

The Couchiching Conservancy
Financial Statements
For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Members of The Couchiching Conservancy

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Couchiching Conservancy, which comprise the statement of financial position as at October 31, 2023, and the statements of operations and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effect of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Couchiching Conservancy as at October 31, 2023, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, The Couchiching Conservancy derives revenue from donations and special events, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of The Couchiching Conservancy. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donations, special events revenues, net assets, and cash flows from operations for the years ended October 31, 2023 and 2022, current assets as at October 31, 2023 and 2022, and net assets as at November 1 and October 31 for both the October 31, 2023 and 2022 years. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended October 31, 2023 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

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 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 qualified audit opinion.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations 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 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 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 these 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.

We 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.



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Orillia, Ontario
February 14, 2024

The Couchiching Conservancy
Statement of Financial Position
As at October 31, 2023

	Operating Fund	Acquisition & Capital Fund	Other Fund	October 31 2023	October 31 2022
Assets					
Current					
Cash and bank	\$ 162,771	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 162,771	\$ 231,581
Short-term investments (Note 3)	377,761	429,795	494,000	1,301,556	1,207,863
Accounts receivable	34,194	-	-	34,194	9,088
Government grants receivable	53,952	37,600	-	91,552	9,201
Accrued interest receivable	7,554	-	-	7,554	1,335
Prepaid expenses	12,348	-	-	12,348	9,218
	648,580	467,395	494,000	1,609,975	1,468,286
Endowment assets (Note 4)	-	-	906,851	906,851	714,476
Capital assets (Note 5)	5,762	6,249,087	-	6,254,849	5,492,183
	\$ 654,342	\$ 6,716,482	\$ 1,400,851	\$ 8,771,675	\$ 7,674,945
Liabilities and Net Assets					
Current					
Accounts payable (Note 6)	\$ 31,961	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,961	\$ 40,644
Interfund balances (Note 8)	1,023	-	(1,023)	-	-
Deferred contributions (Note 7)	388,233	235,262	-	623,495	392,496
	421,217	235,262	(1,023)	655,456	433,140
Net Assets					
Unrestricted (Note 9)	63,421	-	-	63,421	64,818
Invested in capital assets (Note 9 and 10)	5,762	6,249,087	-	6,254,849	5,492,183
Internally restricted - acquisition (Note 10)	-	232,133	-	232,133	232,133
President's reserve (Note 9)	163,942	-	-	163,942	163,942
Internally restricted - other (Note 11)	-	-	1,066,669	1,066,669	1,045,524
Externally restricted - other (Note 11)	-	-	335,205	335,205	243,205
	233,125	6,481,220	1,401,874	8,116,219	7,241,805
	\$ 654,342	\$ 6,716,482	\$ 1,400,851	\$ 8,771,675	\$ 7,674,945

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

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Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets
For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

	Operating Fund	Acquisition & Capital Fund	Other Fund	October 31 2023	Budget (Note 13)	October 31 2022
Revenues						
Donations (Schedule 1)	\$ 285,046	\$ 531,157	\$ 52,145	\$ 868,348	\$ 783,675	\$ 549,832
Grants (Schedule 1)	300,269	392,500	-	692,769	639,504	278,126
Investment income (loss) (Note 4)	14,652	8,444	38,317	61,413	67,000	(73,394)
Merchandise and services	16,718	-	-	16,718	18,700	16,735
Miscellaneous	579	-	-	579	1,000	20
Special events	55,658	-	-	55,658	59,000	58,516
	672,922	932,101	90,462	1,695,485	1,568,879	829,835
Expenses						
Advertising and promotion	520	-	-	520	2,000	854
Amortization	1,610	9,771	-	11,381	-	11,195
Bank charges and interest	6,015	-	-	6,015	4,000	6,209
Dues, fees and licences	4,291	-	-	4,291	3,000	5,257
Fundraising and volunteers	6,147	-	-	6,147	3,700	970
General and office	9,854	12,300	-	22,154	22,710	18,711
Insurance	7,886	-	-	7,886	8,000	7,825
Materials and supplies	20,348	-	-	20,348	29,400	3,542
Printing and postage	4,331	-	-	4,331	7,500	4,503
Professional fees and closing costs	43,168	13,592	-	56,760	55,840	79,052
Property taxes and maintenance	6,665	-	-	6,665	16,500	16,448
Property and easement acquisitions	-	765,763	-	765,763	761,000	100,000
Property lease	19,068	-	-	19,068	19,068	19,033
Purchased merchandise	-	-	-	-	1,000	-
Special events	6,426	-	-	6,426	5,500	4,677
Subcontracts	44,809	-	-	44,809	129,314	23,561
Training and conference	2,907	-	-	2,907	7,465	3,319
Travel	10,113	-	-	10,113	14,691	10,276
Utilities and telephone	8,070	-	-	8,070	10,200	8,918
Wages and benefits	548,422	40,000	-	588,422	522,322	545,488
	750,650	841,426	-	1,592,076	1,623,210	869,838
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(77,728)	90,675	90,462	103,409	(54,331)	(40,003)
Interfund transfers	77,763	(100,446)	22,683	-	-	-
Property and easement acquisitions	-	771,005	-	771,005	-	100,000
Net assets, beginning of year	233,090	5,719,986	1,288,729	7,241,805	7,241,805	7,181,808
Net assets, end of year (Note 9, 10 and 11)	\$ 233,125	\$ 6,481,220	\$ 1,401,874	\$ 8,116,219	\$ 7,187,474	\$ 7,241,805

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

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Statement of Cash Flows
As at October 31, 2023

	Operating Fund	Acquisition & Capital Fund	Other Fund	October 31 2023	October 31 2022
Cash provided by (used in)					
Operating activities					
Excess of revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues)	\$ (77,728)	\$ 90,675	\$ 90,462	\$ 103,409	\$ (40,003)
Items not involving cash					
Amortization of capital assets	1,610	9,771	-	11,381	11,195
Property and easement acquisitions	-	-	-	-	74,342
Interfund transfers	77,763	(100,446)	22,683	-	-
	1,645	-	113,145	114,790	45,534
Changes in non-cash working capital balances					
Accounts receivable	(25,106)	-	-	(25,106)	(5,973)
Government grants receivable	(44,751)	(37,600)	-	(82,351)	(9,201)
Accrued interest receivable	(6,219)	-	-	(6,219)	325
Prepaid expenses	(3,130)	-	-	(3,130)	(1,417)
Accounts payable	(8,684)	-	-	(8,684)	10,828
Deferred contributions	250,414	(19,415)	-	230,999	(13,527)
Change in interfund balances	(48,229)	-	48,229	-	-
	115,940	(57,015)	161,374	220,299	26,569
Investing and financing activities					
Property and easement acquisition	-	-	-	-	(74,342)
Purchase of furniture and equipment	(3,042)	-	-	(3,042)	(1,242)
Purchase of endowment assets, investment income and increase in cash surrender value of insurance policy	-	-	(192,374)	(192,374)	21,530
	(3,042)	-	(192,374)	(195,416)	(54,054)
Increase (decrease) in cash during the year	112,898	(57,015)	(31,000)	24,883	(27,485)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	427,634	486,810	525,000	1,439,444	1,466,929
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 540,532	\$ 429,795	\$ 494,000	\$ 1,464,327	\$ 1,439,444
Represented by					
Cash and bank	\$ 162,771	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 162,771	\$ 231,581
Short-term investments (Note 3)	377,761	429,795	494,000	1,301,556	1,207,863
	\$ 540,532	\$ 429,795	\$ 494,000	\$ 1,464,327	\$ 1,439,444

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

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Notes to Financial Statements

October 31, 2023

1. Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Nature of Organization The Couchiching Conservancy was incorporated without share capital under the laws of Canada on November 4, 1993. The objectives of the organization are as follows:

- a) To preserve, protect, restore and improve the natural environment of the Couchiching Severn region.
- b) To encourage and foster an understanding and awareness of the natural environment and its value in enhancing our quality of life.
- c) To acquire, maintain and preserve lands, or interests in lands, of ecological, recreational, scientific, scenic, heritage or open space value.
- d) To promote and undertake research and data collection on the natural environment and to distribute the findings to the public.

The organization is a registered charity and, as such, is exempt from income tax and may issue income tax receipts to donors.

Fund Accounting The organization follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

The Operating Fund accounts for the organization's program delivery and administrative activities, which include the stewardship of existing properties and the indirect costs of property acquisition. This fund reports unrestricted resources and restricted operating grants.

The President's Reserve is part of the operating fund created by a motion of the Board of Directors for future core operating expenditures of the organization.

The Acquisition and Capital Fund reports the assets, liabilities, revenues and direct expenses related to the organization's property acquisitions. The Board of Directors established this fund for the purpose of acquiring lands in accordance with the organization's objectives.

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1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Fund Accounting (continued)

The Other Fund encompasses the Property Protection Reserve Fund, the Carden Conservation Reserve Fund, the Stewardship Endowment Fund and the Heartwood Endowment Fund.

The Property Protection Reserve Fund reports the assets, revenues and expenditures related to the organization's property protection investments. The Board established this fund to provide investment income to maintain properties acquired, as well as to provide a source of funds for the enforcement of ecological conditions covering properties owned, protected under a conservation easement or under a management agreement.

The Carden Conservation Reserve Fund reports the assets, revenues and expenditures related to funds designated by the organization to be used directly for conservation activities on the Carden Plain.

The Stewardship Endowment Fund was established in accordance with funding agreements for the purchase of particular properties. The investment income from these funds is to be used for the stewardship of lands within the Natural Area Conservation Plan.

The Heartwood Endowment Fund was established with the purpose of providing the Couchiching Conservancy with a stable and ongoing funding stream with the intention of further increasing the permanency of the organization. It is to be used for operations, stewardship and further investment. It is not to be used for land acquisitions. The investments held in this Endowment Fund are invested based on a long-term time horizon.

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1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Revenue Recognition Restricted contributions and grants are recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions and grants are recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Revenue from merchandise and services and special events is recognized at the time of shipment, when the service is rendered or when the event occurs.

Investment income is recognized quarterly from the fund statements provided by The Community Foundation of Orillia and Area (CFOA) and annually from the statements provided by BMO Life Assurance Company. Investment income from CFOA includes realized income and unrealized gains and losses (Note 4). CFOA reports on a quarterly calendar basis, thus investment income is only reported up to September 30th of each fiscal year.

Contributed Materials and Services

Contributed materials and services which are used in the normal course of the organization's operations and would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at their fair value at the date of contribution if fair value can be reasonably estimated. Volunteers contribute their time to assist the organization in carrying out its various activities and contributions are recognized at their fair value at the date of contribution if fair value can be reasonably estimated.

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1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Financial Instruments *Initial and subsequent measurement*

The organization initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value.

The organization subsequently measures all its financial assets and liabilities at cost or amortized cost, except for investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in the fair value of these financial instruments are recognized in net income in the period incurred.

Financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost include cash, accounts receivable, government grants receivable and accrued interest receivable.

Financial liabilities measured at cost or amortized cost include accounts payable and interfund balances.

Financial assets measured at fair value include short-term investments and endowment assets.

Impairment

For financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost, the organization determines whether there are indications of possible impairment. When there is an indication of impairment, and the organization determines that a significant adverse change has occurred during the period in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows, a write-down is recognized in net income. A previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement. The carrying amount of the financial asset may not be greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in net income.

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1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Capital Assets

Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost. Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution. Where fair value cannot be reasonably determined, contributed capital assets are recorded at a nominal amount.

Furniture and equipment are included in the Operating Fund and buildings are included in the Acquisition and Capital Fund. Amortization based on the estimated useful life of the asset is calculated as follows:

Buildings	- 45 years straight line basis
Furniture and equipment	- 10 years straight line basis
Computer equipment	- 5 years straight line basis

The purchase of property and easements by the Acquisition and Capital Fund are charged to the statement of operations and changes in net assets in the period of acquisition. These acquisitions are then transferred to the statement of financial position as capital assets and in the fund balances as an investment in capital assets.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations requires management to make estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

**Cash and Cash
Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, bank balances and short-term investments.

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2. Financial Instruments

The organization has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage the principle risks assumed with financial instruments. The risks that arise from transacting financial instruments include credit risk and liquidity risk.

(a) Credit risk:

The organization is exposed to credit risk with respect to accounts receivable, grants receivable, accrued interest receivable, short-term investments and long-term investments. The organization assesses, on a continuous basis, the accounts receivable on the basis of amounts it is virtually certain to receive. The credit risk with respect to the short-term and long-term investments is insignificant since the majority are held in large financial institutions.

(b) Liquidity risk:

The organization's exposure to liquidity risk is dependent on the receipt of funds from its major funding sources and other related fundraising sources, whether in the form of grant revenue, fundraising or investment income.

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3. Short-term Investments

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Advantage savings account with interest at 0%	\$ 73	\$ 72
Community Foundation of Orillia managed fund, redeemable, earnings vary depending on quarterly results (Note 4)	1,070,643	997,573
Guaranteed investment certificate with interest at 4.6% maturing in November 2023	105,840	-
Guaranteed investment certificate with interest at 4.65% maturing in April 2024	50,000	-
Guaranteed investment certificate with interest at 4.60% maturing in October 2024	75,000	-
Guaranteed investment certificate with interest at 1.2%, maturing in March 2024	-	105,109
Guaranteed investment certificate with interest at 1.2%, maturing in March 2024	-	105,109
	\$ 1,301,556	\$ 1,207,863

The 2023 Community Foundation of Orillia managed fund balance represents the fund balance at September 30, 2023, whereas the prior year balance is as of October 31, 2022.

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4. Endowment Assets

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Heartwood Endowment Fund		
Community Foundation of Orillia managed fund, redeemable, earnings vary depending on quarterly results	\$ 483,024	\$ 380,921
Cash surrender value of an insurance policy	<u>88,622</u>	<u>90,350</u>
	<u>571,646</u>	<u>471,271</u>
Stewardship Endowment Fund		
Community Foundation of Orillia managed fund, redeemable, earnings vary depending on quarterly results	<u>335,205</u>	<u>243,205</u>
	<u>\$ 906,851</u>	<u>\$ 714,476</u>
Investment Income (Loss)		
Meridian Credit Union - GICs	\$ 10,969	\$ 2,167
Community Foundation of Orillia	52,173	(70,586)
BMO Life Assurance Company	<u>(1,729)</u>	<u>(4,975)</u>
	<u>\$ 61,413</u>	<u>\$ (73,394)</u>

The insurance policy is held by the BMO Life Assurance Company and consists of a guaranteed interest account. Investment income includes interest income and market value adjustments.

The Community Foundation of Orillia (CFOA) holds funds in trust for The Couchiching Conservancy in a pooled fund with other funds that are invested with Connor, Clark and Lunn. It reports the investment income quarterly. The pooled investment fund at October 31, 2023 consists of fixed income, Canadian equity, Canadian income equity, global equity, alternative investments and hedge strategies. Investment income includes dividend and interest income, realized investment gains and losses on the sale of investments and unrealized gains and losses on investments measured at fair value. As the organization's funds are pooled with CFOA's other funds, it is not possible to separate the realized investment income from its unrealized income.

Beginning in October 31, 2023, the earnings and unrealized gains (losses) will only reflect CFOA investment income earned up to September 30 of the current fiscal year. Whereas the 2022 amount shown includes an estimate of the earnings and unrealized gains (losses) from the third quarter of the calendar year to October 31, 2022, the October 31, 2023 amount only reflects the earnings and unrealized gains (losses) from November 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

In addition to the endowment funds above, the Community Foundation of Orillia and Area controls the Land Stewardship Endowment Fund which grants investment income to the Conservancy annually - 2023 - \$2,200 (2022 - \$2,200). The value of this endowment fund at October 31, 2023 was \$36,667 (2022 - \$36,538). As this endowment fund is not controlled by the conservancy, the value of the fund is not reflected in these financial statements.

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5. Capital Assets

			2023	2022
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Acquisition and Capital Fund				
Building - Grant Woods	\$ 439,708	\$ 73,283	\$ 366,425	\$ 376,196
Easement - Agnew Property	30,000	-	30,000	30,000
Easement - Dale	125,000	-	125,000	125,000
Easement - Deadman	46,500	-	46,500	46,500
Easement - Frantzke	191,000	-	191,000	-
Easement - Hancock	95,000	-	95,000	-
Easement - Ironside Property	35,540	-	35,540	35,540
Easement - Konda Property	1	-	1	1
Easement - Larsen Property	198,500	-	198,500	198,500
Easement - Leadbeater Property	48,000	-	48,000	48,000
Easement - Ling	181,000	-	181,000	181,000
Easement - Mack Williams	75,000	-	75,000	75,000
Easement - Probst Property	36,750	-	36,750	36,750
Easement - Russell Property	7,500	-	7,500	7,500
Easement - Scout Valley	1	-	1	1
Easement - Wilkins Property	22,500	-	22,500	22,500
Land - Adams Property	220,000	-	220,000	220,000
Land - Alexander Hope-Smith Nature Reserve	145,000	-	145,000	145,000
Land - Berndt-Campbell Lane	3,342	-	3,342	3,342
Land - Bluebird Ranch	233,018	-	233,018	233,018
Land - Butler Property	9,552	-	9,552	9,552
Land - Carthew Bay Reserve	80,800	-	80,800	80,800
Land - Church Woods	750,000	-	750,000	750,000
Land - Church Woods Road Allowance	2	-	2	2
Land - Deverell-Morton Reserve	471,033	-	471,033	-
Land - Elliott Woods	100,000	-	100,000	100,000
Land - Fawcett Nature Reserve	45,000	-	45,000	45,000
Land - Grant Wetlands	147,500	-	147,500	147,500
Land - Grant Woods	288,423	-	288,423	288,423
Land - Hewetson Property	77,000	-	77,000	77,000
Land - Jennett Woods	175,000	-	175,000	175,000
Land - Marley Reserve	71,000	-	71,000	71,000
Land - McDarker Wetlands	16,752	-	16,752	16,752
Land - McIsaac Wetlands	20,000	-	20,000	20,000
Land - Nicholson Nature Reserve	100,000	-	100,000	100,000
Land - Pitts Property	281,211	-	281,211	281,211
Land - Prospect Marsh	82,500	-	82,500	82,500
Land - Roehl Reserve	23,105	-	23,105	23,105

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5. Capital Assets (continued)

			<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Acquisition and Capital Fund (continued)				
Land - Ron Reid Nature Reserve	501,979	-	501,979	501,979
Land - Starr Property	114,194	-	114,194	114,194
Land - Taylor Nature Reserve	210,326	-	210,326	210,326
Land - Thomas Agnew Reserve	45,000	-	45,000	45,000
Land - Turnbull Ranch	\$ 299,400	\$ -	\$ 299,400	\$ 299,400
Land - Turnbull Road Allowance	\$ 13,972	\$ -	\$ 13,972	-
Land - Waterthrush Woods	16,000	-	16,000	16,000
Land - Whitney Wetland Nature Reserve	65,000	-	65,000	65,000
Land - Wolf Run Alvar	184,261	-	184,261	184,261
	<u>6,322,370</u>	<u>73,283</u>	<u>6,249,087</u>	<u>5,487,853</u>
Operating Fund				
Furniture and fixtures	6,359	6,359	-	-
Computer equipment	12,785	7,023	5,762	4,330
	<u>19,144</u>	<u>13,382</u>	<u>5,762</u>	<u>4,330</u>
	<u>\$ 6,341,514</u>	<u>\$ 86,665</u>	<u>\$ 6,254,849</u>	<u>\$ 5,492,183</u>

The easements for the Konda Property and Scout Valley have been recognized at a nominal value of \$1 each and the Church Woods road allowance has been recognized at a nominal value of \$2. Valuations were not necessary to obtain these easements and property, and due to the cost of obtaining appraisals, fair market valuations were not completed and are not planned.

6. Accounts Payable

			<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Government liabilities	\$	11,824	\$	20,265
Accrued liabilities		20,137		21,829
	<u>\$</u>	<u>31,961</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>42,094</u>

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7. Deferred Contributions

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Operating Fund		
Citizen Science		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 10,945	\$ 11,761
Plus: contributions received	437,838	97,460
Less: contributions spent	(172,941)	(98,276)
Balance, end of year	<u>275,842</u>	<u>10,945</u>
Non-Project		
Balance, beginning of year	-	502
Plus: contributions received	2,600	-
Less: contributions spent	-	(502)
Balance, end of year	<u>2,600</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Project		
Balance, beginning of year	10,939	10,939
Plus: contributions received	13,039	-
Less: contributions spent	(23,978)	-
Balance, end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>10,939</u>
Heartwood Operating		
Balance, beginning of year	4,007	4,007
Plus: contributions received	-	-
Less: contributions spent	-	-
Balance, end of year	<u>4,007</u>	<u>4,007</u>
SARBEX		
Balance, beginning of year	111,928	94,736
Plus: contributions received	2,809	30,465
Less: contributions spent	(8,953)	(13,273)
Balance, end of year	<u>105,784</u>	<u>111,928</u>
Gosling		
Balance, beginning of year	-	25,000
Plus: contributions received	-	-
Less: contributions spent	-	(25,000)
Balance, end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Operating Fund	<u>388,233</u>	<u>137,819</u>

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7. Deferred Contributions (continued)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Acquisition and Capital Fund		
Acquisition		
Balance, beginning of year	-	20,000
Plus: contributions received	-	-
Less: contributions spent	-	(20,000)
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Balance, end of year	-	-
Corridors Campaign		
Balance, beginning of year	254,677	239,078
Plus: contributions received	879,010	155,146
Less: contributions spent	(898,425)	(139,547)
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Balance, end of year	235,262	254,677
Total Acquisition and Capital Fund	<hr/> 235,262 <hr/>	<hr/> 254,677 <hr/>
Total Deferred Contributions	<hr/> \$ 623,495 <hr/>	<hr/> \$ 392,496 <hr/>

8. Interfund balances

The interfund balances are non-interest bearing and carry no formal terms of repayment.

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9. Operating Fund

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Unrestricted		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 64,818	\$ 103,871
Deficit for the year	(79,157)	(31,094)
Interfund transfer for SARBEX surplus	-	(7,959)
Interfund transfer for investment income	46,760	-
Interfund transfer from property protection fund for tree removal at Church Woods	31,000	-
	<u>63,421</u>	<u>64,818</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>63,421</u>	<u>64,818</u>
Invested in Capital Assets		
Balance, beginning of year	4,330	4,512
Computer equipment purchases	3,042	1,242
Amortization for the year	(1,610)	(1,424)
	<u>5,762</u>	<u>4,330</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>5,762</u>	<u>4,330</u>
President's Reserve - Internally Restricted		
Balance, beginning and end of year	163,942	217,337
Interfund transfer for investment loss to acquisition reserve fund	-	(8,546)
Interfund transfer for investment loss to property protection reserve fund	-	(18,564)
Interfund transfer to carden conservation reserve fund for investment loss	-	(928)
Interfund transfer to stewardship endowment fund for investment loss	-	(9,030)
Interfund transfer to heartwood endowment fund for investment loss	-	(16,327)
	<u>163,942</u>	<u>163,942</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>163,942</u>	<u>163,942</u>
	<u>\$ 233,125</u>	<u>\$ 233,090</u>

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10. Acquisition and Capital Fund

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Invested in Capital Assets		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 5,487,853	\$ 5,397,624
Amortization for the year	(9,771)	(9,771)
Property and easement acquisitions	<u>771,005</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>6,249,087</u>	<u>5,487,853</u>
Acquisition Reserve Fund		
Balance, beginning of year	232,133	230,174
Surplus (deficit) for the year	100,444	(14,546)
Interfund transfer for SARBEX surplus	-	7,959
Interfund transfer for investment income	(8,444)	-
Interfund transfer for investment loss	-	8,546
Interfund transfer to stewardship endowment fund regarding the Deverell-Morton purchase	<u>(92,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>232,133</u>	<u>232,133</u>
	<u>\$ 6,481,220</u>	<u>\$ 5,719,986</u>

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11. Other Fund

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Property Protection Reserve Fund		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Surplus (deficit) for the year	18,187	(18,564)
Interfund transfer for investment income	(18,187)	-
Interfund transfer to operating fund for tree removal at Church Woods	(31,000)	-
Interfund transfer for investment loss	-	18,564
	<u>469,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
Carden Conservation Reserve Fund		
Balance, beginning of year	25,000	25,000
Surplus (deficit) for the year	909	(928)
Interfund transfer for investment income	(909)	-
Interfund transfer for investment loss	-	928
	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Heartwood Endowment Fund		
Balance, beginning of year	520,524	460,085
Surplus for the year	62,519	44,112
Interfund transfer for investment income	(10,374)	-
Interfund transfer for investment loss	-	16,327
	<u>572,669</u>	<u>520,524</u>
Balance, end of year - internally restricted	<u>1,066,669</u>	<u>1,045,524</u>
Stewardship Endowment Fund		
Balance, beginning of year	243,205	243,205
Transfer from the acquisition fund regarding the Deverell-Morton property	92,000	-
Surplus (deficit) for the year	8,846	(9,030)
Interfund transfer for investment loss	-	9,030
Interfund transfer for investment income	(8,846)	-
	<u>335,205</u>	<u>243,205</u>
Balance, end of year - externally restricted	<u>335,205</u>	<u>243,205</u>
	<u>\$ 1,401,874</u>	<u>\$ 1,288,729</u>

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12. Commitments

As part of a habitat offset agreement, the organization signed an agreement to lease a property in the Township of Carden for an initial period from February 2015 to January 2020. The lease carried a cost of \$13,970 per year and the organization exercised the option to extend the property lease for an additional 2 years at a cost of \$17,463 per year. On December 8, 2021, an agreement was reached to extend the lease for another five years from February 2022 to January 2027 at a cost of \$17,463 per year.

In addition, the organization committed to leasing another property in the Township of Carden for an initial period of October 2016 to September 2021. The lease carries a cost of \$1,305 per year. In the current fiscal year, the organization reached an agreement to lease the land for another five years from October 2021 to September 2026.

The minimum annual lease payments for the next four years is as follows:

2024	\$	18,768
2025		18,768
2026		18,768
2027		4,366

13. Budget Information

The budget figures presented for comparison purposes are unaudited.

14. Contributed Materials and Services

These statements include \$84,482 (2022 - \$88,852) of contributed materials and services (including volunteer labour) that have been recorded at their fair value at the time of contribution.

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Schedule 1 - Donations and Grant Revenue
For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

	Operating Fund	Acquisition & Capital Fund	Other Fund	October 31 2023	October 31 2022
Donations					
General	\$ 192,121	\$ 147,924	\$ 52,145	\$ 392,190	\$ 350,658
In kind - general	66,344	-	-	66,344	76,748
In kind - membership	12,905	5,233	-	18,138	12,104
Membership	13,676	-	-	13,676	10,322
Property and easements	-	378,000	-	378,000	100,000
	\$ 285,046	\$ 531,157	\$ 52,145	\$ 868,348	\$ 549,832
Grant Revenue					
Government of Canada	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,072
Province of Ontario	10,730	-	-	10,730	3,209
Other	289,539	392,500	-	682,039	265,845
	\$ 300,269	\$ 392,500	\$ -	\$ 692,769	\$ 278,126