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TRUST FUNDS**

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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO - TRUST FUNDS

MANAGEMENT REPORT

December 31, 2022

The financial statements of the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls, Ontario - Trust Funds (the "Trusts") are the responsibility of the Trusts' management and 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 described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The preparation of financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgement, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods.

Trusts management maintains a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and recorded in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements and reliable financial information is available on a timely basis for preparation of the financial statements. These systems are monitored and evaluated by management.

Council meets with management and the external auditors to review the financial statements and discuss any significant financial reporting or internal control matters prior to their approval of the financial statements.

The financial statements have been audited by Crawford Smith & Swallow Chartered Professional Accountants LLP, independent external auditors appointed by the Trusts. The accompanying Independent Auditor's Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the Trusts' financial statements.



Jim Diodati
Mayor
July 11, 2023



Jason Burgess
Chief Administrative Officer
July 11, 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Council, Inhabitants and Ratepayers
of the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls, Ontario - Trust Funds

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls, Ontario - Trust Funds (the "Trusts"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022, and the statement of financial activities and changes in fund balances for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls, Ontario - Trust Funds as at December 31, 2022, and the results of its operations and changes in fund balances 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 Trusts 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 these 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 Municipality'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 organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization'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 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:

- a) 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.
- b) 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 Trusts' internal control.
- c) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- d) 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 Trusts' 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 Trusts to cease to continue as a going concern.
- e) 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.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Crawford Smith & Swallow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Crawford" being the most prominent.

Niagara Falls, Ontario
July 11, 2023

CRAWFORD SMITH & SWALLOW
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LICENSED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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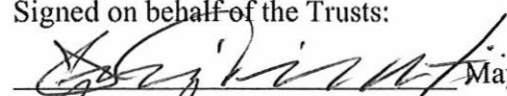
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

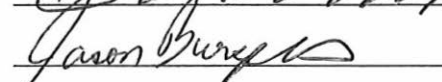
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(In thousands of dollars)

	Total \$	Cemetery Perpetual Care \$	Other \$
Assets			
Cash	1,064	1,024	40
Investments - note 2			
Federal	1,815	1,815	
Provincial	1,044	1,044	
Corporate	876	875	1
	3,735	3,734	1
Due from City of Niagara Falls - note 3	481	281	200
	5,280	5,039	241
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Fund balances	5,280	5,039	241
	5,280	5,039	241

Signed on behalf of the Trusts:

 Mayor

 Chief Administrative Officer

See accompanying notes

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO - TRUST FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

for the year ended December 31, 2022

(In thousands of dollars)

	Total \$	Cemetery Perpetual Care \$	Other \$
Balance, Beginning of Year	4,814	4,755	59
Receipts			
Cemetery lot receipts	284	284	
Interest	82	79	3
Land sale deposits	245		245
	611	363	248
Expenditures			
Cemetery care	82	79	3
Transfer to operating fund	63		63
	145	79	66
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures	466	284	182
Balance, End of Year	5,280	5,039	241

See accompanying notes

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended December 31, 2022

1. Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of The Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls (the "City") trust funds (the "Trusts") are the representations of management prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards established by the Public Sector Accounting Board ("PSAB") of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada.

Basis of accounting

Revenues and expenses are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are normally recognized in the year in which they are earned and measurable. Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as the result of receipt of goods or services and/or the creation of a legal obligation to pay.

Interest income

Interest income is reported as revenue in the period earned.

Investments

Investments consist of bonds and guaranteed investment certificates and are recorded at cost.

2. Investments

Trust fund investments of \$3,735,442 (\$3,682,168 - 2021) have a market value as at December 31, 2022 of \$3,520,546 (\$3,762,133 - 2021) and an original cost of \$3,735,442 (\$3,682,168 - 2021). Investments consist of Government of Canada treasury bills and crown corporation bonds, provincial government bonds, Canadian corporate bonds and Canadian bank shares.

3. Due to/from Operating Fund

The amounts owing to/from the operating fund are held with the City and are non-interest bearing with no fixed terms of repayment.

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4. Other Trust Funds

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Trust for land sales	227,950	45,803
Rigg Estate	500	500
W. L. Doran Estate	1,000	1,000
Moore Estate	1,200	1,200
McNiven Estate	500	500
McDonald Estate	400	400
Woodruff Estate	8,295	8,295
Coulsen Estate	300	300
Wilson Estate	500	500
C. J. Doran Estate	500	500
	241,145	58,998