

Audited Financial Statements of the

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS

Year ended March 31, 2024



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Mayor and Councillors of Halifax Regional Municipality

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Halifax Regional Municipality Miscellaneous Trust Funds (the Entity), which comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2024
- the statement of income and expenditures and funds equity for the year then ended
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(Hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at March 31, 2024, 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.

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 auditor's report.

We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other 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 Entity'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 Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity'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 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.



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- 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 Entity'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 Entity'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 Entity 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.
- 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.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Halifax, Canada

September 3, 2024

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MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS Audited Statement of Financial Position

For the year ended March 31, 2024, with comparative figures for March 31, 2023

	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2023
Assets		
Cash	\$ 10,110,544	\$ 8,199,407
Accrued Accounts Receivable	-	29,655
Investments (note 1)	6,410	6,410
	<u>\$ 10,116,954</u>	<u>\$ 8,235,472</u>
Liabilities and Funds Equity		
Due to Halifax Regional Municipality	132,778	18,965
Funds equity (schedule of fund equity)	9,984,176	8,216,507
	<u>\$ 10,116,954</u>	<u>\$ 8,235,472</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.



Mayor, Mike Savage



Municipal Clerk, Iain MacLean

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Audited Statement of Income and Expenditures and Funds Equity

For the year ended March 31, 2024, with comparative figures for March 31, 2023

	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2023
Income		
Investment income	\$ 518,289	\$ 268,718
Capital contributions received during the year	14,000	16,943
Tax sales	2,039,257	396,691
	<u>2,571,546</u>	<u>682,352</u>
Expenditures		
Transfer to Halifax Regional Municipality	641,163	302,163
Net transactions with Trustors	10,100	21,563
Transfer to Reserve	152,614	42,954
	<u>803,878</u>	<u>366,680</u>
Excess of income over expenditures	1,767,668	315,672
Funds equity, beginning of the year	8,216,507	7,900,835
Funds equity, end of the year	<u>\$ 9,984,176</u>	<u>\$ 8,216,507</u>

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Notes to Audited Financial Statements

For the year ended March 31, 2024, with comparative figures for March 31, 2023

The Halifax Regional Municipality has a number of trust funds as identified in the Schedule of Funds Equity. The trust funds are in place to fund the operation, maintenance and facilities of the identified beneficiary. The trust funds have a variety of restrictions that specify the purpose for which the funds can be used.

1. Significant accounting policies:

(a) Basics of accounting:

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which presumes that the Trust will continue its operations for the foreseeable future and be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of operations.

(b) Revenue recognition:

Investment income earned in the miscellaneous trust funds is recognized in the fund in which the interest bearing investment is held.

Tax sales revenue is recognized when received, generally being the date the property is sold.

Capital contribution related to various services fees are recognized as revenue in the period received.

(c) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. Investments:

	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2023
Shares, cost	\$ 6,410	\$ 6,410
	6,410	6,410
Shares, market values	\$ 533,232	\$ 485,372

The market value shown for investments represents the fair value of the shares as at March 31, 2024. Shares are valued at the year end quoted market prices.

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Audited Statement of Cash Flow

For the year ended March 31, 2024, with comparative figures for March 31, 2023

	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2023
Excess of income over expenditures	\$ 1,767,668	\$ 315,672
Increase(decrease) in Accounts Receivable	29,655	(24,478)
Increase in Due to Halifax Regional Municipality	113,814	21,451
Increase in cash	1,911,137	312,645
Cash, beginning of the period	8,199,407	7,886,762
Cash, end of the period	\$ 10,110,544	\$ 8,199,407

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Audited Schedule of Funds Equity

For the year ended March 31, 2024, with comparative figures for March 31, 2023

	Balance March 31, 2023	Income	Transfer to Halifax Regional Municipality	Expenditures of Trustors	Capital Contributions	Balance March 31, 2024
J.L. Dillman Park Maintenance	\$ 181,948	\$ 9,058	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 191,007
Tax sales	3,949,555	2,285,907	(460,890)	(152,614)	-	5,621,959
J.D. Shatford Memorial	60,211	2,922	(3,132)	-	-	60,000
Sackville Landfill	584,689	31,489		(10,000)	-	606,178
Camphill Cemetery Trust	154,364	7,518	(7,360)		2,025	156,547
Camphill Cemetery Perpetual Care	568,163	27,578	(27,024)			568,716
Camphill Cemetery Fence	12,106	588	(576)			12,118
Fairview Cemetery Trust	2,420,177	141,162	(138,747)		11,975	2,434,566
Fairview Cemetery Maintenance	45,158	2,192	(2,148)			45,202
Titanic Trust	185,573	10,278	(500)			195,352
Commons Commutation	16,548	803	(787)			16,564
Harbour Championship	10,439	517		(100)		10,856
Halifax Heritage Trust		36,163				36,163
Other	27,575	1,373		-		28,949
	\$ 8,216,507	\$ 2,557,546	(641,163)	(162,714)	14,000	\$ 9,984,176