

LOWER THAMES VALLEY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Lower Thames Valley Conservation Foundation:

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lower Thames Valley Conservation Foundation (the foundation), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the statements of operations, 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, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the foundation as at December 31, 2024, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

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 the foundation in accordance with 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 ASNPO, 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 foundation'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 foundation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONT'D)

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 foundation'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 foundation'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 foundation 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.

London, Ontario
May 14, 2025

Marcus & Associates LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

LOWER THAMES VALLEY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 179,028	\$ 167,274
Term deposit <i>(Note 2)</i>	21,394	20,334
HST recoverable	4,824	5,131
	\$ 205,246	\$ 192,739
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 13,092	\$ 19,476
Deferred Contributions <i>(Note 3)</i>	102,914	89,598
Loan From The Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority <i>(Note 4)</i>	75,000	75,000
Total Liabilities	191,006	184,074
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	14,240	8,665
	\$ 205,246	\$ 192,739

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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LOWER THAMES VALLEY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
Revenues:		
Indigenous Learning Centre <i>(Note 3)</i>	\$ 46,568	\$ 55,441
Memorial forests <i>(Note 5)</i>	11,802	7,974
Office and stationary administration fees	8,305	886
Donations	393	2,379
Special projects	250	-
	<u>67,318</u>	<u>66,680</u>
Expenses:		
Indigenous Learning Centre <i>(Note 3)</i>	46,568	55,441
Memorial forests <i>(Note 5)</i>	5,676	5,074
Audit fees	5,041	3,482
Office and stationary	2,031	2,332
Bookkeeping fees	2,027	1,507
Fundraising platform subscription fee	1,210	1,724
Special projects	250	-
	<u>62,803</u>	<u>69,560</u>
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over Expenses From Operations	4,515	(2,880)
Other:		
Interest income	1,060	334
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over Expenses	\$ 5,575	\$ (2,546)

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
Net Assets - Beginning Of Year	\$ 8,665	\$ 11,211
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over Expenses	<u>5,575</u>	<u>(2,546)</u>
Net Assets - End Of Year	<u>\$ 14,240</u>	<u>\$ 8,665</u>

LOWER THAMES VALLEY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
Operating Activities:		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	\$ 5,575	\$ (2,546)
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
HST recoverable	307	(4,477)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(6,384)	8,229
Deferred contributions	13,316	57,201
	<u>7,239</u>	<u>60,953</u>
Cash flow from operating activities:	<u>12,814</u>	<u>58,407</u>
Investing Activities:		
Net change in term deposit	<u>(1,060)</u>	<u>(20,334)</u>
Financing Activities:		
Loan from Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority	<u>-</u>	<u>75,000</u>
Net Increase In Cash During Year	11,754	113,073
Cash - Beginning Of Year	<u>167,274</u>	<u>54,201</u>
Cash - End Of Year	<u>\$ 179,028</u>	<u>\$ 167,274</u>

LOWER THAMES VALLEY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2024

NATURE OF ORGANIZATION:

Lower Thames Valley Conservation Foundation (LTVCF) is incorporated under the Federal Corporations Act as a not-for-profit organization and is a registered charity within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada). LTVCF promotes public education, awareness and participation in conservation.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis Of Presentation

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNFPPO).

Revenue Recognition

Lower Thames Valley Conservation Foundation follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions, which include donations and government grants.

Externally restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Endowment contributions are recognized as direct increases in net assets.

Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are initially recognized at fair value and then subsequently at amortized cost with gains and losses recognized in the statements of operations in the period in which the gain or loss occurs. Changes in the fair value of the investments are recorded in the statement of operations.

The fair value of the financial instrument is the estimated amount that LTVCF would receive or pay to settle a financial asset or financial liability as at the reporting date.

The fair values of accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their carrying values due to their nature or capacity for prompt liquidation.

The fair value of investments is the estimated amount that LTVCF would receive to settle the investment as at the reporting date.

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 amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates are reviewed periodically, and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in operations in the period in which they became known. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. TERM DEPOSIT

Term deposit consists of a GIC maturing September 8, 2025, interest at 5.3% per annum.

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3. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS:

Deferred contributions related to operating expenses of future periods represent unspent externally restricted grants and donations. Changes in the deferred contributions balance are as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Carey Trail:</u>		
Balance at beginning of the year	\$ 9,648	\$ 9,648
Less related expenses incurred	(250)	-
Balance at end of the year	<u>9,398</u>	<u>9,648</u>
<u>Sharon Creek:</u>		
Balance at end of year - no activity	<u>22,749</u>	<u>22,749</u>
<u>Indigenous Learning Centre:</u>		
Balance at beginning of the year	57,201	-
Add amounts received during the year	60,134	112,642
Less office and stationary administration fees	-	-
Less fundraising expenses incurred	<u>(46,568)</u>	<u>(55,441)</u>
Balance at end of the year	<u>70,767</u>	<u>57,201</u>
	<u>\$ 102,914</u>	<u>\$ 89,598</u>

4. LOAN FROM LOWER THAMES VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

The foundation received a \$75,000 loan from the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority (LTVCA). The loan is non-interest bearing and is to be repaid at the time fundraising for the Indigenous Learning Centre is completed.

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5. MEMORIAL FORESTS

Donations were received for the following Memorial Forests during the year:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
C.M. Wilson	\$ 11,324	\$ 7,758
Sharon Creek	374	36
Tilbury Northside	70	72
Big Bend	34	72
Rowson's Tilbury West	-	36
	<u>\$ 11,802</u>	<u>\$ 7,974</u>

Expenses were made for the following Memorial Forests during the year:

C.M. Wilson	\$ 5,424	\$ 4,897
Sharon Creek	198	18
Tilbury Northside	36	105
Big Bend	18	36
Rowson's Tilbury West	-	18
	<u>\$ 5,676</u>	<u>\$ 5,074</u>

6. FINANCIAL RISKS

Unless otherwise noted, it is the board's opinion that LTVCF is not exposed to significant interest, credit or foreign exchange risk arising from LTVCF's financial statements.
