

THE GREEN PARTY OF NOVA SCOTIA
Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of The Green Party of Nova Scotia

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Green Party of Nova Scotia, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2017 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with other political organizations, The Green Party of Nova Scotia derives revenue from political contributions and other fundraising activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of The Green Party of Nova Scotia. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to contributions, excess of revenues over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the year ended December 31, 2017, current assets and net assets as at December 31, 2017.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Green Party of Nova Scotia *(continued)*

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Green Party of Nova Scotia as at December 31, 2017 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and the Members and Public Employees Disclosure Act.

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
April 30, 2018

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CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS
Licensed Public Accountants

THE GREEN PARTY OF NOVA SCOTIA**Statement of Operations****Year Ended December 31, 2017**

	2017	%	2016	%
REVENUE				
Provincial funding	\$ 13,317	50.69	\$ 5,828	73.53
Donations from individuals	10,070	38.33	1,361	17.17
Election campaign transfers	1,416	5.39	-	-
Donations in-kind (Note 3)	1,200	4.57	-	-
Memberships	270	1.03	570	7.19
Fundraising	-	-	167	2.11
	26,273	100.01	7,926	100.00
EXPENSES				
Professional fees	5,175	19.70	4,830	60.94
Advertising and promotion	3,340	12.71	-	-
Posters, pamphlets, promotion	3,138	11.94	-	-
Election campaign transfers	2,700	10.28	-	-
Signs	1,956	7.44	-	-
Candidate late filing penalties	1,000	3.81	-	-
Bank charges	886	3.37	624	7.87
Communication	572	2.18	1,349	17.02
Office supplies and postage	376	1.43	80	1.01
Transportation, accommodations, meals	158	0.60	-	-
Meeting space	137	0.52	115	1.45
Business taxes, licences and memberships	118	0.45	456	5.75
	19,556	74.43	7,454	94.04
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS	6,717	25.58	472	5.96
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)				
Credit card charges (Note 5)	-	-	(4,280)	(54.00)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 6,717	25.58	\$ (3,808)	(48.04)

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended December 31, 2017

	2017	2016
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 2,277	\$ 6,083
Excess of revenue over expenses	6,717	(3,808)
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 8,994	\$ 2,275

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Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2017

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 18,788	\$ 8,595
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts payable	\$ 5,177	\$ 4,909
Deferred income (<i>Note 4</i>)	4,619	1,411
	9,796	6,320
NET ASSETS	8,992	2,275
	\$ 18,788	\$ 8,595

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

_____ *Director*

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See notes to financial statements
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Chartered Professional Accountants

THE GREEN PARTY OF NOVA SCOTIA**Statement of Cash Flows****Year Ended December 31, 2017**

	2017	2016
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ 6,717	\$ (3,808)
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	-	2,127
Accounts payable	268	(927)
Deferred income	3,208	-
	3,476	1,200
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH FLOW	10,193	(2,608)
Cash - beginning of year	8,595	11,203
CASH - END OF YEAR	\$ 18,788	\$ 8,595

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Notes to Financial Statements

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1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Green Party of Nova Scotia was incorporated on April 1, 2006 and is a registered provincial political party.

The Party is a not-for-profit organization under the Income Tax Act, and as such is not subject to either federal or provincial income taxes.

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

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

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Revenue recognition

The Party recognizes contributions as revenue when they are received. Revenue from fundraising or other sources is recognized when received or when receivable if collection is reasonably assured.

Donations-in-kind are recognized on a cash basis as required by the Nova Scotia Elections Act. This may result in a timing mismatch between the recognition of the donation-in-kind and the expense for the service provided.

The Party follows the deferral method of accounting for public funding from the province of Nova Scotia. Under the deferral method, revenue is recognized when expenses directly related to the revenue are incurred.

Accounting estimates

Accounting estimates are included in financial statements to approximate the effect of past business transactions or events, or to approximate the present status of an asset or liability. Examples include the revenue deferral. It is possible that changes in future conditions could require changes in the recognized amounts for accounting estimates. Should an adjustment become necessary, it would be reported in earnings in the period in which it became known.

Donated services

The operations of the Party are dependent on the voluntary service of many people. Since these services are not normally purchased by the Party and because of the difficulty in determining their fair value, donated services are not monetarily recognized in these financial statements.

In 2013 the Party began to recognize services provided in-kind, the total for the 2017 fiscal was \$1,200 (2016: \$NIL).

Financial instruments

All of the Party's assets and liabilities are considered financial instruments. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Party is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximates their financial statement carrying values.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash includes cash less outstanding cheques plus outstanding deposits.

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4. DEFERRED INCOME

In October of 2017 Green Party of Nova Scotia received \$9,290 in funding from Elections Nova Scotia, representing funding for October 2017 to March 2018. The portion relating to the 2018 fiscal year has been recorded as deferred income.

5. DISPUTED CHARGES

Between February 15, 2016 and February 29, 2016 the Party's online payment system was subject to an attack which resulted in 7,236 fraudulent transactions - donations totalling \$9,361 and refunds totalling \$9,361, for a net amount of \$NIL. A total of \$4,281 in credit card processing fees related to these charges is presented as other expense in 2016. Management disputed the charges with the Party's credit card processor but does not expect to recover these fees.

6. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.