



GOVERNMENT

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FOUNDATION

2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT



The Honourable Lori Carr
**Minister Responsible for the Provincial
Capital Commission**

His Honour, the Honourable Russell Mirasty, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

May It Please Your Honour:

I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Government House Foundation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020.

This report is an account of how the Foundation supports the Provincial Capital Commission's (PCC) contribution to Saskatchewan's quality of life by providing high quality visitor experiences, educational programming and stewardship of the land and assets at Government House and the Edwardian Gardens. The PCC advances those programs and services in the context of the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth to meet the needs of Saskatchewan's citizens.

The Foundation had another successful year in inspiring pride and fostering connections to Saskatchewan's Capital City. Those accomplishments are described in the pages that follow.

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The Honourable Lori Carr
Minister Responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission



Honourable Lori Carr
Minister Responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission
Legislative Building
Regina SK S4S 0B3

Dear Honourable Lori Carr:

It is my privilege to submit the annual report of the Government House Foundation for the year ending March 31, 2020.

The Government House Foundation remains committed to supporting and enhancing Government House and its programming. The Board of Trustees was actively engaged in fundraising activities throughout the year. As a result, the Foundation was successful in attracting donations to support development of the “Accessible Stories Project” in the Amédée Forget Museum. Donor contributions also allowed for the installation of a new sound system at Government House to improve safety and communication capability throughout the facility.

The Board of Trustees bid a fond farewell to one of its own during the year. In November 2019, former Board Chair Dr. Michael Jackson stepped down from his Board position to be able to dedicate more time to his other activities and passions. We thank him for his years of dedicated service to Government House, and for his guidance and leadership to the Board of Trustees. As a token of its appreciation, the Board of Trustees presented Dr. Jackson with a framed print depicting a north view of Government House to formally recognize his contributions to the Foundation.

Also in 2019, the Board of Trustees was saddened by the passing of The Honourable W. Thomas Molloy, Saskatchewan’s 22nd Lieutenant Governor, and honorary patron of the Board. From the time of his appointment in early 2018 until his passing in mid-2019, His Honour was an active supporter of Government House and all that it represents for Saskatchewan. On July 17, 2019, The Honourable Russ Mirasty was appointed as Saskatchewan’s 23rd Lieutenant Governor and stepped into the role with a demonstrated passion for youth and education. The Foundation is grateful for the continued support of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan.

On behalf of the Board, we look forward to developing and delivering new initiatives that will increase awareness of this historic facility and its role in preserving the history of Saskatchewan.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nancy Chorney
Vice-Chair
Government House Foundation



Introduction

The Government House Foundation was established by regulation under the authority of *The Historic Properties Foundation Act*, on January 21, 2002. The site in the City of Regina commonly known as Government House is the historic property for which the Foundation was established. It was designated as a National Historic Site in 1968 and as a Provincial Heritage Property in 1981.

A Canadian Treasure

Government House is truly a Canadian treasure. Built in 1891, it is a defining element of the province's beginnings and plays an important role in the Saskatchewan story, providing insight into the unique history of our province. This grand building first served as the official residence of the Lieutenant Governor of the North-West Territories, then from 1905 to 1945, as that of the Lieutenant Governors of Saskatchewan. Restored to the period of Lieutenant Governor Amédée Forget, who held office from 1898-1910, the museum offers a glimpse of life at Government House in the early 20th century.

Our Goal

Government House is an educational and historical resource for all of Canada. The Government House Centennial Project of 2002-2006 and the rehabilitation of the Edwardian Gardens in 2010 have greatly contributed towards the development of the House and the surrounding grounds.

The goal of the Government House Foundation is to seek and obtain gifts, grants, bequests, donations, other funds and property to support preservation and enhancement of Government House. A key role for the Foundation to achieve this goal is to promote public awareness of Government House's character, setting and décor, historic and cultural values, significant events in the governance of Saskatchewan, and its role in the history of the province itself.

Board of Trustees

The Government House Foundation Board of Trustees is responsible for the administration of the Foundation and its activities. Trustees of the Foundation are appointed by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council and are selected to represent a broad cross-section of interests from business, community and government. As the current Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, the Honourable Russ Mirasty is Patron of the Foundation.

As of March 31, 2020, the Board of Trustees comprised the following members:



Nancy Cherney
Vice-Chairperson and Acting Chairperson

Nancy Cherney has served on the Government House Foundation Board since 2015 and is a career public servant. Nancy serves as Assistant Deputy Minister, Property Management Division of the Ministry of Central Services, responsible to oversee and guide the operation, maintenance and management of properties that are owned or leased by government in more than 150 communities throughout Saskatchewan.

Nancy is very interested in the physical structure and historical usage of Government House particularly in light of it being a designated heritage property both provincially and nationally. Government House and its grounds are recognized and managed as a unique asset within the ministry's portfolio of facilities. She also actively supports the varied programs that are delivered within the House and Edwardian Gardens which offer interesting, informative and educational visitor experiences.



The Honourable A. Raynell Andreychuk, LLD

Appointed to the Saskatchewan Provincial Court in 1976, Raynell Andreychuk played a pivotal role in establishing the first family court in Regina under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Court.

In 1987, Senator Andreychuk was named Canada's High Commissioner to Kenya and Uganda, as well as Ambassador to the Comoros Islands and Somalia. Concurrently, Senator Andreychuk was named Canada's Permanent Representative to three United Nations bodies: the UN Human Rights Commission, the UN Centre for Human settlement (HABITAT), and the UN Environmental Program.

Called to the Senate in 1993, Senator Andreychuk became the first female senator to represent the Province of Saskatchewan. She was instrumental in establishing the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights and served as its Chair from 2001 to 2009, undertaking major studies on International Human Rights machinery, laws and treaties, including the Convention on the Rights of the Child.



Sheila Carson

Sheila Carson is the President of the Government House Historical Society Board of Directors and long-time member of the society.

Mrs. Carson has a diploma in nursing from Victoria Hospital School of Nursing in London, Ontario and a baccalaureate degree in nursing from McGill University. Her background is in nursing and nursing education.

Sheila taught diploma nursing at Mohawk College in Hamilton, Ontario for ten years. A move to Calgary found Sheila in the Research and Development Department of the Alberta Children's Hospital as part of the transition team. This team was responsible for transforming the children's hospital from a pediatric orthopedic center to the pediatric tertiary care center for southern Alberta. Since moving to Saskatchewan, Sheila has tutored students in the University of Saskatchewan nursing program and has worked with students with a variety of learning needs. Sheila's teaching expertise ensures students requiring accommodations can comfortably continue in post-secondary education.



F. William Johnson, QC

Bill Johnson studied at the University of Saskatchewan, graduating in 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws. In 1975 he obtained a Master of Laws degree at Oxford University, studying there on a Rhodes Scholarship. He taught law for two years at the University of Saskatchewan and the following year clerked at the Supreme Court of Canada. He returned to Regina in 1978, and since then has practiced law with the firm now known as Gerrand Rath Johnson.

Mr. Johnson appears regularly before the superior courts in Saskatchewan and on occasion in the Federal Court of Canada. He was appointed Queen's Counsel by the Government of Saskatchewan in 1997. Bill Johnson has served on the Boards of several community institutions, including the Regina Symphony Orchestra, the Regina United Way, and the South Saskatchewan District of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and currently serves on the Leader-Post Foundation Inc. and the Government House Foundation. He is a member of the Canadian Journalism Foundation and of Ad IDEM (Advocates in Defense of Freedom of Expression). He served as a member of the Board of Governors of Royal Military College from 1998 until 2006. Mr. Johnson is active in the Canadian Bar Association, having served as the CBA National President.



Harold MacKay, OC, SOM, QC, F.ICD

Harold H. MacKay is a Regina, Saskatchewan lawyer and commercial arbitrator.

Mr. MacKay has also been an active participant in Canadian public policy issues. He acted as a Special Representative of the Saskatchewan Government in a review of post-secondary university education in the Province. He also chaired the Task Force on the Future of the Canadian Financial Services Sector, served as the Clifford Clark Visiting Economist in the Department of Finance of Canada, and was the

vice-chair of the Wise Persons' Committee which reported to the Minister of Finance on Canada's securities regulatory structure.

Mr. MacKay has extensive corporate governance experience. In the public sector he was the lead director of the Bank of Canada and the chair of the board of the Federal Business Development Bank. In addition, he has served as a director of several listed Canadian and US public companies including The Mosaic Company and The Toronto Dominion Bank. He is presently a director of the Capital Markets Authority Implementation Organization. He was inaugurated as a Fellow by the Institute of Corporate Directors in 2013 in recognition of his contribution to Canadian corporate governance.

He is an Officer of the Order in Canada and a Member of the Saskatchewan Order of Merit and was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the University of Regina. Harold holds a Bachelor of Arts (economics and political science) degree with great distinction from the University of Saskatchewan and a Bachelor of Laws from Dalhousie Law School.



Joel Peterson

Joel Peterson is currently Vice President with H+K Strategies in Regina.

Working closely with elected officials, public agencies, advocacy groups and community organizations, Joel has developed numerous successful public affairs and advocacy campaigns, fundraising programs and communications plans. He has extensive experience in organizing advocacy events, multimedia advertising and promotional campaigns, as well as successfully raising the awareness of the public, industry stakeholders and the government on a variety of issues.

Mr. Peterson works on accounts in a variety of sectors, including energy, health, agriculture, transportation and finance. He offers a wealth of experience to clients thanks to years of service in various positions, both in the private and public sectors, as well as deep knowledge of the legislative and regulatory government processes. Joel also brings a strong network of relationships with key government decision-makers to the firm.

He has significant experience in developing submissions for government and other public bodies to inform and assist in the creation of public policy. Collaborative in his approach, Joel has an ability to build coalitions among groups with diverse interests.

Before joining H+K Strategies, Joel spent nearly two decades in politics. He is a seasoned political operative and has experience working in senior roles as policy analyst and advisor. His political activities range from campaign manager to parliamentary assistant, and from executive director to ministerial chief of staff.

Joel has a Bachelor of Arts in Canadian studies from the University of Lethbridge and a Master's in public administration from the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy.



Kyle Toffan

Kyle is currently the President and CEO of SaskBuilds Corporation. He comes to this role with 10 previous years of experience working for the Government of Saskatchewan, most notably as Executive Director of Capital Planning and Infrastructure with SaskBuilds from 2013 to 2015 and as Director of Grants Administration with Ministry of Government Relations (Municipal Affairs) from 2007 to 2012.

Kyle also has considerable recent experience in the private sector as Vice President in the Transaction Advisory Services practice of Ernst and Young Orenda Corporate Finance Inc. from 2015 to 2018. During this time, he had the pleasure of working with various federal, provincial and municipal clients across Canada on infrastructure advisory engagements.

Throughout his career, he has led various high-profile public sector assignments. This includes implementation and management of various provincial and federal-provincial financial assistance programs, development and implementation of the Province of Saskatchewan's first comprehensive capital planning framework, manual and 10-Year Integrated Capital Plan and also directing the detailed planning and procurement of the largest single transportation project in the Saskatchewan's history. In 2008/09, he was recognized along with his team of dedicated civil servants with the presentation of The Premier's Award for Excellence in the Public Service.

Mr. Toffan holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Saskatchewan and a Master's of Public Administration from Queen's University. He has previously served as a board member and Vice Chairman of the Municipal Potash Tax Sharing Administration Board.



Cathy Warner, FCPA, FCA

Cathy currently serves as the Marketplace Leader for Deloitte Saskatchewan having held roles of increasing responsibility, in various offices, since she joined the firm after graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce with Distinction from the University of Saskatchewan in 1988.

Cathy has gained considerable experience working with both large and small businesses including private, public and non-profit organizations. Having worked in Regina, Saskatoon and New Westminster, BC, her experience has been particularly deep in the areas of real estate and agribusiness.

With a passion for developing talent, particularly in the advancement of women, Cathy has been invited to speak at forums on the topic and founded the Deloitte Spring Breakfast in Regina which features phenomenal women telling their stories.

Cathy is actively involved in the community having varying volunteer roles including serving on a number of Boards. In 2014 she obtained her Professional Director (Pro.Dir) from the Brown School of Governance. In 2011, Cathy was awarded her Fellow Chartered Accountant designation recognizing her contributions to the profession and the community.

Honorary Foundation Trustees



The Honourable Dr. Gordon Barnhart, CM, SOM



The Honourable Dr. Lynda M. Haverstock, CM, SOM, LLD



**The Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield,
SOM, SVM**



Ann Wiebe on behalf of the Honourable J.E.N. (Jack) Wiebe

A Year of Tribute and Change

In the last fiscal year, the Government House Foundation saw several changes at Government House.

The Honourable W. Thomas Molloy was sworn in as Saskatchewan's 22nd Lieutenant Governor on March 21, 2018. Sadly, he succumbed to pancreatic cancer on July 2, 2019.

Lieutenant Governor Molloy has been called a “modern father of Confederation” for his work in treaty-making and reconciliation with Indigenous people of Canada, in particular the historic Nunavut Land Claim Agreement, and the equally historic Nisga’a Final Agreement in British Columbia.

During his time as Saskatchewan's Lieutenant Governor, His Honour attended hundreds of events around the province, participating in treaty gatherings, pow wows, a sweat lodge, and many other events.



A State Memorial held in Saskatoon on July 13, 2019 was attended by more than 800 people and was a fitting tribute to a remarkable Lieutenant Governor. The Government House Foundation was honoured to have had The Honourable W. Thomas Molloy as its honorary patron.



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the appointment of Russ Mirasty as Saskatchewan's 23rd Lieutenant Governor on July 17, 2019, and a swearing-in ceremony took place at Government House on July 18. A formal installation ceremony was held at the Legislative Building on September 12, 2019.

A member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band and a fluent Cree speaker, the Honourable Russ Mirasty is the first Indigenous person to serve as Saskatchewan's Lieutenant Governor.

A 36-year veteran of the RCMP, His Honour served in various roles across the country, including as Director General of National Aboriginal Policing Services and as Commanding Officer of "F" Division (Saskatchewan).

Following his retirement from the RCMP, His Honour was involved in numerous educational initiatives, and has indicated that youth will be a key focus during his time as Her Majesty's representative. The Foundation is grateful to His Honour for all the important initiatives he has been involved with already in his time as Lieutenant Governor of our Province.



After 4 years of dedicated service to the Government House Foundation, Dr. Michael Jackson stepped down from the Board of Trustees in fall 2019.

As Chief of Protocol of the Province of Saskatchewan from 1980 to 2005, Michael Jackson was instrumental in the establishment of the provincial honours and awards program, starting with the Saskatchewan Order of Merit in 1985. He was Secretary of the Order until 2006. From 1998 to 2005, Dr. Jackson was also executive director of Government House Heritage Property and as part of that role, served as secretary of the Government House Foundation from 2002 to 2006. In 2015, he was appointed as a trustee of the Foundation and also as a member of the Saskatchewan Honour's Advisory Council. In 2016, he was appointed as chair of the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

In 1987, the Queen invested Dr. Jackson as a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order (LVO) in recognition of his services to the Crown and Royal Family. In 2005, he was promoted to Commander of the Order (CVO), the highest rank open to Canadians. Dr. Jackson was made a member of the

Saskatchewan Order of Merit (SOM) in 2007. He is author or editor of several books and educational brochures on the Crown in Canada.

He is an ordained Anglican deacon, has a doctorate from l'Université de Caen in France, and does French-language court and conference interpretation.

Dr. Jackson's passion, knowledge and expertise for Government House was valued and will certainly be missed.

OUR PROJECTS THIS YEAR

Throughout the year, the Board of Trustees dedicated considerable effort to setting up a solid base for the Foundation's ongoing fundraising activities to support future projects. Trustees worked diligently to put the approach for securing sponsorships and donations from community supporters into action, while ensuring an appropriate degree of recognition was provided to donors for that support. The trustees were gratified to see a very positive response to their efforts, and as a result, were able to deliver two important projects this year.

Accessible Stories Project

In November the Government House Foundation held a ribbon cutting ceremony to unveil the new Accessible Stories Project. Government House is constantly striving to improve engagement with visitors and ensuring it is a safe and accessible place to visit. The Accessible Stories Project was made possible by Government House Foundation funding and is breaking down accessibility barriers in the Amédée Forget Museum with the upgrade of this exhibit.

A new safety railing was installed on the second floor of the museum to allow everyone to have a birds' eye view of the grand foyer. This exhibit also presents the story of Government House's heritage from when it served as a convalescent home after the Second World War and an adult education center known as Saskatchewan House. For a brief time, the building housed offices for the Saskatchewan Arts Boards and hosted the very first production of *The Trial of Louis Riel* in the ballroom. This live performance continues to be an annual tradition in Regina.

The ribbon cutting ceremony and event featured remarks from The Honourable Russ Mirasty, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, and Honourable Mark Docherty, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan and MLA for Regina Coronation Park.

Nancy Cherney, Vice-Chair of the Government House Foundation closed the event by saying a few words to honour and thank Dr. Michael Jackson, Past Chair of the Government House Foundation for all his contributions and dedication to the Government House Foundation over the past 4 years. Dr. Jackson was instrumental in raising the funds necessary to make the Accessible Stories Project possible.

The Government House Foundation is so grateful to all of the donors that contributed to this project so all visitors have access and opportunity to experience Government House to the fullest.



Left to right: Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan Russ Mirasty, Dr. Michael Jackson, Honourable Mark Docherty, Nancy Cherney

Railing Unveiling Event Ribbon Cutting - November 2019



Nancy Cherney, Vice Chair of the Government House Foundation presents Dr. Michael Jackson with a framed print of Government House to recognize his many contributions to the work of the Foundation – November 2019

Guests checking out the railing and exhibit at the “Railing Unveiling” event - November 2019



Museum and Facility Sound System Upgrade

The Foundation was also successful in raising funds to support installation of a state-of-the-art sound system that will help ensure safety throughout the facility by enabling loudspeaker announcements. This system was installed at Government House in March of 2020.

Before this installation, staff and security relied upon hand-held radios to make announcements to visitors and for emergency notifications. With the addition of the speaker system, guests will now benefit from announcements regarding upcoming programming, scheduling of tours and general safety announcements. During large events, the sound system will be used frequently for announcements similar to those experienced in a live theatre lobby, and is a significant enhancement of the visitor experience to Government House.

The Trustees extend appreciation to the donors who helped to make this project possible.



**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2020**



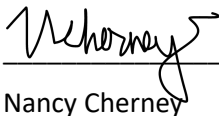
MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying financial statements of the Government House Foundation have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. This responsibility includes selecting appropriate accounting policies and making objective judgements and estimates affecting the measurement of transactions.

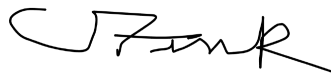
In discharging its responsibilities for the integrity and fairness of financial statements and for the accounting systems from which they are derived, management maintains the necessary system of internal controls designed to provide assurance that transactions are authorized, assets are safeguarded and proper records are maintained.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for overseeing the performance of management's financial reporting responsibilities and for the approval of these financial statements.

The Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan audited the financial statements. Their report follows.

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Nancy Cherney
Acting Chair
Government House Foundation

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Chuck Fink, CPA, CMA
Manager, Financial Services
Ministry of Government Relations



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To: The Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Government House Foundation, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2020, and the statement of operations and accumulated surplus, and statement of 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 Government House Foundation as at March 31, 2020 and the results of its operations 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 Government House 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.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or any knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this auditor's report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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 for Treasury Board's approval, 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 Government House 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 Government House Foundation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Government House 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 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 Government House 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 Government House 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 Government House 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 identified during the audit.

Regina, Saskatchewan
July 16, 2020

Judy Ferguson, FCPA, FCA
Provincial Auditor
Office of the Provincial Auditor

GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOUNDATION
Statement of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2020
(in dollars)

	2020	2019
Financial Assets		
Due from General Revenue Fund (<i>note 3</i>)	21,638	36,094
Accounts receivable	-	5,000
Interest receivable (<i>note 3</i>)	113	128
Total Financial Assets	21,751	41,222
Liabilities		
Total Liabilities	-	-
Net Financial Assets	21,751	41,222
Accumulated Surplus	21,751	41,222

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOUNDATION
Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus
For the year ended March 31, 2020
(in dollars)

	Annual Budget (note 4)	2020	2019
Revenue			
Donations	15,000	8,320	22,054
Events	16,000	-	6,378
Contracts	15,000	-	10,000
Interest	600	570	481
Total Revenue	46,600	8,890	38,913
Expense			
Salaries	30,000	8,563	10,011
Website Development	-	3,121	-
Events	8,500	1,116	5,942
Meetings	1,000	1,245	946
Printing and courier	775	100	757
Other miscellaneous material	300	239	317
Total Operating Expense	40,575	14,384	17,973
Accessible Stories - Railing Project	10,000	8,977	-
Sound System	10,000	5,000	-
Youth Mentorship Program	-	-	1,248
Total Government House Contribution Expenses (Note 7)	20,000	13,977	1,248
Total Expenses	60,575	28,361	19,221
Annual (Deficit) Surplus	(13,975)	(19,471)	19,692
Accumulated Surplus, Beginning of year	41,222	41,222	21,530
Accumulated Surplus, End of Year	27,247	21,751	41,222

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOUNDATION
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended March 31, 2020
(in dollars)

	2020	2019
Operating Activities		
Annual (Deficit) Surplus	(19,471)	19,692
Decrease(Increase) in receivables	5,015	(5,063)
Cash (used in) provided by Operating Activities	(14,456)	14,629
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(Decrease) Increase in Cash	(14,456)	14,629
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Cash, beginning of year	36,094	21,465
Cash, End of Year	21,638	36,094

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOUNDATION
Notes to the Financial Statements
As at March 31, 2020
(in dollars)

1. Authority

The Government House Foundation (Foundation) was established on January 21, 2002 by *The Government House Foundation Regulations* and falls under the authority of *The Historic Properties Foundations Act*. Government House was designated as a Provincial Heritage Property on August 26, 1981.

The mandate of the Foundation is:

- a) To preserve and enhance the Government House; and
- b) To promote public awareness of:
 - the character, setting and decor of the Government House;
 - the historic and cultural values of the Government House;
 - the significant events in the governance of Saskatchewan; and
 - the history of Saskatchewan generally.

Funding for the Foundation is obtained primarily through gifts, grants, bequests, donations and interest revenue.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for the public sector as recommended by the Canadian Public Sector Accounting Board. A statement of change in net financial assets has not been prepared as the information is readily determinable from the other statements. These statements do not present a statement of re-measurement gains and losses because all financial instruments are measured at amortized cost. The following accounting policies are considered significant:

a) Revenue

Grants

Government grants are recognized as revenue when the transfer is authorized, eligibility criteria have been met and transfer stipulations have been fulfilled.

Donations

Donations are recorded as revenue in the fiscal period in which they are received by the Foundation. Donations-in-kind are recorded at fair market value on the date of their donation.

Interest revenue

Interest revenue is recorded when earned.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOUNDATION
Notes to the Financial Statements
As at March 31, 2020
(in dollars)

b) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial information requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. The estimates are reviewed periodically, and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in the Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

c) Fair Value

The Foundation's financial instruments include due from the General Revenue Fund, accounts receivable, and interest receivable. All financial instruments are carried at amortized cost which approximates fair value due to their immediate or short-term maturity. These instruments have no significant exposure to interest rate, credit or liquidity risks.

3. Due from General Revenue Fund

The Foundation's bank account is included in the Consolidated Offset Bank Concentration arrangement for the Government of Saskatchewan. The Foundation earns interest on a quarterly basis, calculated on the Government's thirty-day borrowing rate and the Foundation's average daily bank account balance. The Government's average thirty-day borrowing rate for 2020 was 1.72% (2019 – 1.54%).

4. Budget

The 2019-20 budget was presented at the Annual General Meeting by the Board of Trustees on June 24, 2019 and approved by e-vote on July 3, 2019.

5. Related Party Transactions

The Foundation is related to all Saskatchewan Crown agencies such as ministries, corporations, boards and commissions under the common control of the Government of Saskatchewan; Saskatchewan Crown agencies; enterprises that the Government jointly controls; and trustees and their corporations over which they have control or shared control. The Foundation's bank account is included in the Consolidated Offset Bank Concentration arrangement for the Government of Saskatchewan.

Routine operating transactions with related parties are recorded at the rates charged by those organizations and are settled on normal trade terms. Provincial Sales Tax to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Finance is included in the cost of the related purchases.

The Ministry of Government Relations provides administrative services at no charge to the Foundation.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOUNDATION
Notes to the Financial Statements
As at March 31, 2020
(in dollars)

The following table summarizes the related party transactions for the year.

<i>(in dollars)</i>	2020	2019
Interest receivable	113	128
Interest revenue	570	481
Contract revenue	-	5,000

6. Restricted Contributions

During the year, the Foundation received \$5,400 in externally restricted contributions. The Foundation spent the \$5,400 in the year and as such, recognized the contributions as revenue.

7. Comparative Figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation. Projects undertaken by the Government House Foundation that are improvements or programming for Government House have been classified as Government House Contribution Expenses because they are considered donations that are outside the normal operating expenses of the Foundation.

8. COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic is complex and rapidly evolving. It has caused material disruption to businesses and has resulted in an economic slowdown. The Government House Foundation continues to assess and monitor the impact of COVID-19 on its financial condition. The magnitude and duration of COVID-19 is uncertain and, accordingly, it is difficult to reliably measure the potential impact of the Government House Foundation's financial position and operations.