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FOUNDATION

2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT



The Honourable Don McMorris
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, 2023.

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 challenging year with COVID-19 restrictions continuing to impact the Government House operations and general fundraising environment in Saskatchewan. However, the board successfully developed its strategic plans and defined its priorities for the next year. The Board now has a full complement of trustees and operations have returned to normal at Government House. The Foundation is looking forward to defining its longer term priorities and starting fundraising plans for the upcoming years.

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The Honourable Don McMorris
Minister Responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission



David J. Brundige, K.C.
Chair, Government House Foundation

Honourable Don McMorris
Minister Responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission
Legislative Building
Regina SK S4S 0B3

Dear Honourable Don McMorris:

It is my privilege to submit the annual report of the Government House Foundation for the year ending March 31, 2023.

The 2022-23 year was another difficult year for everyone. COVID-19 restrictions continue to have an impact affecting the environment in which the Government House Foundation operates. Thanks in large part to Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, activities at the House had a strong resurgence. However, that did not translate into a resurgence of the fundraising environment.

The Board did start the year with a full slate of trustees, including six new board members. In May, a planning session was held to identify strategic priorities.

The Board currently has a full complement of trustees but realizes that four trustee positions will expire on June 17, 2023.

As we navigate our current fundraising climate in Saskatchewan and Canada, we are excited by new opportunities and look forward to planning our future fundraising initiatives.

Yours truly,

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David J. Brundige, K.C.
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

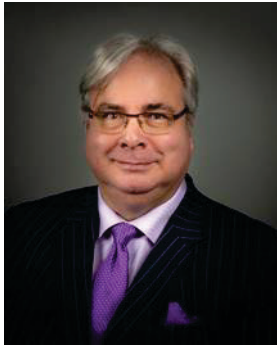
Government House is an educational and historical resource for all of Canada. The Government House Centennial Project of 2002-2006 and the rehabilitation of the Edwardian Gardens in 2010 have greatly contributed towards the development of the House and the surrounding grounds.

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, 2023, the Board of Trustees comprised the following members:



David Brundige, K.C.
Chair

David is a partner in the Willows Wellsch Orr & Brundige LLP law firm in Regina, Saskatchewan. David has 35 years of experience practicing law in Saskatchewan and has specialized in corporate, and commercial law and real estate.

He has also worked in corporate finance having sat as the Chair of the Canadian Bar Association securities law (2010-2012) and was chair of the Saskatchewan Angel Investment Network for two years from 2007-2009. David sat for six years as a volunteer on the Boards of the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation, Economic Development Regina, and the Senate of the University of Regina. Most recently David has been appointed as Chair of the Government House Foundation. David practices in Regina, Saskatchewan and was awarded his Queen's Counsel designation in 2010 and received the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.



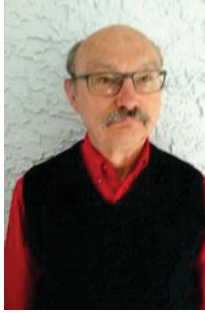
Susan Barber, K.C., B.A., LL.B., C.Dir. (Regina)
Called to the Saskatchewan Bar in 1988

Susan Barber (Sue), K.C. is a partner with McDougall Gauley LLP, in its Regina office. She has been with the firm since she graduated from law school at the University of Saskatchewan in 1987.

Sue has been designated in the Canadian expert directory as a leading practitioner in labour law and in The Best Lawyers in Canada in the area of labour and employment law. She has acted as counsel in complex labour and employment litigation and is also a recognized arbitrator.

Sue has conducted workplace investigations and made recommendations respecting workplace harassment issues. She routinely represents employers before the courts, arbitration tribunals and the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board. She also has a wealth of experience advising in relation to pension, disability, workers' compensation and human rights matters.

She has significant board and governance experience and presently serves as Chair of the SaskEnergy Board, a position she has held since 2012.



Adrian Golbey

Adrian Golbey is a Board Member and Treasurer of the Government House Historical Society (GHHS).

Mr. Golbey is a Professional Engineer and was employed in the mining industry for about 40 years prior to semi-retiring to Saskatchewan and operating the family farm. Mr Golbey’s career encompasses mining activities from exploration through to production. The latter part of his career after obtaining an MBA was with financial institutions and consulting groups in Canada and internationally.

Mr. Golbey has been a member of GHHS for many years and in this and his other interests, mainly antique vehicles, has found his varied experience to be beneficial to being able to contribute his enthusiasm and support to his volunteer activities.



Shelly Janostin

Ms. Janostin is currently the Associate Broker at Great Plains Realty. She brings her management, professional communications, and strong interpersonal skills to the full-service family-owned brokerage.

With 15 years of experience in grain farming and custom harvesting across Canada and the United States, Shelly has acquired a great amount of insight into the agricultural community. She has also played an influential role in the education sector for nearly a decade, providing her expertise in the areas of communications and leadership in the northwest central part of the province. Prior to joining Great Plains Realty, Shelly spent more than three years in Regina with the provincial government.

Shelly has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Saskatchewan, a Bachelor of Education from Simon Fraser University and a Master of Business Administration from Royal Roads University.



Cindy Kobayashi

For two decades, Cindy has dedicated her life to social change. She is an independent consultant specializing in government relations, fund development, collective impact, evaluation, social purpose, social finance, as well as measuring and communicating impact. Cindy works primarily with United Way Regina as the Consulting Director of Advancement working in several capacities, including government relations, poverty reduction, and the project management of data and technology enhancement of 211 Saskatchewan.

Her work allows the opportunity to find innovative solutions and work collaboratively with public, private, and non-profit sectors to address complex social issues. Cindy also serves on the Regina Public Library Board of Directors.



Harold H. MacKay, OC, SOM, KC, 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 security's 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 was inaugurated as a Fellow by the Institute of Corporate Directors in 2013 in recognition of his contribution to Canadian corporate governance.

Harold 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
Vice Chair**

Joel Peterson is currently Vice President with H+K Strategies, a Government Relations and Public Affairs firm 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 in a variety of sectors, including energy, health, agriculture, transportation, and finance.

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 in Public Administration from the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy.



Glen Pratt

Glen Pratt is a member of the Gordon First Nation and has 20 years of experience working with Indigenous communities throughout Saskatchewan.

He was an elected representative for his First Nation and Executive member as Third Vice Chief for the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (formerly the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations). He has held a number of portfolios including land claims, health, finance, justice and governance. He is currently working with his community's Business Development Corporation as the Chief Executive Officer.



Al Simpson

Al Simpson is the founder of StorageVault Canada – publicly traded on the TSX (January 27, 2022) with \$2.5 billion market capitalization. Mr. Simpson served as President and Chief Executive Officer and currently a director and Acquisition Committee Chairman.

Mr. Simpson co-founded, together with SaskTel, Hospitality Network Canada and served as President and Chief Executive Officer until 2005 and Chairman from 2011 -2018. Mr. Simpson also co-invented a private telephone management system with patents granted in the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

Mr. Simpson has a Pg.D Business Administration and postgraduate certificates in Accounting and Economics from Edinburgh Business School.

Mr. Simpson has been married for 33 years to Judy with two children, Ashley (Dylan) Marceau and Mitchell (Sarah) Simpson, and four grandchildren: Noah, Brixton, Knox and Boston. He is a lifetime resident of Saskatchewan.



Cathy Warner, FCPA, FCA

Cathy currently serves as Deloitte's Managing Partner for Saskatchewan, having held roles of increasing responsibility 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 other asset management 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 having served as the Chair of the University of Regina and the President of the MacKenzie Art Gallery. In addition to the Foundation, Cathy currently serves on the Board of the Regina Exhibition Association Limited and the Lorne & Evelyn Johnson Foundation.

In 2011, Cathy was awarded her Fellow Chartered Accountant designation recognizing her contributions to the profession and the community. In 2014 she obtained her Professional Director (Pro.Dir) from the Brown School of Governance.

Honourary 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

2022-2023: Another Challenging Year

Again, this year COVID-19 restricted the actions and activities of the Foundation. With many businesses and citizens recovering from the impact of the pandemic, the Foundation did not feel the current situation was conducive for fundraising activity. The Board did start the year with a full slate of trustees, including six new board members.

The Board followed through with plans to kick off the new fiscal year with a planning meeting to discuss new fundraising projects. In May, a half-day planning session was held, which discussed potential projects for which the Foundation could provide fundraising assistance. The Board also initiated discussions with government officials in respect of potential projects and those discussions are continuing.

Now that operations are back to normal at Government House, the Foundation remains ready to fulfill its fundraising mission once projects are approved and the economy and fundraising environment are favourable.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOUNDATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2023



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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David Brundige, Q.C. Chair
Chair
Government House Foundation

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Adawe Aden MBA, CPA, CGA
Director, Finance and Corporate Services
Provincial Capital Commission

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, 2023, 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, 2023, 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.

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
June 19, 2023

Tara Clemett, CPA, CA, CISA
Provincial Auditor
Office of the Provincial Auditor

Government House Foundation

Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2023
(in dollars)

	2023	2022
Financial Assets		
Due from General Revenue Fund (<i>note 3</i>)	24,817	23,860
Accounts receivable	-	-
Interest receivable (<i>note 3</i>)	271	18
Total Financial Assets	25,088	23,878
Liabilities		
Total Liabilities	-	-
Net Financial Assets	25,088	23,878
Accumulated Surplus	25,088	23,878

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Government House Foundation

Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus

For the year ended March 31, 2023

(in dollars)

	Annual Budget (note 4)	2023	2022
Revenue			
Donations	1,025	500	1,025
Interest	30	710	45
Total Revenue	1,055	1,210	1,070
Expense			
Meetings	300	-	-
Printing and courier	100	-	34
Other miscellaneous material	200	-	1
Total Expense	600	-	35
Annual Surplus (Deficit)	455	1,210	1,035
Accumulated Surplus, Beginning of year	23,878	23,878	22,843
Accumulated Surplus, End of Year	24,333	25,088	23,878

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Government House Foundation

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended March 31, 2023
(in dollars)

	2023	2022
Operating Activities		
Annual Surplus (Deficit)	1,210	1,035
Decrease (Increase) in receivables	(253)	(13)
Cash provided (used in) by Operating Activities	957	1,022
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Increase (Decrease) in Cash	957	1,022
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Cash, beginning of year	23,860	22,838
Cash, End of Year	24,817	23,860

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Government House Foundation

Notes to the Financial Statements

As at March 31, 2023

(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, 2023

(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 2023 was 2.89% (2022 – 0.19%).

4. Budget

The 2022-23 budget was presented and approved at the Quarterly Board Meeting by the Board of Trustees on June 29, 2022.

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 Provincial Capital Commission provides administrative services at no charge to the Foundation.

Government House Foundation

Notes to the Financial Statements

As at March 31, 2023

(in dollars)

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

<i>(in dollars)</i>	2023	2022
Interest receivable	271	18
Interest revenue	710	45

6. Significant Events

There was no significant event reportable in 2022-23.

7. New Standards Adopted

PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations (effective for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2022), a new standard that replaces PS 3270, providing specific guidance on accounting for asset retirement obligations, including landfills. This new standard has been assessed and does not apply to the Government House Foundation.

8. New Standard and Interpretation Not Yet Adopted

PS 3400 Revenue (effective for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2023), a new standard providing additional guidance for exchange and unilateral (non-exchange) transactions.

The Foundation plans to adopt these new and amended standards on the effective date and is currently analyzing the impact on these financial statements.

Government House Foundation

Payee Listing (unaudited)

March 31, 2023

In accordance with Financial Administration Manual Section 2315 – Reporting Payee Details – Other Entities, expenses of \$50,000 or more listed by payee:

Payee

Amount

**No Payees received \$50,000 or more