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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Management of the Wiarton Business Improvement Area

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Wiarton Business Improvement Area (the BIA), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of operations and 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 Wiarton Business Improvement Area as at December 31, 2023 and the results of its operations and its 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 BIA in accordance with the 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 BIA'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 BIA, or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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



Auditor's Responsibility 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 the 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 BIA'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 organization'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 organization 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.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Owen Sound, Ontario September 16, 2024

Wiarton Business Improvement Area Statement of Financial Position December 31 2023 2022 Financial assets Due from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula Net financial assets and accumulated surplus (Note 2) \$ 33,865 \$ 30,782

Wiarton Business Improvement Area Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus

For the year ended December 31		2023	2023	2022
		Budget (Note 3)	Actual	Actual
Revenue Member levy Grants Contribution from Town of South Bruce	\$	40,300 3,000	\$ 40,300	\$ 34,560 -
Peninsula reserve fund Interest income		-	4,037 1,590	- 721
		43,300	45,927	35,281
Expenses Marketing Memberships Insurance Promotion Contracted services Repairs and maintenance Administration fee	_	23,000 280 860 1,880 18,500 5,780	20,054 248 1,147 1,883 4,700 4,812 10,000	11,769 243 942 1,780 10,500 3,983 - 29,217
Annual surplus (deficit) (Note 3)		(7,000)	3,083	6,064
Accumulated surplus, beginning of the year		30,782	30,782	24,718
Accumulated surplus, end of the year	\$	23,782	\$ 33,865	\$ 30,782

Wiarton Business Improvement Area Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets

For the year ended December 31	2023	2023	2022
	Budget (Note 3)	Actual	Actual
Annual surplus (deficit) (Page 5)	\$ (7,000) \$	3,083	\$ 6,064
Increase (decrease) in net financial assets	(7,000)	3,083	6,064
Net financial assets, beginning of the year	 30,782	30,782	24,718
Net financial assets, end of the year	\$ 23,782 \$	33,865	\$ 30,782

Wiarton Business Improvement Area Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31	2023	2022
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ 3,083 \$	6,064
Changes in non-cash working capital balances Due from Town of South Bruce Peninsula	 (3,083)	(6,064)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	 -	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	\$ - \$	-

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Management Responsibility

The Board of Management of the Wiarton Business Improvement Area has prepared and is responsible for the integrity, objectivity and accuracy of the financial information presented. The Board of Management reviews and approves the financial statements.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada as prescribed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Revenues and expenses are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues as they become available and measurable; expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation to pay.

Basis of Consolidation

The Wiarton Business Improvement Area has been consolidated with the financial statements of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial information, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

Financial Instruments

Due from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula is measured at cost. The carrying amount of each of these financial instruments is presented on the statement of financial position. For financial instruments measured using amortized cost, the effective interest rate method is used to determine interest revenue or expense. All financial assets are tested annually for impairment. When financial assets are impaired, impairment losses are recorded in the statement of operations. Transaction costs are added to the carrying value for financial instruments measured using cost or amortized cost.

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Asset Retirement

Obligations

A liability for an asset retirement obligation is recognized when there is a legal obligation to incur retirement costs in relation to a tangible capital asset; the past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred; it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up; and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made. The liability is recorded at an amount that is the best estimate of the expenditure required to retire a tangible capital asset at the financial statement date. Management has not identified any asset retirement obligations for which a liability needs to be recognized.

Revenue Recognition

Special levies and grants are recognized as revenue when the transfer is authorized and all eligibility criteria have

been met.

User fees and other revenues are recognized when related goods or services are provided and collectibility is

reasonably assured.

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2. Accumulated Surplus

The organization segregates its accumulated surplus in the following categories:

	 2023	2022
Reserves	\$ 33,865	\$ 30,782

3. Budget

Under Canadian Public sector accounting standards, budget amounts are to be reported on the consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus and charges in net financial assets for comparative purposes. The 2023 budget amounts approved by the Board have been reclassified to conform to the presentation of the statements of operations and accumulated surplus and changes in net financial assets. The following is a reconciliation of the budget approved by the Board of Management.

	 2023	2023	2022
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Annual surplus (deficit) (Page 5)	\$ (7,000)	\$ 3,083	\$ 6,064
Transfer (to) from reserves	 7,000	(3,083)	(6,064)
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -