**Financial Statements** 

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of The Green Party of Nova Scotia

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Green Party of Nova Scotia, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2015 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

### **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

In common with other political organizations, the Green Party of Nova Scotia derives revenue through political contributions and other fundraising activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the company and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to contributions, excess of revenues over expenses, current assets and net assets.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Green Party of Nova Scotia (continued)

### Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the contributions referred to in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the company as at December 31, 2015 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and the Members and Public Employees Disclosure Act.

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Dartmouth, Nova Scotia April 26, 2016 AC HUNTER TELLIER BELGRAVE ADAMSON CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

# **Statement of Operations**

		2015	9/0	2014	%
REVENUE					
Provincial funding	\$	5,786	51.49	\$ 8,141	68.85
Donations from individuals		3,030	26.96	2,041	17.26
Donations in-kind		2,127	18.93	1,239	10.48
Memberships		295	2.63	220	1.86
Miscellaneous		-	-	 184	1.56
		11,238	100.01	11,825	100.01
EXPENSES					
Professional fees		5,100	45.38	4,639	39.23
Travel		927	8.25	204	1.73
Bank charges		806	7.17	708	5.99
Telephone		768	6.83	768	6.49
Website development		482	4.29	482	4.08
AGM expenses		477	4.24	234	1.98
Honorariums		230	2.05	-	-
Office		87	0.77	396	3.35
Candidate fees (Reimbursement)		-	-	 (704)	(5.95)
		8,877	78.98	6,727	56.90
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	S	2,361	21.03	\$ 5,098	43.11

# **Statement of Changes in Net Assets**

		2015		2014	
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$	3,722	\$	(1,375)	
Excess of revenue over expenses		2,361		5,098	
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<b>S</b>	6,083	\$	3,723	

## **Statement of Financial Position**

**December 31, 2015** 

	2015		2014	
ASSETS				
Cash	S	11,203	\$	8,161
Accounts receivable		2,127	_	-
	\$	13,330	\$	8,161
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS Accounts payable Deferred income	unts payable \$	5,835 1,411	\$	2,999 1,439
		7,246		4,438
NET ASSETS	<u> </u>	6,084		3,723
	\$	13,330	\$	8,161

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## **Statement of Cash Flows**

	2015		2014	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES Excess of revenue over expenses	s	2,361	\$	5,098
		2,301	Ф	2,076
Changes in non-cash working capital:				
Accounts receivable		(2,127)		-
Accounts payable		2,836		(5,321)
Deferred income		(28)		(2,418)
		681		(7,739)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH FLOW		3,042		(2,641)
Cash - beginning of year		8,161		10,802
CASH - END OF YEAR	\$	11,203	\$	8,161

### **Notes to Financial Statements**

### Year Ended December 31, 2015

#### NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Green Party of Nova Scotia is a registered provincial political party.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Revenue recognition

The Party recognizes contributions as revenue when they are received. Revenue from fundraising or other sources is recognized when received or when receivable if collection is reasonably assured.

The Party follows the deferral method of accounting for public funding from the province of Nova Scotia. Under the deferral method, revenue is recognized when expenses directly related to the revenue are incurred.

### Accounting estimates

Accounting estimates are included in financial statements to approximate the effect of past business transactions or events, or to approximate the present status of an asset or liability. Examples include the revenue deferral. It is possible that changes in future conditions could require changes in the recognized amounts for accounting estimates. Should an adjustment become necessary, it would be reported in earnings in the period in which it became known.

### Donated services

The operations of the Party are dependent on the voluntary service of many people. Since these services are not normally purchased by the Party and because of the difficulty in determining their fair value, donated services are not monetarily recognized in these financial statements.

In 2013 the Party began to recognize bookkeeping services provide in-kind, the total for the 2015 fiscal was \$2,127 (2014: \$1,239).

#### Financial instruments

All of the Party's assets and liabilities are considered financial instruments. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Party is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximates their financial statement carrying values.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash includes cash less outstanding cheques plus outstanding deposits.

### 3. DEFERRED INCOME

In October of 2015 Green Party of Nova Scotia received funding (\$2,878) from Elections Nova Scotia, representing funding for October 2014 to March 2015. The portion relating to the 2016 fiscal year has been recorded as deferred income.

#### 4. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.