

**Wildlands League**

**Financial Statements**

**March 31, 2015**



## **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Members of  
**Wildlands League**

### **Report of the financial statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Wildlands League**, which comprise the statement of financial position as at **March 31, 2015** and the statements of operations and 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 audits. We conducted our audits 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 of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain 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 in our audits is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

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### Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the organization derives revenue from donations and 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 organization's records. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to the donation and fundraising revenue, excess of revenues over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the years ended March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014, current assets as at March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014, and net assets as at April 1 and March 31 for both the 2015 and 2014 years. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2014 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

### Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, which might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the donations referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at **March 31, 2015** 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.

*Clarkson Rouble LLP*

Mississauga, Ontario  
September 22, 2015

**Clarkson Rouble LLP**  
Chartered Accountants  
Licensed Public Accountants



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## Statement of Financial Position As at March 31

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	2015	2014
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash	\$ 11,585	\$ 39,837
Short term investments	3,164	3,164
Accounts receivable	168,051	79,633
Sales taxes receivable	18,501	22,328
Due from Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (Note 5)	14,534	90,630
Prepaid expenses	8,997	19,066
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	\$ 224,832	\$ 254,658

## Liabilities

<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 138,827	\$ 153,570
Deferred project contributions (Note 3)	67,900	114,088
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	206,727	267,658

## Net assets

<b>Unrestricted net assets</b>	18,105	(13,000)
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	\$ 224,832	\$ 254,658

*See accompanying notes to financial statements*

**On behalf of the Board:**

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Director

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Director

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## Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended March 31

	2015	2014
<b>Revenue</b>		
Foundation, corporate and other program grants	\$ 1,138,552	\$ 703,929
Individual donations	47,299	108,743
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (Note 5)	86,009	85,137
Interest and other income	6,278	5,248
Recovery of expenses	74,054	104,971
Fees for service	275	31,028
Events	6,899	-
	<u>1,359,366</u>	<u>1,039,056</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Salaries and benefits	547,927	511,362
Occupancy cost	64,119	60,991
Office and general	29,180	34,074
Telecommunications	17,277	22,459
Travel	40,758	44,457
Professional and contract services	552,227	195,227
Public outreach	25,007	46,439
Board	1,954	1,789
Reimbursable expenditures	43,317	98,949
Fundraising and events	6,495	24,138
	<u>1,328,261</u>	<u>1,039,885</u>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year</b>	<b>31,105</b>	<b>(829)</b>
<b>Unrestricted net assets, beginning of period</b>	<b>(13,000)</b>	<b>(12,171)</b>
<b>Unrestricted net assets, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 18,105</b>	<b>\$ (13,000)</b>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements*

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## Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended March 31

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	2015	2014
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ 31,105	\$ (829)
Net change in working capital items		
Operating working capital		
Account receivable	(88,418)	108,940
Sales taxes receivable	3,827	(8,752)
Due from CPAWS	76,096	(40,837)
Prepaid expenses	10,069	(7,908)
Accounts payable	(14,743)	61,331
Deferred project contributions	(46,188)	(111,091)
<b>(Decrease) increase from operating</b>	<b>(28,252)</b>	<b>854</b>
<b>Investing activity</b>		
Increase in short term investments	-	(4)
<b>(Decrease) increase in cash</b>	<b>(28,252)</b>	<b>850</b>
<b>Cash, beginning of year</b>	<b>39,837</b>	<b>38,987</b>
<b>Cash, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 11,585</b>	<b>\$ 39,837</b>

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Wildlands League (the "League") is a registered charity devoted to the protection and preservation of wilderness in Ontario and to the sustainable use of natural resources. The League is a chapter of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS). The two organizations co-operate on certain activities while they continue to operate as separate legal entities each with their own Board and separate registrations as federal charitable organizations.

Algonquin Wildlands League was incorporated on April 1, 1968 without share capital under the laws of the Province of Ontario. It is classified as a non-profit organization under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, as such, is exempt from income taxes. Effective February 29, 2008 its legal name was changed to Wildlands League.

### 1. Summary of significant accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Outlined below are those policies considered to be particularly significant:

#### a) Revenue recognition

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

#### b) Investments

Investments consist of money market funds and are initially recognized at fair value on the date of acquisition and subsequently re-measured at fair value at each reporting date. Unrealized gains and losses arising from the change in fair value of these investments are included in the statement of operations.

#### c) Capital assets

Capital assets costing greater than \$10,000 are capitalized at cost or at estimated fair market value, if donated, less accumulated amortization. Amortization is provided on a straight line basis over the number of years equal to the approximate economic life of the asset.

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### 1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### d) Donated materials and services

Donated materials and capital assets are recognized in the accounts when the fair market value of the materials is readily determinable and has been received by the organization.

Volunteers contribute many hours per year to assist Wildlands League in carrying out its mandate. Because of the difficulty in determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

#### e) Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in accordance 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 revenue and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### f) Measurement of Financial instruments

The Organization initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value adjusted by, in the case of a financial instrument that will not be measured subsequently at fair value, the amount of transaction costs directly attributable to the instrument. The Organization subsequently measures all its financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments which are measured at fair value without adjustment for transaction costs that would be incurred on the disposal and changes in fair value are recognized in income in the period. Transaction costs associated with the acquisition of these investments is recognized in net income in the period incurred.

Financial assets measured at cost include cash and accounts receivable. Financial liabilities measured at cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.



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### 2. Going Concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates the realization of assets and the payment of liabilities in the ordinary course of business. Should the organization be unable to continue as a going concern, it may be unable to realize the carrying value of its assets and to meet its liabilities as they become due.

The organization's continuance as a going concern is dependent upon its ability to obtain revenues sufficient to support its operations. It is not possible to predict whether fundraising efforts will be successful or if the League will be able to generate revenues to meet its operating expenditures.

These financial statements do not reflect adjustments that would be necessary if the going concern assumption were not appropriate, because management intends to take measures that will mitigate the effect of the conditions and facts that raise doubts about the appropriateness of this assumption.

Continued financial support of both the public and private sectors, memberships and attendance at future events will be required for the organization to continue operations.

### 3. Deferred project contributions

Deferred contributions represent unspent externally restricted donations received by the organization relating to activities of the subsequent period or to specific projects which extend beyond the current fiscal period.

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 114,088	\$ 225,179
Donations/Grants received/receivable during the period	1,139,663	738,586
Less: amounts recorded as revenue in the period	1,185,851	849,677
<b>Balance, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 67,900</b>	<b>\$ 114,088</b>

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### 4. Commitments and contingencies

The organization has an agreement to lease premises. Future minimum payments, by year, consisted of the following at March 31, 2015.

2016	\$	64,021
2017		66,977
2018		76,171
2019		6,371
	\$	<u>213,540</u>

### 5. Related party transactions

Membership renewal and other donations to the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society are shared between the National Office and the Regional Chapters based on the donor's place of residence. CPAWS also enters into contracts with the Regional Chapters to provide grants for conservation programs. During the year, the League recognized revenue of \$86,009 (2014 - \$85,137) from donations and grants through the Canadian Park and Wilderness Society. The League paid to CPAWS its portion of liability and property insurance premiums as it is covered under the CPAWS policy. It also paid \$1,162 (2014 - \$3,069) for direct mail costs related to CPAWS mailings.

### 6. Financial instruments

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from its financial instruments.