Financial Statements of

# 1<sup>ST</sup> CHOICE SAVINGS AND CREDIT UNION LTD.

And Independent Auditors' Report thereon

Year ended October 31, 2021

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The financial statements of 1st Choice Savings and Credit Union Ltd. and all other information contained herein is

prepared and presented by management, who are responsible for its accuracy, objectivity and completeness. The

responsibility includes presenting the statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

The preparation of the statements necessarily involves the use of estimates, and judgments.

Management is responsible for maintaining a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance

as to the reliability of financial information and the safeguarding of assets.

The Board of Directors has the ultimate responsibility for these financial statements. The Board oversees

management's responsibilities for financial reporting through an Audit and Risk Committee, which is composed

entirely of Directors who are not officers or employees of 1st Choice Savings and Credit Union Ltd. The Committee

reviews the financial statements and recommends them to the Board for approval.

To carry out its duties, the Audit and Risk Committee reviews the annual financial statements, as well as issues

related to them. The Audit and Risk Committee also assesses the effectiveness of internal controls over the

accounting and financial reporting systems. The Audit and Risk Committee's review of financial reports includes an

assessment of key management estimates and judgments material to the financial results.

KPMG LLP, the external auditor appointed by the Members of 1st Choice Savings and Credit Union Ltd. upon the

recommendation of the Board of Directors, has audited our financial statements. They have full unrestricted access

to the Audit and Risk Committee to discuss their findings, including the fairness of financial reporting. Their report

on the financial statements for the year ended October 31, 2021 follows.

J. Sentes, CPA, CMA

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President and Chief Executive Officer

January 5, 2022



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of 1st Choice Savings and Credit Union Ltd.

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of 1st Choice Savings and Credit Union Ltd. (the "Credit Union"), which comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at October 31, 2021
- the statement of income and comprehensive income for the year then ended
- the statement of changes in members' equity for the year then ended
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(Hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Credit Union as at October 31, 2021, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting 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 "Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our auditors' report.

We are independent of the Credit Union 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 enough and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



#### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. Other information comprises the information, other than the financial statements and the auditors' report thereon, included in a document likely to be entitled "Annual Report".

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We obtained the information, other than the financial statements and the auditors' report thereon, included in the Annual Report as at the date of this auditors' report. If, based on the work we have performed on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in the auditors' report.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### 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 International Financial Reporting 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 the Credit Union'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 the Credit Union or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

#### Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 the financial statements.

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



#### We also:

 Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are
  appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the
  Credit Union's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Credit Union's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' 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 auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Credit Union 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 represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- 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.

**Chartered Professional Accountants** 

KPMG LLP

Lethbridge, Canada

January 5, 2022

# $1^{\text{ST}}$ CHOICE SAVINGS AND CREDIT UNION LTD.

#### **Statement of Financial Position**

October 31, 2021, with comparative information for 2020

	2021	2020
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,018,796	\$ 22,415,97
Financial investments (note 7)	122,022,128	113,271,597
Loans to members (note 10)	523,360,748	529,945,32
Premises and equipment (note 11)	13,146,106	11,101,086
Prepaid expenses and accounts receivable	802,634	1,103,463
Deferred income tax assets (note 20)	180,000	358,000
Other investments	100	110
Income taxes receivable	2 225 222	1,090,668
Derivative instruments (note 8)	2,235,333	501,799
Foreclosed property	<del>-</del>	261,928
	\$ 683,765,845	\$ 680,049,943
Liabilities		
Deposit accounts and accrued interest (note 12)	\$ 623,063,317	\$ 607,522,311
Accounts payable and liabilities accrued	2,855,424	1,266,059
Other liabilities	2,493,874	2,716,055
Deferred lease incentive	673,338	726,138
Derivative instruments (note 8)	909,096	2,833,052
Secured borrowings (note 22) Income taxes payable	7,439,223 1,132,689	24,943,536
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Members' Equity		
Allocations distributable (note 13)	172,000	220,000
Common shares (note 15)	3,435,008	3,544,198
Investment shares (note 16)	5,862,409	5,917,819
Retained earnings	35,729,467	30,360,775
	45,198,884	40,042,792
Commitments and contingencies (note 17)		
	\$ 683,765,845	\$ 680,049,943

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Director

Director

#### Statement of Income and Comprehensive Income

Year ended October 31, 2021, with comparative information for 2020

	2021	2020
Financial income:		
Interest on members' loans	\$ 17,247,052	\$ 19,347,723
Investment income	427,147	781,171
	17,674,199	20,128,894
Net interest received (paid) on derivative instruments	(747,731)	(295,863)
Net gain (loss) on derivative instruments	3,541,109	(3,729,864)
	20,467,577	16,103,167
Financial expenses:		
Interest on deposit accounts	4,186,000	5,994,483
Interest on financing	468,956	679,143
	4,654,956	6,673,626
Financial margin	15,812,621	9,429,541
Net recovery (provision) for credit losses (note 10)	178,117	(562,063)
Net recovery (provision) for investment losses	2,000	(11,000)
Service charges and other income	3,614,076	3,499,645
Total operating income	19,606,814	12,356,123
Operating expenses (note 21)	12,573,655	12,190,623
Net income from operations before income taxes	7,033,159	165,500
Income taxes expense (recovery) (note 20)	1,492,467	(7,000)
Net income and comprehensive income	\$ 5,540,692	\$ 172,500

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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#### Statement of Changes in Members' Equity

Year ended October 31, 2021, with comparative information for 2020

	2021	2020	
Allocations distributable, beginning of year	\$ 220,000	\$ 260,000	
Allocations made	(220,000)	(260,000)	
Dividends on shares (note 13)	172,000	220,000	
Allocations distributable, end of year	\$ 172,000	\$ \$ 220,000	
	2021	2020	
Common shares, beginning of year	\$ 3,544,198	\$ 3,689,574	
Shares issued by allocation (note 15)	34,152	49,129	
Share redemptions (note 15)	(143,342)	(194,505)	
Common shares, end of year	\$ 3,435,008	\$ 3,544,198	
	2021	2020	
Investment shares, beginning of year	\$ 5,917,819	\$ 6,220,762	
Shares issued by allocation (note 16)	181,888	210,872	
Share redemptions (note 16)	(237,298)	(513,815)	
Investment shares, end of year	\$ 5,862,409	\$ 5,917,819	
	2021	2020	
Retained earnings, beginning of year	\$ 30,360,775	\$ 30,408,275	
Net income and comprehensive income	5,540,692	172,500	
Dividends on shares (note 13)	(172,000)	(220,000)	
Retained earnings, end of year	\$ 35,729,467	\$ 30,360,775	

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

#### **Statement of Cash Flows**

Year ended October 31, 2021, with comparative information for 2020

	2021	2020
Cash flows from:		
Operating activities:		
Net income and comprehensive income	\$ 5,540,692	\$ 172,500
Adjustments:		
Depreciation	762,311	584,468
Income taxes (recovery)	1,492,467	(7,000)
Net (gain) loss on derivative instruments	(3,541,109)	3,729,864
Cash settlement of derivative instruments	2,336,383	(1,398,611)
Amount of deferred lease incentive recognized	(52,800)	(52,800)
Interest income	(17,674,199)	(20,128,894)
Interest expense	4,654,956	6,673,626
Net provision (recovery) for investment losses	(2,000)	11,000
Net provision (recovery) for credit losses	(178,117)	562,063
	(6,661,416)	(9,853,784)
Interest income received	18,102,792	20,026,873
Interest expense paid	(5,702,980)	(6,799,063)
Recovery of credit losses received	(51,666)	31,187
Net income taxes recovered	(1,806,277)	937,777
Net change in other items	1,768,683	(3,451,934)
Increase in deposits	16,589,030	71,966,685
Net decrease in loans to members	6,846,501	3,308,523
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Financing activities:		
Net share redemptions by members	(380,641)	(708,320)
Decrease in secured borrowing	(17,504,313)	
Decrease in secured borrowing		(7,626,584)
	(17,884,954)	(8,334,904)
Investing activities:		
Disposal of financial investments	(39,026)	75,243
Acquisition of financial investments	(8,750,531)	(55,916,797)
Premises and equipment acquired	(2,807,331)	(1,441,760)
	(11,596,888)	(57,283,314)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(397,175)	10,548,046
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Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	22,415,971	11,867,925
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 22,018,796	\$ 22,415,971
Cash and cash equivalents consists of:		
Cash on hand	2,285,163	2,366,344
Short-term deposits	19,733,633	20,049,627
Short term teposits		
	\$ 22,018,796	\$ 22,415,971

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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

Year ended October 31, 2021

#### 1. Nature of operations:

1st Choice Savings and Credit Union Ltd. (the "Credit Union") is incorporated under the Credit Union Act of the Province of Alberta and serves members in the Lethbridge and surrounding area through branches in Lethbridge, Taber, Cardston and Magrath. The Credit Union is located in Canada and its registered office is located at 45 Fairmont Boulevard South, Lethbridge Alberta.

The financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors (the "Board") on January 5, 2022.

Credit Union Central of Alberta ("CUCA") is the central banking facility, service bureau and trade association for Alberta credit unions.

The Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation ("CUDGC"), a Provincial Corporation, guarantees the repayment of all deposits with Alberta credit unions, including accrued interest. The Credit Union Act provides that the Province of Alberta will ensure that the CUDGC carries out this obligation.

#### 2. Basis of presentation:

#### a) Statement of compliance:

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). The significant accounting policies as set out below, comply with the requirements of IFRS and have been applied consistently to all periods presented in the financial statements except as otherwise noted.

Details of the Credit Union's accounting policies, are included below.

#### b) Basis of measurement:

These financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for certain financial instruments, which are classified and measured at fair value through profit and loss.

#### c) Use of estimates and judgments:

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with IFRS requires management to make certain critical accounting estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are described in note 4.

#### d) Functional currency:

The financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Credit Union's functional currency.

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

Year ended October 31, 2021

#### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies:

#### a) Fair value measurement:

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

When applicable, the Credit Union measures the fair value of an instrument using quoted prices in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as active if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

The best evidence of the fair value at initial recognition is normally the transaction price, i.e. the fair value of the consideration given or received. The subsequent measurement of the fair values of financial instruments quoted in active markets are determined by reference to closing bid prices for financial assets and ask prices for financial liabilities at the reporting date. If there is no active market for a financial instrument the Credit Union establishes fair value using an appropriate valuation technique. These techniques principally include the use of recent arm's length transactions and discounted cash flow analysis for investments in unquoted securities, discounted cash flow analysis for derivatives, third-party option pricing models for index-linked option contracts and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants.

Fair values reflect the credit risk of the instruments and include relevant adjustments to take account of the credit risk of the Credit Union and the counterparty. Fair value estimates obtained from valuation models are adjusted for other factors, such as liquidity risk or model uncertainties; to the extent that the Credit Union believes a third-party market participant would take them into account in pricing a transaction. Fair values determined by applying valuation techniques utilize independent observable market inputs to the maximum extent possible.

The Credit Union measures fair value using the following hierarchy that reflects the significance of inputs used in making the measurements:

Level 1: Inputs that are quoted market prices (unadjusted) in an active market for identical instruments

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable either directly or indirectly. This category includes instruments valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are considered less active; or other valuation techniques where all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.

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

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#### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

a) Fair value measurement (continued):

Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable. This category includes all instruments where the valuation techniques include inputs not based on observable data and the unobservable inputs have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation. This category includes instruments that are valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments where significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect differences between the instruments.

#### b) Financial instruments

(i) Recognition, classification and measurement:

All financial assets are initially recorded at fair value and subsequently classified as measured at amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") or fair value through profit and loss ("FVTPL").

A financial asset is measured at amortized cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as FVTPL:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest ("SPPI") on the principal amount outstanding.

A debt security is measured at FVOCI only if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as FVTPL:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

On initial recognition of an equity instrument that is not held for trading, the Credit Union may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value in OCI. This election is made on an investment by investment basis. All other financial assets are classified as measured at FVTPL.

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

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#### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

- b) Financial Instruments (continued):
  - (i) Recognition, classification and measurement (continued):

All financial liabilities are initially recorded at fair value and subsequently classified as measured at amortized cost or FVTPL. On initial recognition, the Credit Union may irrevocably designate a financial liability at FVTPL when doing so results in more relevant information, because either:

- the designation eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would
  otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognizing the gains and losses on them on
  different basis; or
- a group of financial assets and financial liabilities is managed with its performance evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy, and information about the group is provided internally on that basis to key management personnel.

For financial assets classified as measured at FVTPL or designated at FVTPL, changes in fair value are recognized in the Statement of Income. For financial assets classified as measured at FVOCI for which an irrevocable elected has been made, changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of comprehensive income. For financial assets and other financial liabilities measured at amortized cost, interest income and interest expense is calculated using the effective interest method and is recognized in the Statement of Income.

#### Business model assessment:

The Credit Union makes an assessment of the objective of a business model in which an asset is held at a portfolio level because this best reflects the way the asset is managed and information is provided to management. The information considered includes:

- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to management;
- how managers of the business are compensated;
- whether the assets are held for trading purposes;
- the risks that affect the performance of the financial assets held within the business model and how those risks are managed; and
- the frequency, volume and timing of sales in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and its expectations about future sale activity.

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

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#### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

- b) Financial Instruments (continued):
  - (i) Recognition, classification and measurement (continued):

Contractual cash flow characteristics assessment:

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, 'principal' is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition and 'interest' is defined as consideration for the time value of money and for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and for other basic lending risks and costs, as well as a profit margin.

The Credit Union considers the contractual terms of the financial asset and whether the asset contains contractual terms that could change the timing or amount of cash flows such that it would not meet the condition of principal and interest. Contractual terms considered in this assessment include contingent events that would change the amount and timing of cash flows, leverage features, prepayment and extension terms, terms that limit the claim to cash flows from specified assets, and features that modify the consideration from time value of money.

#### (ii) Reclassification of financial assets:

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition, except in the period after the Credit Union changes its business model for managing those assets. There were no changes to any of the Credit Union's business models for the year ended October 31, 2021.

#### (iii) Impairment:

The Expected Credit Loss ("ECL") model applies to amortized cost financial assets, debt investments at FVOCI, off balance sheet loan commitments, and financial guarantee contracts.

Loss allowances are measured on either of the following basis:

#### • 12-month ECL:

these are losses that result from possible default events within the 12 months after the reporting date; and

#### • lifetime ECL:

these are losses that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

The ECL model requires the recognition of credit losses based on up to 12 months of expected losses of performing loans ("Stage 1") and the recognition of lifetime expected losses on performing loans that have experience a significant increase in credit risk since origination ("Stage 2") and credit impaired assets ("Stage 3").

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

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#### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

- b) Financial Instruments (continued):
  - (iii) Impairment (continued):

Assessment of significant increase in credit risk:

The assessment of significant increase in credit risk considers information about past events and current conditions as well as reasonable and supportable forecasts of future events and economic conditions. Factors considered in the assessment include macroeconomic outlook, management judgment, and delinquency and monitoring. The importance and relevance of each specific macroeconomic factor depends on the portfolio, characteristics of the financial instruments, and the borrower. Quantitative models may not always be able to capture all reasonable and supportable information that may indicate a significant increase in credit risk. Qualitative factors may be assessed to supplement the gap.

In determining the amount of loss allowance for ECLs to recognize, the Credit Union assess at each reporting date whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk ("SICR") for a financial asset. In assessing whether a SICR has occurred, the Credit Union considers quantitative factors and qualitative factors.

A SICR is considered to have occurred when any of three conditions are met. The conditions include a change in the probability of default in excess of predetermined thresholds, the backstop criterion for the portfolio has been met, or other portfolio specific considerations.

The predetermined thresholds are specific to each portfolio and the initial credit quality of the account. Generally, accounts with higher credit quality would require relatively larger change in the probability of default to trigger a SICR, while a lower credit quality accounts would require relatively smaller changes to trigger a SICR.

For all loans and advances to members, the backstop criterion is met when an account is 30 or more days in arrears and will be transferred to Stage 2.

For certain instruments with low credit risk as at the reporting date, it is presumed that credit risk has not increased significantly relative to initial recognition. Credit risk is considered to be low if the instrument has a low risk of default and the borrower has the ability to fulfill their contractual obligations both in the short and long term, including periods of adverse changes in the economic or business environment.

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

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#### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

- b) Financial Instruments (continued):
  - (iii) Impairment (continued):

#### Measurement of ECL:

ECL is a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls, which is the difference between the cash flows due in accordance with the contract and the cash flows expected to be received. The measurement of ECL is based primarily on the product of the following variables: probability of default ("PD"); loss given default ("LGD"); and exposure at default ("EAD").

The PD is an estimate of the likelihood that a loan will not be repaid and will go into default in either a 12-month or lifetime horizon. The LGD is an estimate of the amount that may not be recovered in the event of default. The EAD is an estimate of the outstanding amount of credit exposure at the time a default may occur. These estimates are modelled based on historic data, current market conditions, and reasonable and supportable information about future economic conditions, where appropriate.

#### Loss given default:

The Loss given default ("LGD") reflects the Credit Union's estimate of cash shortfalls in the event of default. The LGD input to the ECL calculation for Stage 1 and Stage 2 financial assets is estimated to be equal. The LGD input, expressed as a percentage of EAD, is primarily estimated based on the shortfall in the current collateral values of the financial assets compared to the current book value of the financial asset discounted for the time to obtain and collect the collateral upon default and the estimated costs to obtain and collect on the collateral.

Forward looking information and macroeconomic factors:

The forward-looking information ("FLI") component of the ECL calculation represents management's estimate of the impact of FLI and forecasts of macroeconomic conditions to the Credit Union's ECL. In determining the FLI input to the ECL calculation, the Credit Union identifies macroeconomic factions that are deemed to be applicable to various loan portfolios. The Credit Union runs a regression analysis against each product type to determine which macroeconomic factors will be applied in determining FLI. The Credit Union uses forecasts for multiple external sources and management applies a probability-weight factor for each of the macroeconomic scenarios.

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

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#### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

- b) Financial Instruments (continued):
  - (iii) Impairment (continued):

#### Exposure at Default:

The Exposure at Default ("EAD") is an estimate of a loan exposure amount at a future default date, taking into account expected changed in the exposure after the reporting date, including repayments of principal and payments of interest, prepayments, expected drawdowns on committed facilities or any other terms that may alter the cash flow characteristics of the loan or lease receivable.

The starting point for determining EAD is the amortization schedule of each loan within the portfolio as set out in the contractual terms of the financial asset. The EAD is adjusted by the expected prepayments (partial or full) prior to maturity on a portfolio basis. For lines of credit, the EAD is determined based on the Credit Union's expectations of drawdowns and repayments on the outstanding loan commitments of a portfolio basis.

#### Credit-impaired and restructure assets

At each reporting date, the Credit union assess whether financial assets measured at amortized cost or FVOCI are credit impaired. A financial asset is credit impaired when one or more events that would have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial assets have occurred.

When identifying loans and advances to members that are credit-impaired for which the loss allowance for ECLs is calculated individually, as the difference between the gross carrying amount of the financial assets and the present value of estimated future cash flows, the Credit Union determines whether indicators of a borrower's unlikeliness to pay exists.

In addition to qualitative considerations, The Credit Union applies quantitative thresholds for identifying loans and advances to members that are credit-impaired. The quantitative threshold for all loans and advances to members is 90 days past due to be considered credit-impaired. Accounts that have exceeded the quantitative threshold will be transferred to stage 3.

If the terms of a financial asset are renegotiated or modified, or a financial asset is replaced with a new one due to financial difficulties of the borrower, then an assessment is made of whether the financial asset should be derecognized and how ECL is measured. If the expected restructuring will not result in derecognition of the existing asset, then the expected cash flow arising from the modified financial asset are included in calculating the cash shortfalls from the existing asset. If the expected restructuring will result in derecognition of the existing asset, then the expected fair value of the new asset is treated as the financial cash flow of the estimated asset at the time of derecognition.

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

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#### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

- b) Financial Instruments (continued):
  - (iii) Impairment (continued):

#### Presentation of impairment:

Loss allowances for financial assets measured at amortized cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of the assets. For debt securities measured at FVOCI, the loss allowance is recognized in OCI instead of reducing the carrying amount of the asset.

#### Write-off:

Loan and debt securities are written off (either partially or full) when there is no probable prospect of recovery.

Cash and cash equivalents and investments:

The Credit Union is required to recognize a loss allowance for ECLS on cash and cash equivalents and interest-bearing deposits with financial institutions measured at amortized cost and financial investments measured at FVOCI at each reporting date. The 12 month ECLs for Stage 1 financial assets and lifetime ECLS for Stage 2 financial assets are primarily based on the instruments credit rating and historical data of recoveries on similar instruments that have defaulted in the past.

Use of estimates and judgments – Expected credit loss allowance:

The ECL model requires the recognition of credit losses based on 12-months of expected losses for performing loans ("Stage 1") and recognition of lifetime losses on performing loans that have experienced a significant increase in credit risk since origination ("Stage 2"). Credit impaired assets require lifetime losses to be estimated ("Stage 3"). The determination of a significant increase in credit risk takes into account many different factors and varies by product and risk segment, which requires experienced credit judgment.

In determining whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk and in calculating the amount of the ECL, the Credit Union must rely on estimates and exercise judgment regarding matters for which the ultimate outcome is unknown. These judgments include changes in circumstances that may cause future assessments of credit risk to be materially different from current assessments, which could require an increase or decrease in the ECL allowance.

The calculation of ECL includes explicit incorporation of forecasted economic conditions. The Credit Union has developed models incorporating specific macroeconomic variables that are relevant to each specific portfolio. Experienced credit judgment is required to incorporate multiple probability weighted forward-looking scenarios in the determination of the ECL allowance. The allowance is sensitive to changes in economic forecasts and the probability-weight assigned to each forward-looking scenario.

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#### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

#### b) Financial Instruments (continued):

#### (iv) Derecognition of financial instruments:

The Credit Union derecognizes a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Credit Union neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

The Credit Union derecognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled, or expired. The Credit Union also derecognizes a financial liability when its terms are modified and the cash flows of the modified liability are substantially different, in which case a new financial liability based on the modified terms is recognized at fair value. The Credit Union periodically enters into asset transfer agreements with third parties including securitization of residential mortgages into special purpose entities, such as programs sponsored by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation that issue bonds to third party investors.

The Credit Union reviews transfer agreements in order to determine whether the transfers of financial assets should result in all or a portion of the transferred mortgages being derecognized from its consolidated statement of financial position. The derecognition requirements include an assessment of whether The Credit Union's rights to contractual cash flows have expired or transferred or whether an obligation has been undertaken by the Credit Union to pay the cash flows collected on the underlying transferred assets over to a third party. An assessment is also made to determine whether substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred. In instances where the Credit Union's securitizations and other transfers of receivables do not result in a transfer of contractual cash flows of the receivables or an assumption of an obligation to pay the cash flows of the receivable to a transferee, the Credit Union has not derecognized the transferred receivables and has instead recorded a secured borrowing with respect to any consideration received.

#### (v) Offsetting financial instruments:

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the consolidated statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts with the same counterparty and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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#### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

#### c) Derivative instruments:

Derivative instruments are financial contracts whose value is derived from interest rates, foreign exchange rates or other financial indices. The Credit Union classifies its derivative instruments as FVTPL.

In the ordinary course of business, the Credit Union enters into various derivative contracts, including interest rate swaps. Derivative contracts are either exchange-traded contracts or negotiated over-the-counter contracts. The Credit Union enters into such contracts principally to manage its exposure to interest rate fluctuations as part of its asset / liability management program. The Credit Union does not utilize hedge accounting and as such the derivative instruments are marked to market and the resulting realized and unrealized gains or losses are recognized in the Statement of Income in the current period, with a corresponding asset or liability on the balance sheet.

The hedge accounting model under IFRS aims to simplify hedge accounting and align the accounting more closely with an entity's risk management activities and permit hedge accounting to be applied more broadly to a greater variety of hedging instruments and eligible risks. The Credit union has elected to continue to apply the policy choice under IFRS 9 to retain the accounting under IAS 39, but has adopted the disclosure requirements under IFRS 7. As at October 31, 2021 and October 31, 2020, the Credit Union did not have any transactions where hedge accounting has been implemented.

#### d) Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of balances with three months or less to maturity from the date of acquisition, and include cash on hand, short-term deposits, amounts due to and from other financial institutions, and cheques and other items in transit.

At October 31, 2021, cash and cash equivalents consisted entirely of cash on hand and short-term deposits which was consistent with the 2020 year end.

#### e) Loans to members:

Loans to members are financial instruments categorized as loans and receivables and are reported at amortized cost, using the effective interest rate method net of the expected credit losses.

#### f) Financial income and expenses:

Interest income and expense for all interest-bearing financial instruments is recognized within interest income and interest expense in the statement of income and comprehensive income using the effective interest method. The effective interest method is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments and receipts through the expected life of the financial asset or liability (or, where appropriate, a shorter period) to the carrying amount of the financial asset or liability. When calculating the effective interest rate, The Credit Union estimates future cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument but does not consider future credit losses.

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#### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

f) Financial income and expenses (continued):

The calculation of the effective interest method includes all fees and costs paid or received between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. Transaction costs include incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of a financial asset or liability. Mortgage prepayment fees are recognized in interest income over the expected remaining term of the original mortgage using the effective interest method. Commitment fees are considered to be adjustments to loan yield and are deferred and amortized to interest income over the expected term of the loans. Once a financial asset or a group of similar financial assets has been written down as a result of an impairment loss, interest income is recognized using the rate of interest used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss.

(g) Service charges, fees, commission income and expenses:

The accounting treatment for loan fees varies depending on the transaction. Loan fees that are considered to be an integral part of the effective interest method are capitalized within loans and advances to members and amortized into interest income over the expected life of the loan. Loan fees that are not an integral part of the effective interest method are recorded in fee and commission income. These fees include loan discharge fees, administration fees and loan syndication fees. Loan discharge and administration fees are recognized when the loan transaction is complete. Loan syndication fees are recognized when the syndication is completed and the Credit Union has retained no part of the package for itself or, if part has been retained, it bears the same effective interest as other participants.

Fee and commission expense primarily relate to transaction and service fees, which are expensed as the service is received.

(h) Other revenues and expenses:

Except for the items above, all other revenues are recognized in the period in which the services were provided.

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#### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

#### i) Premises and equipment:

Land is carried at cost. Premises and equipment are recorded at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Subsequent expenditures are included in the assets' carrying amount or are recognized as separate assets only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item can be measured reliably. All other repair and maintenance costs are charged to the Statement of Income.

Asset classes are further categorized for depreciation where significant differences in the estimated useful life of the various components of individually significant assets are identified. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Asset	Years
Premises	40
Leasehold improvements	20
Furnishings and equipment	5
Computer equipment and software	3-7

Assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. Gains and losses on disposal are recorded in the Statement of Income.

#### j) Translation of foreign currencies:

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the functional currency at the exchange rates on the dates of transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency at the reporting date are translated to the functional currency at the spot exchange rate at that date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items carried at amortized cost is the difference between amortized cost in the functional currency at the beginning of the period, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the period and the amortized cost in foreign currency translated at the spot exchange rate at the end of the reporting period. Revenues and expenses are translated using average spot exchange rates. Foreign currency differences arising on translation are recognized in the Statement of Income.

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#### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

#### k) Income taxes:

Current and deferred income taxes are recognized in net income except to the extent that it relates to a business combination, or items recognized directly in equity or in other comprehensive income.

Current income taxes are recognized for the estimated income taxes payable or receivable on taxable income or loss for the current year and any adjustment to income taxes payable in respect of previous years. Current income taxes are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. This amount is determined using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year-end date.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized where the carrying amount of an asset or liability differs from its tax base, except for taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill and temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction which is not a business combination and at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting or taxable income or loss.

Recognition of deferred tax assets for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences is restricted to those instances where it is probable that future taxable income will be available to allow the deferred tax asset to be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realized.

The amount of the deferred tax asset or liability is measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. This amount is determined using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year-end date and are expected to apply when the assets/liabilities are recovered/settled.

#### 1) Employee benefits:

The Credit Union participates in a defined contribution plan for its employees. The Credit Union provides certain contributions to the plan and has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are recognized as an employee benefit expense in the periods during which services are rendered by employees.

#### m) Leased assets:

At the inception of a contract, the Credit Union assess whether the contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the Credit Union assess whether:

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#### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

#### m) Leased assets (continued):

The contract involves the use of an identified asset – this may be specified explicitly or implicitly and should be physically distinct or represent substantially all of the capacity of the physically distinct asset. If the supplier has a substantive substitution right, then the asset is not identified;

- The Credit Union has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from the use of the asset throughout the period of use; and
- The Credit Union has the right to direct the use of the asset. The Credit Union has the right when it has the decision making rights that are most relevant to changing how and for what purpose the asset is used.

As the inception or on reassessment of a contract that contains a lease component, the Credit Union allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of their relative standalone prices.

#### The Credit Union as a lessee

The Credit Union recognizes a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at costs, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, les any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term. The estimated useful lives of right-of-use assets are determined on the same basis as those of property, and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain remeasurement of the lease liability.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Credit Union's implicit borrowing rate. Generally, the Credit Union uses it increment borrowing rate as the discount rate.

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#### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

#### m) Leased assets (continued):

Lease payments including in the measurement of the lease liability comprise:

- Fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments;
- Variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate, initially measured using the index or rates as at the commencement date;
- Amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee; and
- The exercise price under a purchase potion that the Credit Union is reasonably certain to exercise, lease payments in an optional renewal period if the Credit Union is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option and penalties for early termination unless the Credit Union is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

The lease liability is measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Credit Union's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee or if the Credit Union changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension, or termination option. When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to nil. The Credit Union presents right-of-use assets with its' Premises and equipment and lease liabilities in its' Other liabilities on the statement of financial position.

#### n) Provisions:

A provision is recognized, if, as a result of a past event, the Credit Union has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. A provision for onerous contracts is recognized when the expected benefits to be derived by the Credit Union from a contract are lower than the unavoidable cost of meeting its obligations under the contract. The provision is measured at the present value of the lower of the expected cost of terminating the contract and the expected net cost of continuing with the contract. Before any provision is established, the Credit Union recognizes any impairment loss on the assets associated with the contract.

#### o) Distributions:

Dividends are recorded as a distribution to members when declared by the Board in the Statement of Changes in Members' Equity.

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#### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

#### p) Foreclosed properties

Foreclosed properties are classified as held for sale assets and measured at the lower of the carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell.

#### q) Relief programs

In response to the COVID pandemic, several government programs have been developed to provide aid to individuals and businesses, which included wage replacement for individuals, wage subsidies and rent relief for business and lending programs for business, which the Credit Union administered for its members. The Credit Union has recognized the subsidies and relief that it received or was eligible to receive on its statement of income and comprehensive income.

#### r) Comparative Information

Certain comparative information has been reclassified to conform with the financial statement presentation adopted in the current year.

#### s) Standards and interpretations issued but not yet adopted:

At October 31, 2021, a number of standards and amendments to standards had been issued by the IASB but are not yet effective for these financial statements. Those which are relevant to the Credit Union's financial statements are set out below:

#### (i) Interest rate benchmark reform

In August 2020, the IASB finalized its Phase 2 response to the ongoing IBOR and other interest rate benchmark reform by issuing a package of amendments to IFRS standards which focus on accounting and disclosure matters that will arise once an existing benchmark is replaced with an alternative benchmark rate. The amendments provide practical expedients if contract modifications result directly from IBOR reform and occur on an economic equivalent basis. In these cases, changes may be accounted for by updating the interest rate. Further, existing hedging relationships are not required to be discontinued if changes in hedge documentation are required solely by IBOR reform. The amendment are effective for the Credit Union's fiscal year beginning November 1, 2021 with early adoption permitted. The Credit Union is in the process of assessing the impact of these amendments.

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#### 4. Critical accounting estimates and judgements:

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in the process of applying the Credit Union's accounting policies. Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Actual results may differ from these estimates. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected. The following discussion sets forth management's most critical estimates and assumptions in determining the value of assets and liabilities, and most critical judgments in applying accounting policies.

(a) The principal areas where critical estimates and assumptions have been applied, are described below:

#### (i) Business model assessment

The Credit Union makes an assessment of the objective of a business model in which assets are held at a portfolio level because this best reflects the way the asset is managed, and information is provided to management. The information considered includes:

How the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to management;

Whether the assets are held for trading purposes;

The risks that affect the performance of the financial assets held within the business model and how those risks are managed; and

The frequency, volume and timing of sales in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and its expectations about future sale activity.

#### (ii) Expected credit loss allowance

The ECL model requires the recognition of credit losses based on 12 months of expected losses for performing loans (Stage 1) and recognition of lifetime losses on performing loans that have experienced a significant increase in credit risk since origination (Stage 2). Credit impaired assets requires lifetime losses (Stage 3). The determination of a significant increase in credit risk takes into account many different factors and varies by product and risk segment, which requires experienced credit judgment.

In determining whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk and in calculating the amount of the ECL, The Credit Union must rely on estimates and exercise judgment regarding matters for which the ultimate outcome is unknown. These judgments include changes in circumstances that may cause future assessments of credit risk to be materially different from current assessments, which could require an increase or decrease in the ECL allowance.

The calculation of ECL includes explicit incorporation of forecasted economic conditions. The Credit Union uses models incorporating specific macroeconomic variables that are relevant to each specific portfolio. Experienced credit judgment is required to incorporate multiple probability weighted forward-looking scenarios in the determination of the ECL allowance. The allowance is sensitive to changes in economic forecasts and the probability-weight assigned to each forward-looking scenario.

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#### 4. Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued):

(a) The principal areas where critical estimates and assumptions have been applied, are described below (continued):

#### (ii) Income taxes

The Credit Union computes an income tax provision which includes an evaluation of the small business rate eligible to credit unions under the Income Tax Act. This small business rate applies until, in general, retained earnings reach five percent of amounts owing to members, including deposits and shares. The small business rate available to credit unions will be reduced progressively until it is completely eliminated.

Estimation of income taxes includes evaluating the recoverability of deferred tax assets based on an assessment of the ability to use the underlying future tax deductions against future taxable income. The assessment is based on enacted tax acts and estimates of future taxable income. The actual expense does not become final until the filing and acceptance of the income tax return by the relevant tax authorities, which occurs subsequent to the issuance of the financial statements. To the extent that estimates differ from the final tax returns, net earnings would be affected in the subsequent year. Details of Credit Union's income taxes are provided in note 20.

#### (iii) Impact of COVID-19:

The COVID-19 outbreak has directly impacted the measurement of the ECL. A higher level of uncertainty with respect to future economic outlook has resulted in an increase reliance on management's judgement to determine the data and assumptions used in the ECL model. With the significant shift in economic climate, the forward-looking macroeconomic inputs used in the Credit Union's ECL model have changed considerably and will continue to evolve. Management has applied adjustments for the quantitative and qualitative impacts of the unprecedented macroeconomic scenarios. Adjustments to the ECL have considered the support programs the Credit Union provided to its members, such as loan payment deferral program, which would not, all else being equal, automatically trigger a significant increase in credit risk to the member. Government led support programs initiated to directly support those impacted by COVID-19 have also been considered. However, these may not completely mitigate future losses and permanent impacts to the local economy therefore, management judgement has been applied with respect to the degree that various government support programs are expected to limit credit losses.

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#### 4. Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued):

(b) The principal areas which require critical judgments in applying accounting policies, are described below:

#### (i) Securitizations:

In applying its policies on securitized financial assets, Credit Union has considered both the degree of transfer of risks and rewards on assets transferred to another entity and the degree of control exercised by the Credit Union. Details of the Credit Union's securitization activities is provided in note 22.

#### (ii) Fair value of financial instruments:

The fair value of financial instruments, where no active market exists or where quoted prices are not otherwise available, is determined by using specific valuations techniques with observable data of similar financial instruments. Where market data is not available, in areas such as credit risk and correlations, the Credit Union uses its judgment to selects a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are mainly based on market conditions existing at the end of each reporting period.

#### 5. Capital management:

a) Objectives, policies and processes:

The Credit Union's objectives in managing financial capital resources include: generating member value supporting business activities including the asset base and risk positions; providing prudent depositor security; and exceeding applicable regulatory requirements and long-term internal targets.

To ensure processes are appropriately governed and to meet these objectives, the Credit Union enforces policies approved by the Board of Directors.

The Credit Union manages compliance with its policies through ongoing monitoring by its Asset and Liability Committee. This Committee consists of senior members of management.

#### b) Capital managed:

Total capital comprises of primary and secondary capital, which are defined by CUDGC. Primary capital consists of common shares, investment shares, retained earnings and allocations distributable. Secondary capital consists of the Credit Union's collective allowance for loan impairment as defined by CUDGC. Total capital available is made up of primary capital plus secondary capital less goodwill and other intangibles and deferred income tax assets.

#### c) Capital ratio regulations:

Under the Credit Union Act of Alberta, CUDGC regulates capital adequacy for the Alberta Credit Union System under Alberta Regulation 249/1989 – Credit Union Regulation (the "Regulation"). The legislated requirement indicates that a Credit Union does not maintain adequate capital unless its total capital equals or exceeds the greater of:

- 4% of its total assets, and
- 8% of its risk weighted assets as determined by the regulation

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#### 5. Capital management (continued):

#### c) Capital ratio regulations (continued):

The Credit Union has documented an Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process ("ICAAP"). The ICAAP is a vital component of a strong risk management program. The Board has approved an ICAAP which takes a long-term perspective of capital requirements using various scenarios.

In summary, there are three levels of capital expected:

- 1) Legislated minimum capital (greater of 4% of total assets or 8% of risk weighted assets)
- 2) Regulatory capital buffer (2.5% of risk weighted assets)
- 3) Credit Union self-identified internal buffer (minimum of 2% of risk weighted assets)

The components of the Credit Union's capital requirement and the Credit Union's actual capital ratios are stated in the table below. Note that certain amounts differ from the amounts reported on the balance sheet due to definitions provided by the regulators.

		2021		2020
Primary capital:				
Common shares	\$	3,435,008	\$	3,544,198
Investment shares (qualifying as primary)	·	5,260,968		5,326,037
Retained earnings		35,729,467		30,360,775
Adjustments to retained earnings		, ,		, ,
Allocations distributable		172,000		220,000
Secondary capital:		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		- ,
Investment shares (qualifying as secondary)		601,441		591,782
Credit loss allowance - not impaired		951,657		1,121,525
Total primary and secondary capital		46,150,541		41,164,317
Total primary and secondary capital		10,120,211		11,101,317
Deductions from capital, determined in accordance				
with Regulations		(903,414)		(432,115)
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Total capital as defined for regulatory purposes	\$	45,247,127	\$	40,732,202
Total risk weighted assets	\$	307,008,884	\$	300,058,347
Total fisk weighted assets	ψ	307,000,004	Ψ	300,036,347
Minimum legislated capital required is the greater of:				
4% of total assets	\$	27,350,634	\$	27,201,998
8% of risk weighted assets	Ψ	24,560,711	Ψ	24,004,668
670 of flor weighted assets		21,500,711		21,001,000
Excess of capital requirements	\$	17,896,493	\$	13,530,204
Total capital as a percent of:				
Total assets		6.6%		6.0%
Risk weighted assets		14.7%		13.6%
Tible Weighted about		111770		13.070

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#### 6. Nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments:

The Credit Union has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments: credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk.

#### a) Risk management framework:

The Credit Union has established a risk management framework for measuring and managing its exposure to each of the above risks. Further quantitative disclosures are included throughout these financial statements.

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Credit Union's risk management framework. The Board has established a number of committees, which are responsible for developing and monitoring the Credit Union's risk management policies in their specified areas.

The Audit and Risk Committee oversees how management monitors compliance with the Credit Union's risk management policies and procedures and reviews the risk management framework in relation to the risks faced by the Credit Union. The Audit and Risk Committee has also contracted with a third party to provide services in the role of internal auditor. The internal auditor role performs reviews of risk management controls and procedures, the results of which are reported to the Audit and Risk Committee.

#### b) Credit risk:

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Credit Union if a member or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises principally from the Credit Union's loans to members. For risk management reporting purposes, the Credit Union considers all elements of credit risk exposure. The Credit Union has developed processes and procedures to identify and manage credit risk related to its counterparties. Note 10 provides additional information related to credit risk associated with loans to members.

The Credit Union manages, limits and controls risk, where identified, to individual counterparties and industries. The Board places limits on the amount of credit risk accepted in relation to individual members and industry sectors.

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#### 6. Nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments (continued):

#### c) Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Credit Union will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations arising from its financial liabilities.

The Credit Union's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Credit Union's reputation.

The daily liquidity position of the Credit Union is monitored and regular liquidity stress testing is conducted under a variety of scenarios covering both normal and more severe market conditions. All liquidity policies and procedures are subject to review and approval by the Asset and Liability Committee.

As required by the Act, the Credit Union maintains statutory term deposits in Central to satisfy the legislated liquidity level. The desired liquidity level above the statutory requirement is determined by taking into account the balance between the cost of liquidity and the yield achieved. The Credit Union will at all times maintain statutory liquidity levels as required by regulations. Immediate corrective action will be taken if the ratio approaches the regulatory minimum. The Act requires that statutory liquidity deposits be held with Alberta Central. Statutory liquidity includes eligible deposits and shares of Central. The statutory liquidity ratio is 9.0% of average deposits and borrowings for the second prior month.

#### d) Market risk:

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates and foreign exchange rates will affect the Credit Union's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimizing return.

Management is responsible for the development of detailed risk management policies and for the day-to-day monitoring of their effectiveness.

#### e) Exposure to interest rate risk:

The principal risk to which the Credit Union is exposed is the risk of loss from fluctuation in the future cash flows or fair values of financial instruments due to changes in market interest rates. Interest rate risk is managed principally through monitoring interest rate gaps and by having pre-approved limits for pricing and re-pricing of loans. The Asset and Liability Committee is the monitoring body for compliance with these limits.

The management of interest rate risk against interest rate gap limits is supplemented by monitoring the sensitivity of the Credit Union's financial assets and liabilities to various standard and non-standard interest rate scenarios on a quarterly basis.

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#### 6. Nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments (continued):

#### e) Exposure to interest rate risk (continued):

The following table provides the potential annual impact of an immediate and sustained increase or decrease in interest rates on net income from operations before income taxes. These measures are based on assumptions made by senior management and validated by experience. All interest rate risk measures are based upon interest rate exposures at a specific time, and continuously change as a result of business activity and risk management initiatives.

	2021	1	2020
Before tax impact of: 1% increase in interest rates 1% decrease in interest rates	\$ (1,063,000 (1,030,000	*	(149,000) (1,350,000)

Interest rate risk is managed by senior levels of management, using securities, deposits with CUCA and derivative instruments. The use of derivatives to manage interest rate risk is described in note 19.

#### 7. Financial investments:

	2021	2020
Loans and receivables	\$ 115,022,128	\$ 107,071,597
FVTPL – CUCA shares	7,000,000	6,200,000
Total investments	\$ 122,022,128	\$ 113,271,597
	2021	2020
Loans and receivables:		
Term deposits (weighted average interest		
rate 0.40% (2020 – 0.20%))	\$ 115,000,000	\$ 107,088,495
Accrued interest	39,946	2,920
Other	1,182	1,182
Investment Allowance	(19,000)	(21,000)
Total	\$ 115,022,128	\$ 107,071,597

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#### 7. Financial investments (continued):

As required by the Credit Union Act, the Credit Union holds deposits in CUCA to maintain its liquidity level. As these funds are not available to finance the Credit Union's day-to-day operations they are excluded from cash and cash equivalents.

The Credit Union is also required to hold a specific number of membership shares in CUCA as a condition of membership. The amount of the required investment in CUCA is determined based on the Credit Union's membership and assets. The CUCA shares are not available for trade in an active market therefore market values are not readily available. In addition, the variability in the range of fair value estimates based on valuation models is significant. However, the shares do have a fixed redemption value that equals their cost and provides an approximation of the fair value of these assets.

During the year, the Credit Union received \$137,268 (2020 - \$245,962) in patronage and dividends from CUCA. These dividends were recorded as investment income in the Statement of Income.

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#### 8. Derivative instruments held for risk management:

The following table provides the cost and fair value of the derivative financial instrument.

		2021		2020
	Fair value	Cost	Fair value	Cost
Risk management derivative – Assets:				
Derivative associated with market linked				
three-year term deposits fixed to variable Derivative associated with market linked	\$ 353,775	\$ 197,355	\$ 275,525	\$ 197,840
five-year term deposits fixed to variable	555,321	332,063	226,274	292,253
Interest rate risk management – Asset:	333,321	332,003	220,274	2,2,233
Interest rate swap	1,326,237	2,500	-	-
	\$ 2,235,333	\$ 531,918	\$ 501,799	\$ 490,093
Risk management derivative – Liabilities:				
Derivative associated with market linked				
three-year term deposits variable to fixed	\$ (353,775)	\$ (197,355)	\$ (275,525)	\$ (197,840)
Derivative associated with market linked				
five-year term deposits variable to fixed	(555,321)	(332,063)	(226,274)	(292,253)
Interest rate risk management – Liability: Interest rate swap			(2,331,253)	(2,500)
interest rate swap	\$ (909,096)	\$ (529,418)	\$ (2,833,052)	\$ (492,593)

#### 9. Authorized credit:

The Credit Union has established the following credit facilities with CUCA.

	Amount authorized	Rate	20	021	2	020
Authorized line of credit (Canadian dollars)	\$ 14,550,000	Prime less 0.50%	\$	-	\$	-
Authorized line of credit (US dollars)	1,000,000	Prime plus 0.50%		-		-
Authorized term loan (Canadian dollars)	40,000,000	Prime less 1.0%		-		

At October 31, 2021, prime rate was 2.45% (2020 – 2.45%).

The above items are secured by a Registered Security Agreement covering all accounts and instruments of the Credit Union and a pledge of all investments, deposits and share accounts at CUCA.

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#### 10. Loans to members:

	2021	2020
Consumer loans	\$ 22,424,907	\$ 22,249,739
Residential mortgages	358,930,033	365,614,506
Commercial loans	29,120,281	34,590,778
Commercial mortgages	83,125,937	80,549,971
Agriculture loans	14,733,407	11,636,557
Agriculture mortgages	14,690,063	14,672,304
	523,024,628	529,313,855
Accrued interest	1,359,340	1,824,959
	524,383,968	531,138,814
Allowance for expected credit losses	1,023,220	1,193,493
	\$ 523,360,748	\$ 529,945,321

### Loans by Stage:

				2021
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Commercial and agriculture Residential mortgages and	\$141,180,527	\$ 291,487	\$ 197,675	\$ 141,669,689
consumer loans	364,999,493	16,308,986	46,460	381,354,939
	\$506,180,020	\$ 16,600,473	\$ 244,135	\$ 523,024,628

	Stage 1		Stage 2	Stage 3	2020 Total
Commercial and agriculture	\$140,542,915	\$	480,586	\$ 426,109	\$ 141,449,610
Residential mortgages and consumer loans	367,919,176	1	19,035,963	909,106	387,864,245
	\$508,462,091	\$ 1	19,516,549	\$ 1,335,215	\$ 529,313,855

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## 10. Loans to members (continued):

The allowance for loan impairment by loan type changed as follows:

							Octo	ber 31, 2021
		Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Total
Consumer loans	\$	67,531	\$	165,126	\$	9,860	\$	242,517
Residential Mortgages		394,000		98,000		-		492,000
Commercial and agricultural loans		92,000		1,000		195,703		288,703
	\$	553,531	\$	264,126	\$	205,563	\$	1,023,220
							Octob	per 31, 2020
		Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Total
Community	¢	110.206	ф	124 120	¢	76.074	Φ	221 210
Consumer loans	\$	110,206	\$	134,130	\$	76,874	\$	321,210
Residential Mortgages		318,662		131,508		8,211		458,381
Commercial and agricultural loans		238,018		4,000		171,884		413,902
	\$	666,886	\$	269,638	\$	256,969	\$	1,193,493

## Credit quality of loans:

(i) Loans neither past due nor impaired:

	2021	2020
Loans neither past due nor impaired	\$ 519,864,345	\$ 525,435,007

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## 10. Loans to members (continued):

Credit quality of loans (continued):

## (ii) Loan loss provision reconciliation:

For the year-ended October 31, 2021:

		Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Total
Commercial & AG Lending								
Balance at November 1, 2020	\$	238,018	\$	4,000	\$	171,884	\$	413,902
Provision for Credit Losses:								
Transfers to Stage 1		17,033		(2,401)		(14,632)		-
Transfers to Stage 2		-		-		-		-
Transfers to Stage 3		-		-		-		-
Originations		20,477		-		49,514		69,991
Derecognition and maturities		(141,314)		(1,996)		(1,649)		(144,959)
Remeasurements		(42,214)		1,397		(9,414)		(50,231)
Net (write-offs) recoveries		-		-		-		-
Balance at October 31, 2021	\$	92,000	\$	1,000	\$	195,703	\$	288,703
Residential Mortgages and Consume	r Loai	ıs						
Balance at November 1, 2020	\$	428,868	\$	265,638	\$	85,085	\$	779,591
Provision for Credit Losses:		,	_		_	,	-	,
Transfers to Stage 1		208,706		(94,817)		(113,889)		_
Transfers to Stage 2		(107,369)		107,729		(360)		_
Transfers to Stage 3		2,770		, -		(2,770)		-
Originations		212,655		29,071		421		242,147
Derecognition and maturities		(158,857)		(57,885)		-		(216,742)
Remeasurements		(125,138)		13,640		33,175		(78,323)
Net (write-offs) recoveries		(104)		(250)		8,198		7,844
Balance at October 31, 2021	\$	461,531	\$	263,126	\$	9,860	\$	734,517
Total Loans								
Balance at November 1, 2020	\$	666,886	\$	269,638	\$	256,969	\$	1,193,493
Provision for Credit Losses:	Ψ	000,000	Ψ	207,030	Ψ	230,707	Ψ	1,175,475
Transfers to Stage 1		225,739		(97,218)		(128,521)		_
Transfers to Stage 2		(107,369)		107,729		(360)		_
Transfers to Stage 3		2,770		-		(2,770)		_
Originations		233,132		29,071		49,935		312,138
Derecognitions and maturities		(300,171)		(59,881)		(1,649)		(361,701)
Remeasurements		(167,352)		15,037		23,761		(128,554)
Net (write-offs) recoveries		(104)		(250)		8,198		7,844
Balance at October 31, 2021	\$	553,531	\$	264,126	\$	205,563	\$	1,023,220

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## 10. Loans to members (continued):

Credit quality of loans (continued):

(ii) Loan loss provision reconciliation (continued):

For the year ended October 31, 2020:

		Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Total
Commercial & AG Lending								
Balance at November 1, 2019	\$	124,365	\$	15,646	\$	454,404	\$	594,415
Provision for Credit Losses:								
Transfers to Stage 1		105,595		(3,130)		(102,465)		-
Transfers to Stage 2		(144)		144		-		-
Transfers to Stage 3		(48)		(10,726)		10,774		-
Originations		58,267		-		-		58,267
Derecognition and maturities		(27,419)		(410)		(179)		(28,008
Remeasurements		(22,598)		2,476		413,031		392,909
Net write-offs		-		-		(603,681)		(603,681)
Balance at October 31, 2020	\$	238,018	\$	4,000	\$	171,884	\$	413,902
Residential Mortgages and Consume	. I	NG.						
Balance at November 1, 2019	1 L0ai	316,612	\$	294,955	\$	78,203	\$	689,770
Provision for Credit Losses:	Ф	310,012	φ	274,733	φ	76,203	Ф	089,770
Transfers to Stage 1		112,497		(112,497)				
Transfers to Stage 2		26,637		(26,637)		-		_
Transfers to Stage 2 Transfers to Stage 3		2,770		(20,037)		(2,770)		_
Originations		184,298		8,336		(2,770)		192,634
Derecognition and maturities		(59,087)		(75,913)		-		(135,000
Remeasurements		(153,502)		185,430		49,333		81,261
Net write-offs		(133,302) $(1,357)$		(8,036)		(39,681)		(49,074)
	Φ.		Φ.		Φ.		Φ.	
Balance at October 31, 2020	\$	428,868	\$	265,638	\$	85,085	\$	779,591
Total Loans								
Balance at November 1, 2019	\$	440,977	\$	310,601	\$	532,607	\$	1,284,185
Provision for Credit Losses:								
Transfers to Stage 1		218,092		(115,627)		(102,465)		_
Transfers to Stage 2		26,493		(26,493)		_		-
Transfers to Stage 3		2,722		(10,726)		8,004		-
Originations		242,565		8,336		-		250,901
Derecognitions and maturities		(86,506)		(76,323)		(179)		(163,008
Remeasurements		(176,100)		187,906		462,364		474,170
Net write-offs		(1,357)		(8,036)		(643,362)		(652,755
Balance at October 31, 2020	\$	666,886	\$	269,638	\$	256,969	\$	1,193,493

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### 10. Loans to members (continued):

Credit quality of loans (continued):

## (iii) Loans past due but not credit-impaired:

A loan is considered past due when a payment has not been received by the contractual due date. The following table presents the carrying value of loans that are past due but not classified as credit-impaired.

	2021	2020
Past due up to 29 days	\$ 866,590	\$ 845,579
Past due 30 to 59 days	1,243,477	786,905
Past due 60 to 89 days	806,081	911,049
	\$ 2,916,148	\$ 2,543,533

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## 11. Premises and equipment:

Original Cost	Land Total	Premises	Furnishings and equipment	Computer equipment and software	easehold provements	ROU Asset	Original Cost
Balance at November 1, 2020	\$ 2,072,747	\$ 8,711,941	\$ 2,093,595	\$ 2,859,711	\$ 2,024,008	\$ 2,681,660	\$ 20,443,662
Acquisitions	-	12,655	48,342	1,009,285	-	-	1,070,282
Work in Process	-	1,737,049	-	-	-	-	1,737,049
Balance at October 31, 2021	\$ 2,072,747	\$ 10,461,645	\$ 2,141,937	\$ 3,868,996	\$ 2,024,008	\$ 2,681,660	\$ 23,250,993
Accumulated depreciation	Land Total	Premises	Furnishings and equipment	Computer equipment and software	easehold provements	ROU Asset	Original Cost
Balance at November 1, 2020	\$ -	\$ 3,921,864	\$ 1,948,767	\$ 2,648,170	\$ 640,935	\$ 182,840	\$ 9,342,576
Depreciation during the year	-	243,489	43,904	190,878	101,200	182,840	762,311
Disposals during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at October 31, 2021	\$ -	\$ 4,165,353	\$ 1,992,671	\$ 2,839,048	\$ 742,135	\$ 365,680	\$ 10,104,887
Net book value at October 31, 2020	\$ 2,072,747	\$ 4,790,077	\$ 144,828	\$ 211,541	\$ 1,383,073	\$ 2,498,820	\$ 11,101,086
Net book value at October 31, 2021	\$ 2,072,747	\$ 6,296,292	\$ 149,266	\$ 1,029,948	\$ 1,281,873	\$ 2,315,980	\$ 13,146,106

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### 12. Deposit accounts and accrued interest:

		2021	2020
Demand deposits	\$ 381,437	7.885	\$ 335,675,226
Term deposits	152,472		182,735,879
RRSP deposits	30,622	*	31,734,497
RRIF deposits	17,079	9,721	16,211,215
TFSA deposits	40,183	3,572	38,850,351
	621,796	5,198	605,207,168
Accrued interest	1,267	7,119	2,315,143
	\$ 623,063	3,317	\$ 607,522,311

Concentra Bank acts as the trustee of the Registered Retirement Savings Plan ("RRSP"), the Tax-Free Savings Accounts ("TFSA"), and the Registered Retirement Income Fund ("RRIF") offered to members. Under an agreement, Concentra deposits the contributions to the plans, and the interest earned in the Credit Union.

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## 12. Deposit accounts and accrued interest (continued):

2021 (in thousands)	On demand	Within 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 years	4 years and over		Total
Demand deposits	\$ 381,221	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	9	381,221
Registered plans	31,464	33,698	8,955	2,172	10,237	1,498		88,024
Term deposits	10,440	97,509	22,478	10,984	9,410	1,730		152,551
Total	\$ 423,125	\$ 131,207	\$ 31,433	\$ 13,156	\$ 19,647	\$ 3,228	\$	621,796
2020 (in thousands)	On demand	Within 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 years	4 years and over		Total
Demand deposits	\$ 335,675	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	335,675
Registered plans	27,284	32,673	13,228	8,056	1,367	4,189		86,797
Term deposits	10,742	114,401	7,643	22,391	15,310	12,248		182,735
Total	\$ 373,701	\$ 147,075	\$ 20,871	\$ 30,447	\$ 16,677	\$ 16,437	\$	605,207

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### 13. Allocations distributable:

During the year, the Board approved dividends of \$19,338 (2020 - \$24,711) on the Series A investment shares, \$54,585 (2020 - \$63,642) on the Series B investment shares and \$78,077 (2020 - \$91,647) on the Series C investment shares. The amounts will be paid to members of record on the date of settlement by way of issuance of additional investment shares by December 31, 2021.

The Board also approved dividends of \$20,000 (2020 - \$40,000) on the common shares. The amounts will be paid to members of record on the date of settlement, by way of issuance of common shares by December 31, 2021.

The total approved dividends on all shares is \$172,000 (2020 - \$220,000).

### 14. Leases:

a) The Credit Union as a lessee- right-of-use assets. The Credit Union leases a branch location. The movement of the right-to-use assets during the year ended October 31, 2021 and 2020 is as follows:

	2021	2020
Opening balance:	\$ 2,681,660	\$
Additions to right-to-use assets	<del></del>	2,864,500
Depreciation	(182,840)	(182,840)
Ending balance	\$ 2,498,820	\$ 2,681,660

b) The Credit Union as a lessee- lease liability:

The expense relating to interest of the lease liability was \$43,569 (2020 - \$48,596) for the year ended October 31, 2021.

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#### 15. Common shares:

The Credit Union Act established a class of equity shares, known as common shares, having the following characteristics:

- i) an unlimited number may be issued;
- ii) a par value of \$1, but fractional shares may be issued;
- iii) transferable only in restricted circumstances;
- iv) non-assessable; and
- v) redemption of common shares is at par value and is at the discretion of the Credit Union, subject to the restrictions contained in the Credit Union Act and Regulations.

A member must purchase a minimum of 1 share to retain membership in the Credit Union.

Common shares are "at risk" capital and are not guaranteed by CUDGC.

	2021	2020
Common shares outstanding,		
beginning of year, number of shares	3,544,198	3,689,574
Redemptions from members during the year,		
number of shares	(143,342)	(194,505)
Common shares issued by allocation,		
number of shares	34,152	49,129
Common shares outstanding,		
end of year, number of shares	3,435,008	3,544,198

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#### 16. Investment shares:

The Credit Union Act allows credit unions to establish additional classes of investment shares.

Series A, B and C investment shares have the following characteristics:

- i) No par value;
- ii) No voting rights;
- iii) Transferable under limited circumstances;
- iv) Callable at the discretion of the Credit Union upon five years written notice;
- v) Dividends are non-cumulative and rank ahead of dividends paid on common shares. They are also subject to the Credit Union's dividend policy, which can be changed at the discretion of the Board; and
- vi) Redemptions are permitted in the Credit Union's redemption policy, as approved by the Board, which is subject to change at their discretion. Redemptions are also subject to the limits outlined in the Credit Union Act and related regulations.

Series A, B and C Investment shares represent "at risk" capital and are not guaranteed by CUDGC.

				Total number		Total
	Series A	Series B	Series C	of shares		value
Issued and outstanding as at October 31, 2019	820,357	2,153,895	3,246,510	6,220,762	\$	6,220,762
Shares issued by allocation	28,109	72,819	109,944	210,872		210,872
Share redemptions processed	(55,887)	(159,075)	(298,853)	(513,815)		(513,815)
Issued and outstanding as at October 31, 2020	792,579	2,067,639	3,057,601	5,917,819	\$	5,917,819
2020	192,319	2,007,039	3,037,001	3,917,019	Ф	3,917,019
Shares issued by allocation	24,712	63,644	93,532	181,888		181,888
Share redemptions processed	(80,499)	(39,734)	(117,065)	(237,298)		(237,298)
Issued and outstanding as at October 31,						
2021	736,792	2,091,549	3,034,068	5,862,409		5,862,409

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### 17. Commitments and contingencies:

#### a) Credit commitments:

In the normal course of business, the Credit Union enters into various commitments to meet the credit requirements of its members. These include credit commitments, letters of credit, letters of guarantee and loan guarantees, which are not included in the balance sheet. In the event of a call on such commitments, the Credit Union has recourse against the members.

These credit arrangements are subject to the Credit Union's normal credit standards and collateral may be obtained where appropriate. The contract amounts set out below represent the maximum credit risk exposure to the Credit Union should the contracts be fully drawn, and any collateral held proves to be of no value. As many of these arrangements will expire or terminate without being drawn upon, the contract amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements.

The following table outlines the Credit Union's credit commitments:

		2021	2020
Guarantees and standby letters of credit	\$	833,605	\$ 422,200
Commitments to extend credit:			
Original term to maturity of one year or less		84,328,242	77,520,463
Original term to maturity of more than one year		40,668,608	39,958,222
	\$ :	125,830,455	\$ 117,900,885

Guarantees and standby letters of credit represent an irrevocable obligation to make payments to a third party in the event that the members are unable to meet their contractual financial or performance obligations.

Commitments to extend credit represent undertakings to make credit available in the form of loans or other financing for specific amounts and maturities, subject to certain conditions, and include recently authorized credit facilities not yet drawn down and credit facilities available on a revolving basis.

#### b) Member credit cards:

The Credit Union is contingently liable for guarantees on certain credit cards maintained by members, which at October 31, 2021 had outstanding balances of approximately \$68,500 (2020 - \$149,000).

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### 17. Commitments and contingencies (continued):

#### c) Software license and software maintenance:

The Credit Union, through Celero Solutions, has entered into an agreement regarding the software license and maintenance fees for the Credit Union's retail banking software. Under the terms of the agreement the Credit Union is required to pay annual operating and maintenance fees. These fees are based on volume of transactions and the Credit Union's proportionate use of the system's resources.

### d) Naming rights:

In the year ending October 31, 2007, the Credit Union entered into an agreement with the University of Lethbridge for the naming rights to the 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Savings Centre for Sports and Wellness. The agreement provides the naming rights for 15 years at an estimated cost of \$150,000 per year for an aggregate total of \$2,250,000.

### 18. Related party transactions:

The Credit Union, in accordance with its policy, grants loans to its management and staff at rates based on the lesser of the Canada Revenue Agency prescribed interest rate and the Credit Union's prime lending rate. Directors pay regular member rates on loans.

Directors and staff of the Credit Union had \$11,678,179 in loans outstanding at October 31, 2021 (2020 - \$12,255,829). All loans were in good standing at that date.

Directors received \$41,629 in remuneration during 2021 (2020 - \$15,616).

Directors received \$ nil in allowances during 2021 (2020 - \$1,151).

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### 18. Related party transactions (continued):

Amounts paid to Directors range from \$1,300 (2020 - \$900) to \$8,200 (2020 - \$4,250), with an average of \$3,800 (2020 - \$1,900).

Key management personnel, which are defined as those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Credit Union, include the Credit Union's Executive Management Team, Board of Directors, and close family members of key management personnel and entities which are controlled, jointly controlled or significantly influenced by key management personnel or their close family members. Transactions with key management personnel were as follows:

	2021	2020
Compensation: Salaries and short-term employee benefits Post-employment benefits	\$ 534,823 31,600	\$ 781,989 41,099
	\$ 566,423	\$ 823,088

#### 19. Financial instruments:

### a) Estimated fair value of financial instruments:

The following table presents the fair values of the Credit Union's financial instruments. The fair values of financial assets and liabilities with fixed interest rates have been determined using discounted cash flow techniques based on interest rates being offered for similar types of assets and liabilities with similar terms and risks as at the reporting date. The fair values of financial assets and liabilities with floating interest rates are assumed to equal their book values, as the interest rates on these instruments automatically re-price to market rates. Fair values of other financial assets and liabilities are assumed to approximate their book values, primarily due to their short-term nature. Fair values have not been determined for any asset or liability that is not a financial instrument. Due to the judgment used in calculating fair value amounts, fair values are not necessarily comparable among financial institutions. The calculation of estimated fair values is based on market conditions at the reporting date and may not be reflective of future fair values. Changes in interest rates are the main cause of changes in the fair value of the Credit Union's financial instruments.

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### 19. Financial instruments (continued):

a) Estimated fair value of financial instruments (continued):

		2021					2020	
		(in thous	ands)	(in thousands)				
	Book value	Fair value	Difference		Boo valu		Fair value	Difference
Assets:								
Cash \$	22,019	22,019	\$ -	\$	22,416	\$	22,416	\$ -
Investments	122,020	122,020	· <u>-</u>		113,271		113,215	(56)
Derivative	,	,			- , .		-, -	()
instruments	2,335	2,335	=		502		502	=
Loans	523,361	522,905	456	5	529,945		562,575	32,630
Other Assets	-	-	-		261		261	-
	669,635	669,179	456	6	666,395		698,969	32,574
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable Derivative	2,855	2,855	-		1,266		1,266	-
instruments	909	909	-		2,833		2,833	-
Deposits	623,063	624,881	(1,818)	6	507,522		604,311	3,211
Secured borrowing	gs 7,439	7,439	-		24,944		25,409	(465)
Other Liabilities	3,167	3,167	-		3,442		3,442	-
	637,433	639,251	(1,818)	6	540,007		637,261	2,746
Net \$	32,202	29,928	\$ (2,274)	\$	26,388	\$	61,708	\$ 35,320

Fair value measurements are analyzed according to a fair value hierarchy with the following three levels:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly;

Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

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### 19. Financial instruments (continued):

a) Estimated fair value of financial instruments (continued):

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities which are measured at fair value in the financial statements, are classified in their entirety into one of the three levels:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
October 31, 2021: Derivative instrument asset Derivative instrument	\$ -	\$ 2,235,373	\$ -	\$ 2,235,373
liability	-	(909,096)	-	(909,096)
October 31, 2020: Derivative instrument asset Derivative instrument	\$ -	\$ 501,799	\$ -	\$ 501,799
liability	-	(2,833,052)	-	(2,833,052)

The Credit Union does not have any Level 3 measurements. No transfers have been made into or out of Level 3 during the year.

While the following financial instruments are not recorded at fair value on the balance sheet the otherwise disclosed fair values are determined as followed:

(in thousands)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
October 31, 2021:				
Cash	\$ 22,019	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,019
Investments	-	122,021	-	122,021
Loans	-	522,905	-	522,905
Other assets	-	-	-	-
Accounts payable	-	(2,855)	-	(2,734)
Deposits	-	(624,881)	-	(623,881)
Secured borrowings	-	(7,439)	-	(7,439)
Other liabilities	-	(3,167)	-	(3,167)
October 31, 2020:				
Cash	\$ 22,416	\$ _	\$ -	\$ 22,416
Investments	-	113,215	-	113,215
Loans	-	562,575	-	562,575
Other Assets	-	261	-	261
Accounts payable	-	(1,087)	-	(1,087)
Deposits	-	(604,311)	-	(604,311)
Secured borrowings	-	(25,409)	-	(25,409)
Other liabilities	-	(3,442)	-	(3,442)

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### 19. Financial instruments (continued):

### b) Interest rate risk:

The Credit Union is exposed to interest rate risk as a consequence of the mismatch, or gap between financial assets and liabilities scheduled to reprice on particular dates.

Maturity dates substantially coincide with interest adjustment dates. Amounts with floating interest rates, or due on demand, are classified as maturing within three months, regardless of maturity. Amounts that are not interest sensitive are grouped together, regardless of maturity.

The table below does not incorporate management's expectation of future events where repricing or maturity dates of certain loans and deposits differ significantly from the contractual dates:

2021		Floating	Within	1 to 5	No	n-rate	2021	2020
(in thousands)		rate	1 year	years	se	nsitive	total	total
Assets:								
Cash	\$	22,019	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 22,019	\$ 22,416
Investments Effective yield		- 0%	102,501 .25%	12,500 1.62%		7,000	122,001	113,271
Member loans Effective yield		75,432 3.47%	76,500 3.30%	371,093 3.11%		-	523,025	529,314
Derivative asset		2,235	-	-		-	2,235	502
Accrued interest		-	-	-		1,359	1,359	1,824
	\$	99,686	\$ 179,001	\$ 383,593	\$	8,359	\$ 670,639	\$ 667,327
Liabilities: Member deposits Effective yield	\$	404,415 0.15%	\$ 133,517 1.05%	\$ 83,864 1.37%	\$	-	\$ 621,796	\$ 605,207
Secured Borrowi  Effective yield	ngs	s -	6,080 2.85%	1,359 2.85%		-	7,439	24,944
Other Liabilities Derivative instru	me	nts 909				6,022	6,022 909	4,708 2,833
	\$	405,324	\$ 139,597	\$ 85,223	\$	6,022	\$ 636,166	\$ 637,692
2021		Floating	Within	1 to 5	N	on-rate	2021	2020
(in thousands)		rate	1 year	years		ensitive	total	total
Balance sheet gap	\$	(305,638)	\$ 39,404	\$ 298,370	\$	2,337	\$ 34,473	\$ 29,635

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### 19. Financial instruments (continued):

#### c) Notional amounts and credit risk of derivatives:

The notional amounts of derivatives shown in the tables below do not represent amounts exchanged by the parties and thus are not a measure of the exposure of the Credit Union through its use of derivatives. The amounts exchanged are calculated on the basis of the notional amounts and the other terms of the derivatives, which relate to interest rates.

The Credit Union is exposed to credit-related losses in the event of non-performance by counterparties to financial instruments, but it does not expect any counterparties to fail to meet their obligations given their high credit ratings. The credit exposure of interest rate contracts is represented by the fair value of contracts with a positive fair value at the reporting date.

### d) Risk management:

During the year, the Credit Union provided deposits to its members which offered a yield tied to an index.

To manage its exposure, the Credit Union entered into an offsetting derivative position with CUCA. Both positions have been recorded at fair value in the financial statements.

Risk management derivative – Assets:

		2021	
	Notional amount	Fair value	Maturity date
Derivative instrument asset:			
Derivative associated with market	\$ 600,000	\$ 102,180	February 2022
linked three-year term deposit	1,125,000	150,075	February 2023
fixed to market	1,350,000	101,520	February 2024
Derivative associated with market	1,120,000	2,688	February 2022
linked five-year term deposits	575,000	141,450	February 2023
fixed to market	825,000	215,243	February 2024
	225,000	61,515	February 2025
	950,000	134,425	February 2026
	\$ 6,770,000	\$ 909,096	

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## 19. Financial instruments (continued):

## d) Risk management (continued):

		2020	
	Notional amount	Fair value	Maturity date
Derivative instrument asset:			
Derivative associated with market	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 112,310	February 2021
linked three-year term deposit	600,000	64,440	February 2022
fixed to market	1,125,000	98,775	February 2023
Derivative associated with market	550,000	99,220	February 2021
linked five-year term deposits	1,120,000	1,232	February 2022
fixed to market	575,000	50,140	February 2023
	825,000	51,480	February 2024
	225,000	24,202	February 2025
	\$ 6,120,000	\$ 501,799	

Risk management derivative - Liabilities:

		2021	
	Notional amount	Fair value	Maturity date
Derivative instrument liabilities:			
Derivative associated with market	\$ (600,000)	\$ (102,180)	February 2022
linked three-year term deposit	(1,125,000)	(150,075)	February 2023
market to fixed	(1,350,000)	(101,520)	February 2024
Derivative associated with market	(1,120,000)	(2,688)	February 2022
linked five-year term deposit	(575,000)	(141,450)	February 2023
market to fixed	(825,000)	(215,243)	February 2024
	(225,000)	(61,515)	February 2025
	(950,000)	(134,425)	February 2025
	\$ (6,770,000)	\$ (909,096)	

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### 19. Financial instruments (continued):

d) Risk management derivative – Liabilities (continued):

		2020	
	Notional	Fair	Maturity
	amount	value	date
Derivative associated with market	\$ (1,100,000)	\$ (112,310)	February 2021
linked three-year term deposit	(600,000)	(64,440)	February 2022
market to fixed	(1,125,000)	(98,775)	February 2023
Derivative associated with market	(550,000)	(99,220)	February 2021
linked five-year term deposit	(1,120,000)	(1,232)	February 2022
market to fixed	(575,000)	(50,140)	February 2023
	(825,000)	(51,480)	February 2024
	(225,000)	(24,202)	February 2025
	\$ (6,120,000)	\$ (501,799)	

### e) Interest rate risk management:

The Credit Union uses derivatives to alter interest rate exposure. Interest rate swaps allow the Credit Union to finance variable rate transactions and effectively swap them into fixed-rate transactions or alternatively, finance-fixed rate transactions and effectively swap them into variable rate transactions as required to manage exposure to increasing or decreasing rates. Under an interest rate swap, the Credit Union agrees with the counterparty to exchange the fixed difference between the fixed-rate and floating-rate interest rate amounts calculated by reference to the notional amount.

		2021	
	Notional	Fair	Maturity
	amount	value	date
Interest rate swap	\$ 35,000,000	\$ 605,289	March 2025
•	40,000,000	678,608	March 2025
	10,000,000	42,340	November 2024
		2020	
	Notional	Fair	Maturity
	amount	value	date
Interest rate swap	\$ 35,000,000	\$ (959,058)	March 2025
1	40,000,000	(940,696)	March 2025
	10,000,000	(431,499)	November 2024

The fair value of derivative financial instruments are calculated based on market conditions at a specific point in time and may not be reflective of future fair values.

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### 20. Income taxes:

	2021	2020
Current income taxes Deferred income taxes	\$ 1,314,467 178,000	(7,000)
	\$ 1,492,467	\$ (7,000)

Income tax expense differs from the amount that would be computed by applying the combined federal and provincial statutory tax rate of 36% (2020 - 39.5%) to income before income taxes.

The reasons for the differences are as follows:

	2021	2020
Income taxes calculated at statutory rates	\$ 2,481,127	\$ 65,364
Income taxes adjusted for the effect of:		
Reduction for credit unions	(974,311)	(23,319)
Non-deductible expenses	1,352	2,477
Deduction for allocations	(37,833)	(79,742)
Other	22,132	28,220
	\$ 1,492,467	\$ (7,000)

The tax effect of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred income taxes asset are as follows:

	2021	2020
Deferred lease incentive	\$ 155,743	\$ 174,267
Allowance for credit losses in excess of amounts deducted for income tax purposes	240,477	292,346
Premises and equipment, net book value in excess	(172.740)	(60.025)
of available unamortized capital cost allowance Other	(172,740) (43,480)	(69,925) (38,688)
Net deferred income tax asset	\$ 180,000	\$ 358,000

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## 21. Operating expenses:

	2021	2020
Personnel expenses:		
Salaries	\$ 5,088,784	\$ 5,772,788
Employee benefits	860,251	866,036
Employee training	63,355	58,176
Other Personnel	76,961	114,006
	6,089,351	6,811,006
Occupancy expenses:	, ,	, ,
Lease payments	43,569	48,596
Depreciation - premises	527,530	499,689
Property taxes and insurance	315,734	279,485
Repairs and maintenance	225,533	255,741
Utilities	143,670	137,080
	1,256,036	1,220,591
Member security expenses:		
Insurance	168	168
Bonding	80,845	80,185
Deposit guarantee assessment	305,991	281,552
	387,004	361,905
Organization expenses:		
Annual meeting	1,429	8,973
Officials' remuneration, travel and training	42,567	17,910
Central dues	160,699	168,785
Other Organization	10,257	17,180
	214,952	212,848
General expenses:		
Marketing	286,553	276,814
Audit and inspection fees	162,766	147,940
Professional and legal fees	24,496	25,235
Data processing and computer costs	1,808,525	1,520,475
Service fees	817,691	801,154
Depreciation	234,781	84,778
Equipment repairs, maintenance and leases	119,122	53,738
Office supplies	172,664	194,721
Telephone and postage	167,372	170,297
Courier and armored transport	38,475	47,974
Miscellaneous	793,867	261,147
	4,626,312	3,584,273
	\$ 12,573,655	\$ 12,190,623

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### 22. Secured borrowings:

The Credit Union has entered into asset transfer agreements with other third parties which include securitization of residential mortgages. The Credit Union reviews transfer agreements in order to determine whether the transfers of financial assets should result in all or a portion of the transferred mortgages being derecognized from its consolidated statement of financial position. The derecognition requirements include an assessment of whether the Credit Union's rights to contractual cash flows have expired or have been transferred or whether an obligation has been undertaken by the Credit Union to pay the cash flows collected on the underlying transferred assets over to a third party. The derecognition standards also include an assessment of whether substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred.

The Credit Union has recognized \$7,439,223 (2020 - \$24,943,536) of secured borrowing relating to securitization because it did not transfer repayment, interest and credit risk for this secured borrowing. The residential mortgages are categorized as loans to members and they are pledge as security for this secured borrowing. The weighted average interest rate on the secured borrowing was 2.85% (2020 -2.0%) and mature at the same rate as the underlying mortgages.

As a result of the transactions, the Credit Union receives the net differential between the monthly interest receipt of the mortgages and the interest expense on the borrowings.

The following table summarizes quantitative information about mortgages securitized by the Credit Union as at October 31, 2021:

Type of Loan due	Total principal amount of mortgages		Principal amount of loan over 60 days past		
Residential Adjustment for accrued interest	\$	7,466,854 (27,631)	\$	390,130	
	\$	7,439,223	\$	390,130	

The mortgages and the secured borrowings mature as follows:

	Mortgages	Secured Borrowings
2022 2023	\$ 6,079,663 1,387,191	\$ 6,079,663 1,387,191
	\$ 7,466,854	\$ 7,466,854