

Financial Statements of

**THE CROWE VALLEY
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

December 31, 2021

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of
The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority ("the Authority"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2021, and the statements of operations, 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 Crowe Valley Conservation Authority as at December 31, 2021, and the results of its financial performance 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 Authority 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 Authority's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to a going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Authority or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative to do so.

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

- 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 Authority'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 Authority'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 Authority 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.

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Peterborough, Canada
June 16, 2022

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

THE CROWE VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash	1,297,258	1,052,144
Accounts receivable	83,189	76,196
	<u>1,380,447</u>	<u>1,128,340</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 5)	86,306	67,778
Deferred revenue	96,732	62,922
	<u>183,038</u>	<u>130,700</u>
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	<u>1,197,409</u>	<u>997,640</u>
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Prepaid expenses	8,950	8,950
Tangible capital assets (note 4)	317,310	305,506
	<u>326,260</u>	<u>314,456</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (note 8)	<u>1,523,669</u>	<u>1,312,096</u>

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year Ended December 31

	Budget 2021 (Note 11) \$	Actual 2021 \$	Actual 2020 \$
REVENUES			
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks			
Operating	60,267	60,267	60,267
Other projects	50,000	7,479	15,731
Municipal levies	708,855	683,855	673,318
Authority generated regulation administration fees	126,648	238,345	154,315
Operating agreements	39,306	46,133	40,125
Hydro project	9,000	20,803	28,852
Source Water Protection project	50,606	41,148	39,674
Monitoring projects	4,825	-	-
Miscellaneous revenues	12,019	13,559	15,355
Interest earned	6,000	5,322	5,938
Grants and donations	1,100	5,724	4,999
	<u>1,068,626</u>	<u>1,122,635</u>	<u>1,038,574</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Program administration and operation (schedule)	808,401	764,673	670,943
Capital projects (schedule)	1,500	1,215	-
Other projects (schedule)	258,725	114,453	118,359
Amortization of tangible capital assets	-	30,721	32,056
	<u>1,068,626</u>	<u>911,062</u>	<u>821,358</u>
ANNUAL SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	-	211,573	217,216
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - beginning of year		1,312,096	1,094,880
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - end of year		<u>1,523,669</u>	<u>1,312,096</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year Ended December 31

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
CASH PROVIDED FROM (USED FOR)		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Annual surplus for the year	211,573	217,216
Add amortization, an item not involving cash	30,721	32,056
	242,294	249,272
Changes in non-cash working capital items:		
Accounts receivable	(6,993)	(40,492)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	18,528	2,664
Deferred revenue	33,810	(6,660)
	287,639	204,784
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of capital assets	(42,525)	-
INCREASE IN CASH DURING THE YEAR	245,114	204,784
CASH POSITION - beginning of year	1,052,144	847,360
CASH POSITION - end of year	1,297,258	1,052,144

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS

Year Ended December 31

	Budget 2021 \$	Actual 2021 \$	Actual 2020 \$
Annual (deficit) surplus for the year	-	211,573	217,216
Purchase of capital assets	-	(42,525)	-
Amortization of tangible capital assets	31,000	30,721	32,056
Change in net financial assets	(31,000)	199,769	249,272
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS - beginning of year	997,640	997,640	748,368
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS - end of year	966,640	1,197,409	997,640

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority (the "Authority") is a corporate body established on November 6, 1958 under the Conservation Authorities Act of Ontario to further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources throughout the watershed within its area of jurisdiction in partnership with its member municipalities and the Province. The accompanying financial statements comprise all the activities of the Authority.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Authority are the responsibility of and are prepared by management in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards ('PSAS'). The significant accounting policies adopted by the Authority are as follows:

(a) *Accrual accounting*

These statements reflect the incorporation of the full accrual basis of accounting and the reporting of the change in net financial assets and accumulated surplus. The accrual basis of accounting recognizes the effect of transactions and events in the period in which the transactions and event occur, regardless of whether there has been a receipt of payment of cash or its equivalent. Accrual accounting recognizes a liability until the obligation or condition(s) underlying the liability is partially or wholly satisfied. Accrual accounting recognizes an asset until the future economic benefit underlying the assets is partially or wholly used or lost.

(b) *Revenue recognition*

The Authority recognizes revenue as follows:

Municipal levies are generally recognized in the fiscal year in which they are levied.

Government transfers are recognized in the financial statements as revenues in the period in which the event giving rise to the transfer occur, providing the transfers are authorized, any eligibility criteria have been met and reasonable estimates of the amounts can be made.

Other grants and specified project donations follow the accrual method of accounting for contributions and are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenditures are made or the related expenses are incurred.

Administration fees are recognized when the service has been performed.

General donations and other revenues are recognized when received.

Any contributions received for which the related services have not been performed and/or the related expenditures have not been incurred in the fiscal year are recorded as deferred revenue.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(c) *Tangible capital assets*

In accordance with PSAS guidelines, the Authority records tangible capital assets at cost which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. When an asset no longer contributes to the Authority's ability to provide services, its carrying amount is written down to its residual value. The cost of the tangible capital assets is amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Land improvements	15 years
Buildings	40 years
Furniture, tools and equipment	20 years
Automotive equipment	10 years
Computer hardware and software	3 to 10 years
Infrastructure	50 to 100 years

(d) *Allocation of expenses and vehicle recoveries*

The Authority allocates vehicles and equipment expenses to various programs by internal charges for usage based upon standard rates.

(e) *Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with PSAS accounting standards requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of asset and liabilities and disclosure of contingencies at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Items requiring the use of significant estimates include determining the estimated useful lives of tangible capital assets. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(f) *Reserves*

Reserves for future expenditures and contingencies are established as required at the discretion of the Authority.

(g) *Pension agreement*

The Authority is an employer member of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS), which is a multi-employer, defined benefit pension plan. The Board of Trustees, representing plan members and employers, is responsible for overseeing the management of the pension plan, including investment of the assets and administration of the benefits. The Authority has adopted defined contribution plan accounting principles for this plan because insufficient information is available to apply defined benefit plan accounting principles.

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3. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

(a) *Measurement of financial instruments*

The Authority considers any contract creating a financial asset, liability or equity instrument as a financial instrument, except in certain limited circumstances. The Authority accounts for the following as financial instruments:

- cash
- accounts receivable
- accounts payable

A financial asset or liability is recognized when the Authority becomes a party to a contractual provision of the instrument.

The Authority initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value and subsequently measures all of its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for cash, which is subsequently measured at fair value.

The Authority removes financial liabilities, or a portion of, when the obligation is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Financial assets or liabilities obtained in related party transactions are measured at the exchange amount.

Financial assets measured at cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. Previously recognized impairment losses are reversed to the extent of the improvement provided the asset is not carried at an amount, at the date of reversal, greater than the amount that would have been the carrying amount had not impairment loss been recognized previously. The amounts of any write-downs or reversals are recognized in net income.

(b) *Risks*

The Authority is exposed to various risks associated with its financial instruments as described below. It is management's opinion that the Authority is not exposed to any significant interest or currency risk. Unless otherwise noted, there has been no change in risk exposure from the prior year.

(i) *Liquidity risk*

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Authority will not be able to meet its obligations associated with financial liabilities. Cash flow from operations provides a substantial portion of the Authority's cash requirements.

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3. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (continued)

(ii) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Authority is exposed to credit risk in the event of non-performance by counterparties in connection with its accounts receivable. The maximum exposure to credit risk is the carrying value of accounts receivable. At December 31, 2021, there is no impairment allowance as management believes the amounts are fully collectible.

(iii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Authority is not exposed to any significant interest rate risk.

4. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

The major categories of tangible capital assets, their cost and related accumulated amortization are classified as follows:

	December 31, 2021							2020	
	Cost			Accumulated Amortization				Net book value	Net book value
	Opening	Net change	Ending	Opening	Disposals	Amort'n	Ending		
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Land	56,216	-	56,216	-	-	-	-	56,216	56,216
Land improvements	9,648	3,561	13,209	9,648	-	119	9,767	3,442	-
Buildings	290,883	-	290,883	199,208	-	5,867	205,075	85,808	91,675
Furniture, tools and equipment	53,904	38,964	92,868	53,904	-	974	54,878	37,990	-
Automotive equipment	119,834	-	119,834	82,947	-	5,962	88,909	30,925	36,887
Computer hardware and software	468,822	-	468,822	466,736	-	2,086	468,822	-	2,086
Infrastructure	1,406,926	-	1,406,926	1,288,284	-	15,713	1,303,997	102,929	118,642
	2,406,233	42,525	2,448,758	2,100,727	-	30,721	2,131,448	317,310	305,506

5. GOVERNMENT REMITTANCES PAYABLE

Included in accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are net government remittances payable of \$11,825 (2020 - \$12,115).

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6. PENSION AGREEMENTS

The Authority makes contributions to the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS), which is a multi-employer plan, on behalf of full-time members of staff and eligible part-time staff. The plan is a defined benefit pension plan, which specifies the amount of the retirement benefit to be received by the employees based on length of service and rates of pay. Contributions are split equally between the employees and the Authority. The Authority's share of contributions for the year was \$44,173 (2020 - \$37,866) and is included as an expenditure on the statement of operations. The most recent audited financial statements completed by OMERS as of December 31, 2021 disclosed net assets available for benefits of \$120,919 (2020 - \$105,575) million with pension obligations of \$121,940 (2020 - \$114,207) million, resulting in a deficit of \$1,021 (2020 - \$8,632) million.

7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions between related parties for the year and the balances receivable or payable at year end are as follows:

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Municipal funding recognized as revenue	683,855	673,318
Project funding received from Municipality of Highlands East	8,479	8,416
Municipal taxes paid to various municipalities	9,587	9,361
Receivable from Municipality of Highlands East	8,479	39,905

The Authority controls The Crowe Valley Conservation Foundation. The Foundation is incorporated as a public foundation and is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act (Canada). It was established to develop and manage a base of capital to provide for operational and capital requirements of the Authority. The Foundation presently has no activity, accordingly there are no balances to consolidate with the Authority.

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8. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

The components of accumulated surplus are classified as follows:

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Reserve funds		
Land operations	17,000	12,000
McGeachie Conservation Area	11,937	11,937
Contingencies	103,813	103,813
Capital	384,483	358,744
Legal	20,500	20,500
	537,733	506,994
Tangible capital assets	317,310	305,506
Operating surplus	668,626	499,596
	1,523,669	1,312,096

9. CONTINGENCIES

The Authority owns a number of water control structures. As such, the Authority has undertaken dam safety assessments on its larger water control structures to meet Provincial Dam Safety Legislation. The assessments have identified deficiencies in safety and infrastructure issues that will require future remediation. Estimated costs of addressing these deficiencies are \$181,500 over the next ten years. The Authority's share of these expenditures will vary depending upon contributions from the Province.

10. COMMITMENTS

The Authority has leased the Crowe Bridge Conservation Area to The Corporation of the Municipality of Trent Hills for a period of 10 years ending March 2021. Under the terms of the lease, the Crowe Bridge Conservation Area shall be operated solely as a public park. The annual rent is \$2 per year and Trent Hills has assumed responsibility for the property taxes, insurance, utilities, operating and maintenance costs of the park. The lease which ended on March 31, 2021 was not renewed until 2022. Therefore, no lease was in place from April 1st to December 31st, 2021 but has resumed subsequent to year-end for a one-year term.

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11. BUDGET FIGURES

The budget figures are presented for comparison purposes and were approved by the Authority on January 21, 2021. The adopted budget conforms to the Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards except for the effect of the acquisition of tangible capital assets and transfers to and from reserve funds. A reconciliation of the approved and reported budgets is as follows:

Adopted budget	\$
Budgeted annual surplus for the year	-
Adjustment to adopted budget	
<u>Amortization</u>	<u>31,000</u>
<u>Revised annual budgeted deficit for the year</u>	<u>(\$31,000)</u>

THE CROWE VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURE - PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION
Year Ended December 31

	Budget 2021 \$	Actual 2021 \$	Actual 2020 \$
Wages and benefits	403,247	380,640	366,262
Office and administration	69,989	53,247	51,116
Generic regulations	240,029	231,851	166,736
Travel, professional development	2,500	1,669	294
Insurance	37,203	39,213	35,243
Legal fees	5,500	5,550	591
Communications	15,300	16,005	15,335
Utilities	18,000	16,201	15,339
Municipal taxes	5,683	7,048	6,860
Dam operations	6,850	13,249	11,649
Board expenses	4,100	-	1,518
	808,401	764,673	670,943

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SCHEDULE OF OTHER EXPENDITURE - CAPITAL PROJECTS

Year Ended December 31

	Budget 2021 \$	Actual 2021 \$	Actual 2020 \$
Administration office	1,500	1,215	-

SCHEDULE OF OTHER EXPENDITURE - OTHER PROJECTS

Year Ended December 31

	Budget 2021 \$	Actual 2021 \$	Actual 2020 \$
Maintenance and operation of			
McGeachie Conservation Area	11,662	9,554	9,881
Conservation Area Lands	12,387	4,258	570
Operating agreements - MNR and Hydro projects	32,038	31,852	30,236
Source Water Protection project	53,795	41,450	39,480
Water and erosion control infrastructure (WECI)	133,093	11,088	27,450
Monitoring projects	250	138	4,969
Automotive fuel, maintenance and licences	15,500	16,113	6,126
	258,725	114,453	118,712
Deduct vehicle and other recoveries	-	-	(353)
	258,725	114,453	118,359