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## Independent Auditor's Report

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### To the Members of Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association

#### Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association (the "Association"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and the statements of operations and changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and schedule of assets by fund.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at December 31, 2023 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 Qualified Opinion

In common with many charitable organizations, the Association derives revenue from donations and fundraising activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the entity. Therefore, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donations and fundraising events, excess of revenue over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and current assets as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 and fund balances as at January 1 and December 31 for both the 2023 and 2022 years. Our auditor's opinion on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

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 Association 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 qualified 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 Association'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 Association, to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association'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 Association'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 Association'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 Association 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.

## **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

As required by the Societies Act of British Columbia, we report that, in our opinion, the accounting principles in Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.


Chartered Professional Accountants

Vancouver, British Columbia  
April 10, 2024

**Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association**  
**Statement of Financial Position**

| December 31                              | 2023                | 2022                |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Assets (Schedule)</b>                 |                     |                     |
| <b>Current</b>                           |                     |                     |
| Cash and cash equivalents                | \$ 633,286          | \$ 495,777          |
| Accounts receivable (Note 10)            | 86,186              | 79,749              |
| Prepaid expenses                         | 40,300              | 37,925              |
|  | <b>759,772</b>      | <b>613,451</b>      |
| <b>Non-current</b>                       |                     |                     |
| Restricted cash (Note 2)                 | 140,840             | 219,267             |
| Restricted donation (Note 3)             | 140,000             | 140,000             |
| Restricted investments (Note 4)          | 2,285,834           | 1,320,342           |
| Unrestricted investments (Note 4)        | 1,237,687           | 1,183,978           |
| Tangible capital assets (Note 5)         | 415,729             | 404,261             |
|  | <b>4,220,090</b>    | <b>3,267,848</b>    |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                      | <b>\$ 4,979,862</b> | <b>\$ 3,881,299</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                       |                     |                     |
| <b>Current</b>                           |                     |                     |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 105,847          | \$ 56,957           |
| Deferred revenue (Note 6)                | 430,446             | 397,451             |
|  | <b>536,293</b>      | <b>454,408</b>      |
| <b>Non-current</b>                       |                     |                     |
| Obligation under capital lease (Note 12) | 8,817               | 1,189               |
| Deferred contributions (Note 6)          | 140,840             | 51,198              |
|  | <b>149,657</b>      | <b>52,387</b>       |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                 | <b>685,950</b>      | <b>506,795</b>      |
| <b>Fund Balances (Note 7)</b>            |                     |                     |
| Operating fund                           | 1,463,555           | 1,346,434           |
| Capital campaign fund                    | 10,210              | 10,210              |
| Capital general fund                     | 531,878             | 327,378             |
| Garden collections funds                 | 1,522,664           | 1,142,651           |
| Endowment holding fund                   | 414,054             | 314,054             |
| Sustainability fund                      | 351,551             | 233,777             |
|  | <b>4,293,912</b>    | <b>3,374,504</b>    |
|  | <b>\$ 4,979,862</b> | <b>\$ 3,881,299</b> |

Approved on behalf of the Board:

  
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Director

  
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Director

**Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association**  
**Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances**

**For the year ended December 31**

|  | Operating Fund      | Capital Campaign Fund | Capital General Fund | Garden Collections Fund | Endowment Holding Fund | Sustainability Fund | Total 2023          | Total 2022          |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                               |                     |                       |                      |                         |                        |                     |                     |                     |
| Bequests and legacies                        | \$ 775,700          | \$ -                  | \$ -                 | \$ -                    | \$ -                   | \$ -                | \$ 775,700          | \$ 128,764          |
| Membership dues                              | 505,889             | -                     | -                    | -                       | -                      | -                   | 505,889             | 492,139             |
| Vancouver Foundation (Note 8)                | 270,194             | -                     | -                    | 24,179                  | -                      | -                   | 294,373             | 276,518             |
| Donations                                    | 373,568             | -                     | 60,000               | 483,930                 | -                      | -                   | 917,498             | 451,611             |
| Fundraising revenue                          | 72,794              | -                     | -                    | -                       | -                      | -                   | 72,794              | 191                 |
| Course fees                                  | 384,405             | -                     | -                    | -                       | -                      | -                   | 384,405             | 340,737             |
| Parks Board revenue sharing (Note 10)        | 52,037              | -                     | -                    | -                       | -                      | -                   | 52,037              | 38,439              |
| Investment (loss)/income                     | 212,672             | -                     | -                    | -                       | -                      | -                   | 212,672             | (98,437)            |
| Miscellaneous                                | 21,249              | -                     | -                    | -                       | -                      | -                   | 21,249              | 21,751              |
| Government contributions                     | -                   | -                     | -                    | -                       | -                      | -                   | -                   | 3,848               |
|  | <b>2,668,508</b>    | <b>-</b>              | <b>60,000</b>        | <b>508,109</b>          | <b>-</b>               | <b>-</b>            | <b>3,236,617</b>    | <b>1,655,561</b>    |
| <b>Expenses (Note 9)</b>                     |                     |                       |                      |                         |                        |                     |                     |                     |
| Education and library                        | 822,913             | -                     | -                    | -                       | -                      | -                   | 822,913             | 688,173             |
| Marketing                                    | 147,609             | -                     | -                    | -                       | -                      | -                   | 147,609             | 89,149              |
| Administration                               | 566,971             | -                     | 1,488                | 5,347                   | -                      | 32,226              | 606,032             | 493,482             |
| Development                                  | 141,908             | -                     | -                    | -                       | -                      | -                   | 141,908             | 139,981             |
| Volunteer engagement                         | 245,742             | -                     | -                    | -                       | -                      | -                   | 245,742             | 198,448             |
| Fundraising supplies                         | 72,419              | -                     | -                    | -                       | -                      | -                   | 72,419              | 11,544              |
| Gardens enhancement                          | -                   | -                     | 572                  | 42,071                  | -                      | -                   | 42,643              | 45,521              |
| Membership services                          | 214,301             | -                     | -                    | -                       | -                      | -                   | 214,301             | 164,244             |
| Amortization                                 | 1,024               | -                     | 20,714               | 1,904                   | -                      | -                   | 23,642              | 20,480              |
|  | <b>2,212,887</b>    | <b>-</b>              | <b>22,774</b>        | <b>49,322</b>           | <b>-</b>               | <b>32,226</b>       | <b>2,317,209</b>    | <b>1,851,022</b>    |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses | 455,621             | -                     | 37,226               | 458,787                 | -                      | (32,226)            | 919,408             | (195,461)           |
| <b>Interfund transfers:</b>                  |                     |                       |                      |                         |                        |                     |                     |                     |
| Operating to Endowment                       | (100,000)           | -                     | -                    | -                       | 100,000                | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Operating to Capital General                 | (50,000)            | -                     | 50,000               | -                       | -                      | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Operating to Sustainability                  | (150,000)           | -                     | -                    | -                       | -                      | 150,000             | -                   | -                   |
| Operating to Garden Collections              | (38,500)            | -                     | -                    | 38,500                  | -                      | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Garden Collections to Capital General        | -                   | -                     | 117,274              | (117,274)               | -                      | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| <b>Fund Balances, beginning of year</b>      | <b>1,346,434</b>    | <b>10,210</b>         | <b>327,378</b>       | <b>1,142,651</b>        | <b>314,054</b>         | <b>233,777</b>      | <b>3,374,504</b>    | <b>3,569,965</b>    |
| <b>Fund Balances, end of year (Note 7)</b>   | <b>\$ 1,463,555</b> | <b>\$ 10,210</b>      | <b>\$ 531,878</b>    | <b>\$ 1,522,664</b>     | <b>\$ 414,054</b>      | <b>\$ 351,551</b>   | <b>\$ 4,293,912</b> | <b>\$ 3,374,504</b> |

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

**Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**

**For the year ended December 31**

**2023**

**2022**

**Cash flows provided by (used in)**

**Operating activities**

|  |            |              |
|--|------------|--------------|
| Excess (Deficiency) of revenue over expenses | \$ 919,408 | \$ (195,461) |
| Add (deduct) items not involving cash:       |            |              |
| Amortization                                 | 23,642     | 20,480       |
| Unrealized loss/(gain) on investments        | (99,361)   | 178,410      |
| Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets  | 1,488      | -            |
|  | 845,177    | 3,429        |
| Changes in non-cash working capital balance  |            |              |
| Accounts receivable                          | (6,437)    | (60,080)     |
| Prepaid expenses                             | (2,375)    | (7,926)      |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities     | 48,890     | 25,276       |
| Deferred revenue                             | 32,995     | 11,625       |
| Deferred contributions                       | 89,642     | (159,568)    |
|  | 162,715    | (190,673)    |
|  | 1,007,892  | (187,244)    |

**Investing activities**

|   |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Purchase of tangible capital assets             | (37,077)  | (14,222)  |
| Purchase of investments                         | (919,840) | (731,688) |
| Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets | 479       | -         |
| Transfer of restricted cash                     | 78,427    | 243,425   |
|   | (878,011) | (502,485) |

**Financing activity**

|                          |         |         |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| Capital lease entered    | 10,856  | -       |
| Capital lease repayments | (3,228) | (2,744) |
|                          | 7,628   | (2,744) |

|   |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|
| Increase (decrease) in cash during the year | 137,509    | (692,473)  |
| Cash and cash equivalents beginning of year | 495,777    | 1,188,250  |
| Cash and cash equivalents end of year       | \$ 633,286 | \$ 495,777 |

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# Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 1. Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) Purpose

Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association (the "Association") is incorporated under the Societies Act (BC).

The objective of the Association is to enhance and preserve VanDusen Botanical Garden (the "Garden") and Bloedel Conservatory (the "Conservatory"), to provide promotional and educational programs related to botanical and environmental awareness, and to raise funds and provide volunteers to assist with the development of the Garden and Conservatory and to support the Association's endeavours.

The Association is a charitable organization registered under the Income Tax Act of Canada, and as such is exempt from income taxes and is authorized to issue donation receipts for income tax purposes.

The Association operates pursuant to a joint operating agreement dated June 1, 1994 (to which was added Appendix B effective January 1, 2013 to include the Conservatory), with the City of Vancouver - Board of Parks and Recreation (the "Parks Board"), the registered owner of the Garden and the Conservatory, which outlines the responsibilities of the parties with respect to the Garden and Conservatory, and the sharing of operating revenues and expenses. The agreement is in effect on a year by year basis, and is renewed automatically for an additional year unless terminated by either party, requiring notice of one year.

#### (b) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared using Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations ("ASNPO").

#### (c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on deposit and highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to cash and subject to an insignificant risk. Cash and cash equivalents are held for the purpose of meeting short-term commitments.



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1. Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

(d) Investments

Investments include life insurance policies and pooled exchange traded investment funds that are held with no intention of conversion in the short-term and are classified as non-current. Investments are carried at fair value at the balance sheet date. Life insurance policies are recorded at their cash surrender value until realized. Any excess of the amount received over the carrying value is recorded in the year it is received or receivable and collection is reasonably assured.

(e) Leases

Leases are classified as capital or operating leases. A lease that transfers substantially all of the benefits and risks incidental to the ownership of property is classified as a capital lease. At the inception of a capital lease, the asset is recorded at an amount equal to the lesser of the present value of the minimum lease payments (the initial lease liability) and the property's fair value at the beginning of the lease. Assets recorded under capital leases are amortized on a straight-line basis over the lesser of the term of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the assets. All other leases are accounted for as operating leases.

(f) Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded as assets at the acquisition cost amount. Amortization is recorded at the following rates:

|                       |        |                     |
|-----------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Office equipment      | 20%    | - declining balance |
| Building improvements | 20%    | - declining balance |
| Solarium              | 20%    | - declining balance |
| Garden equipment      | 20%    | - declining balance |
| Computer equipment    | 30%    | - declining balance |
| Computer software     | 30%    | - declining balance |
| Library books         | 5 year | - straight line     |

Artwork is considered to have an indefinite life and is therefore not amortized.

When conditions indicate that a capital asset is impaired, the net carrying amount of the capital asset are written down to the asset's fair value or replacement cost. The write-downs of tangible capital assets are accounted for as expenses in the statement of operations.

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**1. Significant Accounting Policies - Continued**

(g) Restricted Cash and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents and investments held by the Association that are not available for general operating purposes due to restrictions imposed by external parties or the Board are presented as restricted cash or restricted investments and reported at fair value at the reporting date.

(h) Revenue Recognition

The Association uses the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions, including donations, grants and bequests, as follows:

- i) Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the operating fund.
- ii) Restricted contributions are recognized as contributions to the appropriate restricted fund as described in Note 1(j).
- iii) Restricted contributions related to program delivery are initially recorded in the Operating Fund as deferred contributions and recognized as revenue when the related operating expenses are incurred.

Revenue from membership dues received in advance is initially recorded as deferred revenue and subsequently recognized as revenue over the membership period.

Income received from the Vancouver Foundation is recognized when received, and allocated to the Operating Fund and Garden Collections Fund as appropriate (Note 8).

Donations, grants and bequests are recorded upon receipt and in accordance with any restrictions that may be imposed. Pledges are not recorded as revenue until received as their collection is not reasonably certain.

Amounts from fundraising events are recorded as revenue on a gross basis in the operating fund in the period in which the event occurs.

Course fees are recorded as revenue when the course has been delivered and their collection is reasonably certain.

Unrestricted interest and investment income is initially recognized as revenue in the Operating Fund and subsequently transferred at the discretion of the Board on a pro-rata basis to the funds that hold the investment on which the investment income was earned. Investment income that is restricted by external parties is recorded in the Fund to which the restriction relates.

Income received from the Parks Board is recognized as revenue in the Operating Fund when received.

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# Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association

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### 1. Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

#### (i) Fund Accounting

The Association segregates its net assets into specific funds as follows:

##### i) Operating Fund

The Operating Fund reports the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of the Association's program delivery and administrative activities. This fund represents resources, the use of which is not subject to restrictions.

##### ii) Capital Campaign Fund (Restricted)

The Capital Campaign Fund reports the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of the Association's major capital campaign project, the objective of which is restricted to enhancement and expansion of the Garden and Conservatory and its infrastructure, to be undertaken in association with the Parks Board, which owns the Garden and Conservatory. As the capital assets are controlled by the Parks Board, capital expenditures of the fund are considered to be contributions to the Parks Board and are reported as expenses in the Statement of Operations.

##### iii) Capital General Fund (Restricted)

The Capital General Fund reports the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of the funds of the Association which are designated for general capital expenditures and projects.

##### iv) Garden Collections Fund (Restricted)

The Garden Collections Fund reports assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses restricted to the Association's gardens collection acquisitions and activities, plant and tree acquisitions, tree maintenance, and plant documentation and such other purposes as may be approved by the Board.

##### v) Endowment Holding Fund (Restricted)

The Endowment Holding Fund reports assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses related to amounts contributed to be held in perpetuity as endowments or transferred by the Board. Amounts transferred to the Endowment Fund by the Board may be transferred out at a later date. All income earned from the Endowment Holding fund is recorded in the Operating Fund unless the donor specifies otherwise.

##### vi) Sustainability Fund (Restricted)

The Sustainability Fund reports the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of the funds of the Association designated for urgent needs, unexpected expenses and/or emergency repairs to equipment. Disbursements from this fund in excess of \$10,000 will be on recommendation by the Executive Director for approval by the Board of Directors provided they are in accordance with the restrictions.

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### 1. Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

#### (j) Donated Services and Assets

The Association depends upon donated services for various activities, including volunteer time. The value of donated services is not recognized in these financial statements, since accurate fair values cannot reasonably be determined.

The Association occasionally receives donated assets. Donated assets are recorded at the estimated fair market value in cases where the value can be reasonably estimated and the assets would otherwise be purchased.

#### (k) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying disclosures. Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates include the estimated useful lives of tangible capital assets, and valuation of accounts receivable. Although these estimates are based on management's knowledge of current events and actions the Association may undertake in the future, actual results may differ from such estimates.

#### (l) Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value on inception. In subsequent periods, equities traded in an active market and derivatives are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains or losses reported in the operating fund, other than financial instruments related to the Endowment Holding Fund. In addition, all bonds and guaranteed investments certificates have been designated to be in the fair value category, with gains and losses reported in the operating fund, other than financial instruments related to the Endowment Holding Fund. Changes in fair value of financial instruments related to the Endowment Holding Fund are recorded as gains and losses in the Statement of Operations of the Endowment Holding Fund. All other financial instruments are reported at cost or amortized cost less impairment, if applicable. Financial assets recorded at cost or amortized cost are tested for impairment when changes in circumstances indicate the asset could be impaired. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale or issue of financial instruments are expensed for those items remeasured at fair value at each statement of financial position date and charged to the financial instrument for those measured at cost or amortized cost.

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**2. Restricted Cash**

Restricted cash in the funds of the Association are allocated as follows:

|                          | <u>2023</u>       | <u>2022</u>       |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Fund           | \$ 140,840        | \$ 51,198         |
| Garden Collections Funds | -                 | 168,069           |
|                          | <u>\$ 140,840</u> | <u>\$ 219,267</u> |

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**3. Restricted Donation**

In 2013, the Association established an endowment fund (the "Fund") in the amount of \$140,000 in accordance with a deed of gift agreement (the "Agreement") with the Vancouver Foundation. The Agreement allows the Association to encroach on the capital of the Fund under the following conditions:

- i) no encroachment on the capital of the Fund shall be made unless it has been requested in writing by the Association;
- ii) no encroachment on the capital of the Fund shall be made until at least 5 years after the Fund has been established;
- iii) any request from the Association for an encroachment on the capital of the Fund must be received by Vancouver Foundation at least one year prior to the encroachment;
- iv) no encroachment upon the capital of the Fund shall be made unless the Association is a qualified donee as defined in the Income Tax Act at the time of the encroachment.

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**4. Investments**

Restricted investments are comprised of the following:

|  | 2023         | 2022         |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Equities (a)   | \$ 1,405,834 | \$ 940,342   |
| GICs, interest range 3.5% to 5.75% (FY 2022 3.5% to 4.85%) | 880,000      | 380,000      |
|  | \$ 2,285,834 | \$ 1,320,342 |

Unrestricted investments are comprised of the following:

|                    | 2023         | 2022         |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Equities (a)       | \$ 1,222,947 | \$ 1,169,558 |
| Life insurance (b) | 14,740       | 14,420       |
|                    | \$ 1,237,687 | \$ 1,183,978 |

(a) Equities are pooled government and corporate bonds, Canadian, US, and international index-matched, and dividend income exchange traded funds, subject to medium risk, denominated in Canadian dollars and traded on TSX.

(b) The Association is the owner and beneficiary of life insurance policies with insured values totalling \$50,000. The amount recorded represents the cash surrender value.

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**5. Tangible Capital Assets**

Included in the Operating Fund are the following tangible capital assets:

|                      | 2023                |                          | 2022              |                   |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                      | Accumulated<br>Cost | Net Book<br>Amortization | Net Book<br>Value | Net Book<br>Value |
| Computer equipment   | \$ 10,754           | \$ 8,365                 | \$ 2,389          | \$ 3,412          |
| Library digitization | 29,238              | 29,238                   | -                 | -                 |
|                      | <b>\$ 39,992</b>    | <b>\$ 37,603</b>         | <b>\$ 2,389</b>   | <b>\$ 3,412</b>   |

Included in the Capital General Fund are the following tangible capital assets:

|  | 2023                |                          | 2022              |                   |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | Accumulated<br>Cost | Net Book<br>Amortization | Net Book<br>Value | Net Book<br>Value |
| Office equipment                             | \$ 24,083           | \$ 16,564                | \$ 7,519          | \$ 5,373          |
| Office equipment<br>held under capital lease | 14,557              | 4,161                    | 10,396            | 4,284             |
| Building improvements                        | 24,809              | 15,942                   | 8,867             | 11,084            |
| Gardens equipment                            | 47,241              | 41,584                   | 5,657             | 7,072             |
| Computer equipment                           | 67,775              | 37,858                   | 29,917            | 24,423            |
| Computer software                            | 6,273               | 950                      | 5,323             | -                 |
| Library books                                | 5,235               | 4,713                    | 522               | 1,570             |
|  | <b>\$ 189,973</b>   | <b>\$ 121,772</b>        | <b>\$ 68,201</b>  | <b>\$ 53,806</b>  |

Included in the Garden Collections Funds are the following tangible capital assets:

|                               | 2023                |                          | 2022              |                   |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                               | Accumulated<br>Cost | Net Book<br>Amortization | Net Book<br>Value | Net Book<br>Value |
| Office equipment              | \$ 17,731           | \$ 12,363                | \$ 5,368          | \$ 6,709          |
| Computer equipment            | 712                 | 610                      | 102               | 146               |
| Computer software             | 10,324              | 10,324                   | -                 | -                 |
| Solarium                      | 21,480              | 19,404                   | 2,076             | 2,595             |
| Artwork                       | 337,593             | -                        | 337,593           | 337,593           |
|                               | <b>387,840</b>      | <b>42,701</b>            | <b>345,139</b>    | <b>347,043</b>    |
| Total tangible capital assets | <b>\$ 617,805</b>   | <b>\$ 202,076</b>        | <b>\$ 415,729</b> | <b>\$ 404,261</b> |

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**6. Deferred Revenue and Deferred Contributions**

|                                  | <b>Deferred<br/>Contributions</b> | <b>Deferred<br/>Memberships</b> | <b>Gift<br/>Certificates<br/>&amp; Other</b> | <b>Deferred<br/>Revenue</b> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| December 31, 2021                | \$ 210,766                        | \$ 325,340                      | \$ 60,486                                    | \$ 385,826                  |
| Funds received                   | 52,896                            | 514,136                         | 359,799                                      | 873,935                     |
| Amounts recognized<br>as revenue | <u>(212,464)</u>                  | <u>(492,139)</u>                | <u>(370,171)</u>                             | <u>(862,310)</u>            |
| December 31, 2022                | 51,198                            | 347,337                         | 50,114                                       | 397,451                     |
| Funds received                   | 180,842                           | 531,729                         | 427,433                                      | 959,162                     |
| Amounts recognized<br>as revenue | <u>(91,200)</u>                   | <u>(505,889)</u>                | <u>(420,278)</u>                             | <u>(926,167)</u>            |
| December 31, 2023                | <u>\$ 140,840</u>                 | <u>\$ 373,177</u>               | <u>\$ 57,269</u>                             | <u>\$ 430,446</u>           |

Deferred contributions consist of grants and other contributions received that are restricted for specific programs. Deferred revenue includes advance payments received for memberships, gift certificates and education fees.



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**7. Externally and Internally Restricted Fund Balances**

Externally restricted fund balances are those subject to restrictions imposed by contributors and therefore not available for use by the Association other than for specified purposes. Internally restricted fund balances may be made available for other purposes, as the internal restrictions imposed on the fund balances may be removed at the discretion of the Directors of the Association. Fund balances as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 are:

|                       | <b>2023</b>         |                             |                            |                                |                              |                        |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
|                       | Operating<br>Fund   | Capital<br>Campaign<br>Fund | Capital<br>General<br>Fund | Garden<br>Collections<br>Funds | Endowment<br>Holding<br>Fund | Sustainability<br>Fund | Total               |
| Externally restricted | \$ -                | \$ 210                      | \$ 301,700                 | \$1,037,165                    | \$ 189,625                   | \$ 18,100              | \$ 1,546,800        |
| Internally restricted | -                   | 10,000                      | 170,794                    | 140,360                        | 224,429                      | 333,451                | 879,034             |
| Unrestricted          | 1,461,166           | -                           | -                          | -                              | -                            | -                      | 1,461,166           |
| Invested in capital   | 2,389               | -                           | 59,384                     | 345,139                        | -                            | -                      | 406,912             |
|                       | <b>\$ 1,463,555</b> | <b>\$ 10,210</b>            | <b>\$ 531,878</b>          | <b>\$1,522,664</b>             | <b>\$ 414,054</b>            | <b>\$ 351,551</b>      | <b>\$ 4,293,912</b> |
|                       | <b>2022</b>         |                             |                            |                                |                              |                        |                     |
|                       | Operating<br>Fund   | Capital<br>Campaign<br>Fund | Capital<br>General<br>Fund | Garden<br>Collections<br>Funds | Endowment<br>Holding<br>Fund | Sustainability<br>Fund | Total               |
| Externally restricted | \$ -                | \$ 210                      | \$ 124,426                 | \$ 693,748                     | \$ 189,625                   | \$ 18,100              | \$ 1,026,109        |
| Internally restricted | -                   | 10,000                      | 150,336                    | 101,860                        | 124,429                      | 215,677                | 602,302             |
| Unrestricted          | 1,343,022           | -                           | -                          | -                              | -                            | -                      | 1,343,022           |
| Invested in capital   | 3,412               | -                           | 52,616                     | 347,043                        | -                            | -                      | 403,071             |
|                       | <b>\$ 1,346,434</b> | <b>\$ 10,210</b>            | <b>\$ 327,378</b>          | <b>\$ 1,142,651</b>            | <b>\$ 314,054</b>            | <b>\$ 233,777</b>      | <b>\$ 3,374,504</b> |

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**8. Vancouver Foundation Funds**

In addition to the Fund described in Note 3, the Vancouver Foundation holds certain funds wholly or partially for the benefit of the Association. The Vancouver Foundation periodically disburses funds at its discretion to the Association, typically from income and on a quarterly basis, to be used for enhancement of the Association and for other activities beneficial to the Association. For the year ended December 31, 2023, \$315,539 (2022 - \$299,229) was received. As the Association does not control the underlying investments they are not recorded as assets in the financial statements.

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**9. Salaries and Wages**

For the year ended December 31, 2023 included in various expenditure categories on the Statement of Operations are wages and benefits totalling \$1,724,956 (2022 - \$1,451,664).

|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Administration   | \$ 415,476          |
| Education        | 680,248             |
| Fund Development | 96,135              |
| Marketing        | 134,214             |
| Membership       | 180,500             |
| Volunteer        | <u>218,383</u>      |
| Total            | <u>\$ 1,724,956</u> |

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**10. Transactions with the Parks Board**

At December 31, 2023, the Park Board owed an amount of \$77,596 (2022 - \$33,349) to the Association, which is included in accounts receivable.

During the year ended December 31, 2023 the Park Board made contributions of \$5,000 (2022 - \$5,000) to the Association to subsidize the Garden Guide Cart Tour Program.

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**11. Financial Instruments and Risk Management**

The Association is exposed to various risks arising through its financial assets and liabilities. The following analysis provides a measurement of those risks at December 31, 2023.

(a) Credit and Market Risk

Credit risk is the risk that the Association will incur a loss due to the failure by its debtors to meet their contractual obligations. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Association to significant concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of investments.

Market risk is the risk that the value of investments in cash and pooled exchange traded investment funds will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual investment or factors affecting all securities traded in the market.

The Association limits its exposure to credit risk by placing its cash with high credit quality financial institutions and its investments in corporations in accordance with investment policies adopted by the Board. The objective is to manage and control credit and market risk exposure within acceptable parameters, while maximizing return. This risk has increased in the current year with the acquisition of additional investments in equities.

(b) Capital Risk

The Association considers its capital to be its net assets. The Association's objectives when managing its capital are to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern so it can continue to enhance and preserve the Garden and Conservatory. Annual budgets are developed and monitored to ensure the organization's capital is maintained at an appropriate level.

(c) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk represents the potential increases or decreases in fair value or cash flow resulting from fluctuations in interest rates. The investments held by the Association at December 31, 2023 consist of pooled exchange traded funds. As a result, the Association is exposed to fair value risk.

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**11. Financial Instruments and Risk Management - Continued**

(d) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Association will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The majority of the Association's financial assets are cash and investments traded in active markets that can be readily liquidated and therefore the Association's liquidity risk is considered minimal. The Association aims to retain a sufficient cash position to manage liquidity.

Except as noted in (a) above, there have been no changes in the risks associated with financial instruments.

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**12. Commitments**

The Association had entered into a postage machine lease expiring November 2027 and photocopier lease expiring February 2028, for which it is required to pay \$2,004 and \$2,220 per annum respectively. There is also a communications arrangement expiring in May 2025 for which the association is required to pay \$7,231 per annum respectively.

The above operating lease agreements result in minimum annual payments as follows:

|      |          |
|------|----------|
| 2024 | \$ 5,475 |
| 2025 | \$ 5,282 |
| 2026 | \$ 4,731 |
| 2027 | \$ 4,357 |
| 2028 | \$ 414   |

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**13. Remuneration of Directors, Employees and Contractors**

Under the requirements of the Societies Act (BC), the Association must disclose the total remuneration paid to the Directors, for either being a director or for acting in another capacity, as well as the total number of employees or contractors with annual remuneration equal to or greater than \$75,000 and the aggregate remuneration of those employees/contractors. During the years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 there was no remuneration paid to the Directors of the Association. A total of 4 (2022 - 5) employees/contractors received remuneration in excess of \$75,000 which resulted in an aggregate expense of \$499,204 (2022 - \$543,992).

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### 14. Subsequent Events

On April 8th, 2024, the City of Vancouver as represented by its Board of Parks Board and Recreation authorized its General Manager to sign a new Joint Operating Agreement (the "Agreement") with the Association which has been under negotiation for several years. Following this, on April 9th, 2024 the Association's Board of Directors authorized its President to sign the Agreement. This Agreement, when executed, will replace the previous Joint Operating Agreement dated October 20th, 1994 and the VanDusen JOA - Extension Agreement dated December 4th, 2012. The Agreement is expected to be signed by both parties later in April 2024. The Agreement reflects the working relationship, shared objectives and legal relationship of the parties, and is for a term of 10 years with one renewal term of 5 years. The effective date of the Agreement will be January 1, 2025.

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**Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association**  
**Schedule of Assets by Fund**

| December 31                     | 2023                | 2022                |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                   |                     |                     |
| <b>Operating Fund</b>           |                     |                     |
| Cash                            | \$ 633,286          | \$ 495,777          |
| Long-term investments           | 1,237,687           | 1,183,978           |
| Accounts receivable             | 86,186              | 79,749              |
| Prepaid expenses                | 40,300              | 37,925              |
| Restricted cash (Note 2)        | 140,840             | 51,198              |
| Tangible capital assets         | 2,389               | 3,412               |
|                                 | <b>2,140,688</b>    | <b>1,852,039</b>    |
| <b>Capital Campaign Fund</b>    |                     |                     |
| Restricted investment           | 10,210              | 10,210              |
|                                 | <b>10,210</b>       | <b>10,210</b>       |
| <b>Capital General Fund</b>     |                     |                     |
| Restricted investments          | 472,493             | 275,952             |
| Tangible capital assets         | 68,201              | 52,616              |
|                                 | <b>540,694</b>      | <b>328,568</b>      |
| <b>Garden Collections Funds</b> |                     |                     |
| Restricted cash (Note 2)        | -                   | 168,069             |
| Restricted investments          | 1,177,526           | 627,539             |
| Tangible capital assets         | 345,139             | 347,043             |
|                                 | <b>1,522,665</b>    | <b>1,142,651</b>    |
| <b>Endowment Holding Fund</b>   |                     |                     |
| Restricted investments          | 274,054             | 174,054             |
| Restricted donation             | 140,000             | 140,000             |
|                                 | <b>414,054</b>      | <b>314,054</b>      |
| <b>Sustainability Fund</b>      |                     |                     |
| Restricted investments          | 351,551             | 233,777             |
|                                 | <b>351,551</b>      | <b>233,777</b>      |
|                                 | <b>\$ 4,979,862</b> | <b>\$ 3,881,299</b> |

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