

**ALBERTA WILDERNESS ASSOCIATION**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
(Unaudited)

**JULY 31, 2023**



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## INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Board of Directors of **ALBERTA WILDERNESS ASSOCIATION**

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Alberta Wilderness Association that comprise the statement of financial position as at July 31, 2023, and the statements of operations and changes in fund balances, and cash flows for the year then ended, as well as a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### *Management's Responsibility 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.

### *Practitioner's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on the financial statements.

### *Conclusion*

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Alberta Wilderness Association as at July 31, 2023, 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.

CALGARY, ALBERTA  
November 14, 2023


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**ALBERTA WILDERNESS ASSOCIATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
(Unaudited)

**AS AT JULY 31, 2023**

	<u>2023</u> <u>Operating</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>CURRENT</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 373,033	\$ 72,422	\$ 445,455	\$ 628,814
Marketable securities (Note 3)	563,113	-	563,113	163,665
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	4,074
Interest receivable	2,193	-	2,193	-
Prepaid expenses	13,176	-	13,176	9,146
GST receivable	2,520	303	2,823	840
Donated items held for resale	4,036	-	4,036	2,800
	958,071	72,725	1,030,796	809,339
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b> (Note 4)	620,954	-	620,954	616,317
<b>INVESTMENT IN ART</b> , at cost	4,600	-	4,600	4,750
	\$ 1,583,625	\$ 72,725	\$ 1,656,350	\$ 1,430,406
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>CURRENT</b>				
Accounts payable and accrued	\$ 7,968	\$ -	\$ 7,968	\$ 7,343
Wages payable	26,831	-	26,831	27,379
Payroll remittances payable	15,228	-	15,228	5,603
Deferred income	3,218	-	3,218	-
	53,245	-	53,245	40,325
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Unrestricted	1,530,380	-	1,530,380	1,387,951
Restricted	-	72,725	72,725	2,130
	1,530,380	72,725	1,603,105	1,390,081
	\$ 1,583,625	\$ 72,725	\$ 1,656,350	\$ 1,430,406

**APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:**

 Director  
 Director

**ALBERTA WILDERNESS ASSOCIATION**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
(Unaudited)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2023**

	<u>2023</u> <u>Operating</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
General donations	\$ 693,290	\$ -	\$ 693,290	\$ 513,242
Grants (Note 5)	89,626	-	89,626	58,995
Casino	-	73,214	73,214	-
Investment income	21,255	-	21,255	7,632
Consulting income	19,198	-	19,198	50,077
Unrealized gain on marketable securities	8,224	-	8,224	9,158
Fundraising	2,798	-	2,798	10,284
Membership revenue	2,150	-	2,150	899
Canada emergency wage subsidy	-	-	-	19,581
Canada recovery hiring program	-	-	-	10,279
Realized loss on sale of marketable securities	(615)	-	(615)	(1,082)
Loss on sale of donated land	(14,329)	-	(14,329)	-
	<u>821,597</u>	<u>73,214</u>	<u>894,811</u>	<u>679,065</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Wilderness stewardship and outreach	477,308	2,547	479,855	461,716
Development	108,972	-	108,972	87,415
General and administration	83,932	72	84,004	77,959
Amortization	8,956	-	8,956	8,693
	<u>679,168</u>	<u>2,619</u>	<u>681,787</u>	<u>635,783</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	142,429	70,595	213,024	43,282
<b>FUND BALANCES, beginning of year</b>	1,387,951	2,130	1,390,081	1,346,799
<b>FUND BALANCES, end of year</b>	\$ 1,530,380	\$ 72,725	\$ 1,603,105	\$ 1,390,081

**ALBERTA WILDERNESS ASSOCIATION**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
(Unaudited)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2023**

	<u>2023</u> <u>Operating</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 142,429	\$ 70,595	\$ 213,024	\$ 43,282
Adjustments for items not affecting cash				
Donated marketable securities	(31,325)	-	(31,325)	(32,296)
Donated land	(106,000)	-	(106,000)	-
Art collection disposition	150	-	150	1,775
Realized loss on sale of marketable securities	615	-	615	1,082
Unrealized gain on marketable securities	(8,224)	-	(8,224)	(9,158)
Loss on sale of donated land	14,329	-	14,329	-
Amortization	8,956	-	8,956	8,693
Working capital provided by operating activities	20,930	70,595	91,525	13,378
Change in non-cash operating working capital (Note 6)	7,565	(13)	7,552	(73,235)
<b>Cash provided by operations</b>	<b>28,495</b>	<b>70,582</b>	<b>99,077</b>	<b>(59,857)</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(13,593)	-	(13,593)	-
Proceeds on sale of marketable securities	25,108	-	25,108	31,214
Purchase of marketable securities	(385,623)	-	(385,623)	-
Proceeds on sale of land	91,672	-	91,672	-
Redemption of term deposits	-	-	-	152,011
	(282,436)	-	(282,436)	183,225
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN THE YEAR</b>	<b>(253,941)</b>	<b>70,582</b>	<b>(183,359)</b>	<b>123,368</b>
<b>CASH &amp; CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year</b>	<b>626,974</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>628,814</b>	<b>505,446</b>
<b>CASH &amp; CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year (Note 7)</b>	<b>\$ 373,033</b>	<b>\$ 72,422</b>	<b>\$ 445,455</b>	<b>\$ 628,814</b>

**ALBERTA WILDERNESS ASSOCIATION**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2023**

**NATURE OF OPERATIONS**

Alberta Wilderness Association, ("the organization"), is a not-for-profit organization registered under The Societies Act of Alberta. The organization is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act and is exempt from income taxes under paragraph 149(1)(f). The purpose of the organization is to promote and encourage the creation of additional wildland recreation areas in the Province of Alberta in an attempt to preserve their natural and present state. It also initiates and encourages educational efforts which promote an understanding and appreciation of wildland ethics and wildland resource uses. The organization has an office in Calgary, which houses the Alberta Wilderness Resource Centre, the province's most comprehensive archive of reference materials on wilderness and conservation in Alberta.

Alberta Wilderness Association achieves its mission through conservation, education, stewardship and advocacy, and is supported through volunteers, member and donor programs and fundraising that includes grants, events and a planned giving legacy program.

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. The organization's significant accounting policies are as follows:

a) **Marketable Securities**

Marketable securities are comprised of publicly traded securities and are accounted for at fair value using the latest closing price at the balance sheet date. Transaction costs and changes in fair value are recognized in income in the period incurred.

b) **Fund Accounting**

The organization follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions. The general fund accounts for the organization's operating and administrative activities including unrestricted contributions and grants.

The restricted fund reports only restricted resources that are to be used for specific purposes. The restricted fund is comprised of proceeds from the Association's volunteer work with Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis at a casino. The funds received are restricted by Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis and they are used for the development of educational resource materials, promotional activities, and administrative costs.

c) **Revenue recognition**

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

Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund when received.

Investment income is recorded on an accrual basis.

d) **Contributed services**

Volunteer services contributed on behalf of the organization in carrying out its operating activities are not recognized in these financial statements due to the difficulty of determining the fair value.

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

e) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost. Amortization for the building is calculated using the declining balance method at ten percent per year. Computer software is being amortized on a straight-line basis over 5 years.

Amortization is calculated from the month of acquisition to the month of disposal.

f) Use of estimates

The preparation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results may differ from estimates in these financial statements. Significant estimates include, but are not limited to, the estimated useful life of the building.

g) Financial instruments

The organization initially records a financial instrument at its fair value.

The organization recognizes its transaction costs in net income in the period incurred. However, financial instruments that will not be subsequently measured at fair value are adjusted by the transaction costs that are directly attributable to their origination, issuance or assumption.

Subsequently, the organization measures financial instruments as follows:

- investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market at fair value;
- all other financial assets, which include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and interest receivable, at amortized cost;
- all financial liabilities, which include accounts payable and accrued liabilities, at amortized cost.

**2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and balances with the bank.

Restricted cash consists of a balance with the bank of \$72,422 (2022 - \$1,840).

**3. MARKETABLE SECURITIES**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Marketable securities (cost at \$515,544, 2022 - \$124,320)	\$ <u>563,113</u>	\$ <u>163,665</u>

Marketable securities are presented at fair values and consist of Canadian publicly traded securities, some of which have been donated by individual contributors.

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**4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Net 2023</u>
Land	\$ 538,083	\$ -	\$ 538,083
Building	175,926	105,515	70,411
Computer software	<u>13,593</u>	<u>1,133</u>	<u>12,460</u>
	<u>\$ 727,602</u>	<u>\$ 106,648</u>	<u>\$ 620,954</u>

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Net 2022</u>
Land	\$ 538,083	\$ -	\$ 538,083
Building	<u>175,926</u>	<u>97,692</u>	<u>78,234</u>
	<u>\$ 714,009</u>	<u>\$ 97,692</u>	<u>\$ 616,317</u>

**5. GRANTS**

The organization received grant funding from various sources in the amount of \$89,626 (2022 - \$58,995).

Included in the grant funding received during the year is funding from the Government of Alberta, Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Branch, an Organization Grant amount of \$16,455 (2022 - \$16,455) .

**6. CHANGE IN NON-CASH WORKING CAPITAL**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
DECREASE (INCREASE) IN CURRENT ASSETS		
Accounts receivable	\$ 4,074	\$ (4,074)
Interest receivable	(2,193)	836
Prepaid expenses	(4,030)	(1,996)
GST receivable	(1,983)	2,773
Donated items held for resale	(1,236)	(1,700)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued	625	583
Wages payable	(548)	(58,764)
Payroll remittances payable	9,625	(10,893)
Deferred income	<u>3,218</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 7,552</u>	<u>\$ (73,235)</u>



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**7. CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and balances with the bank.

Restricted cash consists of a balance with the bank.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash - operating	\$ 373,033	\$ 626,974
Cash - restricted	<u>72,422</u>	<u>1,840</u>
	<u>\$ 445,455</u>	<u>\$ 628,814</u>

**8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO COMPLY WITH THE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT OF THE CHARITABLE FUND-RAISING ACT AND REGULATION**

No expenses were incurred for the purpose of soliciting contributions. There were no monies paid as remuneration to employees whose principal duties involve fund-raising and no such employees are employed by the organization.

**9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The organization monitors, evaluates and manages the principal risks assumed with financial instruments. The risks that arise from transacting financial instruments include market risk.

**Market risk**

The organization is exposed to market risk as the organization holds marketable securities that are traded on a public stock exchange and as such is exposed to risk due to the activity on the stock exchange.