers from (to) deferred capital contributions (Note 8)	4,914	7,541
Less amounts recognized as revenue:		
Amortized external capital contributions: Equipment	(1,565)	(1,635)
Amortized external capital contributions: Facilites & improvements	(3,590)	(3,794)
Amortized external capital contributions: Ancillary operations	(55)	(119)
Amortization on disposals	-	(590)
Balance, end of year	\$ 77,536	\$ 77,832

Note 10 Budget			
	2005/06		2005/06
	Approved	Additional	Reported
	Budget ⁽¹⁾	Funding ⁽²⁾	Budget
Revenue			
Alberta Health and Wellness contributions	\$ 68,224	\$ 3,000	\$ 71,224
Other government contributions	1,027	-	1,027
Fees and charges	6,012	-	6,012
Ancillary operations, net	(64)	-	(64)
Donations	180	-	180
Investment and other income	1,450	-	1,450
Amortized external capital contributions	5,093	-	5,093
TOTAL REVENUE	81,922	3,000	84,922
Expenses			
Facility-based inpatient acute nursing services	23,991	-	23,991
Facility-based emergency and outpatient services	6,513	-	6,513
Facility-based continuing care services	4,227	-	4,227
Ambulance services	-	-	-
Community-based care	2,434	-	2,434
Home care	3,383	-	3,383
Diagnostic and therapeutic services	17,910	-	17,910
Promotion, prevention and protection services	6,875	-	6,875
Administration	5,868	-	5,868
Information technology	4,079	-	4,079
Support services	16,700	-	16,700
Amortization of facilities and improvements	3,481	-	3,481
Capital assets write down		<u> </u>	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	95,461		95,461
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ (13,539)	\$ 3,000	\$ (10,539)

(1) The budget was approved by the Board of the Authority on May $24^{\text{th}},\,2005,\,\text{and}$ submitted to the Minister of Health and Wellness for approval.

(2) Over the course of the fiscal year, the Minister provided additional funding. The Board has allocated these additional resources to address funding expectations.

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Note 11 Alberta Health and Wellness Contributions

	 2006	2005		
Unrestricted contributions	\$ 69,017	\$	64,726	
Transfers from deferred contributions (Schedule 3)	 3,006		2,780	
	\$ 72 023	ç	67 506	

Note 12 Other Government Contributions

	2006		2005	
<u>Alberta Government</u>				
Transfers from deferred capital contributions (Note 8)				
Unrestricted Alberta Infrastructure	\$	330	\$ 1,610	
Other		23	 -	
		353	 1,610	
Transfers from deferred contributions (Schedule 3)		785	651	
Other		60	 62	
	\$	1,198	\$ 2,323	

WCB standard charges 576 286 1,466 Federal 24 47 11 308 3 169 Uninsured medical services Uninsured supplies . . -62 Continuing care standard ward 2,585 1,586 3,218 Continuing Care Continuing care semi-private 898 88 -Continuing care private 164 928 1,062 1,016 -Home Care -49 Other --

Note 14 Ancillary Operations

Total

Note 13 Fees and charges

Acute Care Out-of-province

Out-of-country base amount

					2	006	 	2	005
	F	Patient ood vices	ental erations	rking rations		Other	Total	T	<u>`otal</u>
Revenue									
Revenue	\$	425	\$ 133	\$ 294	\$	60	\$ 912	\$	811
Amortized deferred capital contributions		-	37	18		-	55		119
		425	 170	 312		60	 967		930
Expenses									
Other expenses		506	239	5		213	963		811
Amortization		-	64	18		12	94		161
		506	303	23		225	1,057		972
Excess (deficiency) of revenue			 	 			 		
over expenses	\$	(81)	\$ (133)	\$ 289	\$	(165)	\$ (90)	\$	(42)

Inpatient/Resident

\$ 1,623 \$ 1,151

\$ 3,647 \$ 2,602

67

2005

60

2006

<u>Outpatient</u>

2005

877

1,169

33

23

129

2,250

-

-

73

68

\$ 3,267 \$ 2,391

19

2006

\$ 1,492 \$

44

<u>Total</u>

\$ 3,115 \$ 2,028

111

2,042

58

477

5,803

898

164

1,062

49

\$ 6,914 \$ 4,993

2005

93

47

132

19

62

88

928

73

68

1,016

3,836

1,455

2006

Note 15 Investment and other income

	2006	2005
Investment income	\$ 296	\$ 297
Transfers from Deferred Contributions (Schedule 3)	278	-
Other income		
Immunization Recoveries	144	122
Other Recoveries	823	705
	\$ 1,541	\$ 1,124

Investment income comprises interest, dividends, amortization of discounts (premiums) and net gains on disposal of investments.

Note 16 Administration

	2006	2005
Administration	\$ 963	\$ 885
Medical Staff	1,214	1,313
Board	365	163
Finance	1,203	1,104
Human Resources	2,355	1,483
Occupational Health & Safety	430	-
Other	-	59
Amortization	26	60
	\$ 6,556	\$ 5,067

Note 17 Information Technology

	2006	2005
Information Technology	\$ 1,743	\$ 2,162
RSHIP	1,221	1,205
Telehealth	213	-
	\$ 3,177	\$ 3,367

Note 18 Support services

	2006	2005
Building maintenance, operations and security	\$ 6,197	\$ 5,529
Communications	487	508
Housekeeping	2,686	2,202
Laundry and linen	668	662
Materials management	1,705	1,395
Patient food services	2,200	1,842
Patient health records	1,733	1,788
Other	955	1,079
Amortization	233	304
	\$ 16,864	\$ 15,309

Note 19 **Commitments and Contingencies**

(a) Commitments

The Authority is committed under contracts for laboratory services, service contracts and equipment leases for the following payments:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2007	\$ 6,953
2008	320
2009	212
2010	138
2011	85

Contingencies (b)

The Authority has a contingent liability in respect of a claim concerning the methodology used to calculate pension benefit payments under the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP). The claim has been filed jointly and severally against the Province of Alberta and the employers participating in LAPP. The claim specified an amount of \$1.25 billion. The outcome of the claim is not determinable, and no liability is recorded at this time.

The Authority has a contingent liability in respect of a claim concerning increased long term care accommodation charges levied effective August 1, 2003. The claim has been filed against the Province of Alberta and the Regional Health Authorities. The total amount of the claim is in excess of \$150 million based on the amount of the increase in accommodation charges levied. The outcome of the claim is not determinable, and no liability is recorded at this time.

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Related Parties Note 20

(a) Province of Alberta

The Minister of Health and Wellness appoints members of the Authority. The Authority is economically dependent on the Ministry of Health and Wellness since the viability of its ongoing operations depends on contributions from the Ministry. Transactions between the Authority and the Province are disclosed in the Statement of Operations and in notes to the financial statements.

- (b) Health Authorities and other Government of Alberta
 - The Authority shares a common relationship with other Health Authorities (i) through its relationship with the Province of Alberta. Transactions between the Authority and other Health Authorities are reported in the Statement of Operations.
 - The Authority has entered into a partnership agreement with the other six non-(ii) metro regional health authorities in Alberta to develop and implement a common, integrated information system.

David Thompson Health Region Peace Country Health Aspen Health Region

Chinook Health Region East Central Health Palliser Health Region

The partnership agreement functions under the name: Regional Shared Health Information Program (RSHIP), and is jointly controlled by the seven participating regions. RSHIP is currently intended to provide two services to the regions. The first service relates to the development and implementation of software through a provincial project management office. The second service represents the operations of a common data processing facility.

Funding of RSHIP activity has been provided partly through Alberta Health and Wellness grants, with the balance being funded by the regions directly. Each region is to take responsibility for the portion of total costs not funded by Alberta Health and Weilness. The amounts are determined annually based on costs expected to be incurred by the Provincial Project Management Office and the Shared Data Centre. The Provincial Project Management Office is expected to require funding from the Authority for the next two fiscal years. The Shared Data Centre will be an ongoing program funded by the Authority and its partners. Costs of RSHIP have been accounted for using the proportionate consolidation method.

Related Parties (continued) Note 20

(iii) Related parties are those entities consolidated or accounted for on a modified equity basis in the Province of Alberta's financial statements.

The Northern Lights Health Region had the following transactions with other related parties recorded in the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Operations:

Balances

	(in thousands)							
	Receivable from:			Payable to:				
	2	2006	2	005	20	06	20	005
Ft. McMurray Public School Board	\$	178	\$	165	\$	-	\$	-
Alberta Cancer Board		53		11		-		-
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo		11		9		-		-
Alberta Mental Health Board		5		-		-		-
Peace Country Health Region		-		11		-		-
Keyano College		-		3		10		-
	\$	247	\$	199	\$	10	\$	~

Revenue and Expenses

				(in tho	usands))		
		Rev	enue			Exp	enses	
	2	2006	2	2005	2	2006	2	2005
Ft. McMurray Public School Board	\$	507	\$	438	\$	507	\$	438
Alberta Cancer Board		105		158		105		158
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo		129		15		129		15
Northeast Child and Family Services		119		119		119		119
Alberta Mental Health Board		5		4		5		4
AADAC		30		30		30		30
Keyano College		-		-		15		-
	\$	895	\$	764	\$	910	\$	764

Note 20 Related Parties (continued)

(c) Northern Lights Regional Health Foundation

The Authority significantly influences the Northern Lights Regional Health Foundation through its representation on the Board of Directors.

Northern Lights Regional Health Foundation

	2006	2005
Total assets	\$ 4,151	\$ 2,978
Total liabilities	2,855	 1,866
Net assets	\$ 1,296	\$ 1,112
Revenue	\$ 1,568	\$ 1,791
Expenses	1,384	 1,885
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 184	\$ (94)

	Con	ributions re Auth	ceivea b nority	y Health	Re	sources held	by Fou	ndation
		Year ended	l March	31,	Ex	at March ternally	31, 200	6
	2	.006		2005	Re	stricted	Un	estricted
Northern Lights Regional Health Foundation	\$	856	s	1.510	\$	1.964	\$	1,296

Resources of the Northern Lights Regional Health Foundation amounting to \$1,964 have been restricted by donors for specified programs or equipment of the Northern Lights Health Region.

Related Parties (continued) Note 20

(e) Northern Peace Foundation

The Authority has an economic interest in the Northern Peace Foundation which was established to support fundraising for the High Level and area health facilities. The foundation is currently being reactivated.

	Con	tributions re Auth		Iealth	Resou	rces held	by Foun	dation
		Year ended	March 31,	,		at March	31, 2006	
		2006	20	05	Exter Restr	-	Unre	stricted
Northern Peace Foundation	\$	۴	\$	-	\$	-	\$	17

Administrative support provided to foundations and accounts receivable from the foundations at year-end as follows:

		Administrat	ive Suppo	ort		Accounts	Receivabl	e
		Year ended	March 3	1,	•	at March	31, 2006	
					Ext	ernally		
	2	.006	2	005	Res	stricted	Unre	stricted
Northern Lights								
Regional Health								
Foundation	\$	155	\$	148	\$	975	\$	
Regional Health	\$	155	\$	148	\$	975	\$	-

Voluntary and Private Health Service Operators (f)

The Authority has an economic interest through its contracts with voluntary and private health service providers in the region. Details are presented in Schedule 4.

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Note 21 Pension Costs

The Authority participates in the Local Authorities which is a multi-employer defined benefit plan. Pension expense in these financial statements is equal to the Authority's annual contributions payable of \$2,656 for the year ended March 31, 2006 (2005 - \$2,107).

At December 31, 2005, the Local Authorities Pension Plan reported an actuarial deficiency of \$863,558 (2004 deficiency \$1,288,924).

The Authority provides a supplemental defined contribution pension plan to employees under a collective agreement. The Authority matches employee contributions of up to 2% of regular earnings. Pension expense in these financial statements is equal to the Authority's annual contributions payable of \$153 for the year ended March 31, 2006, (2005 \$117).

The Authority provides a non-contributory defined benefit Supplementary Executive Retirement Plan (SERP) to senior executives of the Region. SERP expense in these financial statements is equal to the Authority's annual contributions payable of \$105 for the year ended March 31, 2006 (2005 - \$213). There are no cash payments made to staff relating to this plan until their retirement. The plan's assets will be held in a trust pursuant to a Retirement Compensation Arrangement (as defined by the Income Tax Act). The plan will be fully funded. Actuarial valuations are completed annually. The obligation and pension expense can vary with changes in actuarial assumptions used to estimate the obligation. The actuarial valuation assumed a discount rate of 5.4% per annum. The Accrued benefit obligation of \$292 exceeds the accrued benefit asset of \$183 resulting in an under-funded status of the plan of \$109.

2006	2005
\$ 2,626	\$ 2,105
105	213
\$ 2,731	\$ 2,318
	\$ 2,626

Note 22 Accumulated Deficit

Current year operations resulted in an accumulated deficit of \$4,443 as at March 31, 2006. Per Alberta Regulation 15/95 of the Regional Health Authorities Act, the Region is required to provide the Minister of Health and Wellness a deficit elimination plan by July 31, 2006.

Submission of the deficit elimination plan will not be completed by the required date as it is dependant on the outcome of a number of regional studies that have been commissioned by the Board.

In 2005 Alberta Health and Wellness commissioned an efficiency review of the Northern Lights Health Region. This review commenced in late 2005 with the committee's findings reported to key Board and senior management members in the spring of 2006. The committee recommended that 12 studies be undertaken to quantify the needs of the region. Through discussion with the reviewers the studies have been prioritized as follows:

> Community Health Needs Assessment Review Organizational Structure Documentation Accuracy & Reporting St. Theresa General Hospital Role Review Rainbow Lake Role Review Regional Review of Supportive Housing for Seniors Home Care Services Regional Review Regional Review of Population Health Services Regional Review of Environmental Services External Review of MAC Governance External Review of Emergency, Internal Medicine & Surgery Functions & Accountability for Property Management

In communication with the Minister of Health and Wellness, the Board has directed management to proceed with the studies identified above with completion projected on or before March 2007. At that time the Board will work with Alberta Health and Wellness to develop a business plan that addresses the health needs of the region and the region's accumulated deficit.

Note 23 Comparative Figures

Certain 2005 figures have been reclassified and restated to conform to the 2006 presentation.

Approval of Financial Statements Note 24 These financial statements have been approved by the Authority.

Schedule 1

SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES BY OBJECT HEALTH AUTHORITY

March 31, 2006

	Other	Food Supplies	Minor Equipment	Travel	Recruitment, Relocation and Retention of Staff	Equipment and Software Maintenance	Utilities	* Significant components of Other include the following:		Less amounts reported in ancillary operations (Note 14)		Capital assets write down - facilities and improvements	Facilities and improvements	Capital equipment - externally funded	Capital equipment - internally funded	Amortization:	Other *	Ather contracted certainee	Medical and survical sumplies	Drugs and gases	Contracts with health service providers (Schedule 4)	Salaries and Benefits (Schedule 2)		(in thousands)
\$ 12,706	5,982	743	762	1,335	459	1,421	\$ 2,004		\$ 95,461	(536)	95,997	1	3,674	1,500	626	12,700	17 70K		2,001	1,388	6,699	\$ 62,179	Budget	-
\$ 13,152	5,880	750	843	1,023	1,218	1,400	\$ 2,038		\$ 93,527	(1,057)	94,584	1	3,720	1,565	636	10,102	13 150	7 70K	2 205	1,566	6,363	\$ 59,491	2006	
\$ 13,748	5,519	632	2,724	753	910	1,309	\$ 1,901		\$ 82,787	(972)	83,759	583	4,161	1,635	738	10,710	13 748	50/0	1 808	1,193	5,111	\$ 48,833	2005	

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Schedule 2

HEALTH AUTHORITY SCHEDULE OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS March 31, 2006 (in thousands)

				2006							2005		
							Severa	ance					
	Number of Individuals ⁽¹⁾	Salaries and Honoraria ⁽²⁾	Benefits and Allowances ⁽³⁾	SERP		Sub-total	Number of Individuals	Amount	Total	Number of Individuals ⁽¹⁾	Salaries, Honoraria, Benefits (2)(3)	Severance	Total
RHA Chairperson - Fitzner, Jeff (2005-06)	1	\$ 58			\$	58			\$ 58	1	\$ 9		\$ 9
RHA Chairperson - Nickerson, Ken (2004-05)	1	9			+	9			9	ī	19		19
Arnason, Ron	Ī	28				28			28	1	11		11
Boyer, Mary	1	12				12			12	1	9		9
MacDonald, Margaret	1	11				11			11	1	7		7
Chonkolay, Cary	1	14				14			14	1	10		10
Neufeld, William	1	17				17			17	1	10		10
Hawryliuk, Peter	1	23				23			23	- 1	9		9
MacDonald, Cathy	1	14				14			14	- 1	6		6
Kennedy, Sylvia	1	17				17			17	-	7		7
Slater, Diane	1	7				7			7	1	4		4
Sub-total	11	210	-	-		210		-	210	11	101	-	101
Staff													
Chief Executive Officer	1	267	22	78		367			367	1	422		422
Management person(s) reporting to the CEO:													
VP Corporate Services	1	145	22	12		179			179	1	187		187
VP Human Resources	-	-	-			-			-	1	23		23
VP Health Services	3	448	64	15		527			527	3	461		461
Executive Director, Foundation	1	77	8			85			85	1	95		95
Communications Advisor	1	63	13			76			76	1	73		73
Director, Primary Care Network	1	103	18			121			121	-	-		-
Other management person(s) reporting directly to	19	1,950	314			2,264			2,264	13	1,218	39	1,257
those above. (avg. 2006 \$119. avg. 2005 \$122) Regulated nurses not included above*		,									,		-
RNs, Reg. Psych. nurses, Grad nurses (avg. 2006 \$90, avg 2005 \$85)	234	18,027	2,962			20,989			20,989	210	17,874		17,874
LPNs (avg. 2006 \$56, avg. 2005 \$50)	60	2,902	450			3,352			3,352	53	2,667		2,667
Other health technical and professionals (avg. 2006 \$84, avg 2005 \$82)	97	6,991	1,157			8,148			8,148	109	8,930		8,930
Unregulated health service providers (avg. 2006 \$43, avg 2005 \$38)	106	3,842	682			4,524			4,524	105	4,015		4,015
Other staff	331	15,355	3,294			18,649			18,649	273	12,728		12,728
(avg. 2006 \$56, avg 2005 \$47)													
Sub-total	855	50,170	9,006	105		59,281	-	-	59,281	771	48,693	39	48,732
Grand Total	866	\$ 50,380	\$ 9,006	\$ 105	\$	59,491		-	\$ 59,491	782	\$ 48,794	\$ 39	\$ 48,833

SCHEDULE OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS HEALTH AUTHORITY March 31, 2006

- Ξ Total actual discrete number of individuals employed: 1,172 (2005 - 1,089) Full Time Equivalent (FTE) is determined at the rate of 2,022.75 annual hours for each full-time employee
- (\mathbf{i}) Salaries include regular base pay, overtime, lump sum payments, shift differential, honoraria, sick leave, short-term disability, earned vacation leave and other remuneration.
- \Im memberships and tuition. disability plans, Canada Pension Plan, employment insurance, workers compensation, professional medical benefits, group life insurance, accidental disability and dismemberment insurance, long and short term made on behalf of employees including pension, health care, dental coverage, vision coverage, out-of-country Benefits and allowances include the employer's share of all employee benefits and contributions or payments
- 4 Severance includes amounts paid directly or indirectly to individuals upon termination, which are not included in salaries, honoraria, benefits and allowances.
- \mathfrak{S} allowances. The Chief Executive Officer is provided with an automobile. No dollar amount is included under benefits and
- 6 **Retirement Arrangements**

supplemental retirement payments. Under the terms of the Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (SERP), executive officers may receive

obligation are amortized over the average remaining life of the employee group. estimate of expected costs and the period of benefit coverage. using the projected benefit method pro-rated on services, a market interest rate, and management's best to participants based on years of service and earnings. expense for rights to future compensation. Costs shown reflect the total estimated cost to provide annual Retirement arrangements as detailed in Schedule 2 are not cash payments in the period but are the period pension income over an actuarial determined post employment period. SERP provides future pension benefits The cost of these benefits is actuarially determined Net actuarial gains or losses of the benefit

NORTHERN LIGHTS HEALTH REGION - SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

SCHEDULE 3

							usands)									
Source of Contributor			nts receiv	ed and	l receiv	able		unts recc	gnized as r	evenue			Tra	ansfers		
	Opening Balance April 1, 2005	Alberta Health and Wellness	Other government contributions	Foundations	Donors	Investments and other	Alberta Health and Wellness	Other government contributions	Foundations	Donors	Investments and other	Between Projects/Regions	To Other	To Deferred Capital Contributions	Returned Funds	Closing Balance March 31, 2006
Alberta Health and Wellness Specialist on Call Rural On Call Young Family Wellness PCI Transition Ground Ambulance Security of Systems Nunee Health Children's Health ICD 10 Clinical Telehealth Rainbow Lake Clinical Telehealth ACT Program Telehealth Mental Wellness / Addictions Training Vaccine Administration Safe Lifting InterRAI Tools Continuing Care System Diagnostic/Medical Equipment Telehealth Operating	429 4 438 62 188 174 233 100 15 58 - - - - -	\$ 1,433 273 382 175 233 50 228 224 175 216 39 16 644 40	\$	\$		\$	\$ 1,352 272 667 17 22 233 80 - - - 213 216 - - 216 - - 40	\$ 	\$ - \$ - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		\$	\$	\$	\$ 	\$	\$ 510 5 153 45 166 246 233 70 15 58 228 224 175
Enhanced Surviellance of Immunization Regional Shared Health Information Purchase of MRI Telehome Care NW Telehome Care Various projects< \$10,000	79 124 16 1.920	250 639 2,000 - - 8 7,025	-	-		- - - -	40 			-	- - -		-	230 599 2,000 - - 3,575	-	79 65 2,364
Sub-total	1,920	7,025	-	-		-	5,000					-		3,373		2,304
Other Government contributors Environmental Health Permits PCI Change Management Children's Mental Health Student Health Initiative YFW Awasak Womens Wellness	37 76 66 - 10		507 130 31	- - -	-	82 134 - -	- - -	- 507 119 30		-	73 205	- - -	-		-	46 5 66 11 11
Community Homelessness RSHIP Various projects< \$10,000 Sub-total	10 35 118 11 353	-	100 15 783	-	-	216		129 	-	- - - 7 7	278	-	84	-	-	6 34 19 198
External Donations	555					210		, 05	<u></u>		2,0	1			1	190
Healthquest Stroke Strategy Deferred Donations Various projects< \$10,000	- 26 5	20	- - -	- - -	20	612		-	-	17 17	-	-	- - -			20 612 29 4
Sub-total	31	20		-	20	612		-	-	18		-		-		665
Grand Total 2005/2006	\$ 2,304	\$ 7,045	\$ 783	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ 828	\$ 3,006	\$ 785	\$ - \$	25	\$ 278	\$ -	\$ 84	\$ 3,575	\$ -	\$ 3.227

March 31, 2006

SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006 NORTHERN LIGHTS HEALTH REGION

Other	Non-Current	Other	PCI Change Management	Restricted - Community Homelessness	Restricted Donation	Lifeline	Environmental Health	Alberta Cancer Board - Women's Wellness	Child & Family Social Services	Alberta Stroke Strategy	Children's Mental Health	HealthQuest III	Regional Shared Health Information Program	Restricted - Nunce Health	Restricted - YFW- Child & Family Nutrition	Restricted - Young Family Wellness	Restricted - Rural on Call	Restricted - HAPI	Restricted - Orthopaedic Services	Restricted - InterRAI Tools	Restricted - ICD 10	Restricted - RSHIP CCSP	Restricted - CC - Safe Lifting Grant	Restricted - PCI Transition	Restricted - Rainbow Lake Clinical Telehealth	Restricted - Telehome Care	Restricted - Children's Health Initiative	Restricted - Telehome care	Restricted - MHIF - Mental Wellness / Addictions Training	Restricted - Young Family Wellness	Restricted - Ground Anbulance	Restricted - MHIF - ACT Program	Restricted - Telehealth	Restricted - Security of Systems	Restricted - Specialist -On-Call	Current	Unspent amounts at year end are as follows:	Schechule 3 (continued)	
4	,	3,223	S	6	29	ŧ	46	11	11	612	66	20	34	233	ı	I	S	7	6	16	15	21	39	45	58	65	70	79	175	153	166	224	228	246	\$ <u>5</u> 10		2006		
S		2,299	76	35	26	i	37	10	1	ş	66	i	118	233	T	177	4	T	6	ŧ	15	I	1	62	58	124	100	79	ı	184	188	ł	Į	174	\$ 429		2005		

Total

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SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTARY AND PRIVATE HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS

March 31, 2006

(in thousands)

(In mousands)					 																								
Facility name	R	birect egion nding	Hea W	lberta alth and ellness inding	Total Revenue	i acu	Facility- based inpatient ute nursing services	l em	acility- based argency and tpatient ervices	co	ility-based ontinuing re services	Amhulance services		Community-based care		Home care		Diagnostic and therapeutic services	p	Promotion prevention and protection services	pur		A durinictuotion	Administration	Information	Technology	Support services		otal
Private																													
DKML	\$	5,950	\$	-	\$ 5,950	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	- :	\$	- 3	\$ 5,950	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 5,950
Boates Holdings		64		-	64		-		-		-		-		-		-	64		-		-		-		-		-	64
Clearwater Physical Therapy		35		-	35		-		-		-		-		-		-	35		-		-		-		-		-	35
Tundra Physical Therapy		81		-	81		-		-		-		-		-		-	81		-		-		-		-		-	81
Nunee Health Region		-		233	233		-		-		-		-	23	3		-	-		-		-		-		-		-	233
Total 2005/2006	\$	6,130	\$	233	\$ 6,363	\$		\$		\$	-	\$		\$ 23	3 3	\$	- 9	\$ 6,130	\$		\$		\$	_	\$	-	\$		\$ 6,363
Total 2004/2005	\$	5,111	\$		\$ 5,111	\$		\$		\$	_	\$		\$ 23	3 3	\$	- 3	\$ 4,878	\$	_	\$	_	\$		\$	-	\$	-	\$ 5,111

Schedule 4