

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For**  
**THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB**  
**For year ended**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

**INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT**

To the members of

**THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB**

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club that comprise the statement of financial position as at September 30, 2020, and the statement of operations and changes in fund balance - general fund, statement of operations and changes in fund balances - internally restricted funds, statement of changes in fund balance - Martha Camfield endowment fund and the statement of 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.

*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 these 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 The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club as at September 30, 2020, 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.

*Welch LLP*

Chartered Professional Accountants  
Licensed Public Accountants

Ottawa, Ontario  
December 14, 2020.

THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 35,882	\$ 32,388
Short-term investments (note 4)	227,887	161,632
Accounts receivable	5,872	-
Sales tax rebate receivable	3,660	5,191
Prepaid expenses	<u>770</u>	<u>753</u>
	<u>274,071</u>	<u>199,964</u>
<b>LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS</b> (note 4)	<u>1,238,366</u>	<u>1,292,822</u>
	<u>\$ 1,512,437</u>	<u>\$ 1,492,786</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u></b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 12,539	\$ 18,126
Deferred revenue - membership fees	9,780	10,751
- contributions (note 5)	3,534	890
- Canadian Field-Naturalist	<u>10,832</u>	<u>15,160</u>
	<u>36,685</u>	<u>44,927</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
General fund	1,335,237	1,298,176
Internally restricted funds	100,325	111,274
Martha Camfield endowment fund	<u>40,190</u>	<u>38,409</u>
	<u>1,475,752</u>	<u>1,447,859</u>
	<u>\$ 1,512,437</u>	<u>\$ 1,492,786</u>

Approved by the Board:

.....*[Signature]*.....President

.....*[Signature]*.....Treasurer

(See accompanying notes)

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**THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GENERAL FUND**  
**YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Membership fees	\$ 28,641	\$ 28,620
Donations and bequests	18,830	11,959
Contributions (note 5)	2,632	2,089
The Canadian Field-Naturalist - subscription revenue	28,825	29,008
- author charges	47,196	29,166
Pelee trip	-	26,850
Interest	37,783	37,533
Other	<u>539</u>	<u>415</u>
	<u>164,446</u>	<u>165,640</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Operating:		
Affiliation fees	423	423
Bookkeeping	5,509	5,613
Insurance	1,849	1,767
Interest and bank charges	1,626	1,532
Professional fees	5,301	4,989
Website	307	191
Miscellaneous	<u>1,038</u>	<u>832</u>
	<u>16,053</u>	<u>15,347</u>
Activity:		
The Canadian Field-Naturalist	68,927	70,875
Trail and Landscape	20,886	21,644
Fletcher Wildlife Garden	5,206	3,131
Awards committee	58	46
Birds committee	1,643	2,467
Membership committee	462	889
Safe Wings	6,808	8,285
Donations	6,800	5,000
Education and publicity	497	775
Events	300	1,081
Awards night	1,028	929
Macoun Club	393	206
Pelee trip	-	23,745
Research grants	<u>13,350</u>	<u>14,232</u>
	<u>126,358</u>	<u>153,305</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>142,411</u>	<u>168,652</u>
<b>NET REVENUE (EXPENSE)</b>	22,035	(3,012)
<b>FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>1,298,176</u>	<u>1,287,258</u>
	1,320,211	1,284,246
<b>INTER-FUND TRANSFERS - FROM INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<u>15,026</u>	<u>13,930</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 1,335,237</u>	<u>\$ 1,298,176</u>

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**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS**  
**YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

	Fletcher Wildlife Garden Fund	Manning Fund	Macoun Fund	2020 Total	2019 Total
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Donations and bequests	\$ 2,670	\$ 550	\$ -	\$ 3,220	\$ 1,770
Fundraising	1,255	-	-	1,255	6,736
Interest	-	2,459	547	3,006	3,341
	<u>3,925</u>	<u>3,009</u>	<u>547</u>	<u>7,481</u>	<u>11,847</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Habitats	2,170	-	-	2,170	7,786
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	265
Macoun activities	-	-	1,234	1,234	-
	<u>2,170</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,234</u>	<u>3,404</u>	<u>8,051</u>
<b>NET REVENUE (EXPENSE)</b>	1,755	3,009	(687)	4,077	3,796
<b>FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>19,576</u>	<u>86,053</u>	<u>5,645</u>	<u>111,274</u>	<u>121,408</u>
	21,331	89,062	4,958	115,351	125,204
<b>INTER-FUND TRANSFERS - TO GENERAL FUND</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,026)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,026)</u>	<u>(13,930)</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 21,331</u>	<u>\$ 74,036</u>	<u>\$ 4,958</u>	<u>\$ 100,325</u>	<u>\$ 111,274</u>

During the year, \$15,026 (2019 - \$13,930) was transferred from the Manning Fund to the General Fund in lieu of author charges that would have been invoiced but were waived because they were approved for funding from the Manning Fund.

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**THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - MARTHA CAMFIELD ENDOWMENT FUND**  
**YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	\$ <u>38,409</u>	\$ <u>39,084</u>
Interest earned *	547	559
Macoun Club expenses	<u>1,234</u>	<u>(1,234)</u>
<b>NET REVENUE (EXPENSE)</b>	<u>1,781</u>	<u>(675)</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR</b>	\$ <u>40,190</u>	\$ <u>38,409</u>

\* This represents one-half of the interest generated by the fund, the portion which is required to be re-invested in the capital of the fund. The other half of the interest is recognized as interest revenue of the Macoun Fund and has been made available for use by the Macoun Field Club (see Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances - Internally Restricted Funds).

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**THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net revenue (expense) by fund:		
General fund	\$ 22,035	\$ (3,012)
Internally restricted funds	4,077	3,796
Martha Camfield endowment fund	<u>1,781</u>	<u>(675)</u>
	27,893	109
Adjustments for:		
Investments - amortization of bond discounts	(32,643)	(31,363)
- interest accrual on guaranteed investment certificates	<u>(8,693)</u>	<u>(10,071)</u>
	(13,443)	(41,325)
Change in the level of:		
Accounts receivable	(5,872)	-
Sales tax rebate receivable	1,531	(744)
Prepaid expenses	(17)	(53)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(5,587)	(7,932)
Deferred revenue	<u>(2,655)</u>	<u>(11,921)</u>
	<u>(26,043)</u>	<u>(61,975)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of investments	(186,750)	(201,593)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments	<u>216,287</u>	<u>288,165</u>
	<u>29,537</u>	<u>86,572</u>
<b>INCREASE IN CASH</b>	3,494	24,597
<b>CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>32,388</u>	<u>7,791</u>
<b>CASH AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 35,882</u>	<u>\$ 32,388</u>

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**THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

**1. PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION AND TAX STATUS**

The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club (the "club") is a volunteer, registered charitable organization incorporated under the Corporations Act of the Province of Ontario. The objectives of the club are to promote the appreciation, preservation, and conservation of Canada's natural heritage and to encourage investigation and dissemination of the results of research in all fields of natural history.

The club's operations are overseen by a Board of Directors (the "board"). Club activities are undertaken by club members participating in standing committees.

As a registered charity the club is exempt from income taxes by virtue of section 149(1)(f) of the Income Tax Act (Canada).

**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

*Basis of accounting*

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

*Revenue recognition*

- (i) Membership fees are initially recorded as deferred revenue and subsequently recognized as revenue on a pro-rata basis as they are earned over each member's membership period. Memberships are valid for one year from the date each member joins or renews their membership and so the membership period will vary from member to member.
- (ii) The club 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. Endowment contributions are recognized as direct increases in net assets. The club only recognizes revenue from bequests if the will has been probated, a valuation has been received from the executor of the estate and collection can be reasonably assured. Otherwise, revenue from bequests will be recognized as the amounts are received.
- (iii) Subscription revenue and author charges are recognized as revenue at the time of release (online subscriptions) or shipment (print subscriptions) of the related Canadian Field-Naturalist publication. The portion of subscription revenue and author charges invoiced in advance of the release or shipment of the related publication is recorded as deferred revenue.
- (iv) Trip revenue is recognized at the conclusion of the related field trip. Amounts collected in advance of field trips that have not yet taken place is recorded as deferred revenue.
- (v) Interest income comprises interest from cash and investments. Interest on investments is recognized over their term using the effective interest method. Interest income derived from the investment of restricted contributions, where the contribution agreement specifies that the investment income is restricted, is accounted for the same manner as the restricted contributions.
- (vi) Fundraising revenue is recognized upon the completion of the fundraising event.
- (vii) Other revenue includes royalties and the sale of other products and services. Revenue from royalties is recognized in accordance with the terms of the related agreement. Revenue from the sale of other products and services is recognized at the time of delivery or when the services have been rendered.

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**THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Cont'd.**  
**YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Cont'd.**

*Fund accounting*

The Club maintains its accounts in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. Resources are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds according to the activity or object specified.

**General fund**

The General Fund reports the revenue and expenses relating to general operations and administration activities.

**Internally restricted funds**

Internally restricted funds represent the amount approved by the board to be set aside for special purposes. These amounts are not available for unrestricted purposes without the approval of the board.

(i) Fletcher Wildlife Garden Fund

The Fletcher Wildlife Garden fund supports the habitat development at the Fletcher Wildlife Garden, with income directed donations and the proceeds from the annual plant sale.

(ii) Manning Fund

The Manning fund was established by a bequest, and the interest generated is used to assist authors to publish articles in the Canadian Field Naturalist.

(iii) Macoun Fund

The Macoun Fund is used to support special projects of the Macoun Field Club, a youth club for children and teenagers who are interested in nature.

**Martha Camfield endowment fund**

The Martha Camfield endowment fund was established by the family and friends of Martha Camfield to help continue her efforts to have children study, understand, respect and preserve their natural environment. The terms of the endowment agreement sets out that half of the interest generated by the fund is to be re-invested in the capital of the fund while the other half credited to the Macoun Fund for the Macoun Field Club.

*Financial Instruments*

The club initially measures its financial instruments at fair value upon initial recognition. The club's cash is subsequently measured at fair value. All other financial instruments are measured at amortized cost at the date of the financial statements.

*Tangible capital assets*

Capital assets are expensed in the year of acquisition. No capital assets have been expensed and included in the statements of operations in either current or preceding fiscal year.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Cont'd.**  
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**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Cont'd.**

*Donated services*

The club is dependent on the voluntary services of many of its members. As there is difficulty in determining the fair value of voluntary services, they are not recognized in these financial statements.

*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. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Management makes accounting estimates in the determination of the club's potentially uncollectible accounts receivable and in the estimation of the club's accrued liabilities.

By their nature, these estimates are subject to uncertainty and the impact on the financial statements of the current future periods could be material.

**3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The club is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of the club's risk exposure and concentrations as 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 club's maximum exposure to credit risk represents the carrying value of its cash, sales tax rebate receivable and investments totalling \$1,511,667 (2019 - \$1,492,033).

The club's cash is deposited with Canadian financial institutions. As a result, management believes the risk of loss on cash to be unlikely.

Rebates recoverable from governments bear minimal risk and are expected to be collected in full.

Investments primarily consist of provincial bonds backed by provincial governments and guaranteed investment certificates issued by Canadian financial institutions of high credit quality. Possible changes to the credit quality of these securities exposes the club to credit risk. The club manages its exposure to this risk by holding a diversified portfolio with a range of terms and maturity dates.

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3. **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS** - Cont'd.

*Liquidity risk*

Liquidity risk is the risk that the club cannot meet its debts when they become due. Liquidity risk also includes the risk of the club not being able to liquidate assets in a timely manner at a reasonable price.

The club meets its liquidity requirements by monitoring its expected future cash flow requirements and holding a significant amount of assets that can be readily converted into cash.

*Market risk*

Market risk is the risk that fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk is comprised of currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

(i) *Currency risk*

Currency risk refers to the risk that the fair value of financial instruments or future cash flows associated with the instruments will fluctuate relative to the Canadian dollar due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

The club primarily transacts in Canadian dollars and so management does not believe the club is exposed to significant currency risk.

(ii) *Interest rate risk*

Interest rate risk refers to the risk that the fair value of financial instruments or future cash flows associated with those instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The club's exposure to interest rate risk arises from its interest bearing assets.

The club's cash includes amounts on deposit with Canadian financial institutions that earn interest at market rates. Fluctuations in market rates of interest on cash do not have a significant impact on the club's financial operations.

The club manages the interest rate risk of its investments by the implementation of prudent investment policies. The club's investments in bonds mature at face value on a staggered basis over the next 13 years. The ladder structure of the maturities helps to enhance the average portfolio yield while reducing the sensitivity of the portfolio to the impact of interest rate fluctuations. Effective interest rates to maturity for these securities range from 1.00% to 4.40% (2019 - 1.95% to 4.40%).

(iii) *Other price risk*

Other price risk refers to the risk that the fair value of financial instruments or future cash flows associated with the instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from currency risk or interest rate risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual instrument or its issuer or factors affecting all similar instruments traded in the market.

The club is not exposed to other price risk.

*Changes in risk*

There have been no significant changes in the club's risk exposures from the prior year.

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**4. INVESTMENTS**

Short-term investments mature within a year of the balance sheet date and are comprised of:

	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>
	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Amortized Cost</u>
Guaranteed investment certificates	\$ 147,942	\$ 147,942	\$ 109,141
Bonds	<u>82,022</u>	<u>79,945</u>	<u>52,491</u>
	<u>\$ 229,964</u>	<u>\$ 227,887</u>	<u>\$ 161,632</u>

Long-term investments are comprised of:

	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>
	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Amortized Cost</u>
Guaranteed investment certificates	\$ 176,660	\$ 176,660	\$ 292,939
Bonds	<u>1,164,119</u>	<u>1,061,706</u>	<u>999,883</u>
	<u>\$ 1,340,779</u>	<u>\$ 1,238,366</u>	<u>\$ 1,292,822</u>

A portion of the club's investments totalling \$40,190 (2019 - \$38,409) (the balance in the Martha Camfield endowment fund) is restricted for endowment purposes. The club has not segregated and identified any particular investment as being held for endowment purposes. Rather, the club allocates a portion of the total interest generated during the year on all of its investments to the endowment fund based upon the proportion of the endowment fund's opening balance in relation to the club's opening balance of net assets.

**5. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS**

Deferred contributions represent restricted contributions received from the Community Foundation of Ottawa, the City of Ottawa (Community Environmental Projects Grant Program) and other contributors which are in excess of expenses incurred. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund as the related expenses are incurred. Changes in the deferred contributions balance are as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Balance at the beginning of the year	\$ 890	\$ 5,472
Restricted contributions received	5,276	-
Restricted contributions refunded	-	(2,493)
Less amounts recognized as revenue during the year	<u>(2,632)</u>	<u>(2,089)</u>
Balance at the end of the year	<u>\$ 3,534</u>	<u>\$ 890</u>

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**6. COMMITMENTS**

*Life memberships*

The club is committed to provide for regular membership benefits to lifetime members. Since it is not practicable to determine the total liability associated with providing these benefits for the rest of the lives of these individuals, the annual costs are expensed as incurred. Lifetime memberships are no longer offered by the club. As of September 30, 2020, there were 39 (2019 - 39) remaining lifetime members.

*Fletcher Wildlife Garden*

The club is committed to maintain the Fletcher Wildlife Garden, a 6.5 hectare property on the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa, Ontario for a period until March 31, 2024, with an option to commit to another 5 years. The club relies on the voluntary contributions from club officers and members in order to fulfill this commitment. As described in note 2, the fair value of contributed human resources are not recognized in these financial statements.

**7. UNCERTAINTY DUE TO THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF THE  
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK**

In March 2020, the Province of Ontario declared a state of emergency in response public health concerns originating from the spread of the coronavirus disease.

Although the club's operations were not severely impacted in response to the quarantine measures implemented by the provincial government to stop the spread of the virus, a high degree of uncertainty persists surrounding the full economic impact of the situation. The unpredictable nature of the spread of the disease makes determining how the club's operations will ultimately be impacted difficult. At the time of issuance of these financial statements, the effect that the abrupt decline in economic activity will have on the club's operations, assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses are not yet known and the club's Board of Directors continues to closely monitor the situation and believes that any disturbances will be temporary.

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