December 31, 2024

Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation

For the year ended December 31, 2024

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To the Members of Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation:

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Rideau 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 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 the Foundation 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 the 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 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.

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.

Cornwall, Ontario June 11, 2025 Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants



Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31, 2024

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Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended December 31, 2024

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Endowment fund	Invested in conservation land and agreements	2024	2023
Revenue						
Donations - in kind	-	-	-	135,000	135,000	663,860
Partnership agreements	36,909	254,107	-	-	291,016	250,882
Donation - general	-	112,452	30,400	-	142,852	71,945
Investment income	54,772	-	65,762	-	120,534	76,677
HST rebate and other	23,419	-	-	-	23,419	9,429
Government project						
funding	-	7,000	-	312,513	319,513	836,837
	115,100	373,559	96,162	447,513	1,032,334	1,909,630
Expenses						
Donations to the Rideau						
Valley Conservation						
Authority	-	109,246	-	-	109,246	844,823
Donations to other						
organizations	-	8,594	-	-	8,594	-
Professional fees	16,803	-	-	-	16,803	39,261
Advertising	1,009	-	-	-	1,009	1,051
Licences and fees	3,731	-	-	-	3,731	5,409
Office supplies	2,019	-	-	-	2,019	1,194
Bank charges and interest	1,057	-	-	-	1,057	1,525
Fundraising	1,390	-	-	-	1,390	1,953
Supplies	-	37	-	-	37	580
Travel	320	-	-	-	320	344
	26,329	117,877	-	-	144,206	896,140
Excess of revenue over expenses	88,771	255,682	96,162	447,513	888,128	1,013,490
Net assets, beginning of year	266,603	979,218	769,974	4,110,892	6,126,687	5,113,197
Net assets, end of year	355,374	1,234,900	866,136	4,558,405	7,014,815	6,126,687

Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
Cash provided by (used for) the following activities		
Operating		
Excess of revenue over expenses	888,128	1,013,490
Non-cash increase in investments	(63,852)	(36,849)
Donations in-kind	(135,000)	(663,860)
	689,276	312,781
Changes in working capital accounts	454.000	(00.400)
Accounts receivable	154,602	(88,108)
Accounts payable and accruals	(10,334)	11,809
Deferred revenue	81,477	(42,187)
	915,021	194,295
Financing		
Advances from related party	87,034	849,488
Repayment of advances from related party	(849,488)	(155,643)
	(762,454)	693,845
Investing		
Purchase of conservation lands and agreements	(309,469)	(339,273)
Purchase of investments	(1,166,455)	(157,106)
Proceeds on disposal of investments	387,584	136,002
	(1,088,340)	(360,377)
(Decrease) increase in cash resources	(935,773)	527.763
Cash resources, beginning of year	2,107,358	1,579,595
Cash resources, end of year	1,171,585	2,107,358

For the year ended December 31, 2024

1. Incorporation and nature of the organization

Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation (the "Foundation") was incorporated without share capital under Part II of the Canada Corporations Act. The Foundation is a registered charity and is classified as a public foundation under Section 149.1(1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada) As such, the Foundation is exempt from income taxes and able to issue donation receipts for income tax.

The Foundation pools charitable gifts which are invested in perpetuity. The income earned on these funds is used to support the conservation programs of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) to protect and conserve the lands and waters of the valley of the Rideau River in Eastern Ontario.

2. Significant accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations set out in Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook - Accounting, as issued by the Accounting Standards Board in Canada.

Fund accounting

The Foundation follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions, and maintains 4 funds: Unrestricted fund, Restricted fund, Endowment fund and Invested in conservation lands and agreements fund.

The Unrestricted Fund reports the Foundation's general fundraising, granting and administrative activities. At year-end, the Foundation may transfer a portion of its net fundraising revenue to its Restricted and Endowment Funds.

The Invested in conservation lands and agreements fund is a restricted fund that reports the Foundation's contributed and acquired properties.

The Endowment Fund reports the Foundation's resources contributed for endowment. Investment income earned on resources of the Endowment Fund and gains and losses on disposals of investments are reflected in the Endowment Fund.

The Restricted fund reports the Foundation's resources to be used for identified purposes as specified externally by donors or internally by the Board of Directors.

Interfund balances bear no interest, have no specific terms of repayment and are unsecured.

Revenue recognition

The Foundation uses the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions which includes government funding, donations and other grants.

Unrestricted contributions and donations are recorded as revenue of the Unrestricted Fund when received or receivable. Restricted contributions represent contributions received for specific purposes and are recorded as revenue of the appropriate Restricted Fund when received.

Endowment donations represent contributions received where only the income earned from the investment can be used. Endowment contributions are recognized as revenue in the Endowment Fund when received.

Revenue for services is recognized using the percentage-of-completion method.

Investment income earned is recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund when earned. Investment losses are allocated in a manner consistent with investment income.

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2. Significant accounting policies (Continued from previous page)

Conservation Lands and Agreements

Purchased conservation lands and agreements are recorded at cost when the title is transferred. Property acquired before 1988 is recorded at a nominal value of \$1.

Contributed conservation lands and agreements are recorded at fair market value when title is transferred. The contributions are recorded as revenue in the Invested in Conservation Lands and Agreements Fund when received.

Properties transferred to others are recorded as a reduction of conservation lands and agreements.

Donated goods and services

The Foundation may receive goods at no cost from various sources. Significant donations are recorded in the accounts at their estimated fair value at the date of the donation.

The Foundation also benefits from the services of volunteers. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, donated services are not recognized in these financial statements.

Measurement uncertainty (use of estimates)

The preparation of financial statements in conformity 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 date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

Accounts receivable are stated after evaluation as to their collectability and an appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts is provided where considered necessary.

Contributed assets are stated after evaluation of any impairment in value resulting in a decrease of net realizable value where considered necessary.

By their nature, these judgments are subject to measurement uncertainty, and the effect on the financial statements of changes in such estimates and assumptions in future years could be material. These estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary they are reported in excess of revenues over expenses in the years in which they become known.

Financial instruments

The Foundation recognizes financial instruments when the Foundation becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

Arm's length financial instruments

Financial instruments originated/acquired or issued/assumed in an arm's length transaction ("arm's length financial instruments") are initially recorded at their fair value.

At initial recognition, the Foundation may irrevocably elect to subsequently measure any arm's length financial instrument at fair value. The Foundation has not made such an election during the year.

The Foundation subsequently measures investments in equity instruments quoted in an active market at fair value. Fair value is determined by published price quotations.

All other financial assets and liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost.

Transaction costs and financing fees directly attributable to the origination, acquisition, issuance or assumption of financial instruments subsequently measured at fair value are immediately recognized in excess of revenue over expenses. Conversely, transaction costs and financing fees are added to the carrying amount for those financial instruments subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost.

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2. Significant accounting policies (Continued from previous page)

Related party financial instruments

The Foundation initially measures the following financial instruments originated/acquired or issued/assumed in a related party transaction ("related party financial instruments") at fair value:

- · Investments in equity instruments quoted in an active market
- Debt instruments quoted in an active market
- Debt instruments when the inputs significant to the determination of its fair value are observable (directly or indirectly)
- Derivative contracts.

All other related party financial instruments are measured at cost on initial recognition. When the financial instrument has repayment terms, cost is determined using the undiscounted cash flows, excluding interest, dividend, variable and contingent payments, less any impairment losses previously recognized by the transferor. When the financial instrument does not have repayment terms, but the consideration transferred has repayment terms, cost is determined based on the repayment terms of the consideration transferred. When the financial instrument and the consideration transferred both do not have repayment terms, the cost is equal to the carrying or exchange amount of the consideration transferred or received (refer to Note 5).

At initial recognition, the Foundation may elect to subsequently measure related party debt instruments at fair value for those that are quoted in active market, or that have observable inputs significant to the determination of fair value.

The Foundation has not made such an election during the year, thus all such related party debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortized cost.

Financial instruments that were initially measured at cost and derivatives that are linked to, and must be settled by, delivery of unquoted equity instruments of another entity, are subsequently measured using the cost method less any reduction for impairment.

Transaction costs and financing fees directly attributable to the origination, acquisition, issuance or assumption of related party financial instruments are immediately recognized in excess of revenue over expenses.

Financial asset impairment

The Foundation assesses impairment of all its financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost. The Foundation groups assets for impairment testing when available information is not sufficient to permit identification of each individually impaired financial asset in the group and/or there are numerous assets affected by the same factors or no asset is individually significant. Management considers whether the issuer is having significant financial difficulty; whether there has been a breach in contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments in determining whether objective evidence of impairment exists. When there is an indication of impairment, the Foundation determines whether it has resulted in a significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows during the year.

With the exception of related party debt instruments initially measured at cost, the Foundation reduces the carrying amount of any impaired financial assets to the highest of: the present value of cash flows expected to be generated by holding the assets; the amount that could be realized by selling the assets at the statement of financial position date; and the amount expected to be realized by exercising any rights to collateral held against those assets.

For related party debt instruments initially measured at cost, the Foundation reduces the carrying amount of the asset (or group of assets), to the highest of: the undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by holding the asset, or group of similar assets, excluding the interest and dividend payments of the instrument; the present value of cash flows expected to be generated by holding the assets; the amount that could be realized by selling the assets at the statement of financial position date; and the amount expected to be realized by exercising any rights to collateral held against those assets.

Any impairment, which is not considered temporary, is included in current year excess of revenue over expenses.

The Foundation reverses impairment losses on financial assets when there is a decrease in impairment and the decrease can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognized. The amount of the reversal is recognized in excess of revenue over expenses in the year the reversal occurs.

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3. Investments

Fixed income investments are comprised of Guaranteed Investment Certificates with maturity dates from 2025 to 2034 (2023 - 2024 to 2028), earning interest from 1.99% to 5.08% (2023 - 1.99% to 5.08%).

Investments are comprised of the following:

	2024	2023
Measured at cost:		
Fixed income	998,579	421,362
Less: current portion	94,430	66,140
	904,149	355,222
Management of fairness land		
Measured at fair value: Preferred shares	_	4,871
Common shares	428,760	- ,071
Mutual funds	99,653	258,038
	528,413	262,909

4. Related party transactions

The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority ("RVCA") has an economic interest in the Foundation and as such, the Foundation is considered a significantly influenced not-for-profit organization. Services such as administration are provided at nil cost to the Foundation by RVCA. During the year, the Foundation was invoiced \$109,246 (2023 - \$849,488) for non-administration services provided from RVCA, of which \$87,034 net payable is outstanding at year-end. Amounts owing are due on demand, non-interest-bearing and have no specific terms of repayment but are expected to be paid after the Foundation's Annual General Meeting, held annually in June.

The Foundation funds are used to support RVCA's programs to protect and conserve the lands and waters of the valley of the Rideau River in Eastern Ontario. RVCA is established under the Conservation Authorities Act of Ontario and is exempt from income taxes. All 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.

For the year ended December 31, 2024

5. Deferred revenue

The deferred revenue reported in the restricted fund consists of reforestation services which will be rendered over the course of future periods. As at December 31, 2024, the Foundation has fifteen long-term contracts with various companies. Recognition of these amounts as revenue is deferred to periods when the specified expenditures are made and contract deliverables are met. The revenue related to these items is recorded under the partnership agreements balance on the statement of operations. Changes in the deferred revenue account are as follows:

	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year	159,004	201,191
Amount received during the year	233,227	92,850
Less: Amount recognized as revenue during the year	(151,751)	(135,037)
Balance, end of year	240,480	159,004

6. Fund Balances

	Opening Balance	Income	Transfers (to)/from Other Funds	Expenses	Funds transferred to RVCA or Other Organizations	Closing Balance
Unrestricted Fund	266,603	115,100	-	26,329		355,374
Invested in conservation land and agreements	4,110,892	447,513	-	-	<u>-</u>	4,558,405
Internally restricted						
Operations Reserve	30,000	_	-	-	-	30,000
Environmental Land Fund (ELF)	30,098	853	-	-	-	30,951
Foundation Legal Defence Fund	1,000	_	-	-	-	1,000
Foundation Land Acquisition Fund	238,038	38,308	-	-	-	276,346
Steve Simmering Fund	62,482	· -	-	-	-	62,482
Total internally restricted	361,618	39,161	-	-	-	400,779
Externally restricted						
Barn Swallow	7,100	_	_	_	_	7,100
Baxter	60,517	_	_	_	4,766	55,751
RAM Fund	-	53,942	-	-	1,085	52,857
Baxter Nature for All	23,403	1.018	-	-	-	24,421
Baxter River Cabin Improvements	568	-	_	_	_	568
Beryl Gaffney Park Improvements	9,000	_	-	-	_	9,000
Bobolink (SAR)	7.245	_	_	_	_	7.245
Butterfly Garden	932	_	_	37	_	895
Butternut (SAR)	11,725	21,069	_	-	29,226	3,568
Butternut (SAR) Stewardship	, <u>-</u>	9,412	=	_	, -	9,412
City Stream Watch	2,000	13,350	-	-	-	15,350
Chapman Mills	4,737	, -	-	-	-	4,737
CLMS	123,249	17,836	-	-	7,000	134,085
Communications	5,184	· -	-	-	-	5,184
Don Maciver Memorial	9,208	4,551	-	-	-	13,759
Foley Mountain Conservation Area	22,960	-	-	-	5,800	17,160
Forestry Program (Carbon Neutral)	-	5,058	-	-	5,058	-
Forestry Program (Living Memorial Fund)	-	2,983	-	-	2,983	-

Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended December 31, 2024

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7. Financial instruments

The Foundation, as part of its operations, carries a number of financial instruments. It is management's opinion that the Foundation is not exposed to significant interest, currency, credit, liquidity or other price risks arising from these financial instruments except as otherwise disclosed.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the possibility that the entities to which the Foundation provides services to may experience difficulty and be unable to fulfill their obligations. The Foundation is exposed to financial risk that arises from the credit quality of the entities to which is provides services. The Foundation does not have a significant exposure to any individual customer or counter party. As a result, the requirement for credit risk related reserves for accounts receivable is minimal.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that the value of, or cash flows related to, a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes to the market interest rates. The Foundation is exposed to financial risk that arises from the interest rate differentials between the market interest rate and the rates on its cash and cash equivalents and fixed income investments. Changes in variable rates could cause unanticipated fluctuations in the Foundation's operating results.

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 foreign 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 Foundation is exposed to other price risk on its investment holdings valued at fair market value.

Foreign currency risk

Foreign 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 Foundation enters into transactions to purchase and hold investments denominated in US dollar currency for which the related investments are subject to exchange rate fluctuations. As at December 31, 2024, the following items are denominated in US dollar currency:

	2024 CAD\$	2023 CAD\$
Investment, cash	6,011	_
Investment, common shares	137,523	
	143,534	-