# WILDSIGHT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

# To the Members: Wildsight

#### **Qualified Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Wildsight, which comprise the statement of financial position as at September 30, 2020, and the statements of revenue and expenditure, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and the summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the contributions described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Wildsight as at September 30, 2020, and the results of its revenue and expenditure, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year ended September 30, 2020, in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

#### **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

In common with many non-profit organizations, the Society derives revenue from private donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Society and we are not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donation revenues, surplus and assets.

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

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Society's financial reporting process.





\*PARTNERSHIP INTEREST HELD THROUGH CORPORATION



#### 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.
- 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 Society'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 Society'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 Society 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.

Report on Other Legal Reporting Requirements

As required by the Society Act (British Columbia), we report that, in our opinion, the accounting principles applied in preparing and presenting 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.

**Chartered Professional Accountants** 

Cranbrook, BC March 9, 2021



## WILDSIGHT STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

			2020		2019
ASSETS					
Current Cash Grants receivable (Note 2) Accounts receivable GST receivable Prepaid expenses		\$	768,165 29,636 4,398 9,102 6,407	\$	346,685 71,710 3,595 9,324 8,497
			817,708		439,811
Long-term investments (Note 3) Tangible capital assets (Note 4)		_	322,392 2,223		308,654 2,579
		\$	1,142,323	\$	751,044
LIABILITIES AND NET AS	SSETS				
Current Accounts payable and accrue Deferred contributions (Note 2)		\$	103,841 650,336	\$	94,521 278,370
		_	754,177		372,891
NET ASSETS Invested in tangible capital as Board designated operating re		_	2,223 385,923		2,579 375,574
			388,146		378,153
		\$	1,142,323	\$	751,044
See accompanying notes to th	e financial statements				
On behalf of the Board:	Magie Sa			Direc	

## WILDSIGHT STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

		2020	2019
REVENUE			
Grants (Note 2)	\$	785,995	\$ 962,864
Donations		137,315	109,077
Miscellaneous and special events		23,291	61,881
Wage subsidy		6,042	
Membership dues		1,885	 2,540
		954,528	1,136,362
EXPENDITURE			
Accounting and legal		12,866	12,000
Advertising		1,753	2,977
Amortization		356	356
Bank charges		3,985	3,976
Branch expenses		67,749	65,216
Communications and fundraising		6,933	10,845
Contract services, wages and benefits		737,826	815,510
Event expenses		16,382	40,927
Insurance		6,177	5,477
Meeting expenses		462	9,413
Memberships and subscriptions		9,233	8,323
Newsletter and information packages		2,833	5,030
Office and miscellaneous		12,906	22,817
Office rental		11,160	10,962
Program expenses		20,477	49,948
School bus rental		5,890	18,302
Telephone and internet		8,221	7,624
Training and conferences		2,520	7,156
Travel and meals		25,942	60,326
		953,671	1,157,185
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditure from operations		857	(20,823)
OTHER INCOME		10 126	21 005
Net investment income (Note 5)	_	19,136	21,885
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR	\$	19,993	\$ 1,062

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

## WILDSIGHT STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

						2020	2019
		vested in Tangible Capital Assets	Unr	estricted	Board esignated Operating Reserve	Total	Total
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	\$	2,579	\$	-	\$ 375,574	\$ 378,153	\$ 377,091
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditure for the year		(356)		20,349		19,993	1,062
Transfer to board designated operating reserve				(20,349)	20,349		-
Transfer to Creston branch (Note 6)	_			-	(10,000)	(10,000)	
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$	2,223	\$	-	\$ 385,923	\$ 388,146	\$ 378,153

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

## WILDSIGHT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

		2020	2019
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN)			
OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Cash received from funders and donors  Cash paid to suppliers and employees Interest received	\$	1,367,987 (951,905) 5,398	\$ 849,604 (1,218,815) 6,674
		421,480	 (362,537)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES Purchase of investments	_	-	(74,500)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH FOR THE YEAR		421,480	(437,037)
CASH, beginning of year		346,685	783,722
CASH, end of year	\$	768,165	\$ 346,685

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2020** 

## 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## a) BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

#### b) NATURE OF BUSINESS

The Society is incorporated under the laws of British Columbia. Its primary purpose is to promote the maintenance of a healthy, livable environment for all life. The Society is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act.

## c) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Measurement of financial instruments

The Society initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. The Society subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at either fair value or amortized cost.

Financial assets measured at fair value include cash, grants receivable, GST receivable, accounts receivable and long-term investments.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable.

#### Impairment

Financial assets measured at cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of the write-down is recognized in net income. The previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in net income.

#### d) LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

Long-term investments are comprised of mutual funds, bonds and shares of public companies and are recorded at fair market value.

## e) TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

Equipment is recorded at cost. Amortization, based on the estimated useful life of the asset, is provided annually on the straight-line basis as follows:

Computer equipment
Office equipment

5 years

Display equipment

- 10 years

## WILDSIGHT NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

## 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

## f) IMPAIRMENT OF LONG-LIVED ASSETS

The Society assesses long-lived assets for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized on a long-lived asset to be held and used when its carrying value exceeds the total undiscounted cash flows expected from its use and disposal. The amount of the loss is determined by deducting the assets fair value from its carrying amount.

## g) CONTRIBUTED SERVICES

Volunteers contribute many hours each year to assist the Society. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

## h) FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS

The Society receives grants from funders and pays for contract services in the USA. The Society uses the temporal method to translate its foreign currency transactions. These grants are translated at the rate of exchange at the date the Society receives the funding.

#### i) REVENUE RECOGNITION

The Society follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Under this method, restricted contributions related to expenses in future periods are deferred and recognized as revenue in the period in which the related expenses are incurred.

Net investment income includes dividend and interest income, and realized and unrealized gains and losses on long-term investments.

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

Revenues from special events are recognized at the time of the event.

Membership revenue is recognized as the fees are received.

## WILDSIGHT NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

## 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

## j) BOARD DESIGNATED OPERATING RESERVE

The board designated 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. The reserve may also be used for one time, non-recurring expenses that will build long-term capacity, such as staff development, research and development and investment in infrastructure.

The board designated operating reserve will be funded with surplus unrestricted operating funds. The Board of Directors may from time to time direct that a specific source of revenue be set aside for the board designated operating reserve.

## k) 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 earnings in the period in which they became known. Significant estimates for the Society include the calculation of deferred contributions.

## WILDSIGHT NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

## 2. GRANT REVENUE AND DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

	Contrib	eferred outions 0, 2019	 Grants ceivable 30, 2019		Grants received in the year	1000	Grants eceivable 30, 2020	Deferred tributions 30, 2020	Revenue ecognized n the year
Government:  BC Gaming Commission Columbia Shuswap Regional District Government of Canada Province of BC Regional District of Central Kootenay Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Regional District of Kootenay Boundary	\$	15,000 - - - -	\$ 7,848 - - -	\$	53,000 12,620 7,848 10,000 21,500 6,800 800	\$	3,293	\$ 7,984 - - - - -	\$ 53,000 12,620 15,000 5,309 21,500 6,800 800
		15,000	7,848		112,568		3,293	7,984	115,029
Other:									00.040
444s Foundation		-			46,627		•	23,314	23,313
Ambler Mountain Works		•	1.		5,000			40 400	5,000
Art Twomey Memorial *		13,190					20.242	13,190	29,501
BC Hydro		7,158	1,250		3,250		20,343	34,768	34,767
Brainerd Foundation		•	-		69,535			34,700	3,002
College of the Rockies					3,002		6 000	334,640	280,980
Columbia Basin Trust		9,732	58,112		658,000		6,000	334,040	2,000
Columbia Power		-	-		2,000		•	-	2,500
Columbia Valley Community Foundation					2,500		-	27,814	2,186
Consecon Foundation		-	-		30,000			27,814	535
Cranbrook & District Community Foundation	on		-		535		-	-	10,000
Edmonton Community Foundation			-		10,000		-	-	2,000
Golden & District Foundation		-	-		2,000		-	-	2,500
Kootenay Savings Credit Union			•		2,500			18,608	2,300
RBC Foundation		18,608	4.500		18,000			13,500	7
Real Estate Foundation of BC			4,500		7,500		25	13,300	7,500
Teck		•			1,000		-		1,000
The Hamber Foundation					26,644		-	13,322	18,322
Tides US Foundation		5,000	-		50,000			13,000	37,000
Vancouver Foundation					3,804		- 1	15,000	3,804
Western Mining Action Network		209,682			139,070			150,196	198,556
Wilburforce Foundation		209,002	-		133,070			100,100	.00,000
Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative			-		6,500				6,500
	\$	278,370	\$ 71,710	9	1,200,035	\$	29,636	\$ 650,336	\$ 785,995

Deferred contributions related to the unspent portion of the above grants are restricted for specific purposes under each individual agreement.

<sup>\*</sup> The Society receives donations designated for the Art Twomey Memorial Fund. The funds will be used in future years for campaigns and projects determined by the family.

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

## 3. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

	_	2020	 2019
Mutual funds, at fair market value (Cost - 2020 - \$227,897, 2019 - \$241,230) Bonds, at cost	\$	258,327 45,367	\$ 242,660 44,500
Shares, at fair market value (Cost - 2020 - \$5,970, 2019 - \$5,970)		18,698	21,494
	\$	322,392	\$ 308,654

## 4. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

		Cost	mulated tization	Net 2020		Net 2019
Office equipment Display equipment	\$ 5,921 767		\$ 3,698 767	\$ 2,223 \$		2,579
Computer equipment	\$	7,632	\$ 944 5,409	\$ 2,223	\$	2,579

## 5. NET INVESTMENT INCOME

Net investment income is comprised of the following:

	2020	2019
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments Mutual fund income Interest Realized gain on sale of investments Return of capital adjustment during the year	\$ 26,204 11,399 5,413 - (23,880)	\$ (8,939) 10,621 5,767 14,436
	\$ 19,136	\$ 21,885

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#### 6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Five branch societies are currently authorized by the Society, namely Invermere, Kimberley/Cranbrook, Golden, Creston and Elk Valley branches. Each branch society may nominate a member as a candidate to stand for election to the board (Regional Council) of Wildsight in accordance with the Society's bylaws. The Society requires that each branch society has an autonomous board of directors, is incorporated as a separate society, and controls its own finances. Each branch is involved in its own environmental activities to promote the purposes of the Society, subject to the direction of the Regional Council.

During the year, the Society contracted the five branch societies, under agency agreements, totaling \$62,438 (2019 - \$36,274). The accounts receivable include \$4,368 (2019 - \$3,565) from the branch societies for reimbursement of expenses. The accounts payable include \$35,905 (2019 - \$20,493) to the branch societies. Provided financial support to the Creston branch totaling \$10,000 (2019 - nil) from the board designated operating reserve.

These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

## 7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### Risks and Concentrations

The Society is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of the Society's risk exposure and concentrations at September 30, 2020.

#### Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Society's main credit risks relate to its long-term investments. The Society's long-term investments are comprised of investments in public markets. Management mitigates risk by limiting exposure to any one investment.

#### 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 risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and other risk. The Society is mainly exposed to currency risk and other 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 Society is exposed to financial risk on its grants received in a currency other than the Canadian dollar as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

#### Other Risk

The Society's long-term investments in mutual funds and public company shares expose the Society to price risks; as equity based long-term investments are subject to price change in an open market.

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## 8. REMUNERATION OF EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS

For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, the Society did not pay remuneration of \$75,000 or greater to any employees or contractors.

## 9. COMMITMENT

The Society has leased a building with an expiry date of December 31, 2021. Rental payments required on the commitment for the next two years are due as follows:

	Contract to the contract of th	BY THE TAXABLE PARTY OF THE PAR
	\$	14,627
2022		2,937
2021	\$	11,690
Year		<u>Amount</u>