

Financial Statements of

**SIERRA CLUB OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
FOUNDATION**

Year ended December 31, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Directors of Sierra Club of British Columbia Foundation

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Sierra Club of British Columbia Foundation (the "Entity"), which comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022
- the statement of operations and changes in 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, 2022, 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 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 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 and 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 disclosure 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 matter 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.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the Societies Act (British Columbia), we report that, in our opinion, the accounting policies applied in preparing and presenting the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'KPMG LLP'. The signature is written in a cursive, stylized font and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Chartered Professional Accountants

Victoria, Canada
June 22, 2023

SIERRA CLUB OF BRITISH COLUMBIA FOUNDATION

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2022, with comparative information for 2021

	Operating Fund	Special Purpose Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,485,298	\$ 475,147	\$ 1,960,445	\$ 2,076,125
Term deposit (note 2)	-	401,000	401,000	-
Accounts receivable	15,195	63,728	78,923	21,461
Prepaid expenses	17,621	-	17,621	20,072
	1,518,114	939,875	2,457,989	2,117,658
Capital assets (note 3)	17,592	-	17,592	25,802
	\$ 1,535,706	\$ 939,875	\$ 2,475,581	\$ 2,143,460

Liabilities

Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 80,664	\$ 39,543	\$ 120,207	\$ 220,877
Deferred revenue (note 4)	-	900,332	900,332	854,013
	80,664	939,875	1,020,539	1,074,890
Deferred capital contributions (note 5)	4,289	-	4,289	10,133

Fund Balances

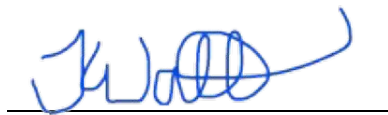
Unrestricted	1,367,773	-	1,367,773	975,457
Internally restricted (note 9)	82,980	-	82,980	82,980
	1,450,753	-	1,450,753	1,058,437

Commitments (note 8)

	\$ 1,535,706	\$ 939,875	\$ 2,475,581	\$ 2,143,460
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Approved by the Board:



Director



Director

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Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

Year ended December 31, 2022, with comparative information for 2021

	Operating Fund	Special Purpose Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
Revenue:				
Grants	\$ 390,144	\$ 1,748,018	\$ 2,138,162	\$ 1,391,937
Community Gaming Grant	5,844	125,977	131,821	144,300
Federal government grants	-	35,592	35,592	40,069
Donations and fundraising	1,260,930	67,701	1,328,631	901,333
Other income	7,454	2,000	9,454	911
Federal Emergency Subsidies	-	-	-	4,330
	1,664,372	1,979,288	3,643,660	2,482,880
Expenses:				
Salaries and benefits	635,126	502,278	1,137,404	1,101,629
Development and fundraising	460,017	-	460,017	344,883
Administration and office	169,967	186,617	356,584	395,620
Charitable activities carried out under agency agreements (note 6)	-	1,212,375	1,212,375	452,222
Rent and occupancy costs	37,700	-	37,700	29,314
Amortization	16,460	-	16,460	19,732
Professional fees	27,832	117	27,949	12,450
Service charges and interest	2,466	389	2,855	3,285
	1,349,568	1,901,776	3,251,344	2,359,135
Excess of revenue over expenses	314,804	77,512	392,316	123,745
Interfund transfers (note 9):				
Administration fees	62,662	(62,662)	-	-
Recovery of funding	14,850	(14,850)	-	-
Fund balances, beginning of year	1,058,437	-	1,058,437	934,692
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 1,450,753	\$ -	\$ 1,450,753	\$ 1,058,437

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2022, with comparative information for 2021

	2022	2021
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operations:		
Excess of revenue over expenses:		
Operating Fund	\$ 314,804	\$ 82,185
Special Purpose Fund	77,512	41,560
Items not involving cash:		
Amortization of capital assets	16,460	19,732
Amortization/recognition of deferred capital contributions	(5,844)	(31,302)
Loss on disposal of capital assets	-	6,260
Changes in non-cash working capital balances:		
Accounts receivable	(57,462)	59,384
Prepaid expenses	2,451	(5,516)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(100,670)	(185,609)
Deferred revenue	46,319	27,333
	293,570	14,027
Investing activities:		
Purchase of capital assets	(8,250)	(8,672)
Purchase of term deposit	(401,000)	-
	(409,250)	(8,672)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(115,680)	5,355
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	2,076,125	2,070,770
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 1,960,445	\$ 2,076,125

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

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The Sierra Club of British Columbia Foundation (the "Foundation") is registered under the Societies Act of British Columbia and is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act. The purpose of the Foundation is to encourage exploration and preservation of the earth's ecosystems; to promote public awareness of natural values; to promote research on natural resource usage and preservation; and to conduct education in order to protect these resources.

1. Significant accounting policies:

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

(a) Fund accounting:

The Foundation records its activities in the following funds:

Operating Fund:

The Operating Fund accounts for the Foundation's general operations and administration. This fund reports unrestricted donations and grants and administration fees.

Special Purpose Fund:

The Special Purpose Fund accounts for program delivery of the Foundation.

(b) Revenue recognition:

The Foundation follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are deferred and recognized as revenue in the appropriate fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the Operating Fund in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Restricted contributions for the purchase of capital assets that will be amortized are deferred and recognized as revenue on the same basis as the amortization expense related to the acquired capital assets.

Donated materials and services are recognized in the financial statements when a fair value can be reasonably established, when the materials and services are used in the normal course of operations and would otherwise have been purchased.

(c) Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents include short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less.

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(d) Capital assets:

Purchased capital assets are stated at cost. Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution.

Rates and the basis of amortization applied to write off the cost less estimated salvage value of capital assets over their estimated lives are as follows:

Asset	Basis
Computer equipment - general	55% declining balance
Computer equipment - server	10 years straight line
Computer software	45% declining balance or 3 years straight line

When a capital asset no longer has any long-term service potential to the Foundation, the excess of its net carrying amount over any residual value is recognized as an expense in the statement of operations.

(e) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions which 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 revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(f) Financial instruments:

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition. Investments that are quoted in an active market are subsequently measured at fair value. All other financial instruments are subsequently recorded at cost or amortized cost, unless management has elected to carry the instruments at fair value. The Foundation has not elected to carry any such financial instruments at fair value.

Transaction costs incurred on the acquisition of financial instruments measured subsequently at fair value are expensed as incurred. All other financial instruments are adjusted by transaction costs incurred on acquisition and financing costs, which are amortized using the straight-line method.

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(f) Financial instruments (continued):

Financial assets are assessed for impairment on an annual basis at the end of the fiscal year if there are indicators of impairment. If there is an indicator of impairment, the Foundation determines if there is a significant adverse change in the expected amount or timing of future cash flows from the financial asset. If there is a significant adverse change in the expected cash flows, the carrying value of the financial asset is reduced to the highest of the present value of the expected cash flows, the amount that could be realized from selling the financial asset or the amount the Foundation expects to realize by exercising its right to any collateral. If events and circumstances reverse in a future period, an impairment loss will be reversed to the extent of the improvement, not exceeding the initial carrying value.

2. Term deposit:

Term deposit includes a one year guaranteed investment certificate bearing interest at 1.8%, maturing on June 17, 2023.

3. Capital assets:

December 31, 2022	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net book value
Computer equipment	\$ 98,320	\$ 80,728	\$ 17,592

December 31, 2021	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net book value
Computer equipment	\$ 90,070	\$ 64,268	\$ 25,802
Computer software	24,123	24,123	-
	\$ 114,193	\$ 88,391	\$ 25,802

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4. Deferred revenue:

Deferred revenue comprises externally restricted contributions received in the current year or a prior year which will be recognized as revenue when the related expenses are incurred.

	2022	2021
Deferred revenue, beginning of year	\$ 854,013	\$ 826,680
Amounts recognized as revenue in the year	(2,346,101)	(1,552,681)
Amounts received during the year	2,392,420	1,580,014
Deferred revenue, end of year	\$ 900,332	\$ 854,013

Of the deferred revenue amounts received within the Special Purpose Fund, \$366,813 (2021 - \$285,342) relates to administration fees on grants recognized in the Operating Fund as described in note 8. The deferred revenue balance within the Special Purpose Fund as at December 31, 2022 included restricted contributions from private foundations and donors of \$900,332 (2021 - \$728,036). There were no Community Gaming grants deferred at year end (2021 - \$125,977).

5. Deferred capital contributions:

During 2019 the Foundation received \$60,000 in restricted contributions to be used towards the acquisition of information technology assets and other system improvements. Of the amounts received \$35,833 has been spent on information technology assets and \$24,167 has been spent on information technology system improvements which were not capitalized. The amounts used to purchase assets are being amortized into revenue over the useful lives of the assets purchased.

	2022	2021
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 10,133	\$ 41,435
Amounts amortized to revenue	(5,844)	(7,135)
Amounts recognized in revenue	-	(24,167)
Balance, end of year	\$ 4,289	\$ 10,133

6. Charitable activities carried out under agency agreements:

The Foundation has agency agreements with various organizations to carry out joint initiatives that further the Foundations objectives. Administration fees are charged on cash received that is to be paid out in accordance with agency agreements. See note 9.

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7. Financial risks and concentration of credit risk:

(a) Foreign currency risk

The Foundation occasionally receives monetary donations and grants denominated in US dollars. The Canadian equivalent upon conversion of these US dollar contributions is subject to foreign exchange risk. The Foundation held US dollar cash and cash equivalents valued at \$62,145 CAD as at December 31, 2022 (2021 - \$2,562 CAD).

(b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a third party to a financial instrument might fail to meet its obligations under the terms of the financial instrument. For cash and receivables the Foundation's credit risk is limited to the carrying value on the statement of financial position.

The Foundation manages the risk associated with the concentration of credit risk through its policy of dealing with credit worthy financial institutions.

It is management's opinion that the Foundation is not exposed to significant interest or liquidity risks arising from its financial instruments.

8. Commitments:

The Foundation is committed under an operating lease agreement for office equipment until November 2024. Future minimum lease payments under the lease are as follows:

2023	\$	2,805
2024		2,805
Total	\$	5,610

9. Interfund transfers and internal restrictions:

The Foundation's internal policy for the treatment of administration fees and interfund transfers is as follows:

- The portion of externally restricted grants restricted for use towards program delivery is recognized as revenue within the Special Purpose Fund, and the portion agreed by the funder to be used for general operations and administration costs is recognized as revenue within the Operating Fund. Administration fees related to Special Purpose Fund grants recognized in the Operating Fund during the year were \$366,813 (2021 - \$285,342).
- During the year, \$15,010 in administration fees related to Special Purpose Fund donations were transferred to the Operating Fund (2021 - \$15,024). An offsetting interfund transfer is made to recover the full cost of program delivery if necessary. During the year the Operating Fund recovered \$14,850 from the Special Purpose Fund through an interfund transfer.

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9. Interfund transfers and internal restrictions (continued):

- During the year, \$47,652 in administration fees related to external agent contracts of service were transferred from the Special Purpose Fund to the Operating Fund (2021 - \$26,536).
- No allocation of core operating costs (accounting, human resources, information technology services, communications and shared office expenses) is made to the Special Purpose Fund expenses.

On January 23, 2020, the Foundation Board of Directors approved a motion to internally restrict \$106,008 of the December 31, 2019 unrestricted operating fund balance for information technology upgrades. During 2021, information technology investments were made totaling \$23,028. No amounts were used from this reserve in 2022.

10. Director, employee and contractor remuneration:

The BC Societies Act requires disclosure in the financial statements of the remuneration of directors, employees and contractors. For employee and contractor remuneration the requirement is to disclose amounts paid to individuals whose remuneration was greater than \$75,000.

There was one employee of the Foundation paid remuneration of \$103,556 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022 (2021 - two employees paid \$173,358).

There were no remuneration payments made to directors in 2022 or 2021.

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Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

Schedule 1

Year ended December 31, 2021

	Operating Fund	Special Purpose Fund	Total
Revenue:			
Grants	\$ 313,703	\$ 1,078,234	\$ 1,391,937
Community Gaming Grant	31,302	112,998	144,300
Federal government grants	-	40,069	40,069
Donations and fundraising	865,295	36,038	901,333
Other income	911	-	911
Federal Emergency Subsidies	4,330	-	4,330
	1,215,541	1,267,339	2,482,880
Expenses:			
Salaries and benefits	575,625	526,004	1,101,629
Development and fundraising	344,883	-	344,883
Administration and office	149,096	246,524	395,620
Charitable activities carried out under agency agreements (note 5)	-	452,222	452,222
Rent and occupancy costs	29,314	-	29,314
Amortization	19,732	-	19,732
Professional fees	12,450	-	12,450
Service charges and interest	2,256	1,029	3,285
	1,133,356	1,225,779	2,359,135
Excess of revenue over expenses	82,185	41,560	123,745
Interfund transfers (note 8):			
Administration fees	41,560	(41,560)	-
Fund balances, beginning of year	934,692	-	934,692
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 1,058,437	\$ -	\$ 1,058,437