

Financial Statements of

**TORONTO AND REGION
CONSERVATION FOUNDATION**
(FORMERLY THE LIVING CITY FOUNDATION)

And Independent Auditors' Report thereon

Year ended December 31, 2020



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Toronto and Region Conservation Foundation

Opinion

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

- the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2020
- the statement of revenue and expenditures 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, 2020, 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 "***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***" section of our auditors' 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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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.



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- 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 auditors' 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 auditors' 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.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Vaughan, Canada

May 26, 2021

TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

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Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2020, with comparative information for 2019

	2020	2019
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 8,005,071	\$ 5,296,302
Investments (note 2)	811,387	2,610,844
Accounts receivable	14,174	294,168
Prepaid expenses	11,237	–
	<u>\$ 8,841,869</u>	<u>\$ 8,201,314</u>

Liabilities and Fund Balances

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 3)	\$ 3,069,582	\$ 3,779,701
Fund balances:		
Externally Restricted Funds (note 4)	5,440,788	4,175,530
Operating Fund surplus	331,499	246,083
	<u>5,772,287</u>	<u>4,421,613</u>
	<u>\$ 8,841,869</u>	<u>\$ 8,201,314</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:

_____ Director

_____ Director

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Statement of Revenue and Expenditures and Fund Balances

Year ended December 31, 2020, with comparative information for 2019

			2020	2019
	Externally Restricted Funds	Operating Fund	Total	Total
Revenue:				
Donations, grants and fundraising (note 1(d))	\$ 4,215,848	\$ 113,700	\$ 4,329,548	\$ 3,589,768
Investment interest	1,881	96,395	98,276	146,235
Other revenue	–	–	–	41,532
	4,217,729	210,095	4,427,824	3,777,535
Expenditures:				
Grants (note 3)	2,901,061	13,946	2,915,007	3,403,192
Contract services	–	–	–	80,696
Administration, operating and fundraising (note 5)	21,682	140,461	162,143	526,483
	2,922,743	154,407	3,077,150	4,010,371
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	1,294,986	55,688	1,350,674	(232,836)
Fund balances, beginning of year	4,175,530	246,083	4,421,613	4,654,449
Transfer to Operating Fund	(29,728)	29,728	–	–
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 5,440,788	\$ 331,499	\$ 5,772,287	\$ 4,421,613

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2020, with comparative information for 2019

	2020	2019
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities:		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	\$ 1,350,674	\$ (232,836)
Change in non-cash operating working capital:		
Accounts receivable	279,994	(180,103)
Prepaid expenses	(11,237)	–
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(710,119)	2,189,736
	<u>909,312</u>	<u>1,776,797</u>
Investing activities:		
Proceeds on maturity and sale of investments	1,699,997	500,000
Change in investment interest receivable	99,460	(9,259)
	<u>1,799,457</u>	<u>490,741</u>
Increase in cash	2,708,769	2,267,538
Cash, beginning of year	5,296,302	3,028,764
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 8,005,071</u>	<u>\$ 5,296,302</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2020

Toronto and Region Conservation Foundation (formerly The Living City Foundation) ("Foundation"), develops public support and participation in the achievement of a liveable 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).

The legal name was changed from The Living City Foundation to Toronto and Region Conservation Foundation on June 22, 2020.

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. Expenditures 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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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 2020, the Foundation recorded nil of such donations-in-kind (2019 - \$52,250).

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 costs. Investments acquired prior to 2017 are irrevocably subsequently measured at fair value. Effective January 1, 2017, the Foundation has irrevocably elected to subsequently measure its investments acquired in the current year at amortized cost, and related transaction costs are expensed as incurred. All changes in fair value of the Foundation's investments acquired prior to 2017 are recorded in the statement of revenue and expenditures and fund balances.

All other financial instruments, including cash, accounts receivable, amounts due to the Authority 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 expenditures during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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2. Investments:

Investments comprise fixed income investments with the following interest rates and maturity date ranges:

	2020	2019
Corporate bonds (2.41% - 3.33%, February 23, 2024 - September 25, 2025)	\$ 811,387	\$ 1,332,603
Government bonds	–	1,001,536
Guaranteed investment certificates	–	276,705
	<u>\$ 811,387</u>	<u>\$ 2,610,844</u>

3. Amounts contributed to/from the Authority:

Included in grants expenditures are amounts paid to the Authority of \$2,908,947 (2019 - \$3,397,193) including to Environmental Leaders of Tomorrow program recipients of \$264,857 (2019 - \$238,962).

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities are amounts due to the Authority of \$3,035,912 (2019 - \$3,773,184), which are non-interest bearing, are unsecured and have no specified repayment terms.

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4. Externally Restricted Funds:

	2020	2019
Project Funds:		
Environmental Projects Funds	\$ 2,230,822	\$ 2,376,418
Meadoway Campaign Fund	1,751,925	86,338
Conservation Field Centres Funds	507,852	682,249
Black Creek Pioneer Village Funds	412,174	404,281
Paddle the Don Fund	345,720	345,720
Sauriol and Buckles Fund	67,722	76,843
Durham Conservation Fund	23,037	53,212
Kortright Centre for Conservation Funds	12,862	11,884
Conservation Parks Funds	3,869	3,869
	5,355,983	4,040,814
Ontario Conservation Journeys Program Fund (i)	54,132	99,304
B. Harper Bull Fellowship Awards Fund (ii)	30,673	35,412
	\$ 5,440,788	\$ 4,175,530

(i) Ontario Conservation Journeys Program Fund:

The Foundation holds funds for the Provincial Conservation Journeys Program, administered in collaboration with the Conservation Ontario. The fund was established to increase awareness and membership in various recreational programs of Ontario's 36 conservation authorities. In 2020, this fund incurred costs of \$45,584 (2019 - nil) including management fees of \$23,902, which were transferred to the Foundation's Operating Fund. Further in 2020, this fund earned investment income of \$411 (2019 - \$2,137).

(ii) 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 2020, this fund received donations of \$1,000 (2019 - \$1,000) and earned investment income of \$322 (2019 - \$763). Further in 2020, this fund disbursed scholarships of \$6,000 (2019 - \$6,000) and incurred costs of \$60 (2019 - \$60).

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5. Administration, operating and fundraising expenditures:

	2020	2019
Salaries, wages, benefits and employee development	\$ 107,545	\$ 378,153
Software, equipment and communications	19,379	17,723
Audit and professional services	5,197	6,780
Insurance and permits	3,979	5,197
Bank and credit card fees	3,918	10,863
Advertising and promotional materials	173	18,688
Supplies	160	7,326
Travel, meals and accommodation	110	4,073
Gifts in-kind	–	48,128
Event entertainment	–	15,191
Other	–	3,633
	140,461	515,755
Restricted Funds:		
Software, equipment and communications	21,682	–
Salaries, wages, benefits and employee development	–	6,358
Gifts in-kind	–	4,122
Travel, meals and accommodation	–	248
	21,682	10,728
	\$ 162,143	\$ 526,483

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. There has been no change to the risk exposure from 2019.

(b) Liquidity risk:

The Foundation is exposed to the risk that it will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities. There has been no change to the risk exposure from 2019.

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6. Financial risks (continued):

(c) 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. There has been a change to the risk exposure from 2019 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the year, the COVID-19 outbreak was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization and has had a significant financial, market and social impact. This has resulted in governments worldwide, including the Canadian and provincial governments, enacting emergency measures to combat the spread of the virus. These measures, which include the implementation of travel bans, self-imposed quarantine periods and social distancing, have caused disruption in donations and the delivery of social events. Management has taken measures to manage this risk and is actively monitoring the situation to minimize its impact to the Foundation.