GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Financial Statements
December 31, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (the Authority), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2021, and the statements of operations, changes in accumulated surplus, changes in net financial 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 Authority as at December 31, 2021, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards

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 Authority 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 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 public sector accounting standards, 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 Authority'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 Authority or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (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 Authority'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 Authority'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 Authority 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.

Port Hope, Ontario February 17, 2022

Chartered Professional Accountants Licensed Public Accountants

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Statement of Financial Position As at December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
Financial assets Cash Accounts receivable (Note 3)	\$ 2,549,935 314,165 63,075	\$ 1,880,172 458,628 16,008
Term deposits (Notes 4, 8)	2,927,175	2,354,808
Liabilities		
Accounts payable (Note 6)	449,210	449,549
Deferred revenue	673,312	383,504
	1,122,522	833,053
Net financial assets	1,804,653	1,521,755
Non-financial assets	0.070.477	0.470.440
Tangible capital assets (Note 7)	6,378,477	6,479,412
Accumulated surplus (Note 9)	\$ 8,183,130	\$ 8,001,167

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GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY Statement of Operations

Year Ended December 31, 2021

		Budget (Unaudited) 2021 (Note 13)		Total (Audited) 2021		Total (Audited) 2020	
Revenues							
Municipal levies		4 405 040	•	4.40=.04=	•	4 404 040	
General	\$	1,185,049	\$	1,185,047	\$	1,161,813	
Benefiting		404,057		377,911		391,960	
Government grants		E4 000		E4 0C2		E4 060	
MNR transfer payments		51,863		51,863		51,863	
Employment programs and other		26,400 5,000		27,053 50,000		17,111	
Other grants User fees and sales		5,000		50,000		-	
Ganaraska Forest timber sales		356,104		285,189		135,908	
Watershed Stewardship		382,037		418,926		385,879	
Ganaraska Forest Centre		78,500		150,067		116,727	
Watershed Services		458,248		458,443		444,407	
Forest Membership and Sales		292,000		416,793		415,651	
Water Resources fees		124,000		130,455		102,450	
Other		and a financial		AND AND THE ST. THE WAY AND		30 (20-20-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	
Investment income		1,000		4,796		9,528	
GFC Conservation Dinner		=				1,550	
Sundry and other income		70,750		50,235		131,988	
Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection		92,800		93,911		88,811	
Treetop Trekking lease and rental space		30,000		59,852		38,794	
Donations		250		5,336		5,313	
Building for Change donations		2,000		10,868		2,198	
		3,560,058		3,776,745		3,501,951	
Expenditures							
Watershed Management and Health Monitoring		1,244,704		1,066,335		1,057,006	
Environmental Advisory Services		250,867		239,174		215,311	
Watershed Stewardship		414,447		476,099		346,475	
Passive Recreation		192,889		161,946		141,189	
Ganaraska Forest		909,160		757,980		628,125	
Ganaraska Forest Centre		251,943		257,812		254,919	
Corporate Services		580,518		414,604		475,802	
Amortization of tangible capital assets	_			220,832		227,226	
		3,844,528		3,594,782		3,346,053	
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$	(284,470)	\$	181,963	\$	155,898	

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY Statement of Changes in Accumulated Surplus

Year Ended December 31, 2021

		2021	 2020
Accumulated surplus - beginning of year	\$	8,001,167	\$ 7,845,269
Surplus for the year	_	181,963	155,898
Accumulated surplus - end of year	\$	8,183,130	\$ 8,001,167

Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
Surplus for the year	\$ 181,963	\$ 155,898
Amortization of tangible capital assets (Gain) loss on disposal of tangible capital assets Purchase tangible of capital assets	220,832 9,999 (145,776)	227,226 1,135 (83,265)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	 15,880 100,935	 1,200
Increase in net financial assets	 282,898	302,194
Net financial assets, beginning of year	 1,521,755	1,219,561
Net financial assets, end of year	\$ 1,804,653	\$ 1,521,755

Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended December 31, 2021

		2021	 2020
Operating activities Surplus for the year	\$	181,963	\$ 155,898
Items not affecting cash: Amortization of tangible capital assets (Gain) loss on disposal of tangible capital assets		220,832 9,999	227,226 1,135
		412,794	 384,259
Changes in non-cash working capital: Accounts receivable Accounts payable Deferred revenue		144,463 (339) 289,808	 64,640 42,260 (145,058)
		433,932	(38,158)
Cash flow from operating activities		846,726	346,101
Investing activities Purchase of tangible capital assets Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital asset Purchase of term deposit Maturity of term deposit (Increase) decrease in accrued interest		(145,776) 15,880 (46,553) - (514)	(83,265) 1,200 - 42,981 2,055
Cash flow used by investing activities	-	(176,963)	(37,029)
Increase in cash flow		669,763	309,072
Cash, beginning of year		1,880,172	1,571,100
Cash, end of year	\$	2,549,935	\$ 1,880,172

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NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (the "Authority") is established under the Conservation Authorities Act of Ontario to further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources other than gas, oil, coal and minerals for the watersheds within its area of jurisdiction. The Authority's area of jurisdiction includes areas in the Municipality of Clarington, Town of Cobourg, Municipality of Port Hope, Township of Hamilton, Township of Alnwick/Haldimand, Township of Cavan Monaghan and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

As a registered charity the Authority is exempt from the payment of income tax under Section 149(1) of the Income Tax Act.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Authority are prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for organizations operating in the local government sector as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Authority are as follows:

Accrual accounting

Revenue and expenditures are recorded on the accrual basis, whereby they are reflected in the accounts in the year in which they have been earned and incurred, respectively, whether or not such transactions have been settled by the receipt or payment of money.

Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. Contributed tangible capital assets are recorded at fair market value at the date of contribution. The cost of the tangible capital assets is amortized on a straight-line basis (except land which is not amortized).

Service life of tangible capital assets is as follows:

Land improvements	15 to 40 years	straight-line method
Building and building	25 to 40 years	straight-line method
improvements		
Furniture and fixtures	10 to 40 years	straight-line method
Machinery and equipment	5 to 30 years	straight-line method
Vehicles	5 to 25 years	straight-line method
Computers and computer	3 to 10 years	straight-line method
software		
Infrastructure	20 to 100 years	straight-line method

Leases are classified as capital or operating leases. Leases which transfer substantially all of the benefits and risks incidental to ownership of property are accounted for as capital leases. All other leases are accounted for as operating leases and the related lease payments are charged to expenditures as incurred.

<u>Investments</u>

Short term investments, which consist of term deposits, are held to maturity and are recorded at cost with accrued interest to year end date.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Reserves

Reserves for future expenditures and contingencies are established as required at the discretion of the members of the Authority. Increases or decreases in these reserves are made by appropriations to or from operations.

Cash and cash equivalents

The Authority considers deposits in bank as cash and cash equivalents.

Revenue recognition

Government transfers are recognized in the financial statements as revenue in the period in which events giving rise to the transfer occur, providing the transfers are authorized, any eligibility criteria have been met and reasonable estimates of the amounts can be made.

User charges and fees are recognized as revenue in the period in which the related services are performed.

Revenue from the lease of a specific section of the Ganaraska Forest and office space to an outside company is recognized monthly as set out in the terms of the lease agreement.

Deferred revenue

The Authority receives certain amounts principally from other public sector bodies, the proceeds of which may only be used in the conduct of certain programs or completion of specific work. Further, certain user charges and fees are collected but for which the related services have yet to be performed. These amounts are recognized as revenue when the related expenditures are incurred or services performed.

Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards 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 expenditures during the period. Such estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. In particular, estimates are used in accounting for certain items such as revenues, allowance for doubtful accounts and useful lives of capital assets. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Donated capital assets, materials and services

Donated capital assets are recorded at fair value when fair value can be reasonably estimated. Donated materials and services are not recorded.

Contributed services

Volunteers contribute significant time to the governance and delivery of the Authority programs. Due to the difficulty in determining the fair value of these contributions, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial instruments policy

Financial instruments are recorded at its fair value adjusted by, in the case of a financial instrument that will not be measured subsequently at fair value, financing fees and transaction costs that are directly attributable to the instrument. These costs on the acquisition, sale or issue of financial instruments are expensed when incurred if the financial instrument will be subsequently measured at fair market value. 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 when there are indications of impairment.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost on a straight-line basis include cash, accounts receivable and term deposits.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost on a straight-line basis include accounts payable and deferred revenue.

3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

			2021	2020
	Government receivables Conservation authorities receivables Other receivables	\$	244,537 29,697 39,931	\$ 251,355 56,629 150,644
		\$	314,165	\$ 458,628
4.	TERM DEPOSITS		2021	2020
	Redeemable GIC, Bank of Montreal, 0.30%, maturing February 12, 2026 Non-Redeemable GIC, Bank of Montreal, 2.60%, maturing	\$	46,675	\$ -
	July 9, 2023	1	16,400	 16,008
		\$	63,075	\$ 16,008

The first term deposit noted above represented the balance in the Barbara Young reserve. The Authority has internally restricted these funds for use in the Trappers and Traders program and the above term deposit was purchased to segregate the remaining funds. (See Note 8 for further details of the bequest).

The second term deposit noted above represents the money received from the Save the Ganaraska Again (SAGA) reserve. The Authority has internally restricted these funds for use to subsidize students in need to attend the outdoor education program and therefore the above GIC was purchased to segregate the funds. (See Note 8 for further details of the donation.)

5. BANK INDEBTEDNESS

The operating line of credit is secured by a general security agreement. The authorized line of credit is \$250,000 with interest charged at prime plus 0.50%, of which \$250,000 remained unused as at December 31, 2021.

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Included in accounts payable is a government remittance payable of \$239.

TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	 Cost	 ccumulated mortization	1	2021 Net book value	2020 Net book value
Land Land improvements Building and building improvements Vehicles Computers and computer software Machinery and equipment Furniture and fixtures Infrastructure	\$ 935,531 154,097 4,596,923 196,983 333,382 294,228 568,265 3,949,179	\$ 71,135 1,876,246 170,283 250,698 203,560 414,745 1,663,444	\$	935,531 82,962 2,720,677 26,700 82,684 90,668 153,520 2,285,735	\$ 935,531 65,472 2,811,245 37,229 101,410 39,794 163,760 2,324,971
	\$ 11,028,588	\$ 4,650,111	\$	6,378,477	\$ 6,479,412

RESERVES

- (a) CAPITAL ASSET REPLACEMENT RESERVE In 2016, the Authority implemented a capital asset management plan. The plan identified what assets the Authority has, the condition they are in and what the anticipated needs are to maintain the infrastructure. It also estimates the future needs both from the perspective of preserving existing infrastructure and also anticipates future new asset acquisitions and capacity enhancements. A determination was made of which assets need to be managed and replaced on a 20 year cycle, except for dam infrastructure which has a longer 40 year cycle.
- (b) RESERVE FOR FOREST CENTRE Years ago, the Authority set up a reserve in the event that the revenues for the Forest Centre exceeded the budgeted revenues and the expenditures were in line. This was to be used as needed at the Forest Centre, in particular, if there was a time when schools, due to strikes or other situations, did not participate in the programs and a shortfall in revenues was created.
- (c) BARBARA YOUNG RESERVE In 2015, the Authority received a bequest from the estate of Barbara Young. The total amount received was \$57,981. Although the amount was not restricted, the Authority has elected to spend the funds on a new Trappers and Traders program. In 2015, \$15,000 was spent on the Trappers and Traders program leaving a balance of \$42,981 at December 31, 2015. The Authority purchased a term deposit (Note 4) and created a reserve account (Note 8) in the accumulated surplus to segregate the remaining funds.
- (d) SAVE THE GANARASKA AGAIN (SAGA) RESERVE In 2018, the Authority received a donation from the Save the Ganaraska Again organization. The total amount received was \$15,264. The funds are to be used to subsidize students in need to attend the outdoor education program. The Authority purchased a term deposit (Note 4) and created a reserve account (Note 8) in the accumulated surplus to segregate the funds.

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	,	2021	2020
Save the Ganaraska Again (SAGA) reserve Balance, beginning of year Interest earned		16,008 392	15,516 492
		16,400	16,008
TOTAL ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		\$ 8,183,130	\$ 8,001,167

10. PENSION AGREEMENTS

The Authority has a pension agreement with the Ontario Municipal Employee Retirement System ("OMERS") which is a multi-employer plan. The plan is a defined benefit pension plan, which specifies the amount of the retirement benefit to be received by the employees based on the length of service and rates of pay. The Authority remits monthly to OMERS the employee withholdings and matching contributions.

11. COMMITMENTS

The Authority has lease commitment expenditures on various equipment. The future minimum lease payments as at December 31, 2021 are as follows:

2022	\$ 5	,260
2023	4	,652
2024	2	,828
2025	2	,828
	\$ 15	568

The Authority has entered into a lease agreement with an outside company for a specific section of the Ganaraska Forest as well as some office space. The lease has an initial term of ten years, ending in June 2021, and an option to renew for a further five years. The option to renew was exercised and renewed for the next five years with an option to renew for another five years. The future minimum lease revenue to be received by the Authority as at December 31, 2021 is as follows:

2022	•	\$ 20,180
2023		20,583
2024		20,995
2025		21,415
2026		 21,843
		\$ 105 016

12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The fair value of cash, term deposits, accounts receivable, accounts payable and deferred revenue are approximately equal to their carrying value due to their short-term maturity date.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2021

13. BUDGET FIGURES

The 2021 budget figures included in these financial statements are those adopted by the Authority on May 21, 2021. The budget figures are unaudited.

14. OTHER ISSUES

The global COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted economic activities around the world and it continues to evolve. The duration and impact of the pandemic remains uncertain at this time. The Authority has determined that these events are non-adjusting subsequent events. The 2021 Budget did take into consideration some of the impact of COVID-19 on the financial position. However, in some program areas the budget may not have been adjusted to reflect their impact, if any. As well, the Authority is not able to reliably estimate the effects of the pandemic on the results of its future operations and financial position.