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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Ontario Professional Planners Institute

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Ontario Professional Planners Institute, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2021, and the statements of net assets, operations, cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ontario Professional Planners Institute as at December 31, 2021, and the results of its 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 report. We are independent of Ontario Professional Planners Institute 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.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (Continued)

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 Institute'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's or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Institute'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.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (Continued)

- 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 Institute'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 Institute'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.

KRIENS-LAROSE, LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants Licensed Public Accountants

Toronto, Ontario May 6, 2022

ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL PLANNERS INSTITUTE **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION** AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS		
CURRENT Cash Investments (Note 2) Accounts receivable Prepaid expenses	2,474,786 2,510,776 53,181 44,426	1,913,095 2,500,000 48,699 24,422
EQUIPMENT (Note 3)	5,083,169 254,504	4,486,216 311,415
TOTAL ASSETS	5,337,673	4,797,631

ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL PLANNERS INSTITUTE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT Accounts payable and accrued liabilities HST payable Deferred revenue (Note 4)	123,277 133,225 1,039,356	64,566 143,796 1,175,377
	1,295,858	1,383,739
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS (Note 6)	1,594,295	1,494,295
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (Note 6)	634,974	609,580
STRATEGIC FUND (Note 6)	1,039,833	640,144
SCHOLARSHIP FUND (Note 5)	306,095	203,255
DISCIPLINE FUND (Note 6)	466,618	466,618
	4,041,815	3,413,892
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	5,337,673	4,797,631

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

, Director

, Director

ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL PLANNERS INSTITUTE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Unrestricted Net Assets \$	Capital Reserve Fund \$	Strategic Fund \$	Scholarship Fund \$	Discipline Fund \$	2021 Total \$	2020 Total \$	
Balance, beginning of year	1,494,295	609,580	640,144	203,255	466,618	3,413,892	2,710,638	
Excess of revenues over expenses for the year	481,262	25,394	118,427	2,840		627,923	703,254	
Fund transfers (Note 6)	(381,262)	<u> </u>	281,262	100,000	湾	1/28	121	
Balance, end of year	1,594,295	634,974	1,039,833	306,095	466,618	4,041,815	3,413,892	

ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL PLANNERS INSTITUTE **STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS** FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
REVENUES		
Operations		
Membership fees (Schedule I)	1,912,558	1,893,068
Magazine advertising and job postings	426,155	181,899
Insurance and other membership charges	235,932	197,166
Professional development	22,853	62,675
Consultants directory	13,350	13,200
Interest	9,042	11,078
Other	4,855	7,904
Government assistance (Note 7)	0. 10	267,776
	2,624,745	2,634,766
Strategic Fund		
Conference	393,621	318,566
Districts		24,026
Interest	-	7,311
	393,621	349,903
Capital Reserve Fund		
Job postings	35,000	22,811
Interest	55,000	3,257
Interest	-	5,257
	35,000	26,068
Discipline Fund		
Interest		3,062
Scholarship Fund		
Forum Friday	7,140	0 - 0
Scholarship contributions	200	1,250
Interest		2,791
	7,340	4,041
Total Revenues	3,060,706	3,017,840

ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL PLANNERS INSTITUTE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
EXPENSES		
Operations		
General administration (Schedule III)	520,713	507,287
Office (Schedule II)	424,329	328,317
Communications, marketing & recognition	382,470	365,345
Governance, executive & nominating (Schedule IV)	175,467	149,385
Quality practice strategy group	128,111	147,290
Professional regulation strategy group	118,322	106,651
Professional standards & registration	95,316	91,430
Discipline	93,875	93,510
Planning issues strategy group	77,779	65,816
Planning knowledge exchange	68,912	92,135
District leadership teams	58,189	95,771
	2,143,483	2,042,937
Strategic Fund		
Conference	187,219	208,551
Strategic planning	83,645	13,610
Event sponsorship	4,330	2,530
District leadership teams		4,000
Branding/marketing		22,647
	275,194	251,338

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ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL PLANNERS INSTITUTE **STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS** FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Capital Reserve Fund Office Postage	5,000 4,606	5,000 7,811
	9,606	12,811
Scholarship Fund Scholarships	4,500	7,500
Total Expenses	2,432,783	2,314,586
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	627,923	703,254

ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL PLANNERS INSTITUTE SCHEDULES TO STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
SCHEDULE I		
Membership Fees		
Full	1,343,817	1,371,918
Candidate	384,846	336,009
Pre-candidate	109,199	105,754
Retired	25,982	24,785
Non-practicing	24,785	24,209
Student	18,389	21,738
Public subscriber	3,010	3,388
Candidate (Provisional)	2,530	5,268
	1,912,558	1,893,068
SCHEDULE II		
Office	02 505	
Office AMS (Association Database)	92,595 78 258	77 770
Office AMS (Association Database) Credit card and bank charges	78,258	- 77,770 68 896
Office AMS (Association Database) Credit card and bank charges Rent and utilities	78,258 68,896	68,896
Office AMS (Association Database) Credit card and bank charges Rent and utilities Amortization	78,258 68,896 65,980	68,896 61,707
Office AMS (Association Database) Credit card and bank charges Rent and utilities Amortization Equipment leases	78,258 68,896 65,980 53,054	68,896 61,707 52,093
Office AMS (Association Database) Credit card and bank charges Rent and utilities Amortization Equipment leases Computer operations	78,258 68,896 65,980 53,054 33,408	68,896 61,707 52,093 12,420
Office AMS (Association Database) Credit card and bank charges Rent and utilities Amortization Equipment leases Computer operations Telephone	78,258 68,896 65,980 53,054 33,408 15,399	68,896 61,707 52,093 12,420 17,316
Office AMS (Association Database) Credit card and bank charges Rent and utilities Amortization Equipment leases Computer operations Telephone Stationery and supplies	78,258 68,896 65,980 53,054 33,408 15,399 13,228	68,896 61,707 52,093 12,420 17,316 18,887
Office AMS (Association Database) Credit card and bank charges Rent and utilities Amortization Equipment leases Computer operations Telephone Stationery and supplies Payroll services	78,258 68,896 65,980 53,054 33,408 15,399 13,228 1,910	68,896 61,707 52,093 12,420 17,316 18,887 1,998
Office AMS (Association Database) Credit card and bank charges Rent and utilities Amortization Equipment leases Computer operations Telephone Stationery and supplies Payroll services Courier	78,258 68,896 65,980 53,054 33,408 15,399 13,228 1,910 1,014	68,896 61,707 52,093 12,420 17,316 18,887 1,998 1,117
Office AMS (Association Database) Credit card and bank charges Rent and utilities Amortization Equipment leases Computer operations Telephone Stationery and supplies Payroll services Courier Miscellaneous	78,258 68,896 65,980 53,054 33,408 15,399 13,228 1,910 1,014 516	68,896 61,707 52,093 12,420 17,316 18,887 1,998 1,117 5,721
Office AMS (Association Database) Credit card and bank charges Rent and utilities Amortization Equipment leases Computer operations Telephone Stationery and supplies Payroll services Courier	78,258 68,896 65,980 53,054 33,408 15,399 13,228 1,910 1,014	68,896 61,707 52,093 12,420 17,316 18,887 1,998 1,117

ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL PLANNERS INSTITUTE SCHEDULES TO STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
SCHEDULE III		
General Administration		
Wages and benefits	276,565	295,225
Insurance	223,952	188,141
Legal and audit fees	19,681	22,818
Staff travel	515	991
Publication and merchandise sales	÷	112
	520,713	507,287
SCHEDULE IV		
Governance, Executive & Nominating	100.000	100 500
Wages and benefits	128,020	132,720
Conferences	22,972	521
Conferences Council meetings	22,972 12,235	521 82
Conferences Council meetings Strategic planning	22,972 12,235 5,000	521 82 4,500
Conferences Council meetings Strategic planning Nominations	22,972 12,235 5,000 3,929	521 82 4,500 5,850
Conferences Council meetings Strategic planning Nominations Executive	22,972 12,235 5,000	521 82 4,500 5,850 939
Conferences Council meetings Strategic planning Nominations Executive Membership	22,972 12,235 5,000 3,929	521 82 4,500 5,850 939 276
Conferences Council meetings Strategic planning Nominations Executive	22,972 12,235 5,000 3,929	521 82 4,500 5,850 939

ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL PLANNERS INSTITUTE **STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS** FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash receipts from membership fees Cash receipts from Journal and job advertisements Cash receipts from Government assistance Cash receipts from professional development	1,776,537 430,745 25,928 22,853	1,910,697 214,341 241,848 62,675
Cash receipts from annual conference Other cash receipts Cash receipts from Districts	393,621 254,337	318,566 219,520 24,026
Interest received Cash paid to suppliers and employees	9,042 (2,331,527)	27,499 (2,006,391)
	581,536	1,012,781
CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
(Purchase) sale of investments	(10,776)	(500,000)
CASH FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of equipment	(9,069)	(129,171)
Change in cash	561,691	383,610
Cash, beginning of year	1,913,095	1,529,485
Cash, end of year	2,474,786	1,913,095

PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Institute is incorporated as a not-for-profit organization without share capital under Part II of the Canada Corporation Act.

The objectives of the Institute are:

To promote, maintain and regulate high standards of professional planning practice and ethical behaviour.

To further the recognition of the planning profession in Ontario

The Institute is a not-for-profit organization under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, as such, is exempt from corporate income taxes.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations in Part III of the CPA Handbook and include the following significant accounting policies:

Financial Instruments

The Institute initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. The Institute subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost. Changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of operations.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash and accounts receivable. Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations 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 reporting date and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses for the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates. These estimates are reviewed periodically and adjustments are made, as appropriate, in the statement of operations in the year they become known.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and fixed income investments with maturities of less than 90 days.

Prepaid Expenses

Prepaid expenses are recorded for goods and services to be received in the next fiscal year, which were paid for in the current fiscal year.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Equipment and Amortization

Equipment is recorded at acquisition cost. Amortization is provided on the diminishing balance basis at the following annual rates:

Equipment20%Computer equipment20%Leasehold improvements are amortized over the term of the premises lease.

Where equipment no longer has any long-term service potential to the Institute, the excess of their net carrying amount over any residual value is recognized as an expense in the statement of operations.

Revenue Recognition

The Institute follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonable assured.

All revenues, with the exception of interest are recognized as revenue when received or receivable, if the amount to be received can be reasonably assured. Amounts received prior to the service being provided are recorded as deferred revenue and recognized as revenue when the service is provided.

Interest is recognized as revenue when earned.

Government Assistance

Government assistance is a restricted contribution and is accounted for using the deferral method based on the assistance provided:

Wage Subsidies

Wage subsidies are recognized as revenue in the year the related wages are incurred.

Donated Property and Services

During the year voluntary services were provided. Because these services are not normally purchased by the Institute, and because of the difficulty in determining their fair value, donated services are not recognized in these statements.

Wage Allocation

The Institute engages in various programs to provide services to members. The cost of each program include costs directly relating to providing the program. The Institute also incurs general administrative expenses that are common to the Institute and its programs. The Institute allocates its wages and benefits to these Committees based on the staff time on the Committee programs.

ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL PLANNERS INSTITUTE **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** DECEMBER 31, 2021

2. INVESTMENTS

The investments are summarized as follows:	2021 \$	2020 \$
GIC, .52%, maturing		
May 6, 2022	500,000	-
RBC premium investment account	2,010,776	1,250,000
GIC, 1.10%, maturing		
October February 1, 2021	024	750,000
GIC, .70%, maturing		
May 5, 2021	-	500,000
	2,510,776	2,500,000

3. EQUIPMENT

	2021		20	2020	
	Cost \$	Accumulated amortization \$	Cost \$	Accumulated amortization \$	
Equipment	164,932	152,304	164,932	149,147	
Equipment Computer equipment	875,363	633,486	866,294	573,017	
Leasehold improvements	55,022	55,023	55,022	52,669	
	1,095,317	840,813	1,086,248	774,833	
Net book value		254,504		311,415	

4. **DEFERRED REVENUE**

The deferred revenue includes membership, journal advertising and subscription, consultants directory, members liability insurance, and professional development course fees received for the next fiscal year.

5. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The OPPI scholarship fund provides funding for educational purposes. The interest earned on the fund investments is allocated to the fund on an annual basis. Any expenditures from the fund require Council approval.

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	203,255	206,714
Contributions	200	1,250
Interest income		2,791
Forum Friday	7,140	9
Scholarships	(4,500)	(7,500)
Fund transfer	100,000	z
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Balance, end of year	306,095	203,255

6. **NET ASSETS**

Operating Reserve

The Operating Reserve is intended to provide an internal source of funds for situations such as a sudden increase in expenses, one-time unbudgeted expenses, unanticipated loss in funding, or uninsured losses. Operating Reserves are not intended to replace a permanent loss of funds or eliminate an ongoing budget gap. It is the intention of OPPI for Operating Reserves to be used and replenished within a reasonably short period of time. The Operating Reserve Fund is defined as a designated fund set aside by action of the OPPI Council Directors. The minimum amount to be designated as Operating Reserve will be established in an amount sufficient to maintain ongoing operations and programs measured for a set period of time, measured in months. The Operating Reserve serves a dynamic role and will be reviewed and adjusted in response to both internal and external changes.

The target minimum Operating Reserve Fund is equal to at least six months of average operating costs. The calculation of average monthly operating costs includes all recurring, predictable expenses such as salaries and benefits, occupancy, office, travel, program, and ongoing professional services. Depreciation, in-kind, and other non-cash expenses are not included in the calculation.

The amount of the target minimum will be calculated each year after approval of the annual budget by the OPPI Council.

Capital Reserve

The Capital Reserve is intended to provide a ready source of funds for repair or acquisition of leaseholds, furniture, fixtures, and equipment necessary for the effective operation of the Institute and programs.

The Capital Reserve fund is augmented by an annual allocation of \$10,000. The goal of this fund is to be 10% of the operating budget. The fund shall be decreased by the amount required to fund the purchase of any capital assets acquired during the year. The fund balance is to be conservatively invested based on Operational Policy 4.9 Investments and the investment income is to be accumulated in the fund.

Strategic Reserve

The Strategic Reserve is intended to provide funds to meet special targets that further the strategic goals of the institute as set by OPPI Council. The fund is augmented by excess revenue over expenses in OPPI Conference/Symposium. The fund balance is to be conservatively invested based on Operational Policy 4.9 Investments and the investment income is to be accumulated in the fund.

6. **NET ASSETS (Continued)**

Discipline Reserve

The Discipline Reserve is intended to provide funds for major discipline cases. The Discipline fund is augmented by an annual allocation from general operations determined by OPPI Council. The fund balance is to be conservatively invested based on Operational Policy 4.9 Investments and the investment income is to be accumulated in the fund.

7. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

During the fiscal year, the Institute received Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) of \$25,928 (2020: \$241,848).

The CEWS served as financial relief for a portion of employee wages. The assistance received is not repayable albeit is subject to audit by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). The CEWS was temporary and was available from March 15, 2020 to October, 2021 to eligible employers.

8. COMMITMENTS

The Institute is committed to minimum amount rentals under a long-term lease for premises for the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2037. Minimum rental commitments remaining by the lease term are as follows:

2023	\$71,760
2024	\$71,760
2025	\$79,120
2026	\$79,120
2027	\$82,800
2028 to 2037	\$938,400
Total	\$1,322,960

The Institute is also responsible for it's proportionate share of operating costs, realty taxes and hydro charges. These annual costs have been estimated to be approximately \$75,000.

8.. COMMITMENTS (continued)

The Institute is committed to an equipment lease for the 2020 to 2026 fiscal years. Minimum annual rental commitments are \$39,540. The total commitment remaining under the lease as at December 31, 2020 is \$158,160.

9. ALLOCATION OF WAGE EXPENSE

Wages have been allocated as follows: 2021 2020 \$ \$ 6,094 5,974 Planning issues strategy group Professional standards & registration 61,463 55,864 Governance, Executive & Nominating 128,020 132,720 Discipline 41,950 39,899 Communications, marketing & recognition 160,473 149,960 District leadership teams 57,781 73,103 General administration 97,206 102,771 86,561 85,934 Quality practice strategy group Planning knowledge exchange 68,331 85,009 Self-regulation strategy group 53,141 47,441 761,020 778,675

10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Institute is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following presents the Institute's exposures and concentrations at December 31, 2021.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Institute's credit risk would occur with their accounts receivable. Actual exposure to credit losses has been minimal in prior years. The allowance for doubtful accounts is \$0 (2020: \$0).

10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk the Institute will encounter difficulties in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Institute is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its accounts payable. The Institute expects to meet these obligations as they come due by generating sufficient cash flow from operations. There has been no change in the risk assessment from the prior period.

Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risks: currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

Currency Risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Institute is not exposed to foreign currency risk.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Institute has a low interest rate risk.

Other Price Risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. The Institute is not exposed to other price risk.

11. MATERIAL UNCERTAINTY - COVID-19

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic due to the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"). The situation is continuously developing, and the economic impact has been substantial to both Canada and the globe. As at May 6, 2022, management is aware of the changes in operations as a result of the pandemic including the transition of some operations to an online platform and an increase in expenses for personnel and equipment.

Assets and liabilities have been recorded using the best information available at the time of financial statement preparation. The uncertainty due to the pandemic may cause recorded amounts to be different than those realized, and those differences may be material. Estimates could be materially different than actual results.