

NOVA SCOTIA NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY
Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Nova Scotia New Democratic Party

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Nova Scotia New Democratic Party (the "Party"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of revenues and expenditures, 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, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Party as at December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many non-profit organizations, the Party derives revenue from contributions and fundraising activities 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 Party. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to contribution revenue, excess of revenues over expenditures, and cash flows from operations for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, current assets at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net assets and cash flows as at January 1 and December 31 for both 2023 and 2022 fiscal years. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation of scope.

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 Party in accordance with 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 qualified audit 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 ASNPO, 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 Party'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 Party or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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

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 Party'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 Party'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 Party 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.



Halifax, Nova Scotia
April 29, 2024

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

NOVA SCOTIA NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

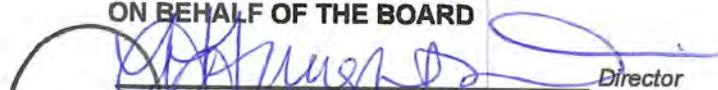
Statement of Financial Position

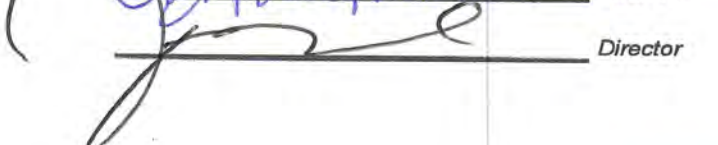
December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Unrestricted	\$ 304,142	\$ 158,298
Women in Legislature Fund	16	16
Solidarity Fund	2,093	2,093
Term deposits (Note 4)	86,124	234,694
Accounts receivable	51,353	40,016
Harmonized sales tax recoverable	583	452
Prepaid expenses	-	8,328
	<u>444,311</u>	<u>443,897</u>
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 5)	<u>1,514</u>	<u>1,228</u>
	<u>\$ 445,825</u>	<u>\$ 445,125</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Notes 6, 8)	\$ 74,387	\$ 49,374
Deferred revenue	44,327	41,186
	<u>118,714</u>	<u>90,560</u>
NET ASSETS		
Women in Legislature Fund	20	20
Solidarity Fund	2,093	2,093
Unrestricted fund	324,998	352,452
	<u>327,111</u>	<u>354,565</u>
	<u>\$ 445,825</u>	<u>\$ 445,125</u>

LEASE COMMITMENTS (Note 7)

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD


 _____ Director


 _____ Director

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Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
REVENUES		
Contributions	\$ 517,855	\$ 413,428
Province of Nova Scotia (Public Funding)	174,167	163,208
Other revenue	20,534	73,310
Election recoveries	-	59,728
	<u>712,556</u>	<u>709,674</u>
Transfers to constituents	<u>(112,566)</u>	<u>(99,733)</u>
	<u>599,990</u>	<u>609,941</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Advertising and promotion	7,477	9,317
Amortization	305	136
Bad debts (recovery)	(14,569)	191,850
Election-related expenses	71,187	50,644
Interest and bank charges	19,474	16,540
Miscellaneous	31,330	85,719
Office	201,800	96,471
Pre-election expenses	96,796	39,255
Professional fees	10,350	15,145
Salaries and wages	202,500	187,283
Travel	794	4,310
	<u>627,444</u>	<u>696,670</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ (27,454)	\$ (86,729)

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Women in Legislature Fund	Solidarity Fund	Unrestricted Fund	2023	2022
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR					
As previously reported \$	20	\$ 2,093	\$ 294,224	\$ 296,337	\$ 439,201
Prior period adjustment (Note 8)	-	-	58,228	58,228	-
As restated	20	2,093	352,452	354,565	439,201
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	-	-	(27,454)	(27,454)	(86,729)
Contributions received	-	-	-	-	3,200
Expenditures	-	-	-	-	(1,107)
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 20	\$ 2,093	\$ 324,998	\$ 327,111	\$ 354,565

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	\$ (27,454)	\$ (86,729)
Item not affecting cash:		
Amortization	305	136
	<u>(27,149)</u>	<u>(86,593)</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	(11,337)	517,803
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	25,013	(35,488)
Deferred revenue	3,141	1,536
Prepaid expenses	8,328	(8,328)
Harmonized sales tax recoverable	(131)	(128)
	<u>25,014</u>	<u>475,395</u>
Cash flow from (used by) operating activities	<u>(2,135)</u>	388,802
INVESTING ACTIVITY		
Additions to capital assets	(591)	(1,363)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Contributions to Solidarity Fund	-	3,200
Solidarity Fund expenditures	-	(1,107)
Cash flow from financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>2,093</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH FLOW	(2,726)	389,532
Cash - beginning of year	<u>395,101</u>	<u>5,569</u>
CASH - END OF YEAR	\$ 392,375	\$ 395,101
CASH CONSISTS OF:		
Unrestricted cash	\$ 304,142	\$ 158,298
Women in Legislature Fund	16	16
Term deposits	86,124	234,694
Solidarity Fund	<u>2,093</u>	<u>2,093</u>
	<u>\$ 392,375</u>	<u>\$ 395,101</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. PURPOSE OF THE PARTY

Nova Scotia New Democratic Party (the "Party") is a provincial political party in Nova Scotia. The Party is a not-for-profit organization as described in Section 149(l) of the Income Tax Act, and as such, is not subject to income tax.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation

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

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash includes cash on hand, cash on deposit with Canadian financial institutions net of outstanding transactions and term deposits. Term deposits with maturities of one year or less at date of purchase are classified as cash equivalents.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued, except for transactions with related parties which are recorded at the exchange amount. In subsequent periods, financial assets with actively traded markets are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in income. All other financial instruments are reported at amortized cost, and tested for impairment at each reporting date. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale, or issue of financial instruments are expensed when incurred.

Capital assets

Capital assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization and are amortized over their estimated useful lives on a declining balance basis at the following rates:

Furniture and fixtures	20%
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Amortization is calculated at one-half of the normal annual rate in the year of acquisition; no amortization is recorded in the year of disposal.

Impairment of long-lived assets

The Party tests for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable. Recoverability is assessed by comparing the carrying amount to the projected future net cash flows the long-lived assets are expected to generate through their direct use and eventual disposition. When a test for impairment indicates that the carrying amount of an asset is not recoverable, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent the carrying value exceeds its fair value.

Contributed services

The operations of the Party depend on the contribution of time by volunteers. The fair value of these services cannot be reasonably determined and are therefore not reflected in these financial statements.

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

Measurement uncertainty

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 amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Significant estimates include allowance for doubtful accounts and accrued liabilities.

Fund accounting

The Women in Legislature Fund is designed to provide assistance to women who aspire to achieve positions within the Nova Scotia legislature. The fund provided financial assistance to 35 candidates in the 2021 Nova Scotia general election.

The Solidarity Fund is designed to assist electoral district associations (EDAs) in retiring debt incurred during the past general election campaign.

Revenue recognition

The Party follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

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

Public funding from the Province of Nova Scotia is recognized when expenses directly related to the revenue are incurred.

Seminar fees are recognized as revenue when the seminars are held.

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Party is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments and has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage these risks. Financial instruments consist of cash, term deposits, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The following analysis provides information about the Party's risk exposure and concentration as of December 31, 2023.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that a counter party will fail to perform its obligations. The Party is exposed to credit risk from campaign and electoral district associations. In order to reduce its credit risk an allowance for doubtful accounts is established based upon factors surrounding the credit risk of specific accounts, historical trends and other information. Due to the nature of the revenue credit risk is reduced to a minimum.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Party is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its receipt of funds from its contributors and other related sources and accounts payable.

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3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

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 price risk. The Party is mainly exposed to interest rate risk.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. In seeking to minimize the risks from interest rate fluctuations, the Party manages exposure through its normal operating and financing activities. The Party is exposed to interest rate risk primarily through its term deposits.

4. TERM DEPOSITS

Term deposits consist of a guaranteed investment certificate (GIC) bearing interest at 5.2% per annum and matures on February 5, 2024. Carrying value approximates fair market value.

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2023 Net book value	2022 Net book value
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1
Furniture and fixtures	1,955	441	1,514	1,227
	<u>\$ 1,955</u>	<u>\$ 441</u>	<u>\$ 1,514</u>	<u>\$ 1,228</u>

6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	2023	2022
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 61,528	\$ 33,617
Payable to constituents	12,859	15,757
	<u>\$ 74,387</u>	<u>\$ 49,374</u>

7. LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Party has a long term lease with respect to its premises. The lease contains renewal options and provides for payment of utilities, property taxes and maintenance costs. Future minimum lease payments as at December 31, 2023, are as follows:

2024	\$ 32,823
2025	24,617
	<u>\$ 57,440</u>

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8. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

During the year, it was determined that for the year ended December 31, 2017, \$58,228 was allocated to accounts payable that related to election revenue. An adjustment has been made to record the election revenue in the prior period, resulting in a decrease in accounts payable of \$58,228, and an increase in revenue and net assets of the same amount.

9. CONTENT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These financial statements include only the assets, liabilities and operations of the Party and do not include the assets and liabilities of any electoral district association.