

Financial Statements of

**TORONTO AND REGION
CONSERVATION FOUNDATION**

And Independent Auditor's Report thereon

Year ended December 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Toronto and Region Conservation Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Toronto and Region Conservation Foundation (the Entity), which comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024
- the statement of revenue and expenses and fund balances for the year then ended
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies (Hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at December 31, 2024, 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 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 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 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.



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- 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.
- 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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Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Vaughan, Canada

May 28, 2025

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Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2024, with comparative information for 2023

	2024	2023
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 5,426,384	\$ 6,057,089
Investments (note 2)	2,954,318	2,594,066
Accounts receivable	30,663	39,452
Prepaid expenses	13,496	12,761
	\$ 8,424,861	\$ 8,703,368

Liabilities and Fund Balances

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 3)	\$ 2,179,903	\$ 3,161,030
Fund balances:		
Externally Restricted Funds (note 4)	4,954,264	4,610,875
Operating Fund	1,290,694	931,463
	6,244,958	5,542,338
	\$ 8,424,861	\$ 8,703,368

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:

_____ Director

_____ Director

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Statement of Revenue and Expenses and Fund Balances

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

	2024		2023	
	Externally Restricted Funds	Operating Fund	Total	Total
Revenue:				
Donations, grants and fundraising (note 1(d))	\$ 2,264,547	\$ 337,695	\$ 2,602,242	\$ 2,958,113
Investment interest	1,433	339,381	340,814	385,587
Realized loss from investments	—	(2,226)	(2,226)	(52,267)
	2,265,980	674,850	2,940,830	3,291,433
Expenses:				
Grants (note 3)	1,871,780	115,740	1,987,520	3,060,427
Administration, operating and fundraising (note 5)	38,700	211,990	250,690	137,998
	1,910,480	327,730	2,238,210	3,198,425
Excess of revenue over expenses	355,500	347,120	702,620	93,008
Fund balances, beginning of year	4,610,875	931,463	5,542,338	5,449,330
Transfer to Operating Fund	(12,111)	12,111	—	—
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 4,954,264	\$ 1,290,694	\$ 6,244,958	\$ 5,542,338

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

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

	2024	2023
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities:		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 702,620	\$ 93,008
Realized loss from investments not involving cash	2,226	52,267
Change in non-cash operating working capital:		
Accounts receivable	8,789	(1,446)
Prepaid expenses	(735)	(693)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(981,127)	(894,883)
	(268,227)	(751,747)
Investing activities:		
Purchase of investments	(898,220)	(1,123,583)
Proceeds on maturity and sale of investments	525,239	979,416
Change in investment interest receivable	10,503	(19,493)
	(362,478)	(163,660)
Decrease in cash	(630,705)	(915,407)
Cash, beginning of year	6,057,089	6,972,496
Cash, end of year	\$ 5,426,384	\$ 6,057,089

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2024

Toronto and Region Conservation Foundation ("Foundation"), develops public support and participation in the achievement of a livable community through natural and cultural heritage resource conservation. The Foundation works to achieve its mission mainly through financial support of projects of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority ("Authority").

The Foundation was incorporated in 1961 by Ontario Letters Patent as a registered charitable organization and is exempt from income taxes under the Income Tax Act (Canada).

1. Significant accounting policies:

(a) Basis of accounting:

The Foundation has prepared these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations ("ASNPO"). ASNPO requires entities to select policies appropriate for their circumstances from policies provided in these standards. The following are the policies selected by the Foundation and applied in these financial statements.

(b) Fund accounting:

The Foundation uses the restricted fund method for reporting contributions subject to external restrictions. Expenses for externally restricted projects and for scholarships awarded are charged to the appropriate fund. The Operating Fund, through unrestricted donations and other funding sources, uses revenue to pay the administrative, operating, and fundraising costs of the Foundation.

(c) Revenue recognition:

Donations, grants, and fundraising revenue are recorded when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated, collection is reasonably assured, and all revenue sources are allocated to the fund specified by the donor.

Interest income is recognized as revenue in the Operating Fund when earned, except where restrictions dictate that the income be allocated to a specific fund. Restricted investment income is recognized as revenue of the related fund.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(d) Contributed good and services:

The Foundation recognizes contributed materials and services to the extent that fair value can be reasonably estimated, and the materials and services are used in the normal course of the Foundation's operations and would have otherwise been purchased. In 2024, the Foundation recorded \$38,700 (2023 - nil) of such donations-in-kind.

Volunteers make a substantial contribution of time each year to assist the Foundation in carrying out its activities. Due to the difficulty in determining the fair value of such services, they are not recognized in these financial statements.

(e) Financial instruments:

Investments are initially recorded at fair value, which represents cost, and subsequently measured at amortized cost. Related transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

All financial instruments, including cash, accounts receivable, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are initially recorded at fair value, which represents cost, and subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost.

(f) 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 disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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2. Investments:

Investments comprise fixed income investments, equities, and mutual funds. Investment income, including interest and dividends is recognized when earned. Any discounts or premium arising on the purchase is amortized over the period to maturity. If there is a permanent loss in value, an investment will be written down to recognize the loss. Any write-down would be included in the statement of revenue and expenses and fund balances.

	2024	2023
Bond portfolio (0.25% - 4.06%, January 6, 2025 - June 19, 2081)	\$ 1,221,342	\$ 1,683,508
Equity and mutual fund portfolio	1,732,976	910,558
	<u>\$ 2,954,318</u>	<u>\$ 2,594,066</u>

The fair market value of the investments at December 31, 2024 is \$2,958,724 (2023 - \$2,516,098).

3. Amounts contributed to/from the Authority:

Included in grants expenses are amounts paid to the Authority of \$1,981,520 (2023 - \$3,059,624), including to Environmental Leaders of Tomorrow program recipients of \$49,388 (2023 - \$24,274).

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities are amounts due to the Authority of \$2,144,653 (2023 - \$3,141,970), which are non-interest bearing, unsecured, and have no specified repayment terms.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2024

4. Externally Restricted Funds:

	2024	2023
Project Funds:		
Environmental Projects Funds	\$ 2,186,000	\$ 2,169,766
Meadoway Campaign Funds	1,684,353	1,379,158
Black Creek Pioneer Village Funds	387,904	406,626
Paddle the Don Fund	345,720	345,720
Conservation Field Centres Funds	265,347	231,199
Kortright Centre for Conservation Funds	38,344	32,262
Conservation Parks Funds	33,620	28,732
Sauriol and Buckles Fund	422	402
	4,941,710	4,593,865
B. Harper Bull Fellowship Awards Fund (i)	12,554	17,010
	\$ 4,954,264	\$ 4,610,875

(i) B. Harper Bull Fellowship Awards Fund:

The B. Harper Bull Fellowship Awards Fund was established through a legacy from the Estate of Mr. B. Harper Bull and is supported by specified donations. Included in this fund is \$10,000, which is to be retained by the organization in perpetuity. The funds are invested in short-term investments and the related investment income is restricted and recognized in the fund and disbursed in the form of awards to students engaged in conservation and environmental studies, on a bi-annual basis. In 2024, this fund received donations of \$1,000 (2023 - \$1,000) and earned investment income of \$603 (2023 - \$832). Further in 2024, this fund disbursed scholarships of \$6,000 (2023 - \$6,000) and incurred costs of \$60 (2023 - \$60).

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5. Administration, operating and fundraising expenses:

	2024	2023
Salaries, wages, benefits and employee development	\$ 131,999	\$ 76,076
Legal	22,598	—
Bank and investment fees	21,534	22,309
Software, equipment and communications	17,520	16,992
Audit and professional services	11,769	11,175
Insurance and permits	4,300	4,450
Advertising and promotional materials	2,250	1,390
Administration	20	5,197
Supplies	—	409
	211,990	137,998
Restricted Funds:		
Gifts in-kind	38,700	—
	\$ 250,690	\$ 137,998

6. Financial risks:

(a) Interest rate risk:

The Foundation is exposed to interest rate risk with respect to its fixed income investments because the fair value will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The Foundation mitigates this risk through controls to monitor and limit concentration levels.

(b) Market risk:

The Foundation's operations include revenue derived from voluntary donations and delivery of social events which are impacted by general economic conditions and trends. A decline in economic conditions could impact the Foundation's operations negatively.