

Martina Redman

From: Municipal Hall
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 8:42 AM
To: Martina Redman; Fernando Pimentel
Subject: FW: Application for permissive tax exemption - Rae-Leigh Place property
Attachments: Letter to District of Central Saanich - June 21, 2024 signed.pdf; Permissive Tax Exemption Application Saanich - June 21, 2024 - signed.pdf; 2024-03-31 BC Parks Foundation Draft Financial Statements.pdf; BCPF - Filed Annual Report 2023.pdf

Hello,

Please see below/attached.

Thanks,

Pamela Martin (she/her)
Deputy Corporate Officer
District of Central Saanich
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Central Saanich



We gratefully acknowledge that the ancestral land on which we work are within the traditional territories of the W̱SÁNEĆ peoples: W̱JOŁŁLP (Tsartlip), BOKÉĆEN (Pauquachin), S̱TÁUTW̱ (Tsawout), W̱SIKEM (Tseycum) and MÁLEXEL (Malahat) Nations.

From: Sarah Anning <sarah.anning@bcparksfoundation.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 2:25 PM
To: Municipal Hall <Municipal.Hall@csaanich.ca>
Subject: Application for permissive tax exemption - Rae-Leigh Place property

You don't often get email from sarah.anning@bcparksfoundation.ca. [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear Manager of Finance,

Please accept our application for permissive tax exemption for an unimproved property at Rae-Leigh Place, Saanichton. In aid of our application, please find attached our letter of introduction, the completed application form, our last fiscal year's audited financial statement, and registration statement of last year's annual return.

Please note that the final audited financial statement will be available at the end of this month. I will forward it once I have it.

If you have any questions or require more information, please let me know.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sarah

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Sarah Anning,

Land Conservation Coordinator

p: 604-343-3975 x105



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June 21, 2024

Manager of Finance
District of Central Saanich
1903 Mount Newton Cross Rd.
Saanichton, BC
V8M 2A9

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Permissive property tax exemption for Rae-Leigh Place, Saanichton (PID: 000-302-210)

This introductory letter is in support of our application for exemption from taxation for the above-mentioned property, pursuant to the Community Charter.

BC Parks Foundation is a registered non-profit charity with the business number 731307492 RT0001. We serve as the official charitable partner to BC Parks and a conservation finance mechanism for the Ministry of Water, Lands, and Resource Stewardship.

The Foundation's purposes include to "protect the environment for the benefit of the public by conserving or restoring ecosystems and biodiversity on a long-term basis." This purpose is accepted and approved by Canada Revenue Agency as meeting the test of whether a charitable purpose provides a demonstrable public benefit.

One of our objectives is to conserve or restore ecosystems and biodiversity on a long-term basis by purchasing ecologically significant land. Lands we purchase provide the following demonstrable benefits to all members of the community where the land is located:

- Enhancement and protection of biodiversity and species at risk (habitat loss being the number one cause of species loss)
- Carbon sequestration and climate change mitigation
- Climate and temperature regulation
- Clean air
- Clean water / water filtration
- Drought and flood mitigation and regulation of water flow
- Pollination and other agricultural benefits
- Visual quality and scenic values

BC Parks Foundation, 2288 Manitoba Street, Unit #300, Vancouver, British Columbia V5Y 4B5

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In addition, many of our properties, including the Rae-Leigh Place property, provide recreational benefits. BC Parks approached BC Parks Foundation about purchasing this property as an addition to the ŁÁU, WELNEW/John Dean Provincial Park. BC Parks will lease the property from us and operate it as part of the Provincial Park, under a 99-year lease. Adding this 15-acre parcel to the existing park will allow for greater recreation opportunities in this popular park, and prevent further fragmentation and degradation of the at-risk Coastal Douglas-fir and Garry Oak ecosystems the park aims to protect.

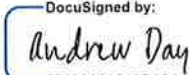
The various ways that local communities benefit from protected lands are now being demonstrated financially. A recent study estimated the value of services stemming from BC's current provincial parks and protected areas to be approximately \$132 billion per year. For example, natural areas can reduce costs for local communities by reducing the costs of stormwater run-off infrastructure. The Municipal Natural Assets Initiative, a not-for-profit organisation that receives financial support from the Province, works with municipalities to enumerate the values of natural areas and incorporate them into budgeting and planning.

In addition, the demonstrated values communities receive from protecting areas is recognized at international, federal, and provincial levels. For example, the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, an international treaty ratified by 196 countries including Canada, adopted the goal to protect 30% of the planet and restore 30% of degraded ecosystems by 2030 based upon the potential risks to communities associated with biodiversity loss and the importance of protected areas in mitigating climate impacts.

The Province's Together for Wildlife strategy has a key objective for improving and protecting wildlife and habitat across BC because doing so "supports and enriches the lives of all British Columbians." The impact that biodiversity loss, habitat destruction, and climate change have on all British Columbians is a key reason the Premier's office has mandated the Minister of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship to protect 30 percent of BC's lands by 2030.

In short, there is strong support and evidence that protecting this area will provide a wide range of demonstrable benefits for all community members. Thank you for considering this application and if you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Dr. Andy Day
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CEO



THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH
Permissive Tax Exemption Application
Taxation Year: 2024

Permissive Tax Exemption Applications are due by July 31, 2023:

In person to: The Corporation of the District of Central Saanich
1903 Mount Newton Cross Road
Saanichton, BC V8M 2A9

By Fax: 250-652-0135 or Email to: municipal.hall@csaanich.ca

Exemptions are applied to the taxes of the following year and are subject to the availability of sufficient funding within the District's Annual Operating Budget, according to Council Policy and at the discretion of Council.

Exemptions are generally intended for "not for profit" organizations which provide a direct benefit to the community. A copy of the Permissive Exemptions Policy FIN-2021-11 outlines the criteria used to consider approving exemptions.

All applications must include a copy of the previous year's financial statements along with evidence of being a registered charity or non-profit organization in good standing.

Further information may also be obtained by contacting the Manager of Finance at 250-544-4207 or by email to finance.department@csaanich.ca.

Application:

Pursuant to Section 224 of the Community Charter:

I, Sarah Anning of 2288 Manitoba St., Unit 300,
Name Street Address
Vancouver Telephone No. 604-343-3975 or 778-504-0380
City/Town

certify THAT:

1. I am the Land Conservation Coordinator of the
Position Currently Held Within Organization

BC Parks Foundation
Name of Corporation, Association, Society or Organization

have knowledge of the facts hereinafter detailed with respect to the following property for which a tax exemption is being applied for:

Lot B, Rae-Leigh Place, Saanichton RE-1 01-302-22-1066-020
Property Address Property Zoning Tax Roll/Folio No.

LOT B, PLAN VIP34705, SECTION 1-3, RANGE 1W, SOUTH SAANICH LAND DISTRICT PID: 000-302-210
Legal Description of Property

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

2. Full name or title of organization: BC Parks Foundation

3. Mailing address of the organization (including postal code):
2288 Manitoba St., Unit 300

Vancouver, BC, V5Y 4B5

4. Registered Non-Profit Organization?
 Yes No

5. Religious or Church property?
 Yes No

6. Registered Charity?
 Yes Charity Number 731307492 RR 0001
 No

7. Name and phone number of two other officials in organization (i.e. Pastor, President, Manager, etc.)

(i) Name: Dr. Andrew Day
Title: CEO
Email: andrew.day@bcparksfoundation.ca

(ii) Name: Tim Ennis
Title: Director, Private Land Acquisition & Management
Email: tim.ennis@bcparksfoundation.ca

Day Phone No.: 604-343-3975 x106

Day Phone No.: 604-343-3975 x118

Night Phone No.: n/a

Night Phone No.: n/a

8. The lands are registered in the name of: BC Parks Foundation

9. This exemption is claimed under the Community Charter, Section 224, pursuant to Subsection 2 as the organization is (please indicate the relevant designation for eligibility):

A charitable not for profit organization and the land is used for a purpose directly related to the purposes of the organization.

INFORMATION ON THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ORGANIZATION

10. What is the principal use of this property?

Protection of the natural environment and public park.

We will be leasing the land to BC Parks (99 year lease) as an addition to adjacent ŁÁU,WELNEW/John Dean Provincial Park

11. (a) Describe your organization's non-profit activities, including details of programs/services/benefits delivered, as well as any fees charged.

BC Parks Foundation is the official charitable partner of BC Parks. Activities include:

Land acquisition: Expanding and enhancing parks and Indigenous protected areas. Discover Parks: Interpretation and Nature Houses in BC Parks

BC Conservation Fund - improving biodiversity and climate security in collaboration with First Nations; Wildcam Network - monitoring program.

Wildlife Forever citizen science program. Spark Fund making nature accessible to all. Heathy By Nature - PARx Park prescriptions.

(b) Provide the participant numbers and volunteer opportunities within your organization.

Wildcam Network Program members: 263; Spark Fund participants: 2,264

Volunteer opportunities in community science nature observations and Wildcam monitoring.

(c) Describe who benefits from your programs/services offered and in what ways.

All members of the public benefit from green spaces and protected ecosystems, and recreation opportunities in parks.

Nature Houses and Discovery Parks staff provide nature education programming to park users.

Doctors prescribe the health benefits of being in nature via the PARx program.

(d) Describe how your organization is accessible and equally available to all residents of the District. In particular, by groups, individuals, those with special needs, youth, seniors, general public, members only, etc.

The property will be open to all members of the District as part of the ŁÁU,WELNEW/John Dean Provincial Park.

(e) Provide usage statistics by jurisdiction.

i.e. % use by District of Central Saanich residents

% use by residents outside of District of Central Saanich

BC Parks recorded visitorship at ŁÁU,WELNEW/John Dean Provincial Park in 2019, at 55,598 visitors, greater than the number of Central

Saanich residents. We don't have exact data to answer this question, but the park is very popular with locals and people from the wider region.

12. Please provide details of other activities on your property, such as daycare centers, catering and hall rental, thrift shop. The following information is required for each activity:
- Hourly per day and/or days per week of operation
 - Fee or charge
 - Approximate number of participants
 - Is the activity operated by the church or by an outside organization?

This property is in the process of being leased to BC Parks as an addition to adjacent LAU, WELNEW / John Dean Provincial Park. As such it will have the same hours, no fee, approx same number of visitors, and operated by BC Parks.

13. Other activities which may be pertinent to your application (attach a separate page if necessary):

USE OF PROPERTY INFORMATION

14. We require a current site plan of the property indicating the grounds and buildings and their uses. This would include buildings, storage buildings, walkways, parking lot, playgrounds, bush areas, etc. Show all dimensions.

15. The gross floor area of the building: n/a

16. Number of parking spaces:

Gravel: n/a Blacktop: n/a Undeveloped: n/a

17. Does anyone live in the buildings? n/a If yes, how many people? n/a

18. Square footage of living area: n/a

19. Is any part of the building or of the property used or rented by commercial or private operators or by any group other than your organization? If yes, provide details *including percentage of building/property allocated to this use.*

n/a

20. Has there been any change in the status or use of the buildings or property in the last 12 months? n/a If yes, please explain briefly. _____

21. **CHURCHES ONLY** complete the following additional questions:

(i) What is the seating capacity of the church?

Permanent: _____

Portable: _____

(ii) What is the gross floor area of the:

(a) Church: _____

(b) Hall: _____

(c) Other Buildings: _____

Total Gross Floor Area: _____

(iii) Every building on the lands is in use and continues to be set aside for public worship or for a Church Hall. YES NO

(iv) For a manse or a building of similar kind:

is not used in association with the place of public worship

is used for public worship; and an exemption is claimed for the land and improvement.

If the manse or a building is used for public worship, specify what area of the building and the square footage.

Note: Manses may be considered if they are used for Sunday School, Bible Class, etc., but not for office, elders meetings, storage or residential purposes.

Sarah Anning

Applicants Name

DocuSigned by:

Sarah Anning

Applicants Signature

Andrew Day

Witness Name

DocuSigned by:

Andrew Day

Witness Signature

NOTES:

(1) The personal information on this form is collected for the purpose of an operating program of the District of Central Saanich as noted in Section 26(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act*. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, please contact the Director of Financial Services at 250-544-4204.

Financial Statements of

BC PARKS FOUNDATION

And Independent Auditor's Report thereon

Year ended March 31, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of BC Parks Foundation

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of BC Parks Foundation (the Entity), which comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2024
- the statement of operations and net assets for the year then ended
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(hereinafter referred to as the “financial statements”).

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at March 31, 2024 and its results of 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 auditor’s report.

We are independent of the Entity 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 audit 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.



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In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Entity'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 Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity'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 the 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 Entity'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 Entity'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 Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.



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- 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.
- 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.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the Societies Act (British Columbia), we report that, in our opinion, the accounting policies applied by the Entity in preparing and presenting the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding period.

Chartered Professional Accountants

Victoria, Canada

_____, 2024

BC PARKS FOUNDATION

Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2024, with comparative information for 2023

	2024	2023
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 294,846,273	\$ 49,907,923
Accounts receivable	8,067,671	111,846,948
Inventory for resale	36,258	20,374
Prepaid expenses and deposits	374,922	412,969
	<u>303,325,124</u>	<u>162,188,214</u>
Investments (note 2)	21,851,103	19,825,027
Land (note 3)	77,239,486	26,606,968
Equipment (note 3)	50,288	21,218
	<u>\$ 402,466,001</u>	<u>\$ 208,641,427</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,694,261	\$ 387,323
Deferred contributions (note 4)	32,891,776	50,151,020
Deferred rent inducement	28,027	-
Canada Emergency Business Account loan (note 5)	-	30,000
	<u>34,614,064</u>	<u>50,568,343</u>
Deferred contributions (note 4)	282,653,671	127,134,849
	<u>317,267,735</u>	<u>177,703,192</u>
Net assets:		
Internally restricted net assets	7,958,780	4,331,267
Investment in land	77,239,486	26,606,968
	<u>85,198,266</u>	<u>30,938,235</u>
Commitment (note 10)		
Subsequent events (note 11)		
	<u>\$ 402,466,001</u>	<u>\$ 208,641,427</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Approved by the Board:

Director

Director

DRAFT - July 3, 2024

BC PARKS FOUNDATION

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

Year ended March 31, 2024, with comparative information for 2023

	2024	2023
Revenue:		
Donations	\$ 30,319,755	\$ 9,292,860
Grants and sponsorships	23,356,769	2,493,250
Interest income (note 6)	3,737,897	2,221,870
Merchandise	54,267	11,978
	<u>57,468,688</u>	<u>14,019,958</u>
Expenses:		
Salaries and benefits	2,434,174	1,539,083
Professional fees	529,714	566,060
Spark grants	489,676	109,810
Subcontracting	277,129	161,712
Marketing and communications	267,896	266,791
Contributions for land purchases (note 7)	198,000	748,000
Office and general	167,166	70,184
Travel	115,071	95,767
Program supplies	112,135	74,191
Land stewardship	43,590	-
Cost of goods sold	21,191	3,153
Interest and bank charges	13,122	9,214
Amortization	9,500	5,457
	<u>4,678,364</u>	<u>3,649,422</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses before undernoted items	52,790,324	10,370,536
Realized gain on investments	1,444	71,880
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1,468,262	(659,541)
Investment in land (note 3)	(50,632,517)	(8,942,469)
	<u>3,627,513</u>	<u>840,406</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	3,627,513	840,406
Net assets, beginning of year	30,938,235	21,155,360
Investment in land (note 3)	50,632,518	8,942,469
	<u>\$ 85,198,266</u>	<u>\$ 30,938,235</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BC PARKS FOUNDATION

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended March 31, 2024, with comparative information for 2023

	2024	2023
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operations:		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 3,627,513	\$ 840,406
Items not involving cash:		
Amortization	9,500	5,457
Deferred rent inducement	26,582	-
Realized and unrealized loss (gain) on investments	(1,468,262)	587,661
Investment in land	50,632,518	8,942,469
Donated land	(5,244,000)	(8,942,469)
Deferred contributions and grants recognized	(47,463,631)	(11,697,855)
	120,221	(10,264,331)
Changes in non-cash operating working capital		
Accounts receivable	(6,220,723)	(1,308,802)
Inventory for resale	(15,884)	(5,926)
Prepaid expenses and deposits	38,047	(359,228)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,306,938	277,037
	(4,771,401)	(11,661,250)
Investing:		
Payment for purchase of land	(45,388,518)	-
Purchase of equipment	(38,570)	(17,469)
Purchase of investments	(556,370)	(1,141,400)
	(45,983,460)	(1,158,870)
Financing:		
Accounts receivable	110,000,000	(110,000,000)
CEBA loan repayment	(30,000)	-
Restricted revenue received and receivable	185,723,210	168,958,024
	295,693,210	58,958,024
Increase in cash	244,938,349	46,137,905
Cash, beginning of year	49,907,923	3,770,018
Cash, end of year	\$ 294,846,273	\$ 49,907,923

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended March 31, 2024

BC Parks Foundation (the "Foundation") was incorporated on February 1, 2017 under the Societies Act (British Columbia) to attract and encourage British Columbians and others to contribute to enhancement of the ecological, recreational, cultural and educational values of BC's world class parks system. The Foundation is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act.

1. Significant accounting policies:

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

(a) Revenue recognition:

The Foundation follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Contributions related to capital assets are recognized as revenue on the same basis as the amortization expense related to these assets. Other restricted contributions are recognized in revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable and collection is reasonably assured.

Restricted investment income is recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are recognized.

(b) Land and equipment:

Land and purchased equipment are recorded at cost. Contributed land and equipment is recorded at fair value at the date of contribution. Amortization is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the assets using the following annual rates:

Asset	Amortization period
Computer equipment	3 years
Telephones	3 years

Land and equipment is reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability is measured by a comparison of the asset's carrying amount to the estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its estimated future cash flows, an impairment charge is recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the fair value of the asset.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended March 31, 2024

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(c) Financial instruments:

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition. Equity instruments that are quoted in an active market and derivative contracts that are not designated in a qualifying hedging relationship are subsequently measured at fair value and all changes in the fair value are recognized in the statement of operations in the period incurred. All other financial instruments are subsequently recorded at cost or amortized cost, unless management has elected to carry the instruments at fair value. The Foundation has elected to carry all investments at fair value.

Transaction costs incurred on the acquisition of financial instruments measured subsequently at fair value are expensed as incurred. All other financial instruments are adjusted by transaction costs incurred on acquisition and financing costs, which are amortized using the straight-line method.

Financial assets are assessed for impairment on an annual basis at the end of the fiscal year if there are indicators of impairment. If there is an indicator of impairment, the Foundation determines if there is a significant adverse change in the expected amount or timing of future cash flows from the financial asset. If there is a significant adverse change in the expected cash flows, the carrying value of the financial asset is reduced to the highest of the present value of the expected cash flows, the amount that could be realized from selling the financial asset or the amount the Foundation expects to realize by exercising its right to any collateral. If events and circumstances reverse in a future period, an impairment loss will be reversed to the extent of the improvement, not exceeding the initial carrying value.

(d) Government assistance:

Government assistance related to current expenses and revenues is included in the determination of excess of revenue over expenses for the period. Government assistance related to capital expenditures is recorded as a reduction of the cost of the related item of capital assets.

Forgivable loans are accounted for in the same manner as a grant at the time the Foundation becomes entitled to receive the loan. The benefit of a government loan at a below-market interest rate is accounted for as a government grant. The loan is initially measured at fair value (discounted at a market rate of interest) and subsequently measured at amortized cost.

(e) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements 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 revenue and expenses during the year. Items subject to such estimates and assumptions include providing for the amortization of capital assets and the fair value of investments and donated land. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended March 31, 2024

2. Investments:

	2024	2023
Fixed income	\$ 6,444,020	\$ 6,246,917
Canadian equities	4,621,861	4,133,797
Canadian income equity	413,576	377,304
Global equity	4,396,542	3,580,456
Alternative investments	3,849,665	3,544,360
Hedge strategies	2,125,439	1,942,193
	<u>\$ 21,851,103</u>	<u>\$ 19,825,027</u>

3. Land and equipment:

2024	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net book value
Land	\$ 77,239,486	\$ -	\$ 77,239,486
Computer equipment	70,523	20,235	50,288
	<u>\$ 77,310,009</u>	<u>\$ 20,235</u>	<u>\$ 77,289,774</u>
2023	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net book value
Land	\$ 26,606,968	\$ -	\$ 26,606,968
Computer equipment	31,952	10,734	21,218
	<u>\$ 26,638,920</u>	<u>\$ 10,734</u>	<u>\$ 26,628,186</u>

During the year, the Foundation acquired land with a fair value of \$50,632,518 (2023 - \$8,942,469). The cash cost paid by the Foundation was \$45,388,518 and \$5,244,000 represents the donation value of land gifted to the Foundation (2023 - \$8,942,469).

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Notes to Financial Statements

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4. Deferred contributions:

On April 3, 2017, the Province of BC provided the Foundation with an initial founding grant of \$10,000,000 to start operations and to be used to further the Foundation's purposes, aims, and objectives in collaboration with stakeholders, partners, sponsors and citizens of BC. If any of the funds cannot be spent towards achievement of the Foundation's stated purposes and objectives, they must be returned to the Province of BC. The grant was recognized as a deferred contribution and is used to fund the operating expenses and grants issued by the Foundation.

The Foundation has since received additional government and philanthropic funding to further its efforts in expanding BC's parks systems and protecting biodiverse areas across the province, which have increased the deferred contributions balance.

	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 177,285,869	\$ 20,025,700
Restricted revenue received and receivable	185,723,210	168,958,024
Amount recognized as grant and donation revenue	(47,463,631)	(11,697,855)
	315,545,448	177,285,869
Less current portion	32,891,777	50,151,020
Balance, end of year	\$ 282,653,671	\$ 127,134,849

5. Government assistance:

In 2021, the Foundation received \$40,000 through an interest-free Canada Emergency Business Account loan to help cover operating costs during COVID-19 when revenues were temporarily reduced. Under this program, if the loan was repaid on or before January 18, 2024, \$10,000 would be forgiven. The funds from this loan could only be used to pay non-deferrable operating expenses. The \$10,000 forgivable portion of the loan was recognized as a government assistance grant during the year ended March 31, 2021. The \$30,000 was repaid December 18, 2023.

6. Interest income:

	2024	2023
Interest and investment income	\$ 3,849,127	\$ 2,343,225
Investment management fees	(111,230)	(121,355)
	\$ 3,737,897	\$ 2,221,870

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7. Contributions for land purchases:

During the year, the Foundation made contributions to qualified donees for land purchases to transfer into protected status.

8. Financial risks and concentration of risk:

(a) Interest rate risk:

Interest rate risk refers to the adverse consequences of interest rate changes in the Foundation's cash flows, financial position and income. The Foundation is exposed to interest rate risk through its investment portfolio. Interest rate risk is managed by the Foundation's investment manager through construction of a diversified portfolio of instruments traded on various markets and across various industries.

(b) Foreign exchange risk:

Currency risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the Foundation will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Foundation is not exposed to currency risk as all financial instruments are held in Canadian dollars, however, underlying investments may be held in investments domiciled outside Canada.

(c) Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Foundation will be unable to fulfill its obligations on a timely basis or at a reasonable cost. The Foundation manages its liquidity risk by monitoring its operating requirements. The Foundation prepares budget and cash flow forecasts to ensure it has sufficient funds to fulfill its obligations.

(d) Credit risk:

Credit risk is the potential for financial loss should a counter party in a transaction fail to meet its obligations. The Foundation manages its credit risk by adhering to its investment policy through its investment manager which requires holding investments with a market capitalization and investment grade ratings in excess of established thresholds. Accounts receivable are owing primarily from government sources.

There has been no change in risk exposures from 2023.

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9. Employee and director remuneration:

The BC Societies Act came into effect on November 28, 2016. The Act has a requirement for the disclosure in the financial statements of the remuneration of directors, employees and contractors for financial statements prepared after November 28, 2016. For employee and contractor remuneration, the requirement is to disclose amounts paid to individuals whose remuneration was greater than \$75,000. For the period ending March 31, 2024, eight employees received remuneration greater than \$75,000, totaling \$1,089,436 (2023 – 3 employees receiving remuneration greater than \$75,000 totaling \$551,279) and one contractor totaling \$117,325 (2023 - less than \$75,000). For the period ending March 31, 2024 no directors received any remuneration.

10. Commitment:

The Foundation leases office space under a 5-year lease agreement beginning May 15, 2024 with a rent-free period from February 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024. Obligations under the agreement include monthly lease payments and additional monthly payments for its share of common and operating costs.

The future minimum lease payments to the expiry date are as follows:

2025	\$	106,092
2026		111,145
2027		113,739
2028		116,743
2029		117,153
Thereafter		15,975

11. Subsequent events:

Subsequent to year end, the Foundation has acquired 8 properties with a purchase price of \$23,256,200 and was committed to purchases of 2 properties with future possession dates totaling \$2,840,000, subject to the satisfaction of conditions in the respective Purchase and Sale agreements.

12. Comparative information:

Certain comparative information has been reclassified to conform with the financial statement presentation adopted in the current year.



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