



FOUNDATION
— *for the advancement of* —
MI'KMAW
EDUCATION

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Leadership Messages

Message from the Chairperson

Looking back on our collective journey of the past year, the Foundation for the Advancement of Mi'kmaw Education continued to build on creating success for learners and future generations. Our purpose has been unwavering: to invest in education, language, and culture outcomes for all Mi'kmaw across Nova Scotia.



During the year, to guide our path forward, the Board has embraced a clear strategic roadmap, vision and mission structured around vital funding, governance and operational pillars. This focus will empower and support learners, ensure consistent equitable access to education and opportunity, and celebrate Mi'kmaw achievements. We are dedicated to securing sustainable funding, maintaining robust operational and governance systems that firmly uphold Mi'kmaw self-determination, while creating clear, transparent reporting mechanisms to maintain community, donor and partner trust.

We are actively prioritizing learner needs, community capacity and building educational leadership, with a focus on language and culture. To help work towards these goals during the year, we distributed learner awards, invested in a Treaty Education Symposium and commenced the development of a Mi'kmaw language podcast. As we look to the future, we will continue to develop initiatives like these to embrace education, language and culture that reflect identity and ways of knowing.

From our Board of Directors, we extend our deepest gratitude to the Elders, staff, educators, parents, and learners. Together, we are building a legacy that honours our ancestors and secures the path for those yet to come. Join us on our journey as we collectively champion educational, cultural and language interests.

Wela'liek,

Chief Leroy Denny

Message from Leadership

This was an exciting year at the Foundation for the Advancement of Mi'kmaw Education as we launched our new vision, mission, brand and strategic plan. This created a path forward for the Foundation to champion Mi'kmaw-led education, lifelong learning and equitable educational access in an environment where Mi'kmaw language and culture will thrive.



This year was also marked by community driven strategic investments that celebrated learners, provided insights on Treaty Education and focused on language revitalization. During the year we were proud to recognize the accomplishments of learners across all levels, from elementary to post-secondary, through the distribution of awards. Through partnership grants, we were able to contribute towards the hosting of a Treaty Education Symposium and the creation of a Mi'kmaw Language podcast. The symposium strengthened the understanding of Treaty Education, shared knowledge and looked to the future of treaties while the podcast started an important pathway where Mi'kmaw language can be shared, learned and easily accessed.

Thank you to our Elders, educators, staff, donors, partners, learners, and communities for walking beside us as we continue to build a future where all Mi'kmaw will have the opportunity to learn, thrive and grow in their language and culture, confidently creating their path forward to achieve their highest potential.

Wela'liek,

Blair Gould, Executive Director Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey

Our Highlights

Highlight 1: Strategic Planning



During the past fiscal year, the Foundation undertook an important process to define and strengthen our organizational direction for the years ahead. Through thoughtful engagement, reflection, and collaboration, we built a clear vision, mission and strategic plan that will guide our work and priorities into the future.

Grounded in our values and informed by community and educational perspectives, these foundational documents will help shape decision-making and support sustainable growth.

We are grateful to all who contributed their time, voices and insights throughout this important work.

OUR MISSION

The Foundation will grow its capacity to invest in and champion greater access to Mi'kmaw led education across all generations by supporting lifelong learning, and elevating Mi'kmaw ways of knowing, while cultivating an environment where Mi'kmaw culture and language flourish within families and communities

OUR VISION

All Mi'kmaw learners in Nova Scotia across all generations and communities will thrive through greater access to Mi'kmaw centered education, language, and culture so all community members can confidently create their own paths for today and the next seven generations.

We continue to be inspired by the dedication, leadership and commitment to making a difference exhibited by learners in the communities we serve. Our awards recognize not only academic excellence, but also perseverance, innovation, cultural initiatives, citizenship and community involvement. These awards serve as an investment in the next generation of leaders and change makers. We are honoured to celebrate the achievements of learners who inspire their communities.

In the past fiscal year, we were able to recognize various elementary/secondary grade levels and medical school students. We extend our congratulations to all award recipients and our gratitude to the donors and partners whose contributions make these awards possible.

Thank you to our individual and charitable organization donors, including the Aqueduct Foundation and Doctors Nova Scotia, for making these awards possible.

Highlight 2: Learner Awards



Highlight 3: Treaty Education Symposium

The Foundation was a key partner in the Treaty Education Symposium that was held in Dartmouth from October 2-3. The event highlighted the historical context of treaties, their importance, and what to prioritize in schools and communities regarding treaties.

The key themes of the symposium were:

- Making of Treaties -Treaty History and Nationhood
- Forgotten Treaties - Revitalization of Treaty Implementation
- Revival of the Treaty Memory – Responsibilities of Treaty Partners
- Where are we now - Future of Treaty Education in Nova Scotia

Thank you to the Future Generations Foundation for providing funding towards this event.



Highlight 4: Mi'kmaw Language Podcast

During the 2025-26 fiscal year the Foundation began the development of a Mi'kmaw Language podcast. This is a three-phase project which will be completed during the 2026-27 fiscal year.

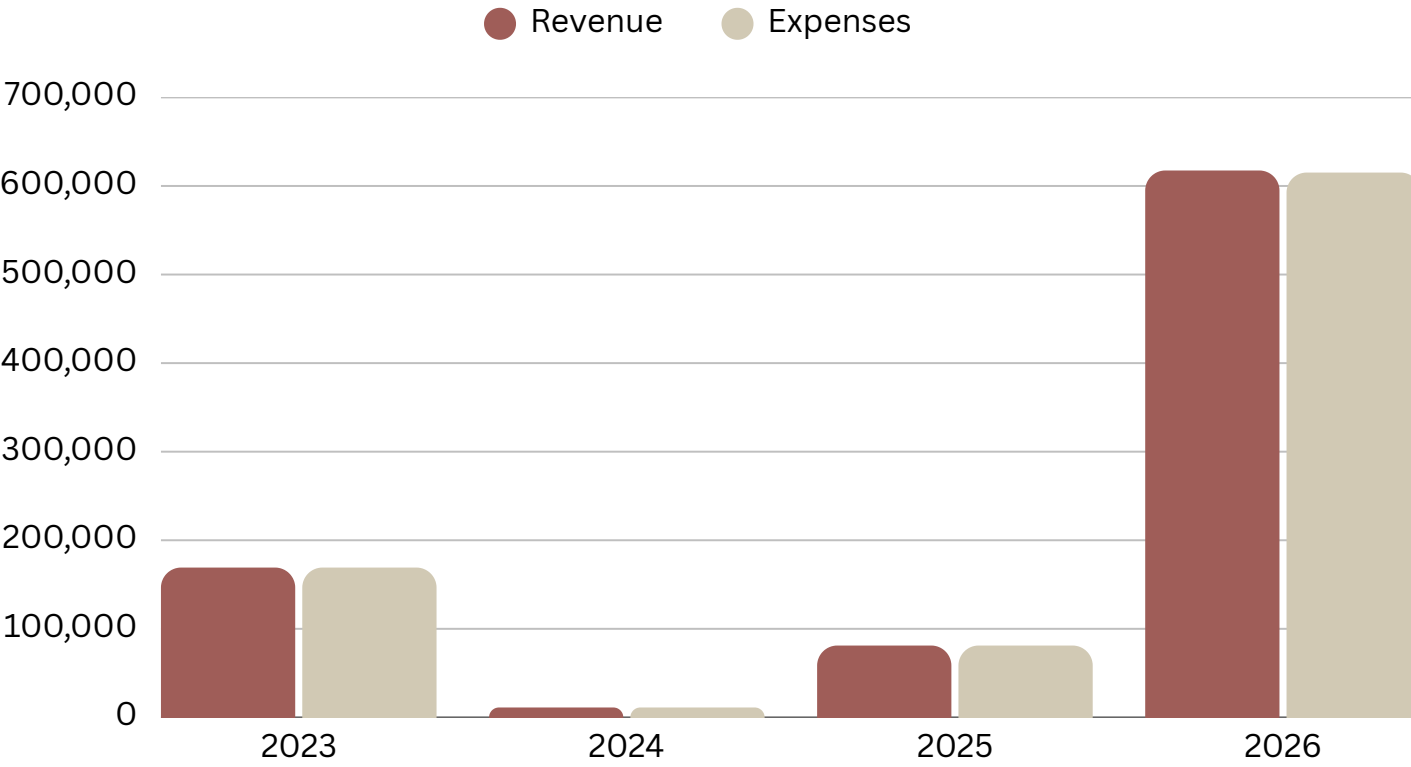
The first phase of the podcast focuses on basic Mi'kmaw language, covering foundational elements such as letters of the alphabet, key language structure and history of the language. The second phase highlights communities and individuals who are involved in language revitalization work. The final phase of the project moves into conversational Mi'kmaw storytelling, capturing history and stories.

The intention of the podcast is to show language learning is happening, encourage an environment where the Mi'kmaw language is heard daily again, and make the language accessible anywhere and anytime.

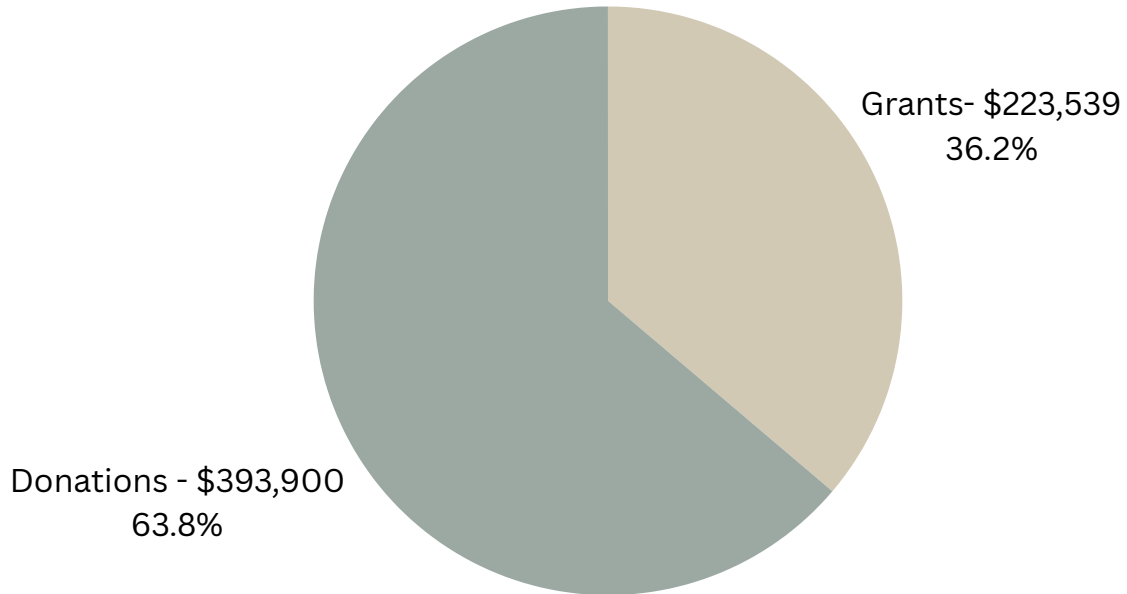
Thank you to Ulnooweg Indigenous Communities Foundation EleV Program for funding this initiative.

Our 2026 Year in Numbers

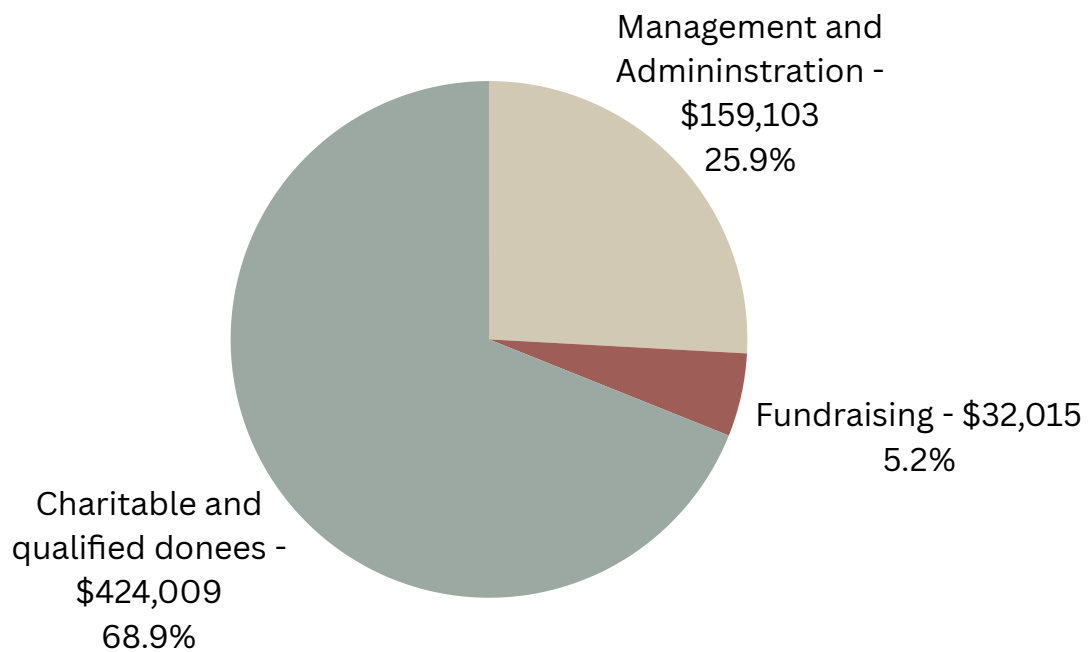
Revenue and Expense Summary



Revenue Analysis



Expense Analysis



Statement of Financial Position

Assets	2026	2025
Current		
Cash	\$ 193,356	\$ 322,773
Receivables	114,550	1,155
Prepays	2,935	5,191
Total Assets	\$ 310,841	\$ 329,119
Liabilities and Equity		
Current		
Payables and accruals	\$ 23,651	\$ 15,146
Deferred revenue	287,190	316,311
Total Liabilities	\$ 310,841	\$ 331,457
Equity		
Net surplus (deficit)	\$ -	\$ (2,338)
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 310,841	\$ 329,119

Our Board

The Foundation is led by five board members:



Chief Leroy Denny



Chief Wilbert Marshall



Chief Deborah Robinson



Chief Michelle Glasgow



Chief Juliana Julian

Looking Ahead

As we look to the year ahead, we remain committed to advancing the Foundation's mission and vision by creating impact for the communities we serve. Building on the momentum of the past year, we will continue to create and deepen relationships with donors and partners, invest in opportunities for learners and programs that advance educational success and cultural connections. Through collaboration, we are planning to develop a student education and living fund, a language and culture fund and named scholarship funds.

We look forward to creating new opportunities, achieving lasting outcomes and building a stronger future for generations to come.

Empowering Learners Together

Your generosity creates impact by investing in learners of today and future generations. Ways you can give:

- One Time Gifts
- Monthly Giving
- Memorial Giving
- Donor Advised Fund
- Legacy Gifts
- Gifts of Securities
- Host a Fundraiser

Our charitable donation number is 86626-2348-RR0001

How to Give:

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Join us in the year ahead!

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