

CATFISH CREEK CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Mission Statement

"To communicate and deliver resource management services and programs in order to achieve social and ecological harmony for the watershed"

AGENDA

Thursday, February 22th, 2024, 2:00 p.m. East Elgin Community Complex

1)	Welcome / Call to Order	Paul Buchner
2)	Land Acknowledgement	
3)	Adoption of Agenda	Full Authority
4)	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest	
5)	Introduction of:	
	a) Members of the Board, Staff, & Special Guests .	Paul Buchner
6)	Chairperson's Remarks	Paul Buchner
7)	Adoption of Minutes of:	
	a) Full Authority Meeting # FA 10/2023 (December	er 14, 2023) Full Authority
	b) Personnel / Finance Committee Meeting # PF 0	1/2024 (January 25, 2024) Full Authority
8)	Business Arising from the Minutes	Full Authority
9)	2023 Annual Report	Dusty Underhill
10)	Presentation of 2023 Audited Financial Statements	
11)	Adoption of 2023 Audited Financial Statements	Full Authority
12)	Election of Officers for 2024	Mark Widner
	a) Chairperson	c) Vice-Chairperson
	b) Chairperson's Address	d) Vice-Chairperson's Address
13)	Appointment of Authority's Auditor, Financial Insti	tution and Solicitor Full Authority
14)	Adoption of Borrowing and Signing Authority for P	ayroll and Utilities Resolutions Full Authority
15)	Student Scholarship Award Presentation	Scott Lewis
16)	Conservation Award Presentation	Gary Clarke
17)	Other Business	Full Authority
18)	Termination	Full Authority

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CATFISH CREEK CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Meeting #10/2023

PRESENT:

Paul Buchner

Morgaine Halpin

Arthur Oslach

Scott Lewis

Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson

Member Member Township of South-West Oxford Municipality of Central Elgin

Town of Aylmer

Township of Malahide

STAFF:

Dusty Underhill

Gerrit Kremers Al Bradford Peter Dragunas Brittany Bell

General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer Resource Planning Coordinator

Conservation Area Supervisor Water Management Technician

Program Support Assistant

ABSENT:

Gary Clarke

Member

City of St. Thomas

Financial Services Coordinator Susan Simmons

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rob Perry

Reporter, the Aylmer Express

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Buchner welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at (9:58 a.m.).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion # 113/2023

M. Halpin

S. Lewis

CARRIED

THAT, the Agenda for the December 14, 2023, Full Authority meeting be adopted as circulated.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

No one had a pecuniary interest to disclose at this time.

DISCLOSURE OF INTENTION TO AUDIO / VIDEO RECORD MEETING:

The Chairperson asked for disclosures of intentions to audio or video record the meeting. No one indicated any such intentions at this time.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Motion # 114/2023

A. Oslach

M. Halpin

CARRIED

THAT, the Minutes of Full Authority Meeting #09/2023 (November 9, 2023), be adopted as circulated.

Motion # 115/2023

S. Lewis

A. Oslach

CARRIED

THAT, the Minutes of Land Management Committee Meeting #LM02/2023 (November 30, 2023), be adopted as circulated.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

No one reported any outstanding business to discuss from the previous Minutes.

PUBLIC / SPECIAL DELEGATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Reports FA 94 to FA 97/2023 – Monthly Staff Reports, were presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 116/2023

A. Oslach

M. Halpin

CARRIED

THAT, Staff Reports FA 94 to FA 97 for the month of November, 2023, be noted and filed.

Report FA 98/2023 – November Summary of Revenue and Expenditures, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 117/2023

A. Oslach

S. Lewis

CARRIED

THAT, Report FA 98/2023 (November Summary of Revenue and Expenditures), be noted and filed.

Report FA 99/2023 – Accounts Paid, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 118/2023

M. Halpin

S. Lewis

CARRIED

THAT, Accounts Paid totaling \$30,058.53 be approved as presented in Report FA 99/2023.

Report FA 100/2023 – Catfish Creek Conservation Authority Ice Management Plan Amendment was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 119/2023

S. Lewis

M. Halpin

CARRIED

THAT, the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority, Board of Directors approve the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority, Ice Management Plan, 2023, amendment on page 5 and 6 *Malahide Township Responsibility*, as described in Report FA 100/2023, and in compliance with Conservation Authorities Act, ONTARIO REGULATION 686/21, MANDATORY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. Consolidation Period: From January 1, 2023 to the e-Laws current date.

Report FA 101/2023 - Proposed 2024 Meeting Schedule, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 120/2023

M. Halpin

A. Oslach

CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority approve the 2024 Meeting Date Schedule as outlined in Report FA 101/2023.

Report FA 102/2023 – Year End Motions, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 121/2023

S. Lewis

M. Halpin

CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority approve the list of Year-End Motions contained in Report FA 102/2023.

Report FA 103/2023 - Strategic Plan 2024-2034, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 122/2023

M. Halpin

S. Lewis

CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority approve the changes to the draft 2024-2034 Strategic Plan as presented in Report FA 103/2023; and further,

THAT, staff provide a completed 2024-2034 Strategic Plan for approval at the January 2024 Personnel and Finance Committee meeting.

Report FA 93/2023 –2023 Conservation Areas Workshop, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 123/2023

M. Halpin

A. Oslach

CARRIED

THAT, Reports FA 104/2023 & 105/2023, 2023 CA Workshop, be received as information at this time.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT:

- Attended a CA Natural Asset Management Planning Workshop at Toronto Region Conservation Authority. Natural Asset Management is the use of natural resources or ecosystems to provide services. Not only does it save money, but encourages sustainability and investment in our environment. Including natural assets in asset management processes provides an integrated approach to maintaining or enhancing the natural assets in a community. Considering natural assets within asset management processes, can decrease capital, operations, and maintenance costs; increase levels of service; and enhance our ability to adapt to climate change all while protecting or enhancing the mass benefits that natural assets bring to the watershed.
- Held a staff meeting to discuss the 2023 Operating Season, both efficiencies and deficiencies, and introduced staff to the RACI concept (Responsible, Accountable, Consulted, Informed). I believe this acronym can change our processes when working on fulfilling projects or grants. It defines roles and responsibilities and eliminates overlap.

- Attended a zoom meeting and provided an overview in regard to the Community Services Recovery Fund. The grant was used to obtain our internet tower, new phone system, new sign including LED display board for the Administration Office, and video surveillance equipment for our gatehouses. Currently almost all of the grant components are complete.
- Completed the Dam Operations Manual and Asset Management Plan for Springwater Dam. Both documents were required under O. Reg. 686/21: MANDATORY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES that states an authority must develop and implement an operational plan and asset management plan on or before December 31, 2024.
- Attended a virtual Watershed Based Resource Management Workshop. CA's across the Province gathered both virtually and in Kingston to discuss challenges and the path forward in regard to the mandatory WBRMS deliverable.
- Attended a site tour of the VW Battery Plant with Gerrit Kremers Resource Planning
 Coordinator and Nathan Bokma Senior Project Manager Industrial Development
 for the City of St Thomas. Staff were given a full overview of the site via digital maps
 to understand the layout and configuration. We then toured the site physically.
 Stormwater and Drainage reviews will be studied soon and consultation will occur.
 The General Manager also inquired into what Environmental Offsets may be
 available down the road as roughly 2/3 of the site is in our watershed.
- Reviewed all Strategic Plan survey answers as they came in. The general
 population was happy with what we are doing and the plan we have created to guide
 us into the future. Once complete it will be a major component of the WBRMS. The
 survey closed officially on November 24, at 4pm.
- Prepared for the November 2023 Personnel and Finance and Land Management Meetings and December Full Authority Meeting.
- Continual meetings, workshops and webinars in regard to the Ontario Regulation 686/21 Mandatory Deliverables. Working groups have been created to establish templates so there is consistency among the 36 CA's.
- Started researching the historical heritage designation for the Springwater Schoolhouse and how we go about getting work done or what work is allowed to be done etc. without a heritage committee meeting as it will require a new roof as soon as possible.

Motion # 124/2023 A. Oslach S. Lewis CARRIED

THAT, the Correspondence Registers for November, 2023, be noted and filed.

Motion # 125/2023 S. Lewis A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority adjourn to Closed Session at 10:26 a.m.

Motion # 126/2023 A. Oslach M. Halpin CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority rise without report at 10:33 a.m.

Motion # 127/2023	M. Halpin	A. Oslach	CARRIED		
THAT, the Minutes of F be adopted as circulate		mittee Meeting #PF02/2023 (November 30, 2023),		
NEXT MEETING / TER	MINATION:				
The next meeting of the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority will be The Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, February 22, 2024, commencing at 2:00 p.m.					
Motion # 128/2023	A. Oslach	S. Lewis	CARRIED		
THAT, the Full Authority be terminated at 10:36 a.m.					
General Manager / Sec	cretary –Treasurer	Authority Chairper	son		

A. Oslach

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CATFISH CREEK CONSERVATION AUTHORITY PERSONNEL / FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Meeting #PF 01/2024

PRESENT:

Morgaine Halpin
Paul Buchner

Arthur Oslach
Gary Clarke
Scott Lewis

Committee Chairperson Authority Chairperson

Committee Member Committee Member Committee Member Municipality of Central Elgin Township of South-West-Oxford

Town of Aylmer City of St. Thomas Township of Malahide

STAFF:

Dusty Underhill

General Manager / Secretary - Treasurer

ABSENT:

Susan Simmons

Financial Services Coordinator

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairperson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at (9:56 a.m.).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion # PF 01/2024

P. Buchner

A. Oslach

CARRIED

THAT, the Agenda for the January 25, 2024, Personnel / Finance Committee meeting be adopted as amended.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

No one had a pecuniary interest to disclose at this time.

DISCLOSURE OF INTENTION TO AUDIO / VIDEO RECORD MEETING:

The Committee Chairperson asked for disclosures of intentions to audio or video record the meeting. No one indicated any such intentions at this time.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

CCCA recognizes that the land on which we gather is in the traditional territory shared between the Haudenosaunee confederacy, the Anishinabe nations, and the Attiwonderonk Neutrals.

PUBLIC / SPECIAL DELEGATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Report PF 01/2024 – Draft Audited Financial Statements was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 02/2024

A. Oslach

P. Buchner

CARRIED

THAT, the Personnel and Finance Committee acknowledge receipt of the 2023 Draft Financial Statements as presented in Report 01/2024.

Presentation by Sarah Emons, Long Point Biosphere Region

Motion # PF 03/2024

A. Oslach

S. Lewis

CARRIED

THAT, the Long Point Biosphere Region delegation be received as information; and further,

THAT, the Personnel and Finance Committee write a letter of endorsement for the biosphere working group; and further,

THAT, the Committee commit to provide staff support to the working group.

Report PF 02/2024 to PF 05/2024 – Monthly Staff Reports was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 04/2024

G. Clarke

A. Oslach

CARRIED

THAT, Staff Reports PF 02/2024 to PF 05/2024 for the month of December 2023, be noted and filed.

Reports PF 06/2024 – December Summary of Expenditures and Revenue was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 05/2024

A. Oslach

G. Clarke

CARRIED

THAT, Report PF 06/2024, December Summary of Expenditures and Revenue, be received as information at this time.

Report PF 07/2023 – Appropriation To/From Reserves, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 06/2024

P. Buchner

A. Oslach

CARRIED

THAT, the Personnel/Finance Committee recommend to the Full Authority that the appropriations to and from the various Reserve Accounts outlined in Report PF 07/2024, be approved as presented.

Report PF 08/2024 – Electricity Cost / Usage Analysis, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 07/2024

A. Oslach

G. Clarke

CARRIED

THAT, Report PF 08/2024, Electricity Cost/Usage Analysis, be received as information at this time.

Report PF 9/2024 - Accounts Paid, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 08/2024

G. Clarke

A. Oslach

CARRIED

THAT, Accounts Paid totaling \$9,983.97, be approved as presented in Report PF 09/2024.

Report PF 10/2024 – Annual Review of Violence and Harassment Policy, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 09/2024

P. Buchner

A. Oslach

CARRIED

THAT, Report PF 10/2024 be received for information.

Report PF 11/2024 – Annual Review of the Health and Safety Policy, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 10/2024

G. Clarke

A. Oslach

CARRIED

THAT, Report PF 11/2024 be received for information.

Report PF 12/2024 – Appointment of Legal Council, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 11/2024

P. Buchner

A. Oslach

CARRIED

THAT, the Personnel/Finance Committee receive the Report PF 12/2024 as information.

Report PF 13/2024 - Conservation Award Nominations, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 12/2024

G. Clarke

A. Oslach

CARRIED

THAT, the Personnel/Finance Committee select the Canadian Chestnut Council for the 2023 CCCA Conservation Award.

Report PF 14/2024 - Conservation Scholarship Award, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 13/2024

S. Lewis

P. Buchner

CARRIED

THAT, the Personnel/Finance Committee select Makaela Gilbert, as the recipient of the 2023 CCCA Conservation Scholarship Award.

Report PF 15/2024 - AGM Agenda, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 14/2024

G. Clarke

A. Oslach

CARRIED

THAT, the Personnel/Finance Committee approve the Annual General Meeting Agenda as amended in Report PF 15/2024.

Report PF 16/2024 - CO Council Meeting, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 15/2024

Paul Buchner

S. Lewis

CARRIED

THAT, Report PF 16/2024, be received as information at this time.

Report PF 17/2024 - Final Transition Meeting, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 16/2024

S. Lewis

A. Oslach

CARRIED

THAT, Report PF 17/2024, Conservation Authorities Act Transition Final Progress Report in accordance with Ontario Regulation 687/21: Transition Plan and Agreements for Programs and Services be noted and filed.

Report PF 18/2024 –2024-2034 Strategic Plan, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 17/2024

P. Buchner

S. Lewis

CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority approve the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority 2024-2034 Strategic Plan; and further,

THAT, staff publish the plan on the CCCA website and make it readily available in the Administration Center.

Report PF 19/2024 - Tractor Purchase, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 18/2024

S. Lewis

A. Oslach

CARRIED

THAT, the Board of Directors approve the purchase of the used 2014 Kubota M8560.

Report PF 20/2024 - Social Media Policy Update, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 19/2024

A. Oslach

P. Buchner

CARRIED

THAT, the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority Corporate Social Media Policy update and Catfish Creek Conservation Authority Public Social Media Policy be approved as presented in Report PF 20/2024.

Report PF 21/2024 –Maple Syrup Products, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 19/2024

S. Lewis

A. Oslach

CARRIED

THAT, Great Lakes Sugarbush/Berryhill Farms, be awarded the 2024 wholesale maple syrup contract; and further,

THAT, the Personnel / Finance Committee approve the 2024 suggested retail prices for the maple syrup products as presented in Report PF 21/2024.

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Copied: None

b) Not Copied: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

BER'S REPORT:	
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A. Oslach	CARRIED
pe terminated at (11:27	a.m.).
Committee Chairp	erson
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Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

Financial Statements

For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

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MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The accompanying financial statements are the responsibility of the management of Catfish Creek Conservation Authority and have been prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

These financial statements include:

- Independent Auditors' Report
- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus
- Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets
- Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses
- Statement of Cash Flows
- Notes to the Financial Statements
- Schedule of Program Expenditures
- Schedules of Tangible Capital Assets

The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer and Finance Services Coordinator are responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibility for financial reporting and is ultimately responsible for reviewing the financial statements before they are submitted to the board for approval.

The integrity and reliability of Catfish Creek Conservation Authority reporting systems are achieved through the use of formal policies and procedures, the careful selection of employees and an appropriate division of responsibilities. These systems are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information is reliable and accurate.

The financial statements have been audited on behalf of the board of Catfish Creek Conservation Authority by Graham Scott Enns LLP in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Mr. Dustin Underhill

General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

Ms. Susan Simmons

Finance Services Coordinator

St. Thomas, Ontario January 25, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Catfish Creek Conservation Authority:

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **Catfish Creek Conservation Authority**, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statement of operations and accumulated surplus, statement of changes in net financial assets, statement of remeasurement gains and losses, statement of cash flows, and schedule of program expenditures for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority's financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority as at December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our 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 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 organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Auditors' 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.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

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

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

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

St. Thomas, Ontario January 25, 2024

Graham Scott Enns LLP

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

Licensed Public Accountants

Statement of Financial Position As At December 31, 2023

FINANCIAL ASSETS	2023 _\$	2022 <u>\$</u> (Note 1)
Cash	704,702	679,511
Short term investments (Note 4)	341,905	328,239
Accounts receivable	2,687	38.669
	1,049,294	1,046,419
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	43,712	35,357
Deferred revenues (Note 6)	205,326	155,748
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>249,038</u>	<u>191,105</u>
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	800,256	855,314
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS Prepaids Tangible capital assets (Pages 20 and 21)	17,759 _3,084,185	389 _2,896,309
Tanglolo capital assets (Lages 20 and 21)	2,001,102	_2,070,507
TOTAL NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS	3,101,944	2,896,698
TOTAL NET ASSETS	3,902,200	3,752,012
NET ASSETS IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING:		
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (NOTE 8)	3,902,200	3,752,012
ACCUMULATED REMEASUREMENT GAINS (LOSSES)		
	3,902,200	3,752,012

Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2023	2022
	Budget	Actual	Actual
	(Note 10)	Actual	(Note 1)
	(11016-10)	\$	\$_
	<u> </u>		
REVENUES			
Camping and day use - user fees	741,900	767,286	673,696
Municipal levies (Note 5)	405,940	406,290	399,022
Federal grants	131,403	230,504	241,672
Donations and sponsorships	36,300	55,950	866,878
Watershed stewardship - user fees and permits	40,278	44,168	53,259
Interest and other	8,500	51,486	17,215
Ministry of Natural Resource and Forestry grants	41,215	41,215	41,215
Other provincial grants	47,699	18,571	24,797
Ontario and Federal works programs	20,000	11,869	55,816
Official of the form of the first of the fir			
	1,473,235	1,627,339	<u>2,373,570</u>
EXPENDITURES (NOTE 9)	504 (77	406 574	366,620
Program expenditures - Mandated programs (Page 19)	524,677	496,574	324,996
Corporate services	145,525	118,733	324,970
Program expenditures - Other programs	047 226	816,153	758,076
(Page 19)	847,336		44,805
Amortization (Page 20 and 21)	45,691	45,691	44,803
	1 562 220	1,477,151	1,494,497
	1,563,229	1,4//,131	1,494,497
	(89,994)	150,188	879,073
ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(09,994)	150,100	077,073
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ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF	3,752,012	3,752,012	2,499,439
YEAR	3,732,012	5,752,012	2,177,127
TO OPEYON OF NEW ACCOUNTING			
ADOPTION OF NEW ACCOUNTING	-	_	373,500
POLICIES AND STANDARDS (NOTE 1)			
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ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	3,662,018	3,902,200	3,752,012
(NOTE 8)	5.002,010	- DITOMINUO	

Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023 Budget (Note 10)\$	2023 Actual	2022 Actual (Note 1)
ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFCIT)	(89,994)	150,188	879,073
Amortization of tangible capital assets Acquisition of tangible capital assets Use of prepaids	45,691	45,691 (233,567) (17,370)	44,805 (947,201) 21,139
CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	(44,303)	(55,058)	(2,184)
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	855,314	855,314	<u>857,498</u>
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, END OF YEAR	811,011	800,256	855,314

Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022 (Note 1)
ACCUMULATED REMEASUREMENT GAINS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		-
Change in accumulated remeasurement gains		
ACCUMULATED REMEASUREMENT GAINS, END OF YEAR		

Statement of Cash Flows For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
		(Note 1)
		\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	4.50.400	070.073
Annual surplus	150,188	879,073
Items not affecting cash:	17.00	44.004
Amortization of tangible capital assets	45,691	44,804
Contribution of tangible capital assets		<u>(750,000)</u>
	195,879	173,877
Change in non-cash working capital balances:	175,077	175,077
Accounts receivable	35,982	16,790
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	8,355	(46,021)
Deferred revenues	49,578	25,099
Prepaids	(17,370)	21,139
		
	272,424	190,884
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of investments	(13,666)	(7,208)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of tangible capital assets	(233,567)	_(197,201)
NET CHANCE IN CASH DUDING THE VEAD	25 101	(12.525)
NET CHANGE IN CASH DURING THE YEAR	25,191	(13,525)
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	679,511	693,036
CASH, END OF YEAR	704,702	679,511

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PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Catfish Creek Conservation Authority (the "organization") is established under the Conservation Authorities Act of Ontario to further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources, other than gas, oil, coal and minerals, for the watershed within its jurisdiction. This jurisdiction includes areas in the City of St. Thomas, the Municipality of Central Elgin, the Town of Aylmer, the Township of South-West Oxford and the Township of Malahide. The organization is also a registered charity and as such is exempt from income taxes under paragraph 149(1)(f) of the Income Tax Act.

1. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

On January 1, 2023 the organization adopted accounting policies to conform to new standards issued under Canadian public sector accounting standards. The organization adopted the following standards which had the following impact:

- PS 1201 Financial Statement Presentation resulting in presentation of a new statement of remeasurement gains and losses. This change has been applied retrospectively.
- PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations require reporting of any asset retirement obligations as tangible capital assets and their liabilities and associated policies. It is managements opinion that no asset retirement obligations exist as at December 31, 2023. This change has been applied retrospectively.
- PS 3450 Financial Instruments reporting new disclosures regarding financial instrument risks and the restatement of the opening accumulated surplus related to deferred capital contributions. This change has been applied as deferred capital contributions no longer meet the definition of a financial obligation and are now reflected in net surplus when received and amortized over the life of the asset. This change has been applied retrospectively. The result of this change in the 2022 comparative figures was the removal of the deferred capital contributions of \$434,300, an increase in Federal grants of \$63,119, a decrease in other income related to the amortization of capital contributions of \$2,319, for an overall increase annual surplus for the year of \$60,800. The elimination of the deferred capital contributions and in increase in annual surplus resulted in a retroactive restatement to the opening surplus of \$373,500 and an increase in net financial assets of \$434,400.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the organization are prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the organization are as follows:

Use of Estimates

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the current period. These estimates are reviewed periodically and adjustments are made to income as appropriate in the year they become known. These significant accounting estimates include the following items:

• Useful lives of tangible capital assets

Financial Instruments

The organization's financial instruments are measured as follows:

- i. Cash and guaranteed investment certificates at fair value;
- ii. Portfolio investments at fair value (if any);
- iii. Accounts receivable at amortized cost;
- iv. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities at amortized cost.

The fair value is determined as follows:

- i. Level 1 Fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (in active markets);
- ii. Level 2 Fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the assets, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices);
- iii. Level 3 Fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset that are not based on observable data (unobservable inputs).

For financial instruments measured using amortized cost the transaction costs and any other fees are expensed as incurred.

Unrealized gains and losses from changes in the fair value of financial instruments are recognized in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses.

All financial assets are tested annually for impairment. When financial assets are impaired, impairment losses are recorded in the statement of operations.

Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized as follows:

- Municipal levy revenue is recognized in full once the Municipalities approve the levied amount.
- Campground rental revenue is recognized when the campsite is used. For seasonal campground rentals the revenue is recognized over the camping season to which it relates.
- Grant revenue is recognized when the corresponding expenditure is incurred.
- Donation revenue is recognized when received.

Classification of Expenditures

Expenditures are reported in mandated programs, other programs, and corporate services, which follow the classifications designated by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for program grants. By following these guidelines, there will be consistency of reporting by the Conservation Authorities in Ontario. These are further explained as follows:

- Corporate services include those associated with head office functions other than technical staff and associated programs.
- Mandated program expenditures include program administration, water related projects along with associated programs such as flood forecasting, floodplain regulations, conservation services and enforcement, dam operation and maintenance.
- Other program expenditures include conservation and recreation land management, vehicle and equipment operations and related projects.

Asset Retirement Obligations

The organization may be exposed to obligations of remediation associated with their tangible capital assets. If a legal obligation exists of remediation for a tangible capital asset then the organization would be required to set up an estimated future cost and liability associated with these obligations. As at December 31, 2023 there were no tangible capital assets that organization has controlled, constructed, owned or used that would have a legal obligation of remediation.

Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. The cost, less residual value of the tangible capital asset, is amortized on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life as follows:

Buildings	50 years
Dams	100 years
Bridges, boardwalks and other wood structures	30 years
Water services and wells	50 years
Equipment	30 years
Hydro services	50 years
Vehicles	8 years

Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

Tangible capital assets received as contributions are recorded at their fair value at the date of receipt and included in surplus in year of acquisition.

Non-Financial Assets

Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for use in the provision of services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year and are not intended for sale in the ordinary course of operations. The change in non-financial assets during the year, together with the annual surplus or deficit, provides the Change in Net Financial Assets for the year.

Reserves

The organization sets up internal reserves for campground operations, capital replacement, legal and other items in order to ensure funds are available to finance shortfalls. These reserves are replenished from operating surplus as directed by the board of directors.

Contaminated Sites

The organization may be exposed to litigation or other costs of remediation due to contaminated properties. A liability for remediation is recognized in the financial statements when an environmental standard exists, contamination exceeds the standard, the organization is directly responsible for the remediation and a reasonable estimate of the liability can be made. As at December 31, 2023 there were no properties that the organization was responsible to remedy and as such no liability has been accrued.

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3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT RISK

Risks and Concentrations

The organization is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of the organization's risk exposure and concentrations at the balance sheet date. There were no changes in the risk assessments from the previous year.

Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk. The organization is mainly exposed to interest rate risk. It is management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to any currency or other price risk.

i] Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The organization is exposed to interest rate risk on its short-term investments (guaranteed investment certificates). As the interest rates are fixed the organization doesn't believe that interest rate risk is a significant risk.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that a organization will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The organization is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its accounts payable and accrued liabilities The organization doesn't believe that liquidity risk is a significant risk as no financial liabilities of the organization were in default during the period and the organization was not subject to any covenants during the period.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The organization's main credit risks relate to its accounts receivable and taxes receivable. The organization manages this risk by monitoring active receivable balances.

4. SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS

SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	2023 	2022
GIC, 4.00%, matures on June 30, 2024 (Level 1) GIC, 4.10%, matures on June 30, 2023 (Level 1)	341,905	328,239
	<u>341,905</u>	328,239

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5. MUNICIPAL LEVIES

The municipalities that participate as members of the organization and their corresponding financial levies are as follows:

	levies are as ionows.	2023 	2022
	Township of Malahide	149,594	160,163
	Municipality of Central Elgin	112,451	103,488
	Town of Aylmer	105,066	98,197
	City of St. Thomas	25,146	22,962
	Township of South-West Oxford	14,033	14,212
6.	DEFERRED REVENUES	406,290	399,022
u.	DEFERRED REVERUES	2023 	2022
	Camping deposits	149,843	147,026
	Grants	8,722	8,722
	Capital funding	46,761	
		205,326	155,748

7. PENSION PLANS

The organization has established a Group RRSP plan for all regular full-time employees. Under the terms of the plan, the organization and the employee are required to make contributions equivalent to 5% of the employee's gross salary. The total cost of this plan for the year was approximately \$23,857 (2022 - \$18,671).

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8. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

The accumulated surplus balance consists of general fund, balances in reserves and investment in tangible capital assets and is made up as follows:

	tangible capital assets and is made up as follows:	2023 	2022
	General fund	(51,078)	(57,719)
	Reserves funds: Operational reserve Capital acquisition reserve Special programs reserve Land acquisition reserve Conservation areas development reserve	262,026 96,970 212,791 85,757 211,549	269,616 109,070 251,130 85,757 197,849
	Invested in tangible capital assets	3,084,185 3,902,200	913,422 2.896,309 3.752,012
9.	SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Current fund expenditures by object:	2023 	2022 \$
	Amortization Insurance Grants and stewardship Other program expenditures Salaries, wages and employee benefits	45,692 47,257 9,250 483,774 891,178 1,477,151	44,805 52,844 84,428 441,045 871,375

Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

10. BUDGETED AMOUNTS

The budget figures presented in these financial statements are based upon the 2023 budget approved by the board. Adjustments to budgeted values were required to provide comparative budget values based on the full accrual basis of accounting. The chart below reconciles the approved budget with the budget figures presented in these financial statements. Budget amounts are unaudited.

	Approved Budget	Adjustment	PSAB Budget
REVENUES			
Camping and day use	741,900	-	741,900
Municipal levies	405,940	72	405,940
Ontario and Federal works programs	20,000		20,000
Donations and sponsorships	36,300	≔ :	36,300
Watershed stewardship - user fees and permits	40,278	•	40,278
Ministry of Natural Resource and Forestry Grants	41,215	i a vi	41,215
Federal grants	131,403	=	131,403
Other provincial grants	47,699	*	47,699
Reserves	186,828	(186,828)	(#1)
Interest	8.500		8,500
	1,660,063	(186,828)	1,473,235
EXPENDITURES			
Program expenditures			
- Mandated Programs	524,677	= 3	524,677
- Other	989,861	(142,525)	847,336
Corporate services	145,525	9#3	145,525
Amortization		45,691	45,691
	1,660,063	(96,834)	1,563,229
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		(89,994)	(89,994)

Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

11. DONATED ASSETS AND SERVICES

Community members have volunteered their time and talents to the organization. Since these services are not normally purchased and because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, donated services are not recognized in these statements. During the prior year, the organization received a non-cash donation of \$750,000 for land. This donation is included in the statement of operations in Donation revenue.

12. RESERVES

The organization has established a number of internal reserves in order to ensure that funds are available to support future activities. The following reserves have been established:

Operational Reserve

The purpose of the operational reserve is to use any accumulated funds for the payment of expenditures that are not covered by government funding.

Capital Acquisition Reserve

This fund has been established to support the acquisition of various tangible capital assets as they become due for replacement.

Special Programs Reserve

This fund has been established to support funds designated by donors for special conservation projects to be carried out in the watershed.

Land Acquisition Reserve

This fund has been established to support the acquisition of environmentally significant properties that would further the objectives of the organization.

Conservation Areas Development Reserve

This fund has been established to support the development of environmentally significant properties that would further the objectives of the organization.

The reserve fund transfers for the year are outlined in the Schedule of Internal Reserves on page of the financial statements.

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Certain comparative figures presented in the financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the presentation adopted in the current year.

Schedule of Program Expenditures For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budget	Actual	Actual
	(Note 10)		(Note 1)
			\$
36 I. () December 1			
Mandated Programs	298,348	265,204	197,523
Flood forecast and warning	91,079	105,962	52,079
Conservation and management of lands		40,137	42,161
Administrating and enforcing the act	45,803	23,907	18,350
Ice management	24,224		20,478
Infrastructure - Dam	24,922	23,197	13,835
Water quality	12,487	16,440	13,069
Drought and low water response	16,990	15,002	
Account reviews and plan review	4,878	4,098	7,099
Source protection	5,947	2,627	2,026
	524.678	496,574	366,620
Other Programs			
Springwater conservation area and maple syrup	797,969	761,479	578,554
Watershed stewardship	35,597	25,050	133,105
Conservation information and education	7,720	12,033	11,292
Vehicle	4,550	10,799	8,921
Special projects	1,500	6,792	10,579
Development projects			<u>15,625</u>
	<u>847,336</u>	816,153	<u>758,076</u>
Total Program Expenditures	1,372,014	1,312,727	1,124,696

Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Cost Opening	Acquisitions	Disposals	Cost Ending	Accumulated Amortization Opening	Disposals	Amortization	Accumulated Amortization Ending	Net Book Value
ASSET TYPE									
Infrastructure Related									
Land	1,641,436	: 	15	1,641,436	×.	(15		1,641,436
Buildings	866,964	493,856	골	1,360,820	331,180	-	18,959	350,139	1,010,681
Dams	216,100	:: <u>-</u>	5.	216,100	110,097	:=:	2,161	112,258	103,842
Bridges, boardwalks and									
other wood structures	129,690	9.5	=	129,690	84,526		2,835	87,361	42,329
Water services and wells	78,926	5 2	<u>=</u>	78,926	37,991	-	1,479	39,470	39,456
Hydro services	64,510		<u>=</u>	64,510	8,657		1,290	9,947	54,563
	2,997,626	493,856		3,491,482	572,451		26,724	<u>599,175</u>	2,892,307
General Capital									
Equipment	138,478	33,159	-	171,637	60,352	-	4,173	64,525	107,112
Vehicles	214,871	46,427	44,121	217,177	168,338	44,121	14,794	139,011	<u>78,166</u>
	353,349	79,586	44,121	388,814	228,690	44,121	18,967	203,536	185,278
Work In Progress	346,475	6,600	346,475	6,600				-	6,600
Total Tangible Capital Assets	3,697,450	580,042	390,596	3,886,896	801,141	44,121	45,691	802,711	3,084,185

Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets For The Year Ended December 31, 2022

ASSET TYPE	Cost Opening	Acquisitions	Disposals	Cost Ending	Accumulated Amortization Opening	Disposals	Amortization	Accumulated Amortization Ending	Net Book Value
Infrastructure Related Land Buildings Dams	891,436 856,481 216,100	750,000 10,483	# #	1,641,436 866,964 216,100	315,179 107,936	*	16,001 2,161	331,180 110,097	1,641,436 535,784 106,003
Bridges, boardwalks and other wood structures Water services and wells Hydro services	129,690 78,926 44,510 2,217,143			129,690 78,926 64,510 2,997,626	81,428 36,413 7,567 548,523		3,098 1,578 1,090 23,928	84,526 37,991 8,657 572,451	45,164 40,935 55,853 2,425,175
General Capital Equipment Vehicles	105,842 214,871 320,713	32,636 		138,478 214,871 353,349	56,887 150,926 207,813		3,465 17,412 20,877	60,352 168,338 228,690	78,126 46,533 124,659
Work In Progress Total Tangible Capital Assets	212,393 2,750,249	134,082 947,201		346,475 3,697,450	756,336		44,805	801,141	346,475 2,896,309