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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Alice House Second Stage Housing Association of Dartmouth

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Alice House, Second Stage Housing Association of Dartmouth, (the "Association"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2025, and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at March 31, 2025, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the Association derives revenue from donations, fundraising and rental activities the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Association. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to fundraising and rental revenues, excess of revenues over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the years ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, current assets and net assets as at March 31, 2025 and 2024, and net assets as at April 1 and March 31 for both the 2025 and 2024 years. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2024 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation of 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 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 audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with ASNPO, 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 or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Alice House (continued)

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 the 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.

Lyle Jelley Varidom

Halifax, Nova Scotia June 25, 2025

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

ALICE HOUSE (Second Stage Housing Association of Dartmouth) **Statement of Financial Position**

March 31, 2025

		2025	2024
ASSETS			
CURRENT			
Cash	\$	227,179	\$ 278,187
HST rebate receivable		50,686	13,845
Prepaid expenses		1,960	1,528
		279,825	293,560
CASH & INVESTMENTS - RESTRICTED		274 240	011 007
Capital reserve <i>(Note 4)</i> Operating reserve <i>(Notes 4, 5</i>)		371,246 816,264	211,307 507,177
Security deposits		5,750	5,142
		0,700	0,142
		1,473,085	1,017,186
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 7)		662,999	601,361
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INVESTMENT FUND (Notes 5, 6)		34,567	39,096
COPYRIGHT & TRADEMARK (Note 8)	_	4,926	4,926
	\$	2,175,577	\$ 1,662,569
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS CURRENT Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	101,814	\$ 24,414
Security deposits		5,267	6,820 76.017
Deferred revenue (Note 9)		238,048	76,917
		345,129	108,151
DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS (Note 10)		214,321	164,307
		559,450	272,458
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		74 000	04 570
NET ASSETS (DEBT)		71,880	84,573 361,307
Unrestricted		474 040	301 307
Unrestricted Capital Reserve <i>(Note 4)</i>		471,246	
Unrestricted Capital Reserve <i>(Note 4)</i> Operating Reserve <i>(Note 4)</i>		566,264	507,177
Unrestricted Capital Reserve <i>(Note 4)</i>	_	566,264 506,737	507,177 437,054
Unrestricted Capital Reserve <i>(Note 4)</i> Operating Reserve <i>(Note 4)</i>	_	566,264	507,177

LEASE COMMITMENTS (Note 12)

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Director

ALICE HOUSE (Second Stage Housing Association of Dartmouth) Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Year Ended March 31, 2025

	2025	2024
REVENUE (Schedule 1)	\$ 140,979	\$ 237,599
EXPENDITURES (Schedule 1)	 159,977	265,062
	 (18,998)	(27,463)
OTHER REVENUE		
Province of Nova Scotia	655,832	381,756
Donations and fundraising	584,853	614,133
Investment income (Note 5)	64,642	24,657
United Way	 30,000	30,000
	 1,335,327	1,050,546
OTHER EXPENDITURES		
Administration	41,293	40,972
Fundraising expenses	13,283	5,433
Professional fees (Note 11)	137,245	78,598
Program	74,807	35,241
Property management	-	5,111
Public relations	12,494	3,809
Rental	19,742	31,935
Repairs and maintenance	18,771	8,631
Salaries and wages	732,585	667,946
Telephone and technology	30,776	21,215
Travel	-	2,120
Utilities	 9,317	10,915
	 1,090,313	911,926
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER OTHER EXPENDITURES	\$ 226,016	\$ 111,157

ALICE HOUSE (Second Stage Housing Association of Dartmouth) Statement of Changes in Net Assets Year Ended March 31, 2025

	U	Inrestricted	Capital Reserve	Operating Investment in Reserve Capital Assets)25 2024	
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$	84,573	\$ 361,307	\$ 507,177	\$	437,054	\$	1,390,111	\$	1,278,954
Excess of revenue over other expenditures		216,077	9,939	-		-		226,016		111,157
Purchase of capital assets		(89,726)	-	-		89,726		-		-
Amortization		28,087	-	-		(28,087)		-		-
Amortization of deferred government grants		(8,044)	-	-		8,044		-		-
Changes in investments (Note 5)		(59,087)	-	59,087		-		-		-
Transfers to reserves		(100,000)	100,000	-		-		-		-
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$	71,880	\$ 471,246	\$ 566,264	\$	506,737	\$	1,616,127	\$	1,390,111

ALICE HOUSE (Second Stage Housing Association of Dartmouth) Statement of Unrestricted Cash Flows

Year Ended March 31, 2025

		2025		2024
OPERATING ACTIVITIES Excess of revenue over other expenditures	\$	226,016	\$	111,157
Items not affecting cash:	Ψ	220,010	Ψ	111,157
Amortization of capital assets		28,087		26,128
Amortization of deferred capital contributions		(9,643)		(8,767)
Unrealized gain on investments		(36,005)		368
Reinvested income		(1,117) (1,927)		(814) (22)
Foreign exchange gain		(1,927)		(22)
		205,411		128,050
Changes in non-cash working capital:				
HST rebate receivable		(36,841)		8,509
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		77,400		(15,508)
Deferred revenue Security deposits - net		161,131		32,198 1,271
Prepaid expenses		(1,553) (432)		(1,528)
		199,705		24,942
Cash flow from operating activities		405,116		152,992
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Purchase of capital assets		(89,726)		(120,863)
Increase in investments - net		(421,527)		(36,538)
Increase in investment fund		(4,529)		1,295
Cash flow used by investing activities		(515,782)		(156,106)
FINANCING ACTIVITY				
Deferred capital contributions		59,658		-
DECREASE IN CASH FLOW		(51,008)		(3,114)
Cash - beginning of year		278,187		281,301
CASH - END OF YEAR	\$	227,179	\$	278,187

1. PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION

Alice House (the "Association") is a not-for-profit organization incorporated provincially under the Societies Act of Nova Scotia. As a registered charity the Association is exempt from the payment of income tax under Section 149(1) of the Income Tax Act.

The Association operates to provide second stage housing and support counselling for women and children leaving domestic abuse.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for notfor-profit organizations (ASNPO).

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued, except for transactions with related parties which are recorded at the exchange amount. In subsequent periods, financial assets with actively traded markets are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in income. All other financial instruments are reported at amortized cost, and tested for impairment at each reporting date. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale, or issue of financial instruments are expensed when incurred.

<u>Cash</u>

Cash includes cash held in Canadian financial institutions, net of any outstanding transactions.

Investments

Investments for which there are quoted prices in an active market are carried at fair value. Unrealized gains or losses are reported as part of net income. Impairment losses, or reversal of previously recognized impairment losses, are reported as part of net income.

Capital assets

Capital assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization and are amortized over their estimated useful lives on a declining balance basis at the following rates:

Buildings	4%
Equipment	20%
Computer equipment	30%

Amortization is calculated at one-half of the normal annual rate in the year of acquisition; no amortization is recorded in the year of disposal.

Impairment of long-lived assets

The Association tests for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable. Recoverability is assessed by comparing the carrying amount to the projected future net cash flows the long-lived assets are expected to generate through their direct use and eventual disposition. When a test for impairment indicates that the carrying amount of an asset is not recoverable, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent the carrying value exceeds its fair value.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-forprofit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from these estimates. The most significant accounting estimates in these financial statements include allowance for doubtful accounts, the estimated useful lives of capital assets and accrued liabilities.

Government assistance

The Association receives shelter enhancement funding to cover the cost of the repairs on the rental properties. This funding is recorded in the year it is received and is included in grants revenue.

Contributed services and materials

Volunteers contribute many hours per year to assist the Association in carrying out its activities. As well, the Association accepts various household items, clothes and food as donations that the women are able to take. Due to the difficulty in determining their fair value, contributed services and materials are not recognized in the financial statements.

Revenue recognition

Alice House follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

Restricted contributions and government assistance are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Restricted contributions for the purchase of capital assets that will be amortized are recognized as revenue at the same rate of amortization as the related capital assets. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Restricted investment income is recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted investment income is recognized as revenue when earned.

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Association is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments and has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage these risks. The Association's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, operating reserve investments, investment fund and accounts payable. The following analysis provides information about the Association's risk exposure and concentration as of March 31, 2025.

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3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that a counter party will fail to perform its obligations. The Association is exposed to credit risk from tenants. Accounts receivable is minimal which reduces credit risk.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Association is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its receipt of funds from its donors and other related sources, and accounts payable.

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 Association is mainly exposed to other price risk.

Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. The Association is exposed to other price risk through its investment in quoted shares.

4. **RESERVE FUNDS**

Capital Reserve (Formerly Replacement Reserve)

The Capital Reserve was established in March 2020 and is to be used to ensure the growth and expansion of the Association is supported. The objectives of the reserve are to enable the Association to renovate or maintain current Alice House properties and to purchase or lease third stage housing opportunities, expand second stage housing stock or acquire additional program or administration space to meet growth demands. The reserve is composed of available unrestricted net assets that the board has designated for the Capital Reserve. The target amount to be attained and maintained for the Capital Reserve balance is \$500,000. As at March 31, 2025 the balance is \$471,246 (2024 - \$361,307).

Operating Reserve

The Operating Reserve was established in March 2009 and is to be used to ensure the long-term financial stability of the Association and position it to respond to varying economic conditions and changes affecting financial position and the ability of the Association to continuously carry out its mission. The target amount to be attained and maintained for the Operating Reserve is approximately 50% of annual operating expenses, or about 6 months of expenses on average. The Executive Director may access up to \$45,000 of the reserve fund for purposes as outlined in the objectives of the Operating Reserve policy. As at March 31, 2025 the balance is \$566,264 (2024 - \$507,177).

5. INVESTMENTS

		2025	2024
Income (loss) Interest income Other investment income Increase (decrease) in endowment fund value Unrealized gain (loss) Foreign exchange gain	\$	27,650 3,589 (4,529) 36,005 1,927	\$ 19,729 3,979 1,295 (368) 22
	\$	64,642	\$ 24,657
Holdings at market value			
Operating reserve Cash and short-term investments Mutual funds Equities and fixed income	\$	3,804 31,238 781,222	\$ 3,261 30,055 473,861
		816,264	507,177
Investment fund		34,567	39,096
	<u>\$</u>	850,831	\$ 546,273
<u>Change in investment value</u> Operating reserve			
Beginning value Purchases Interest income Other investment income Unrealized gain (loss) on investments Foreign exchange gain	\$	507,177 250,000 17,566 3,589 36,005 1,927	\$ 478,159 12,000 13,385 3,979 (368) 22
	<u>\$</u>	816,264	\$ 507,177

6. INVESTMENT FUND (ALICE HOUSING FUND)

In 2011, Alice House entered into an agreement with The Community Foundations of Canada ("Foundation") to establish the The Alice House Fund (the "Fund") with an initial gift of \$25,000. Per their agreement, the Foundation will provide administrative, fund development, and grant making expertise and promotion of The Alice House Fund.

The Fund is invested by the Foundation and any investment income or donations received shall be disbursed on an annual basis to Alice House. At Alice House's discretion, the income may be paid to Alice Housing or reinvested in the Fund.

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6. INVESTMENT FUND (ALICE HOUSING FUND) (continued)

The Fund will be held permanently by the Foundation until the agreement is amended, or Alice House ceases to exist. In the event Alice House ceases to exist, the contribution will remain with the Foundation to support other charities or charitable causes as determined by Alice House. Should the Foundation cease to exist, Alice House would receive their proportionate share of the market value of the investments in the Foundation represented by the Fund.

7. CAPITAL ASSETS

	 Cost	 cumulated	2025 et book value	I	2024 Net book value
Unit A Unit B Duplex 1 Duplex 2 Unit E 1 Unit E 2 Drop-in centre/office	\$ 498,057 164,682 75,471 55,308 157,235 175,828 245,764	\$ 242,036 108,624 47,733 41,951 56,826 71,142 141,034	\$ 256,021 56,058 27,738 13,357 100,409 104,686 104,730	\$	210,073 25,471 29,018 15,000 103,343 108,805 109,651
	\$ 1,372,345	\$ 709,346	\$ 662,999	\$	601,361

8. COPYRIGHT AND TRADEMARK

The Association obtained the copyright and trademark of their Healing the Bruises Program. This is an internally developed children's program used to assist youth in their rehabilitation and recovery from abusive relationships. It is the intention of the Association to lend or licence the use of this program to other similar organizations.

9. DEFERRED REVENUE

		2025	2024
Deferred rent revenue Deferred grants	\$	3,483 234,565	\$ 793 76,124
	<u>\$</u>	238,048	\$ 76,917

10. DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The Association has received three government grants to cover the office building and equipment capital cost, and improvements at rental properties. The Human Resources Development Canada grant was received in the 2005 year end, the Housing Nova Scotia forgivable loan was received in the 2018 year end, and the Halifax Regional Municipality grant was received in the 2023 year end. The Efficiency Nova Scotia amount represents rebates received on the installation of heat pumps during the year. These contributions are recognized into income at the same rate that related assets are amortized each year.

	2025			2024
Human Resources Development Canada grant Housing Nova Scotia's Shelter Improvement Program Halifax Regional Municipality Efficiency Nova Scotia	\$	94,988 41,359 19,509 58,465	\$	99,909 44,076 20,322 -
	\$	214,321	\$	164,307

11. PROFESSIONAL FEES

	2025			2024		
Audit	\$	8,686	\$	9,222		
Board governance		23,338		-		
Bookkeeping		5,671		4,753		
HR consulting		48,147		7,886		
Legal		6,731		12,367		
Program development		-		44,370		
Property advisory services		1,898		-		
Strategic plan		42,774		-		
	\$	137,245	\$	78,598		

12. LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Association has long term leases with respect to certain equipment and premises. The premises lease includes payments for property taxes, property management and other operating expenses. Future minimum lease payments as at March 31, 2025, are as follows:

	<u> </u>	Premises Equip		quipment	Total
2026	\$	17,016	\$	1,542	\$ 18,558

ALICE HOUSE (Second Stage Housing Association of Dartmouth) Schedule of Earnings from Operations

Year Ended March 31, 2025

(Schedule 1)

	Unit E		Unit A		Unit B		Duplex 1 & 2		Total 2025		Total 2024	
REVENUE												
Rental revenue	\$ 14,960	\$	58,517	\$	27,604	\$	39,840	\$	140,921	\$	156,198	
Washers and dryers	-		23		20		15		58		382	
Insurance proceeds	 -		-		-		-		-		81,019	
	 14,960		58,540		27,624		39,855		140,979		237,599	
EXPENDITURES												
Amortization	6,283		8,958		1,515		1,688		18,444		17,361	
Heat	-		6,380		2,562		6,214		15,156		23,154	
Insurance	2,146		3,712		2,680		3,744		12,282		8,821	
Power	5,116		2,684		1,131		1,116		10,047		10,784	
Program	-		-		-		-		-		22	
Professional fees	1,898		1,898		1,898		3,793		9,487		-	
Property management	-		-		-		-		-		26,000	
Property taxes	387		215		214		415		1,231		6,111	
Repairs	28,650		25,365		13,090		9,691		76,796		126,404	
Security	1,668		2,179		1,689		2,922		8,458		37,017	
Water	 1,750		2,514		1,386		2,426		8,076		9,388	
	 47,898		53,905		26,165		32,009		159,977		265,062	
EARNINGS (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	\$ (32,938)	\$	4,635	\$	1,459	\$	7,846	\$	(18,998)	\$	(27,463)	