

EDMONTON AND AREA LAND TRUST
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

*Practicing as a **To the Members of Edmonton and Area Land Trust:**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Edmonton and Area Land Trust** (the "Trust") which consist of the statement of financial position at December 31, 2014, the statements of changes in net assets, operations 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 the 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 many charitable organizations, the Trust derives revenue from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of this revenue was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Trust and we were not able to determine whether any adjustment might be necessary to revenue, excess of revenue, assets and net assets.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the 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 **Edmonton and Area Land Trust** as at December 31, 2014, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

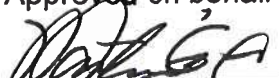
EDMONTON AND AREA LAND TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2014

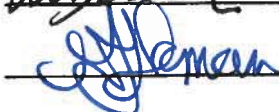
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 88,250	\$ 64,260
Term deposits	306,714	332,012
Accounts receivable	242	3,107
Prepaid expenses	<u>1,213</u>	<u>3,239</u>
Total current assets	396,419	402,618
ECOLOGICALLY VALUABLE LAND	4,619,125	4,337,925
EQUIPMENT (Note 3)	<u>30,248</u>	<u>17,893</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$5,045,792</u>	<u>\$4,758,436</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 7,383	\$ 8,080
Deferred revenue (Note 4)	<u>7,843</u>	<u>70,237</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>15,226</u>	<u>78,317</u>
DEFERRED REVENUE (Note 4)	<u>36,962</u>	<u>18,128</u>
NET ASSETS:		
Invested in ecologically valuable land	4,619,125	4,337,925
Invested in equipment	1,930	2,114
Unrestricted	<u>372,549</u>	<u>321,952</u>
Total net assets	<u>4,993,604</u>	<u>4,661,991</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$5,045,792</u>	<u>\$4,758,436</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board:

 Director

 Director

EDMONTON AND AREA LAND TRUST
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Invested in Ecologically Valuable Land	Invested in Equipment	Unrestricted	2014 Total	2013 Total
Balance at beginning of the year.....	\$4,337,925	\$ 2,114	\$321,952	\$4,661,991	\$4,631,490
Excess of revenue (expenses) for the year.	-	(1,185)	51,598	50,413	30,501
Purchase of equipment...	-	1,001	(1,001)	-	-
Ecologically valuable land donated.....	<u>281,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>281,200</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at end of the year.....	<u>\$4,619,125</u>	<u>\$ 1,930</u>	<u>\$372,549</u>	<u>\$4,993,604</u>	<u>\$4,661,991</u>

EDMONTON AND AREA LAND TRUST
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
UNRESTRICTED REVENUE:		
Grants - Edmonton Community Foundation	\$185,752	\$105,788
- Culture and Community Spirit.....	-	16,516
Donations - Edmonton Community Foundation.....	35,855	29,667
- Other	22,066	18,593
Fundraising, interest and other	<u>25,381</u>	<u>18,110</u>
Total unrestricted revenue	<u>269,054</u>	<u>188,674</u>
RESTRICTED REVENUE:		
Grants (Note 4).....	77,863	180,743
Amortization of deferred revenue (Note 4).....	<u>3,969</u>	<u>2,868</u>
Total restricted revenue	<u>81,832</u>	<u>183,611</u>
Total revenue	<u>350,886</u>	<u>372,285</u>
EXPENSES:		
Advertising and promotion	8,673	11,214
Appraisal fees and surveying.....	12,318	12,785
Amortization.....	5,154	3,510
Board meetings	1,382	917
Communication.....	2,461	3,372
Endowment contribution	42,180	108,585
Fundraising.....	5,400	3,286
Goods and services tax	1,554	1,260
Insurance.....	3,586	4,514
Interest and bank charges	426	159
Office	4,200	6,279
Professional fees	11,744	11,022
Property taxes	705	2,022
Salaries and benefits	194,402	162,987
Subcontract	-	2,101
Travel.....	<u>6,288</u>	<u>7,771</u>
Total expenses	<u>300,473</u>	<u>341,784</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$ 50,413</u>	<u>\$ 30,501</u>

EDMONTON AND AREA LAND TRUST
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash from operations:		
Excess of revenue for the year	\$ 50,413	\$ 30,501
Item not involving cash for operations - amortization.....	<u>5,154</u>	<u>3,510</u>
	55,567	34,011
Increase (decrease) in non-cash working capital balances related to operations:		
Accounts receivable.....	2,865	14,651
Prepaid expenses.....	2,026	38
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(697)	(125)
Deferred revenue.....	<u>(43,560)</u>	<u>(12,413)</u>
Net cash from operating activities.....	16,201	36,162
INVESTING ACTIVITY - purchase of equipment.....	<u>(17,509)</u>	<u>(2,597)</u>
(DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH FOR THE YEAR	(1,308)	33,565
CASH AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	<u>396,272</u>	<u>362,707</u>
CASH AT END OF THE YEAR.....	<u>\$394,964</u>	<u>\$396,272</u>
CASH REPRESENTED BY:		
Cash	\$ 88,250	\$ 64,260
Term deposits.....	<u>306,714</u>	<u>332,012</u>
	<u>\$394,964</u>	<u>\$396,272</u>

EDMONTON AND AREA LAND TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

1. PURPOSE OF THE TRUST:

The Edmonton and Area Land Trust was incorporated on March 13, 2007 as a non-profit organization under the Alberta Companies Act.

The Edmonton and Area Land Trust is established for the charitable purposes of conserving and protecting Canada's environmental heritage by undertaking activities that conserve the natural ecosystems and cultural heritage landscapes in the lands comprising the City of Edmonton and the several counties that surround the City which activities shall focus on maintaining the bio-diversity and ecological integrity of those lands for the public benefit.

The Edmonton and Area Land Trust is exempt from income taxes under the Income Tax Act as a registered charitable organization.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. The significant accounting policies are as follows:

Revenue recognition:

The Trust 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.

Amounts received from grants and donations which must be expended for specific purposes are recognized as revenue to the extent of the related expenses incurred. Unexpended funds are deferred to subsequent years and are either expended or refunded at that time.

Donated services:

The work of the Trust is dependent on the voluntary service of many individuals. Since these services are not normally purchased by the Trust and because of the difficulty of determining their fair value donated services are not recognized in these financial statements.

Term deposits:

Term deposits bear interest at rates of 1% to 1.55% per annum. Term deposits are stated at cost. Term deposits in the amount of \$56,715 have been designated to fund potential future costs of stewarding ecologically valuable land.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

Ecologically valuable land:

Ecologically valuable land that has been donated is stated at fair market value at the time of the donation. Ecologically valuable land that has been purchased is stated at cost. Ecologically valuable land cannot be sold.

Equipment:

Equipment is stated at cost. Amortization is provided using the declining-balance method at the following annual rates:

Computer.....	55%
Fencing.....	20%
Furniture and equipment.....	20%
Website.....	7%

Financial instruments:

The Land Trust initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value.

The Land Trust subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost.

The Land Trust's financial instruments measured at amortized cost consists of cash, term deposits, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of the write-down is recognized in excess of revenue for the year. Any previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is no greater than the amount of impairment recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in excess of revenue for the year.

Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents consist of balances with banks and short-term investments that can be converted readily to cash.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

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 revenue and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates are reviewed annually and adjustments are made to excess of revenue for the year as appropriate in the year they become known.

3. EQUIPMENT:

The major categories of equipment and related accumulated amortization are as follows:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Net Book Value</u>	
			<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Computer	\$ 6,563	\$ 5,166	\$ 1,397	\$ 1,491
Fencing	28,958	6,930	22,028	8,964
Furniture and equipment	978	399	579	724
Website	<u>10,000</u>	<u>3,756</u>	<u>6,244</u>	<u>6,714</u>
Total.....	<u>\$46,499</u>	<u>\$16,251</u>	<u>\$30,248</u>	<u>\$17,893</u>

4. DEFERRED REVENUE:

Deferred revenue consists of the following:

	<u>Operations</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>2014 Total</u>	<u>2013 Total</u>
Balance at beginning of the year..	\$ 70,237	\$18,128	\$ 88,365	\$ 100,778
Repayment of grants.....	(59,707)	-	(59,707)	-
Grants received.....	74,291	23,000	97,291	171,198
Interest income.....	688	-	688	-
Expenses incurred.....	<u>(77,666)</u>	<u>(4,166)</u>	<u>(81,832)</u>	<u>(183,611)</u>
Balance at end of the year	<u>\$ 7,843</u>	<u>\$36,962</u>	<u>\$ 44,805</u>	<u>\$ 88,365</u>

Deferred revenue - capital is recognized as revenue on the same basis as the related equipment is amortized.

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5. EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS:

The Edmonton and Area Land Trust is to be supported by income from endowment funds held by the Edmonton Community Foundation. The establishment of the endowment funds provides for the Edmonton Community Foundation to invest and administer the funds contributed on behalf of the Edmonton and Area Land Trust. The Edmonton and Area Land Trust may receive payment annually of the net income from the endowment fund to support its mission. The Edmonton Community Foundation holds three endowment funds as follows:

	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Capital Fund</u>	<u>Conservation Fund</u>
Balance at December 31, 2013.....	\$3,240,252	\$22,555	\$126,651
Endowment fund donations.....	836	1,000	300
Investment gains.....	438,504	3,166	17,142
Grants provided.....	(130,646)	-	(5,106)
Fund expenses.....	<u>(24,035)</u>	<u>(174)</u>	<u>(937)</u>
Balance at December 31, 2014.....	<u>\$3,524,911</u>	<u>\$26,547</u>	<u>\$138,050</u>

6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS:

The Land Trust is exposed to risk on certain financial instruments as follows:

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 is comprised of three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk. The Land Trust is mainly exposed to interest rate risk.

Interest rate risk:

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Land Trust is exposed to interest rate risk on term deposits. The fixed-rate instruments subject the Land Trust to a fair value risk.