

**NUNAVUT LAW FOUNDATION**

**Audited Financial Statement**

**December 31, 2023**

**NUNAVUT LAW FOUNDATION**  
**Financial Statements**  
**Year ended December 31, 2023**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the  
**Nunavut Law Foundation**

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Nunavut Law Foundation, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of operations, changes in members' equity 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 Foundation as at December 31, 2023, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with ASNPO.

### 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 Foundation 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 ASNPO, 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 Foundation'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 Foundation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

### 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

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT, continued**

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 scepticism 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 Foundation'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 Foundation'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 Foundation 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.

**Yellowknife, NWT**

**EPR Yellowknife Accounting Professional Corporation  
Chartered Professional Accountants**

**NUNAVUT LAW FOUNDATION**  
**Statement of Operations**  
**As At December 31, 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>(Restated-Note 3)</b>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Membership levies	\$ 48,000	\$ 48,100
Investment income	9,065	8,519
Interest on lawyer's trust account	-	-
Law Foundation of BC grant revenues	238,425	-
ACLF meeting reimbursement	-	2,385
	<b>295,490</b>	<b>59,004</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Awards and grants	\$ 21,522	\$ 38,000
Interest and bank charges	324	130
Administration	9,163	3,779
Professional fees	11,163	9,496
Travel	13,479	5,336
	<b>55,651</b>	<b>56,741</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency ) of revenues over expenses</b>	<b>239,839</b>	<b>2,263</b>
Unrealized (Loss) gain on investments	13,492	(33,204)
<b>Excess of revenues over expenses</b>	<b>253,331</b>	<b>(30,941)</b>

The accompanying notes and schedules form an integral part of the financial statements.

**NUNAVUT LAW FOUNDATION**  
**Statement of Changes in Members' Equity**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Balance, opening</b>	<b>\$ 291,852</b>	<b>\$ 322,793</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses for the year	253,331	(30,941)
<b>Balance, Closing</b>	<b>545,183</b>	<b>291,852</b>

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**NUNAVUT LAW FOUNDATION**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As At December 31, 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>(Restated-Note 3)</b>
<b>Financial Assets</b>		
Current		
Cash	\$ 242,131	\$ 3,257
Marketable securities	286,268	263,712
Prepaid expenses	3,333	11,333
Due from Law Society of Nunavut	18,000	18,100
	<b>549,732</b>	<b>296,402</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current		
Account payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 4,549	\$ 4,550
Unrestricted Fund	<b>545,183</b>	<b>291,852</b>
	<b>549,732</b>	<b>296,402</b>

Approved on behalf of Board

 Chairperson

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 Directors

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**NUNAVUT LAW FOUNDATION**  
**Statement of Cash**  
**For The Year Ended December 31, 2023**

**Statement III**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Excess (deficiency ) of revenue over expenses	\$ 253,331	\$ (30,941)
Decrease (increase ) in marketable securities	(22,556)	24,685
Increase (decrease) in due from Law Society of nunavut	100	(5,000)
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash</b>	<b>230,875</b>	<b>(11,256)</b>
Cash opening	11,257	22,513
<b>Cash, Closing</b>	<b>242,132</b>	<b>11,257</b>

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## **1. Nature of Organization**

Nunavut Law Foundation is incorporated under the Legal Profession Act of Nunavut. The purpose of the foundation is to conduct research, establish law libraries and contribute to the legal education of members and the people of Nunavut. The foundation is a not-for-profit organization and is exempt from income tax under Sec. 149(1)(l) of the Income Tax Act (Canada).

## **2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The Foundation applies the Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

### **(a) Cash**

Cash consists of balances with financial institutions.

### **(b) Temporary Investments**

Temporary investments are recorded at market value. Cost for the current year is \$264,188 (2021 - \$266,388). Unrealized gains and losses are recorded directly to the statement of operations.

### **(c) Revenue recognition**

Interest and investment income and member levies are recognized as revenue in the period in which they are received or receivable if the amount can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

### **(d) Fund accounting**

The Unrestricted Fund accounts for the Foundation's general operating and administrative activities.

### **(e) Contributed services**

Volunteers contribute a significant number of hours to the Foundation in carrying out its service delivery activities. Due to the difficulty of determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

### **(f) 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, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the year. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the valuation of temporary investments and amounts due to and from the Law Society of Nunavut. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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**(g) Financial instruments**

The Foundation's financial instruments consist of cash, temporary investments, advances receivable, due from Law Society of Nunavut, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Unless otherwise noted it is management's opinion that the Foundation is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks Other price risk - The foundation is exposed to other price risk through its investments in common shares and mutual fund units for which the fair value fluctuates with changes in market prices. Adverse market-wide or investment specific conditions could cause a significant decrease in value.

**3. Prior Period Adjustment**

During fiscal year December 31, 2022, administrative compensation paid for the period January 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023 was recorded as expenses instead of recording as prepaid. The total amount of compensation that was paid was \$8,000 resulting to overstatement of expenses. This error has been corrected by restating the prior year financial statements. The result of restatement is as follows:

	2022 Prior	2022 Restated	Diff
Administrative expenses	\$ 11,780	\$ 3,780	\$ 8,000
Prepaid expenses	3,333	11,333	(8,000)

