

**Philanthropic Foundations Canada**  
**Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2024**

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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of  
Philanthropic Foundations Canada

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### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Philanthropic Foundations Canada (hereafter "the Organization"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at December 31, 2024, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements" section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Organization's financial reporting process.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control;
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management;
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our

conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern;

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

*Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton LLP<sup>1</sup>*

Montréal  
May 5, 2025

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<sup>1</sup> CPA auditor, public accountancy permit no. A131601

# Philanthropic Foundations Canada

## Operations

Year ended December 31, 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$	\$
<b>Revenues</b>		
Contributions (Note 3)	628,404	572,877
Membership fees	957,019	896,620
Conference and events	638,839	18,123
Services		32,585
Interest	54,661	45,312
	<u>2,278,923</u>	<u>1,565,517</u>
<b>Expenses (Note 4)</b>		
Member engagement and communications	438,893	369,988
Learning and collaboration	1,012,931	351,752
Public affairs and research	403,519	353,867
Governance and operations	381,486	415,689
	<u>2,236,829</u>	<u>1,491,296</u>
<b>Excess of revenues over expenses</b>	<u>42,094</u>	<u>74,221</u>

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

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## Changes in Net Assets

Year ended December 31, 2024

	2024			2023	
	Restricted to Emergency Fund (Note 5)	Restricted to Opportunity Reserve Fund (Note 5)	Invested in capital assets	Unrestricted	Total
	\$	\$	\$		Total
Balance, beginning of year	525,371	261,954	4,116	86,734	803,954
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses		(50,000)	(1,780)	93,874	74,221
Acquisition of tangible capital assets			3,636	(3,636)	
Balance, end of year	525,371	211,954	5,972	176,972	878,175

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

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## Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$	\$
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess of revenues over expenses	42,094	74,221
Non-cash items		
Depreciation	1,780	3,921
Changes in working capital items		
Other receivables	(26,025)	4,931
Contributions receivable	(50,000)	
Prepaid expenses	2,721	(17,729)
Trade payables and other operating liabilities	(59,649)	12,049
Deferred contributions	32,360	(123,415)
Deferred membership fees	73,572	17,703
Cash flows from operating activities	<u>16,853</u>	<u>(28,319)</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Term deposits	(1,031,815)	(23,490)
Disposal of term deposits	1,059,739	
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(3,636)	(3,760)
Cash flows from investing activities	<u>24,288</u>	<u>(27,250)</u>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash</b>	<b>41,141</b>	<b>(55,569)</b>
Cash, beginning of year	<u>317,809</u>	<u>373,378</u>
Cash, end of year	<u><u>358,950</u></u>	<u><u>317,809</u></u>

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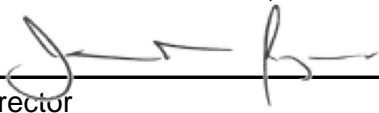
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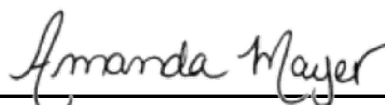
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	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current		
Cash	358,950	317,809
Other receivables (Note 6)	79,734	53,709
Contributions receivable	50,000	
Prepaid expenses	39,266	41,987
	<u>527,950</u>	413,505
Long-term		
Term deposits (Note 7)	1,031,816	1,059,740
Tangible capital assets (Note 8)	5,972	4,116
	<u>1,565,738</u>	<u>1,477,361</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current		
Trade payables and other operating liabilities (Note 9)	37,524	97,173
Deferred contributions (Note 3)	97,360	115,000
Deferred membership fees	410,585	387,013
	<u>545,469</u>	599,186
Long-term		
Deferred contributions (Note 3)	50,000	
Deferred membership fees	50,000	
	<u>645,469</u>	<u>599,186</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Restricted to Emergency Fund	525,371	525,371
Restricted to Opportunity Reserve Fund	211,954	261,954
Invested in capital assets	5,972	4,116
Unrestricted	176,972	86,734
	<u>920,269</u>	878,175
	<u>1,565,738</u>	<u>1,477,361</u>

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

On behalf of the Board,

  
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Director

  
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Director



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## Notes to Financial Statements

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### 1 - GOVERNING STATUTES AND PURPOSES OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Organization was incorporated under *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act* for the following purposes:

- To enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of charitable foundations in Canada through educational and other programs in respect of internal governance and operational issues of charitable foundations;
- To encourage and advance the formation and development of charitable foundations in Canada through educational programs relating to the purposes, goals and activities of Canadian charitable foundations;
- To advance public knowledge about the work carried out by Canadian charitable foundations through the performance of research into the activities and benefits of Canadian charitable foundations and the dissemination of the results of that research;
- To engage in such other activities for any purpose, except profit, in furtherance of the above objects, provided that all such activities and purposes shall constitute "charitable activities" for the purposes of the *Income Tax Act*.

It is a not-for-profit organization under the *Income Tax Act*.

### 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of presentation

The Organization's financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

#### Accounting estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recorded in the financial statements and notes to financial statements. These estimates are based on management's knowledge of current events and actions that the Organization may undertake in the future. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

#### Revenue recognition

##### *Contributions*

The Organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Under this method, contributions restricted for future period expenses are deferred and are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions and donations are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

##### *Membership fees*

Membership fees are recognized as deferred revenue which are recognized using the straight-line method over the duration of the agreement provided that an agreement exists between the parties and that recovery is reasonably assured.

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### **2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

#### *Conference, events and services*

These revenues are recognized when the following criteria are met:

- Persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists;
- The conference has occurred and services have been rendered;
- The price to the buyer is fixed or determinable;
- Collection is reasonably assured.

Amounts received that do not meet the revenue recognition criteria are recorded as deferred revenue.

#### *Interest*

Investment transactions are recorded on the transaction date and resulting revenues are recognized using the accrual method of accounting.

Interest income is recognized on a time apportionment basis.

### **Allocation of expenses**

The Organization carries out several types of functions:

- Member engagement and communications;
- Learning and collaboration;
- Public affairs and research;
- Governance and operations.

The cost of each of these functions consists of personnel costs, fees and other expenses directly related to the function.

The Organization allocates general support expenses which are made up of salaries and employee benefits according to the hours worked by resources in each function. This basis of allocation is considered the most representative of the costs concerned. The Organization consistently uses this method year after year.

### **Financial assets and liabilities**

#### *Initial measurement*

Upon initial measurement, the Organization's financial assets and liabilities are measured at fair value, which, in the case of financial assets or financial liabilities that will be measured subsequently at amortized cost, is increased or decreased by the amount of the related financing fees and transaction costs.

#### *Subsequent measurement*

At each reporting date, the Organization measures its financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost (including any impairment in the case of financial assets).

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### 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets acquired are recorded at cost. When the Organization receives contributions of tangible capital assets, their cost is equal to their fair value at the contribution date plus all costs directly attributable to the acquisition of the tangible capital assets, or at a nominal value if fair value cannot be reasonably determined.

#### Amortization

Tangible capital assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives according to the straight-line method over a three-year period.

#### Write-down

When conditions indicate that a tangible capital asset is impaired, the net carrying amount of the tangible capital asset is written down to the tangible capital asset's fair value or replacement cost. The write-down is accounted for in the statement of operations and cannot be reversed.

### 3 - CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

Deferred contributions represent unused resources which, by virtue of external restrictions, are intended to cover operating expenses for the coming year. They include contributions from members and those for collaborative or climate projects.

#### Deferred contributions:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	115,000	238,415
Amount received related to the following year	453,360	123,915
Amount recognized as revenue during the year	<u>(421,000)</u>	<u>(247,330)</u>
Balance, end of year	147,360	115,000
Current portion (to be used in the year ending on December 31, 2025)	<u>97,360</u>	<u>115,000</u>
Long-term portion (to be used in the years ending on December 31, 2026 and 2027)	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>

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### 3 - CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS (Continued)

Contributions:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$	\$
Restricted contributions from other not-for-profit organizations recognized as contributions		
Dialogue Initiative	129,000	
Good Governance Program	10,000	
Loran Scholars Foundation	7,000	
Data	155,000	50,000
JEDI/DEI	30,000	70,855
Climate Initiative	90,000	97,530
DQ and Policy		18,945
Healthy Aging Affinity Group		10,000
	<u>421,000</u>	<u>247,330</u>
Unrestricted contributions from other not-for-profit organizations	<u>207,404</u>	<u>325,547</u>
	<u>628,404</u>	<u>572,877</u>

### 4 - ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

Operating expenses consisting of salaries and employee benefits of \$1,011,086 (\$872,000 in 2023) are detailed as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$	\$
Member engagement and communications	376,828	202,384
Learning and collaboration	295,000	322,034
Public affairs and research	210,732	217,217
Governance and operations	128,526	130,365
	<u>1,011,086</u>	<u>872,000</u>

### 5 - INTERNAL ALLOCATIONS

By resolutions in previous exercises, the Organization's Board of Directors restricted resources from the unrestricted fund to the Restricted to Emergency Fund and the Restricted to Opportunity Reserve Fund totalling \$757,325.

Of this amount, an amount of \$525,371 was restricted to deal with catastrophic eventualities and an amount of \$211,954 was restricted for the Organization's special projects and capacity building.

The Organization may not use these internally restricted amounts for other purposes without the prior consent of the Board of Directors.

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### 6 - OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Accrued interest	35,536	36,569
Amounts receivable from the government	21,711	
Indirect taxes receivable	16,737	12,140
Membership fees receivable	5,750	
Other		5,000
	<u>79,734</u>	<u>53,709</u>

### 7 - TERM DEPOSITS

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Term deposits, 5.2%, maturing in June 2025	750,000	
Term deposits, 5.2%, maturing in January 2025	254,316	
Term deposits, 4.1%, maturing in July 2025	27,500	
Term deposits, 5.05%		254,316
Term deposits, 5.1%		27,500
Term deposits, 5.2%		777,924
	<u>1,031,816</u>	<u>1,059,740</u>

### 8 - TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	2024			2023
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net carrying amount	Net carrying amount
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Computer equipment	21,855	15,883	5,972	4,116

### 9 - TRADE PAYABLES AND OTHER OPERATING LIABILITIES

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	31,544	39,355
Salaries and bonus payable	4,724	44,240
Government remittances	1,256	13,578
	<u>37,524</u>	<u>97,173</u>

### 10 - COMMITMENT

The Organization has entered into a long-term lease agreement expiring on September 30, 2026 which calls for lease payments of \$11,625 for the rental of offices.

Minimum lease payments for the next years are \$6,540 in 2025 and \$5,085 in 2026.

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### **11 - FINANCIAL RISKS**

#### **Credit risk**

The Organization is exposed to credit risk regarding the financial assets recognized in the statement of financial position. The Organization has determined that the financial assets with more credit risk exposure are other receivables and contributions receivable (excluding indirect taxes receivable and amounts receivable from the government) since failure of any of these parties to fulfil their obligations could result in significant financial losses for the Organization.

#### **Market risk**

The Organization's financial instruments expose it to market risk, in particular, to interest rate risk which results from its investing activities.

##### *Interest rate risk*

The Organization is exposed to interest rate risk with respect to financial assets bearing fixed interest rates.

Term deposits bear interest at a fixed rate and the Organization is, therefore, exposed to the risk of changes in fair value resulting from interest rate fluctuations.

#### **Liquidity risk**

The Organization's liquidity risk represents the risk that the Organization could encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities. The Organization is, therefore, exposed to liquidity risk with respect to all of the financial liabilities recognized in the statement of financial position.