

Financial Statements of

**BRANT COMMUNITY
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**

And Independent Auditor's Report thereon

Year ended March 31, 2024



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Brant Community Healthcare System

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Brant Community Healthcare System (the "Entity"), which comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2024
- the statement of operations for the year then ended
- the statement of changes in net assets for the year then ended
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- the statement of rereasurement gains and losses 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 Entity as at March 31, 2024, and its results of operations, its changes in net assets, its rereasurement gains and losses and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements*** section of our auditor's report.

We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Entity'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 Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of 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 Entity'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 Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.



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- 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.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Hamilton, Canada

May 28, 2024

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Statement of Financial Position

Year ended March 31, 2024, with comparative information for 2023

	2024	2023
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash (note 6)	\$ 29,657,249	\$ 27,363,564
Accounts receivable (note 4)	12,670,082	12,734,318
Inventories	2,840,434	3,341,947
Due from Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation (note 15)	1,540,108	578,655
Other assets	1,976,364	1,538,744
	<u>48,684,237</u>	<u>45,557,228</u>
Derivative asset	31,763	5,652
Property and equipment (note 5)	113,504,988	99,670,004
	<u>\$ 162,220,988</u>	<u>\$ 145,232,884</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 59,061,357	\$ 48,391,708
Long-term debt (note 7)	628,764	6,759,590
Obligations under capital leases (note 8)	1,214,245	1,206,750
Deferred revenue	1,058,029	1,628,201
	<u>61,962,395</u>	<u>57,986,249</u>
Long-term debt (note 7)	16,782,444	11,106,292
Obligations under capital leases (note 8)	1,562,581	2,373,324
Employee future benefits (note 9)	5,849,100	5,479,600
Deferred contributions (note 10)	73,698,478	63,992,889
Asset retirement obligation (note 11)	1,777,430	1,777,430
	<u>161,632,428</u>	<u>142,715,784</u>
Net assets (deficit)		
Invested in capital assets (note 12)	19,041,356	16,048,849
Unrestricted	(18,484,559)	(13,537,401)
	<u>556,797</u>	<u>2,511,448</u>
Accumulated remeasurement gain	31,763	5,652
Contingencies and commitments (note 13)		
	<u>\$ 162,220,988</u>	<u>\$ 145,232,884</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:

Director

Director

BRANT COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Statement of Operations

Year ended March 31, 2024, with comparative information for 2023

	2024	2023
Revenue:		
Funding	\$ 216,688,369	\$ 198,704,704
Outpatient revenue – Ontario Hospital Insurance Plan	13,169,366	11,752,676
Other revenue	11,924,931	7,186,862
Emergency department – Alternate Funding Agreement	6,553,280	7,028,001
Hospitalist program/CCU closed model – in-patient	3,364,248	3,210,010
In-patient	2,501,885	1,757,892
Outpatient	2,004,110	1,435,965
Amortization of deferred contributions relating to equipment	1,334,380	1,258,772
Preferred accommodation and chronic co-payment	541,935	520,344
	<u>258,082,504</u>	<u>232,855,226</u>
Expenses:		
Salaries and wages	126,432,766	111,008,407
Other supplies and expenses	36,104,903	33,625,978
Employee benefits	35,670,819	31,295,472
Medical staff remuneration	30,517,794	29,027,275
Medical and surgical supplies	13,035,022	12,195,252
Drugs	12,030,568	10,948,670
Amortization of equipment and furnishings	4,444,259	4,230,923
	<u>258,236,131</u>	<u>232,331,977</u>
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses before the following	(153,627)	523,249
Amortization of deferred contributions relating to buildings and building service equipment	3,734,089	3,704,688
Amortization of buildings and building service equipment	(5,535,113)	(5,742,412)
Deficiency of revenue over expenses for the year	<u>\$ (1,954,651)</u>	<u>\$ (1,514,475)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year ended March 31, 2024, with comparative information for 2023

		Invested in capital assets	Unrestricted	2024 Total
Balance, beginning of year	\$	16,048,849	\$ (13,537,401)	\$ 2,511,448
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year (note 12)		(4,910,903)	2,956,252	(1,954,651)
Net change in investment in capital assets (note 12)		7,903,410	(7,903,410)	–
Balance, end of year	\$	19,041,356	\$ (18,484,559)	\$ 556,797

		Invested in capital assets	Unrestricted	2023 Total
Balance, beginning of year	\$	15,135,424	\$ (11,109,501)	\$ 4,025,923
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year (note 12)		(5,009,875)	3,495,400	(1,514,475)
Net change in investment in capital assets (note 12)		5,923,300	(5,923,300)	–
Balance, end of year	\$	16,048,849	\$ (13,537,401)	\$ 2,511,448

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended March 31, 2024, with comparative information for 2023

	2024	2023
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities:		
Deficiency of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ (1,954,651)	\$ (1,514,475)
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization of deferred contributions:		
Equipment	(1,334,380)	(1,258,772)
Buildings and building service equipment	(3,734,089)	(3,704,688)
Amortization of property and equipment:		
Equipment and furnishings	4,444,259	4,230,923
Buildings and building service equipment	5,535,113	5,742,412
Employee future benefits	369,500	291,100
Changes in non-cash working capital items relating to operations (note 14)	3,081,083	2,921,172
	6,406,835	6,707,672
Capital activities:		
Purchase of property and equipment	(17,222,347)	(11,096,352)
Financing activities:		
Principal payments under capital leases	(1,210,187)	(1,203,438)
Principal payments of long-term debt	(454,674)	(358,249)
Proceeds from non-revolving term debt liability	–	3,310,005
Contributions received:		
Donations from Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation	2,586,352	2,152,596
Donations from third parties	–	48,963
Net provincial capital grants	12,187,706	1,944,829
	13,109,197	5,894,706
Increase in cash during the year	2,293,685	1,506,026
Cash, beginning of year	27,363,564	25,857,538
Cash, end of year	\$ 29,657,249	\$ 27,363,564
Supplementary disclosure for capital activities – non-cash transactions:		
Property and equipment additions in obligation under capital leases – leased	\$ 406,939	\$ –

See accompanying notes to financial statements

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Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses

Year ended March 31, 2024, with comparative information for 2023

		2024		2023
Accumulated remeasurement gain, beginning of the year	\$	5,652	\$	93,734
Derivative – interest rate swaps		26,111		(88,082)
Net remeasurement gain for the year		31,763		5,652
Accumulated remeasurement gain, end of the year	\$	31,763	\$	5,652

See accompanying notes to financial statements

BRANT COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended March 31, 2024

1. Nature of operations:

Brant Community Healthcare System (the System) is incorporated without share capital under the laws of the Province of Ontario. The System is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, accordingly, is exempt from income taxes, provided certain requirements are met. The System operates through two sites, The Brantford General Hospital in Brantford and The Willett Hospital in Paris, Ontario.

The System is funded primarily by the Province of Ontario in accordance with budget arrangements established by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC or Ministry), the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (the LHIN) and Cancer Care Ontario. The System has entered into a Hospital Service Accountability Agreement (H-SAA) with the LHIN that sets out the obligations as well as the minimum performance standards that must be met by the System. Any excess of revenue over expenses with respect to base funding during a fiscal year is not required to be returned. However, if the System does not meet its performance standards or obligations under the H-SAA, the LHIN has the right to adjust funding received by the System. The System accrues for known clawback amounts; however, any other increases or decreases to funding not known until after year-end will be reflected in the accounts of the subsequent year.

On March 17, 2022, the Minister of Health issued a series of orders transferring the LHIN's health system planning and funding functions to Ontario Health. These transfers were effective April 1, 2022 and should be considered where references to the LHIN are made throughout these financial statements. This health system change was anticipated following the ratification of the Connecting Care Act, 2019, and management does not expect any subsequent impact on operations or the financial position of the System.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies:

Basis of presentation:

These financial statements include the accounts of the System, which includes The Brantford General Hospital and The Willett Hospital sites and have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards (PSAS), including standards that apply to government not-for-profit organizations.

A summary of the significant accounting policies is as follows:

(a) Revenue recognition:

The System follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions, which include donations and government grants.

Operating grants are recorded as revenue in the period to which they relate. Grants approved but not received at the end of an accounting period are accrued. Where a portion of a grant relates to a future period, it is deferred and recognized in that subsequent period. Where a portion of a grant is repayable as a result of not meeting performance measurements, best estimates of the repayment amount are made and accrued at year-end.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

(a) Revenue recognition (continued):

Contributions restricted for the purchase of property and equipment are deferred and amortized to revenue over the same period as the related asset is amortized to expense.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

All other revenues including those from the Ontario Health Insurance Plan, preferred accommodation and marketed services are recognized when the goods are sold or the services are provided, performance obligations fulfilled, and future economic benefits are measurable and expected to be obtained.

(b) Contributed materials and services:

Contributed materials are recorded, when received, at their fair value. Volunteers contribute a significant amount of time each year. Due to the difficulty of determining the fair value, these contributed services are not recognized or disclosed in the financial statements.

(c) Inventories:

Inventories consist of drugs and medical supplies. Inventories are valued at the lower of first-in, first-out cost and replacement value.

(d) Property and equipment:

Purchased property and equipment are stated at cost. Contributed property and equipment are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution.

The costs of renovations to hospital buildings, which significantly increase useful life or capacity, are capitalized as part of the cost of the related property and equipment. Renovation costs to adapt hospital buildings to change operating conditions or to maintain normal efficiency are expensed as incurred. Incremental interest incurred during the construction of buildings is capitalized and included in cost.

Amortization is provided annually on a straight-line basis using the following annual rates:

Asset	Rate
Land improvements	5% – 33%
Buildings and building service equipment	2% – 20%
Major equipment	4% – 33%
Equipment under capital leases	10% – 20%

Construction-in-progress comprises construction, development costs and interest capitalized during the construction period. Upon completion, costs in construction-in-progress are reclassified to the appropriate capital asset account and amortization commences when the asset is operational.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

(d) Property and equipment (continued):

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

(e) Equipment under capital leases:

Equipment leases that effectively transfer substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership to the System as lessee are capitalized at the present value of the minimum payments, excluding executor costs, under the lease with a corresponding liability for the related lease obligations. The discount rate used to determine the present value of the lease payment is the lower of the System's rate of incremental borrowing or the interest rate implicit in the lease. Charges to expenses are made for amortization on the equipment and interest on the lease obligations.

(f) Employee future benefits:

(i) Multi-employer plan:

Substantially all of the full-time employees of the System are eligible to be members of the Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan (HOOPP), which is a multi-employer average of the best five years' pay contributory pension plan, and employees are entitled to certain post-employment benefits. HOOPP is accounted for as a defined contribution plan, whereby contributions are expensed when due.

(ii) Other post-employment benefit plans:

The System accrues its obligations under employee defined benefit life insurance, dental and health-care plans, and the related costs as the employees render the services necessary to earn the future benefits.

The System has adopted the following policies:

- Certain employees of the System are entitled to receive post-employment benefits. The costs of these benefits are determined using the accrued benefit method pro-rated on service and management's best estimate of expected salary escalation, retirement ages of employees and health-care costs. The discount rate used to determine the accrued benefit obligation was determined by reference to the rate of return on provincial government bonds with an additional risk premium specific to the System for varying durations based on the cash flows expected from the post-employment benefit obligations.
- Past service from plan amendments is expensed when the amendment takes effect.
- The excess of the cumulative unamortized balance of the net actuarial gain (loss) is amortized over the average remaining service period of active employees. The average remaining service period of active employees is 16 years (2023 - 16 years).

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

(g) Financial instruments:

The System's financial instruments consist of accounts receivable, amounts due from Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation, restricted investments, bank indebtedness, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, long-term debt and obligations under capital leases.

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition. The System's financial instruments are measured as follows:

Asset/liabilities	Measurement
Cash (bank indebtedness)	amortized cost
Restricted investments	amortized cost
Accounts receivable	amortized cost
Due from Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation	amortized cost
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	amortized cost
Long-term debt	amortized cost
Obligations under capital leases	amortized cost

All financial assets are tested annually for impairment. When financial assets are impaired, impairment losses are recorded in the statement of operations.

For financial instruments measured using amortized cost, the effective interest rate method is used to determine interest income or expense.

The standards require an organization to classify fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy, which includes three levels of information that may be used to measure fair value:

- Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 – Observable or corroborated inputs, other than Level 1, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets or market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities; and
- Level 3 – Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets and liabilities.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

(h) Asset retirement obligations:

The System recognizes the fair value of an asset retirement obligation (“ARO”) when all of the following criteria have been met:

- There is a legal obligation to incur retirement costs in relation to a tangible capital asset;
- The past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred;
- It is expected that future economic benefits will be given up; and
- A reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

A liability for the removal of asbestos-containing materials in certain hospital facilities and underground fuel tanks owned by the System has been recognized based on estimated future expenses. Actual remediation costs incurred are charged against the ARO to the extent of the liability recorded. Differences between the actual remediation costs incurred and the associated liability recorded within the consolidated financial statements are recognized in the Statement of Operations at the time of remediation occurs.

(i) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the carrying amount of capital assets, allowance for doubtful accounts, asset retirement obligations, accrued liabilities, assets and obligations relating to employee future benefits and provisions for future changes to funding programs. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. Change in accounting policies:

i. PS 3400 – Revenue:

On April 1, 2023, the System adopted Public Accounting Standard PS 3400 – Revenue. This standard was adopted prospectively from the date of adoption. This new standard provides requirements for the recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of revenue transactions.

The implementation of this standard did not require the System to reflect any adjustments in the financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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4. Accounts receivable:

	2024	2023
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care/Local Health Integration Network and Cancer Care Ontario	\$ 6,304,763	\$ 6,700,324
Insurers and patients	5,951,329	5,707,051
Other (a)	3,863,544	3,402,596
	16,119,636	15,809,971
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(3,449,554)	(3,075,653)
	\$ 12,670,082	\$ 12,734,318

(a) Other receivables include \$661,440 (2023 - \$1,155,720) related to the current portion of a receivable for amounts owing in respect of energy incentives achieved resulting from the Trane project (note 7) pursuant to a contract with a utility.

5. Property and equipment:

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	2024 Net book value
Land	\$ 4,000,071	\$ –	\$ 4,000,071
Land improvements	1,272,765	937,135	335,630
Buildings and building service equipment	164,473,792	93,616,463	70,857,329
Major equipment	56,404,126	39,509,129	16,894,997
Building renovations in progress	18,748,390	–	18,748,390
Equipment under capital leases	11,505,709	8,837,138	2,668,571
	\$ 256,404,853	\$ 142,899,865	\$ 113,504,988

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	2023 Net book value
Land	\$ 4,000,071	\$ –	\$ 4,000,071
Land improvements	1,272,765	894,227	378,538
Buildings and building service equipment	161,287,851	88,124,257	73,163,594
Major equipment	50,672,457	36,296,807	14,375,650
Building renovations in progress	4,258,583	–	4,258,583
Equipment under capital leases	11,098,770	7,605,202	3,493,568
	\$ 232,590,497	\$ 132,920,493	\$ 99,670,004

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6. Bank indebtedness:

The System has an available \$18,000,000 (2023 - \$10,000,000) unsecured demand operating line of credit with a major financial institution until April 30, 2024, at which time, the available line of credit will be reduced to \$14,000,000. Subsequently on April 30, 2027, the available line of credit will be further reduced to \$10,000,000.

As at March 31, 2024, the System has drawn \$nil (2023 - \$nil) under this operating line of credit. This operating line of credit bears interest at the prime rate (2023 – prime rate minus 0.25%).

7. Long-term debt:

In April 2017, the System entered into an agreement with a third-party contractor for an energy retrofit project to increase energy efficiency, including infrastructure renewal at the Brantford site, with a guaranteed minimum level of energy savings of \$11,432,974 over an 11-year period. Under this agreement, the System has committed \$13,080,000 to be financed, through a tri-party agreement, over a 22-year term. In April 2017, the full funds available for the project were advanced by the lender and provided to an appointed Trustee to hold in an investment account on behalf of the System for the project completion. In September 2022, the debt repayment schedule was amended so that the timing of certain repayments corresponded with the receipt of government energy-saving incentive payments. In addition, the maturity date changed from July 2038 to August 2038; there was no change to the interest rate. Funds previously held in a restricted investment account have been released upon completion of the project during 2023.

In December 2020, the System entered a \$3,500,000 non-revolving term loan to purchase real estate, repayable over 20 years. This debt consisted of a long-term (3 year) loan facility priced at a floating rate of Bankers Acceptance (BA) + 1.50% credit spread. The floating rate loan exposure (BA exposure) was hedged via an interest rate swap at a swap rate of 0.92%. Total fixed interest expense for the 3 year loan is 0.92% swap rate + the credit spread of 1.50% for an all-in fixed rate of 2.42%. In December 2023, the loan facility was refinanced at a floating rate of CORRA (Canadian Overnight Repo Rate Average) + 1.795% credit spread. The term for this loan is due to be refinanced in January 2026. The floating rate loan exposure (CORRA exposure) has been hedged via an interest rate swap at a swap rate of 4.55%. Total fixed interest expense for the period until January 2026 is 4.55% swap rate + the credit spread of 1.795% for an all-in fixed rate of 6.345%.

In August 2022, the System entered a \$3,800,000 non-revolving term loan to finance the purchase of Diagnostic Imaging Equipment. In November 2023, the loan was refinanced from interest only payments and being due on demand to a floating rate loan with interest calculated on CORRA (Canadian Overnight Repo Rate Average) + 2.195% credit spread with blended payments. The term for this loan is due to be refinanced in November 2025 and is amortized over 10 years. The floating rate loan exposure (CORRA exposure) has been hedged via an interest rate swap at a swap rate of 3.455%. Total fixed interest expense for the period until November 2025 is 3.455% swap rate + the credit spread of 2.195% for an all-in fixed rate of 5.65%.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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7. Long-term debt (continued):

The amount is financed with the lender is as follows:

	2024	2023
Capital loan payable, due August 2038, with variable principal and interest instalments at 4.60% per annum	\$ 11,105,324	\$ 11,358,837
Non revolving loan bearing interest at 6.345%, repayable in blended monthly payments maturing January 2026 (2023 - bearing interest at 2.42%, repayable in blended monthly payments maturing December 2023)	3,072,657	3,197,040
Non revolving loan bearing interest at 5.65%, repayable in blended monthly payments maturing November 2025 (2023 - bearing interest at 2.93%, interest only and is due on demand)	3,233,227	3,310,005
	17,411,208	17,865,882
Less: Current portion	(628,764)	(6,759,590)
	\$ 16,782,444	\$ 11,106,292

Future principal payments required on all long-term debt are as follows:

2025	\$ 628,764
2026	6,303,106
2027	380,139
2028	428,677
2029	475,787
Thereafter	9,194,735
	\$ 17,411,208

8. Obligations under capital leases:

The System has financed equipment with third party suppliers. The equipment financed through third party suppliers is financed over 84, 72, 66 and 60 months with fixed interest rates of 4.89%, 4.95%, 5.0%, 5.3%, and 8.24%, respectively. All leases are secured by the underlying equipment financed.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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8. Obligations under capital leases (continued):

The System has financed medical and information technology equipment by entering into capital leasing arrangements. The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments on the capital leases:

2025	\$ 1,337,135
2026	941,933
2027	527,264
2028	83,592
2029	83,592
Thereafter to 2030	27,864
	<hr/> 3,001,380
Less: Amount representing interest an average rate of 6.18%	(224,554)
	<hr/> 2,776,826
Less: Current portion	(1,214,245)
	<hr/> \$ 1,562,581

9. Pension plan and employee future benefits:

(a) Multi-employer plan:

Contributions made during the year to HOOPP by the System amounted to \$9,969,681 (2023 - \$8,787,478). These amounts are included in employee benefits expense in the statement of operations. The most recent actuarial valuation of HOOPP as at March 31, 2023 indicates the plan has a 115% surplus in disclosed actuarial assets and is fully funded on a solvency basis.

(b) Employee future benefits:

Employees of the System are entitled to certain post-employment benefits such as medical, dental and life insurance coverage for certain employee groups who have retired from the System and are between the ages of 55 and 65.

Information about the System's post-employment benefits is calculated based on the latest actuarial valuation performed on April 1, 2021.

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9. Pension plan and employee future benefits (continued):

(b) Employee future benefits (continued):

The following is a reconciliation of the funded status of the benefits plan to the amount recorded in the financial statements:

	2024	2023
Accrued benefit obligation	\$ 5,812,500	\$ 5,577,400
Unamortized net actuarial gain (loss)	36,600	(97,800)
	\$ 5,849,100	\$ 5,479,600

The movement in the post-employment liability and components of post-employment benefits expense during the year is as follows:

	2024	2023
Employee future benefits liability, as at April 1	\$ 5,479,600	\$ 5,188,500
Current service cost	326,800	351,100
Interest cost	267,300	229,700
Amortization of actuarial losses	67,300	142,400
Prior service costs incurred during the period	104,800	—
	6,245,800	5,911,700
Benefits paid	(396,700)	(432,100)
Employee future benefits liability, as at March 31	\$ 5,849,100	\$ 5,479,600

In the year, there was an actuarial gain of \$67,100 (2023 - \$644,300).

The significant assumptions adopted in estimating the System's accrued benefit obligation for employee future benefits are as follows:

	2024	2023
Discount rate	4.70%	4.60%
Dental trend rates	3.00%	3.00%
Expected average remaining service life (years)	16	16
Extended health-care trend rates	5.57%	5.57%

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10. Deferred contributions:

	2024	2023
Contributions held for future expenditures	\$ 1,200,310	\$ 3,595,120
Property and equipment	72,498,168	60,397,769
	\$ 73,698,478	\$ 63,992,889

Deferred contributions relating to future expenditures represent unspent externally restricted grants and donations for property and equipment purposes.

	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 3,595,120	\$ 3,039,614
Contributions relating to property and equipment	411,199	2,500,000
Property and equipment expenditures	(2,806,009)	(1,944,494)
Balance, end of year	\$ 1,200,310	\$ 3,595,120

Deferred capital contributions relating to property and equipment represent the unamortized amount of donations and grants received and spent on the purchase of property and equipment. The amortization of deferred contributions is recorded as revenue in the statement of operations.

	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 60,397,769	\$ 61,770,346
Change in unspent grants and donations	2,394,810	(555,505)
Contributions	14,774,058	4,146,388
Amounts amortized to revenue	(5,068,469)	(4,963,460)
Balance, end of year	\$ 72,498,168	\$ 60,397,769

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11. Asset retirement obligation:

The System has accrued for asset retirement obligations related to the legal requirement for the removal or remediation of asbestos-containing materials in certain facilities as well as underground fuel tanks on properties owned by the System. The obligation is determined based on the estimated undiscounted cash flows that will be required in the future to remove or remediate the asbestos containing material and any soil contaminants in accordance with current legislation.

The System has recorded an amount of \$1,777,430 (2023 - \$1,777,430) for asset retirement obligations. There were no obligations settled during the year.

12. Net assets invested in capital assets:

Invested in capital assets is calculated as follows:

	2024	2023
Capital assets	\$ 113,504,988	\$ 99,670,004
Amounts financed by debt and capital leases	(20,188,034)	(21,445,956)
Amounts financed by deferred contributions	(72,498,168)	(60,397,769)
Amount related to asset retirement obligation	(1,777,430)	(1,777,430)
	\$ 19,041,356	\$ 16,048,849

Change in net assets invested in capital assets is calculated as follows:

	2024	2023
Deficiency of revenue over expenses		
Amortization of deferred contributions relating to capital assets	\$ 5,068,469	\$ 4,963,460
Amortization of capital assets	(9,979,372)	(9,973,335)
	\$ (4,910,903)	\$ (5,009,875)

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12. Net assets invested in capital assets (continued):

	2024	2023
Net change in investment in capital assets		
Purchase of capital assets	\$ 23,814,356	\$ 11,262,501
Amounts funded by deferred contributions	(17,168,868)	(3,590,883)
Payments of debt and capital leases	1,664,861	1,561,687
Issuance of long-term debt	–	(3,310,005)
Acquisition of capital lease	(406,939)	–
	\$ 7,903,410	\$ 5,923,300

13. Contingencies and commitments:

- (a) The System has been named as a defendant in various lawsuits. Based on the opinion of legal counsel as to a realistic estimate of the merits of these actions and the System's potential liability, management believes that any liability resulting from these actions would be adequately covered by liability insurance.
- (b) During the normal course of business, the System is involved in certain employment related negotiations and has recorded accruals based on management's estimate of potential settlement amounts where these amounts are reasonably determinable.

14. Changes in non-cash working capital items relating to operations:

	2024	2023
Accounts receivable	\$ 64,236	\$ 1,917,936
Inventories	501,513	369,738
Due from the Foundation	(961,453)	(146,879)
Other assets	(437,620)	445,416
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	4,484,579	117,850
Deferred revenue	(570,172)	217,111
	\$ 3,081,083	\$ 2,921,172

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15. Related party transactions:

The Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation (the Foundation) is incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario as a not-for-profit organization and is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act (Canada). The Foundation is an independent organization that raises funds and holds resources solely for the benefit of the System. As at March 31, 2024, the Foundation holds donations from the community in the amount of \$12,310,751 (2023 - \$11,995,065), which will be used for the benefit of the System to maintain and enhance capital infrastructure and to acquire capital equipment.

During the year, the Foundation transferred \$2,579,605 (2023 - \$2,152,597) of donations to the System in support of capital equipment and projects, which is included in deferred contributions, and \$6,747 (2023 - \$8,662) in support of minor equipment and education. During the year, net reimbursements from the Foundation to the System for operating costs incurred by the System on behalf of the Foundation totalled \$751,576 (2023 - \$651,525) and are recorded in due from Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation.

As at March 31, 2024, amounts due from Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation totalled \$1,540,108 (2023 - \$578,655).

16. Financial instruments and risk management:

The System is exposed to a variety of financial risks, including interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The System has adopted an integrated risk management framework. The framework provides a consistent methodology to manage risks across the System.

(a) Interest rate risk:

Interest rate risk is the risk the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The System is exposed to interest rate risk through the floating interest rates on its overdraft facilities, non-revolving term debt and capital leases. Increases in the floating interest rates in the market could lead to a decrease in cash flows and increased interest costs. The System has mitigated interest rate risk on their non-revolving term loans by entering into interest rate swaps (note 7). As at March 31, 2024, the System's estimate of the exposure to interest rate risk and the effect on net assets is not material.

(b) Credit risk:

The majority of the System's accounts receivable are due from the MOHLTC or other government agencies. As at March 31, 2024, the System's exposure to credit risk in the event of non-payment by patients for non-insured services and for services provided to non-resident patients is not material.

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16. Financial instruments and risk management (continued):

(c) Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk results from the System's potential inability to meet its obligations associated with the financial liabilities as they come due. The System manages its liquidity risk by forecasting cash flows from operations and anticipating investing and financing activities and maintaining credit facilities to ensure it has sufficient available funds to meet current and foreseeable financial requirements. At certain times of the year, the System is dependent on the continued availability of its credit facilities. The System is also exploring opportunities to increase debt financing to provide sufficient cash flows over the short to medium term as the System continues to align expenditures to funding levels and the achievement of a balanced budget and surpluses in future years.

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are generally due within 60 days of receipt of an invoice. Bank indebtedness is repayable on demand. The maturity analysis of the System's long-term debt is described in note 7 and capital lease obligations are described in note 8.

17. Bill 124:

On November 29, 2022, the Ontario Superior Court rendered a decision to declare the Protecting a Sustainable Public Sector for Future Generations Act, 2019, known as Bill 124, to be void and of no effect. On December 29, 2022, The Province of Ontario appealed the Superior Court's decision, but the Government has not sought a stay of decision. This ruling has triggered reopener provisions that required renewed negotiations with certain labour groups on compensation for the years that were previously capped by the legislation.

In fiscal 2023, retroactive salary costs totalling \$3.3 million were included as an accrual in accounts payable and accrued liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position, and as an expense in salaries and wages in the Statement of Operations based on subsequent settlement amounts and management's estimate of potential settlement amounts.

During fiscal 2024, the Ministry provided funding to reimburse the System for the retroactive salary costs incurred. The System recognized \$18.4 million in funding revenue, of which \$2.9 million pertains to expenses incurred from the previous fiscal year.

The cumulative retroactive salary costs for fiscal years 2024 and prior amounted to \$18.1 million. Of this total, \$15.5 million was received in fiscal year 2024 as part of the aforementioned \$18.4 million funding.

18. Comparative information:

Certain prior year information have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation.