
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STRONG TRUST FUNDS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2022

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Council, Inhabitants and Ratepayers of
The Corporation of the Township of Strong

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Corporation of the Township of Strong Trust Funds ("the Trust Funds"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022, and the statements of operations and accumulated surplus, change 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 Corporation of the Township of Strong Trust Funds as at December 31, 2022, and its results of operations, its changes in its net financial assets, 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 Trust Funds 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 Trust Fund'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 Trust Funds or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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 Trust Fund'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 Trust Fund'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 Trust Funds 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.

Grant Thornton LLP

North Bay, Canada
August 8, 2023

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Strong Cemetery Care and Maintenance	Berriedale Cemetery Care and Maintenance	Pevensey Cemetery Care and Maintenance	Fraser Family	Total 2022	Total 2021
Financial Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 18,340	\$ 7,160	\$ 12,557	\$ -	\$ 38,057	\$ 23,238
Investments (Note 2)	158,547	-	-	-	158,547	-
Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	170,583
Total Financial Assets	176,887	7,160	12,557	-	196,604	193,821
Liabilities						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,554	-	-	-	3,554	2
Net Financial Assets and Accumulated Surplus	\$ 173,333	\$ 7,160	\$ 12,557	\$ -	\$ 193,050	\$ 193,819

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL:



Mayor

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STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND ACCUMULATED SURPLUS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Strong Cemetery Care and Maintenance	Berriedale Cemetery Care and Maintenance	Pevensey Cemetery Care and Maintenance	Fraser Family	Total 2022	Total 2021
Revenue						
Capital receipts	\$ 3,365	\$ 590	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 4,055	\$ 35,969
Expenses						
Distribution of capital receipts	-	-	-	4,824	4,824	15,925
Annual Surplus (Deficit)	3,365	590	100	(4,824)	(769)	20,044
Accumulated Surplus, beginning of year	169,968	6,570	12,457	4,824	193,819	173,775
Accumulated Surplus, end of year	\$ 173,333	\$ 7,160	\$ 12,557	\$ -	\$ 193,050	\$ 193,819

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STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	2022	2021
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ (769)	\$ 20,044
Increase (decrease) in net financial assets	(769)	20,044
Net financial assets, beginning of year	193,819	173,775
Net financial assets, end of year	\$ 193,050	\$ 193,819

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	2022	2021
Operating transactions		
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ (769)	\$ 20,044
Changes in non-cash items:		
Accounts receivable	170,583	(168,188)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,552	(247)
Cash provided by (applied to) operating transactions	173,366	(148,391)
Investing transactions		
Change in investments	(158,547)	-
Cash applied to investing transactions	(158,547)	-
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	14,819	(148,391)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	23,238	171,629
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 38,057	\$ 23,238

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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

The financial statements of the trust funds of the Corporation of the Township of Strong (the "Township") are the responsibility of management and have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. A summary of significant accounting policies is provided in Note 1. The preparation of financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgment, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods.

Management maintains a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that reliable financial information is produced. The internal controls are designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and recorded in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements, and reliable financial information is available on a timely basis for preparation of the financial statements.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Township are as follows:

- (i) Reporting Entity
The financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of the Township's trust funds. The Township's assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses are reported separately in the Township's consolidated financial statements.
- (ii) Basis of accounting
Sources of financing and expenses are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized in the year in which it is earned and measurable. Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation to pay.
- (iii) Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include balances held at financial institutions, balance held by the Public Guardian and Trustee and demand deposits.
- (iv) Investments
Investments are recorded at cost plus accrued interest.
- (v) Use of Estimates
The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.
- (vi) Revenue Recognition
Capital receipts are recognized when received.

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2. INVESTMENTS

Investments are comprised of guaranteed investment certificates, bearing interest at 2.40% and maturing January 18, 2027.

3. FRASER FAMILY FUND

In 2021 the Township of Strong collected donations on behalf of the surviving family members of Chris Fraser. Donations received were distributed to the family in 2021 and 2022.

4. CARE AND MAINTENANCE FUND

The care and maintenance fund administered by the Township is funded by the sale of cemetery interment rights and markers. These funds are invested and earnings derived therefrom are used to perform maintenance at the Township's cemeteries. The operations and investments of the fund are undertaken by the Township in accordance with the regulations of the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002.