

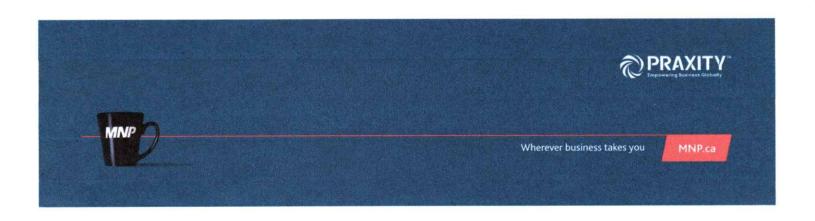
North End Business Improvement Zone

December 31, 2023

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# Independent Auditor's Report



To the Board of Directors of North End Business Improvement Zone:

# Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of North End Business Improvement Zone (the "Organization"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of operations, changes in net 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 Organization as at December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

## **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 Organization 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 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Organization'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.



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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 Organization'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.

Winnipeg, Manitoba

September 11, 2024

MW/PLLP
Chartered Professional Accountants



# North End Business Improvement Zone Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
Assets		
Current		(2)
Cash	57,503	45,169
Goods and services tax receivable	2,066	7,014
	59,569	52,183
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accruals	9,829	8,844
Deferred contributions (Note 3)	5,721	5,721
	15,550	14,565
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	44,019	37,618
	59,569	52,183

Approved on behalf of the Board

Director

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Director

Secretary of Treasure

# North End Business Improvement Zone Statement of Operations For the year ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
Revenue		
City of Winnipeg		92
BIZ levy	78,046	74,680
Streetscape improvements	•	25,669
Province of Manitoba	14,175	11,621
Cost recoveries, interest and other	30	35
	92,251	112,005
Expenses		
Administrative	29,700	29,425
Automotive	1,154	1,927
Meetings	1,057	-
Office	4,394	2,421
Professional fees	6,512	4,147
Salaries and benefits	22,196	14,305
Streetscape improvements	20,837	62,130
Utilities		464
	85,850	114,819
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	6,401	(2,814

# North End Business Improvement Zone Statement of Changes in Net Assets For the year ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
Net assets, beginning of year	37,618	40,432
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	6,401	(2,814)
Net assets, end of year	44,019	37,618

# North End Business Improvement Zone Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
Cash provided by (used for) the following activities		
Operating		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	6,401	(2,814)
Changes in working capital accounts	a	(2,011)
Goods and services tax receivable	4,948	(1,704)
Accounts payable and accruals	985	(3,432)
Deferred contributions	-	(669)
Increase (decrease) in cash	12,334	(8,619)
Cash, beginning of year	45,169	53,788
Cash, end of year	57,503	45,169

# North End Business Improvement Zone Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2023

# 1. Purpose of the Organization

North End Business Improvement Zone (the "Organization") was designated as a Business Improvement Zone by City of Winnipeg By-law 622/93. A management board was established to beautify, improve and maintain land of the city within the business improvement zone subject to the authorization by Council and to promote the business improvement zone as a place to retail and commercial activity.

The North End Business Improvement Zone is a not-for-profit organization and operations are to be carried on without monetary gain to its members. It is tax exempt under Section 149 (1) of the Income Tax Act.

### 2. Significant accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and include the following significant accounting policies:

#### Cash

Cash includes balances with banks. Cash subject to restrictions which prevents its use for current purposes is included in restricted cash.

#### Financial instruments

The Organization recognizes financial instruments when the Organization becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

## Arm's length financial instruments

Financial instruments originated/acquired or issued/assumed in an arm's length transaction ("arm's length financial instruments") are initially recorded at their fair value.

At initial recognition, the Organization may irrevocably elect to subsequently measure any arm's length financial instrument at fair value. The Organization has not made such an election during the year.

The Organization subsequently measures investments in equity instruments quoted in an active market at fair value. Fair value is determined by published price quotations. Investments in equity instruments not quoted in an active market and derivatives that are linked to, and must be settled by delivery of, unquoted equity instruments of another entity, are subsequently measured at cost less impairment. With the exception of financial liabilities indexed to a measure of the Organization's performance or value of its equity and those instruments designated at fair value, all other financial assets and liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost.

Transaction costs and financing fees directly attributable to the origination, acquisition, issuance or assumption of financial instruments subsequently measured at fair value are immediately recognized in excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses. Conversely, transaction costs and financing fees are added to the carrying amount for those financial instruments subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost.

#### 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

These estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary they are reported in operations in the periods in which they become known.



# North End Business Improvement Zone Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2023

# 2. Significant accounting policies (Continued from previous page)

# Revenue recognition

The Organization 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.

#### Capital assets

Capital assets are expensed on acquisition. Capital assets held include equipment and office equipment. For the year-ended December 31, 2023, there was \$nil (2022 - \$nil) of capital expenditures.

#### Deferred contributions

Deferred contributions consist of unspent contributions externally restricted for the purchase of bike racks. Recognition of these amounts as revenue is deferred to periods when the specified expenditures are made. Changes in the deferred contribution balance are as follows:

	2023	2022
Balance, beginning of year Less: Amount recognized as revenue during the year	5,721 -	6,390 (669)
Balance, end of year	5,721	5,721

### 4. Financial instruments

The Organization, as part of its operations, carries a number of financial instruments. It is management's opinion that the Organization is not exposed to significant interest, currency, credit, liquidity or other price risks arising from these financial instruments except as otherwise disclosed.

