



Tom Havard
board chair

board of directors report

As Chair of the Board of Bulkley Valley Credit Union, I would like to thank the Board, Management, Staff, and most importantly our members for another great year at Bulkley Valley Credit Union.



Jana Lukasek
chief executive officer

CEO report

Bulkley Valley Credit Union is pleased to report to our membership a very successful 2024 in terms of growth, earnings and community impact! We are extremely proud to have achieved positive balance sheet growth of over 6%, ending the year at \$597 million in assets. Our deposit base grew by over \$32 million over the course of the year with our membership continuing to increase their savings. Our loan portfolio also had healthy growth of \$15.6 million (over 4.4%). We appreciate our members trusting us with their hard-earned dollars and turning to us for their borrowing needs. BVCU's earnings also grew substantially over the past year with net income before taxes of almost \$1.9 million, an increase of 44% over 2023. We saw growth across our income statement with margin increasing by almost 9%, other income increasing by over 8% with expenses increasing at just 4.7%. The 2024 after tax earnings of BVCU were over \$1.2 million, or \$363 thousand higher than 2023.

Our earnings have allowed us to accrue \$736 thousand in patronage and dividends, to be distributed back to our membership in 2025. As a financial cooperative one of our seven principles is "Member Economic Participation" and we

We can all be proud that BVCU continues to grow steadily, and also that our subsidiaries, Bulkley Valley Financial Services and Bulkley Valley Insurance Services continue to prosper, and support our members and communities.

The report by our CEO, Jana Lukasek, along with our financial statements show just how well structured BVCU is to support our communities through whatever challenges the rest of the world throws at us. At BVCU we embrace the cooperative principles that our founders used as a foundation and which are at the heart of all credit unions. Recent world events are challenging all of us and it is getting more unpredictable day by day. I believe we need to see this as an opportunity

value being able to share our prosperity with our member owners. Our 2024 dividend rate of 3.67% will be paid to our member's share accounts with the remaining monies distributed in the form of patronage rebates this spring!

The credit union ended the year in a healthy capital position of 23.51%, slightly lower than the 2023 year-end of 24.08% due to our excellent loan growth over the past year. We were also able to maintain our extremely high levels of liquidity, ending the year at 39.37%, very similar to the 38.10% at the end of 2023. These ratios are well above regulatory minimums and are in the top quartile of the credit union system. We are also very happy to have welcomed over 75 net new members during the year and feel privileged to serve our entire base of member owners.

A large part of the success of BVCU is due to our two subsidiaries, Bulkley Valley Financial Services (BVFS) and Bulkley Valley Insurance Services (BVIS). Having diversified income sources during unpredictable times allows BVCU to succeed through all types of interest rate cycles. Our teams at BVFS and BVIS provide expert advice in their industries and provide even more services to our membership and communities.

Governing a large operation such as ours requires a dedicated group of directors, committed to education and keeping abreast of the constant changes in our industry. Over the past year, BVCU said goodbye to two excellent and dedicated directors, Patricia Peterson and Thomas Roper. Patty spent

to work together in our communities, province and country to build on our strengths and work together. It has never been more important to support and shop at local businesses and to work together, help each other, and to cooperate as much as possible.

BVCU is well positioned to support our communities and we are committed to doing so.

three decades serving BVCU, with many years on the Board Executive, including four years as our Board Chair. Her guidance and leadership is greatly missed. Thomas spent three years representing our Smithers Branch and is now enjoying extra free time in retirement. Having board members leave, means welcoming new faces to our Governance Board and we were pleased to attract Mark Fisher and Leanne Helkenberg to our team, both representing the Smithers Community Branch.

Bulkley Valley Credit Union is fortunate to have a dedicated team of Staff and Management who are passionate about serving our membership. Our teams at BVCU, BVFS and BVIS have continued to provide expert advice to our valued members during these times of uncertainty. While tariff threats continue to plague the news each day and while Canadians are doubling down on our patriotism and national pride, it is time for local businesses in our region to shine. BVCU is your local financial cooperative, owned by our members! We are here to support and to be an integral part of the communities that we serve.

Finally, we would like to sincerely thank our membership for choosing us as your financial services provider. We are truly fortunate to serve your needs and our communities!

1. SMITHERS BRANCH: The local scout's group is fundraising for a camping trip to Haida Gwaii in July for one week of hiking, learning, and exploring. Fundraising has included raffles, bingo game, bottle drive, and assisting with designated driving and bartending.
2. THE HAZELTONS' BRANCH: BVCU donated \$500 to MASH (Making Agriculture Sustainable in the Hazeltons') towards purchasing a chicken/turkey plucker to lend out to people in the community.
3. LAKES DISTRICT BRANCH: The Ootsa-Francois Sportsman's Association hosted their wild game banquet and silent auction fundraiser.
4. HOUSTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH: Houston Community Services Association donation goes towards a down payment to purchase the building that they were renting. This building was utilized for their daycare services – with purchasing this house they are now able to look at doing renovations to accommodate more services to our community.



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building healthy, sustainable communities

See you at the 83rd AGM!

notice of annual general meeting

The 83rd Annual General Meeting of Bulkley Valley Credit Union will be held on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM (Registration begins at 6:45 PM) at the Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge in the Summit Room.

Director Elections for 2025

Nominations for directors of Bulkley Valley Credit Union **closed on February 12, 2025**. The Nominations Committee received two nominations for the two positions in the Smithers representation region, and one nomination from the Houston District representation region. All three nominees were elected by acclamation for three-year terms. They are:

- Troy Souter,
Smithers representation region
- Peter Greene,
Smithers representation region
- Sue Jones,
Houston District representation region

agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Ascertainment of Quorum
3. Appointment of Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes for April 15, 2024 Annual General Meeting
6. Business Arising out of Minutes
7. Reports of the Directors
8. Report of Management
9. Presentation of Financial Statements
10. Report of the Auditor
11. Approval of Auditor's Report
12. Announcement of Election Results
13. Appointment of Auditor
14. Unfinished Business
15. Good and Welfare
16. Adjournment

Report of the Independent Auditor on the Summary Financial Statements

Opinion –The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the summary consolidated statements of comprehensive income, changes in members' equity and cash flows for the year then ended, are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Bulkley Valley Credit Union (the "Credit Union") for the year ended December 31, 2024. In our opinion, the accompanying summary consolidated financial statements are a fair summary of the audited consolidated financial statements in accordance with Article 128 of the Financial Institutions Act of British Columbia.

Summary Financial Statements –The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards. Reading the summary consolidated financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the Credit Union's audited consolidated financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon –We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated February 26, 2025.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements –Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary consolidated financial statements in accordance with Article 128 of the Financial Institutions Act of British Columbia.

Auditor's Responsibility –Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary consolidated financial statements are a fair summary of the audited consolidated financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

MNP LLP

MNP LLP Chartered Professional Accountants - Kelowna, BC February 26, 2025

Summary Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31, 2024

Assets	2024	2023
Cash	23,662	15,242
Investments	197,500	187,148
Loans to Members	367,053	351,425
Premises and equipment	3,381	3,012
Intangible assets	3,976	4,119
Other assets	1,936	2,461
	597,508	563,409
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2,067	2,792
Member deposits	556,793	524,251
Lease liabilities	247	315
Other liabilities	1,231	661
	560,338	528,019
Members' Equity		
Members' shares	1,090	1,098
Retained earnings	36,503	35,286
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(423)	(993)
	37,170	35,390
	597,508	563,409

Approved by the Directors:

Bill Miller *director*

[Signature]

Tom Havard *director*

[Signature]

Note 1: Basis of the Summary Consolidated Financial Statements

Management has prepared the summary consolidated financial statements from the December 31, 2024 audited consolidated financial statements, which are prepared in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards. A full set of audited consolidated financial statements is available from the Credit Union. The detailed notes included in the audited consolidated financial statements are not included in these summary consolidated financial statements. The criteria developed by management for the preparation of the summary consolidated financial statements is as follows: that the information included in the summary consolidated financial statements is in agreement with the related information in the consolidated financial statements, and that the summary consolidated financial statements contain the information necessary to avoid distorting or obscuring matters disclosed in the related complete consolidated financial statements, including the notes thereto, in all material respects.

A full set of financial statements will be available at your local branch at no charge.

Summary Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
Financial income		
Interest on loans to members	16,703	14,492
Other interest revenue	6,060	5,078
	22,763	19,570
Financial expenses		
Interest of member deposits	12,409	10,068
Other interest expense	24	23
	12,433	10,091
Financial margin	10,330	9,479
Provision for impaired loans	(18)	5
Net interest margin	10,348	9,474
Other income	7,012	6,478
Operating margin	17,360	15,952
Operating expenses		
Salary and employee benefits	8,952	8,321
General operating and administrative	5,081	5,097
Occupancy and building	700	656
Distributions to members	736	566
Income before income tax expense	1,892	1,312
Provision for (recovery of) income taxes		
Current	467	367
Deferred	207	90
	674	457
Net income	1,218	855
Other comprehensive income (loss)		
Items that will be reclassified to net income	570	327
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the current year, net of income tax	570	327
Total comprehensive income	1,788	1,182
Net income	1,218	855
Other comprehensive income (loss)		
Items that will be reclassified to net income	570	327
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the current year, net of income tax	570	327
Total comprehensive income	1,788	1,182

Summary Consolidated Statement of Changes in Members' Equity

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	2024 in thousands	2023 in thousands
Balance, beginning of year	35,390	34,220
Total net income	1,218	855
Unrealized gains (losses) on mandatory liquidity investments	570	327
Net issuance (redemption) of members' shares	(8)	(12)
Balance, end of year	37,170	35,390

Summary Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	2024 in thousands	2023 in thousands
Cash generated (used) from		
Operating activities	2,851	1,229
Investing activities	(26,462)	(12,758)
Financing activities	32,031	13,809
Net change in cash and equivalents	8,420	2,280
Cash and equivalents, beginning of year	15,242	12,962
Cash and equivalents, end of year	23,662	15,242

2024 board of directors



Troy Souter*



Leanne Helkenberg



Wendy Hunt
Secretary



Bill Miller



Tom Havard
Chair



Dan Boissevain



Cathryn Olmstead*



Sue Jones*
Vice-Chair



Mark Fisher

*Terms expire at the April 14th, 2025 Annual General Meeting