# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF LARRY GROSSMAN FOREST HILL MEMORIAL ARENA

For the year ended

DECEMBER 31, 2021



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#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Committee of Management of Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena (the "Arena") are the responsibility of management and have been approved by the Committee of Management.

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the Canadian public sector accounting standards, established by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. A summary of the significant accounting policies are described in Note 2 to the financial statements.

The preparation of the financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgment, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods.

The Arena's management maintains a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and recorded in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements, and reliable financial information is available on a timely basis for preparation of the financial statements. These systems are monitored and evaluated by management.

The Committee of Management is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting. The Committee reviews the Arena's financial statements and discusses any significant financial reporting or internal control matters prior to the approval of the financial statements.

The financial statements have been audited by Welch LLP, independent external auditors appointed by the City of Toronto's City Council, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. The accompanying Independent Auditor's Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the Arena's financial statements.

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Council of the Corporation of the

#### CITY OF TORONTO AND COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF LARRY GROSSMAN FOREST HILL MEMORIAL ARENA

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Committee of Management of Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena (the "Arena"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2021, and the statements of operations, changes in net debt 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.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Arena as at December 31, 2021 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 *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Arena in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our 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 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 Arena'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 Arena or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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Chartered Professional Accountants Licensed Public Accountants

Toronto, Ontario November 22, 2022.



### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF LARRY GROSSMAN FOREST HILL MEMORIAL ARENA

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

#### DECEMBER 31, 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
FINANCIAL ASSETS Cash Accounts receivable Due from City of Toronto - operating deficit (note 3)	\$ 26,963 64,901 <u>27,622</u> <u>119,486</u>	\$58,975 10,734 <u>18,656</u> 88,365
LIABILITIES Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	105,649	33,349
Deferred revenue	25,205	61,949
Due to City of Toronto - working capital advance (note 4)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET DEBT	(21,368)	(16,933)
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Inventories	21,368	16,933
Tangible capital assets (note 5)	7,146	17,074
	28,514	34,007
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	<u>\$ 7,146</u>	<u>\$ 17,074</u>

Approved on behalf of the Committee of Management:

.....Chair



## COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF LARRY GROSSMAN FOREST HILL MEMORIAL ARENA

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

# YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	<u>Budget</u> (unaudited)	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Revenue			
Ice rentals	\$ 1,197,843	\$ 603,145	\$ 708,632
Emergency funding from City of Toronto (note 8)	-	330,000	217,732
Snack bar and vending machine operations (Schedule A)	27,000	10,110	14,384
Pro shop operations (Schedule A)	21,500	7,374	11,536
Other	10,000	19,226	4,156
	1,256,343	969,855	956,440
Expenses			
Salaries and wages	644,000	517,827	527,889
Utilities	269,904	227,911	175,647
Employee benefits	190,268	104,305	114,292
Maintenance and repairs	75,942	67,435	75,851
General administration	42,108	30,422	34,177
Professional fees	5,728	19,500	19,560
Amortization	5,000	9,928	15,767
Insurance	10,864	263	10,838
	1,243,814	977,591	974,021
Net expenses over revenue before items below	12,529	(7,736)	(17,581)
Vehicle and equipment replacement reserve contribution (note 7)	(12,000)	(15,000)	(13,000)
Operating deficit	<u>\$                                    </u>	(22,736)	(30,581)
Net expenditure receivable from the City of Toronto (note 3)		12,808	14,814
Annual deficit		(9,928)	(15,767)
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year		17,074	32,841
Accumulated surplus, end of year		<u>\$                                    </u>	<u>\$ 17,074</u>



# COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF LARRY GROSSMAN FOREST HILL MEMORIAL ARENA STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	<u>2021</u>			<u>2020</u>
Annual deficit	\$	(9,928)	\$	(15,767)
Amortization of tangible capital assets		9,928		15,767
Utilization (purchase) of inventories, net		(4,435)	_	<u>5,646</u>
Changes in net debt		(4,435)		5,646
Net debt, beginning of year		(16,933)		<u>(22,579</u> )
Net debt, end of year	<u>\$</u>	(21,368)	<u>\$</u>	(16,933)



# COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF LARRY GROSSMAN FOREST HILL MEMORIAL ARENA

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN): OPERATING ACTIVITIES		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	
Annual deficit	\$	(9,928)	\$	(15,767)	
Adjustments for: Amortization of tangible capital assets		9,928		15,767	
Non-cash changes to operations:					
Accounts receivable		(54,167)		85,101	
Inventories		(4,435)		5,646	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		72,300		(37,998)	
Due to City of Toronto - operating deficit		(8,966)		(14,814)	
Deferred revenue		<u>(36,744</u> )	_	20,991	
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH		(32,012)		58,926	
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR		<u>58,975</u>		49	
CASH, END OF YEAR	<u>\$</u>	26,963	<u>\$</u>	<u>58,975</u>	



# COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF LARRY GROSSMAN FOREST HILL MEMORIAL ARENA NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

#### 1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Committee of Management of Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena (the "Arena") was established as a community recreation centre under the Community Recreation Centres Act, pursuant to Chapter 25 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, By-Law No. 361-70 of the former Village of Forest Hill, as amended. The Committee of Management operates and manages the Arena on behalf of the City of Toronto (the "City").

Under the By-Law, the Committee of Management, at the end of each fiscal year, shall pay to the City all revenue received by the Committee over and above that necessary to pay all the charges, costs and expenses resulting from or incidental to the management and control of the premises.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards as issued by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada.

#### Revenue recognition

Ice rental revenues are recognized on the event date. Snack bar and pro shop sales are recognized at the time of sale. Ice rental fees paid in advance are recorded as deferred revenues.

#### Financial instruments

The Arena initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value.

The Arena subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, accounts receivable and amounts due from the City of Toronto.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities and amounts due to the City of Toronto.

#### Inventories

Inventories held for resale are initially valued at cost and subsequently at the lower of cost and net realizable value. The cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis.

#### Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost. Amortization is provided on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Furniture and equipment

5 years straight line

#### Contributed materials and services

Major capital expenditures are financed by the City, which owns the facility, and are not recorded in these financial statements. Services provided without charge by the City are not recorded in these financial statements. Other contributed materials and services are not recognized in the financial statements due to the difficulty of determining their fair value.



## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Cont'd.

#### Employee related costs

The Arena has adopted the following policy with respect to the employee benefit plan:

The City offers a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan (the "Plan") to the Arena's eligible employees. Due to the nature of the Plan, the Arena does not have sufficient information to account for the Plan as a defined benefit plan; therefore, the multi-employer defined benefit pension plan is accounted for in the same manner as a defined contribution plan. An expense is recorded in the period in which contributions are made.

#### Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Management makes accounting estimates when determining useful life of its tangible capital assets, assessing the allowance of doubtful accounts, and significant accrued liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates, the impact of which would be recorded in future periods.

## 3. DUE FROM THE CITY OF TORONTO - OPERATING DEFICIT

The amount due to (from) the City of Toronto consists of the following:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Balance, beginning of year	<u>\$ 18,656</u>	<u>\$ 3,842</u>
Current year's operating deficit Current year's amortization Net balance payable to the City of Toronto	22,736 <u>(9,928</u> ) <u>12,808</u>	30,581 <u>(15,767</u> ) <u>14,814</u>
Received (paid) during the current year	(3,842)	
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 27,622</u>	<u>\$ 18,656</u>
The due from the City of Toronto balance is comprised of:		
2018 surplus 2019 deficit 2020 deficit 2021 deficit	\$ - - 14,814 	\$ (7,733) 11,575 14,814 
	<u>\$ 27,622</u>	<u>\$ 18,656</u>

### 4. DUE TO THE CITY OF TORONTO - WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCE

The Arena retains a working cash advance provided by the City, for the management and control of the premises, to be returned to the City upon the Arena ceasing to function for any reason.

# COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF LARRY GROSSMAN FOREST HILL MEMORIAL ARENA NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Cont'd. YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

## 5. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

Tangible capital assets consist of the following:

		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	
Furniture and equipment - cost	\$	70,669	\$ 70,669	
Less: accumulated amortization		(63,523)	 <u>(53,595</u> )	
	<u>\$</u>	7,146	\$ 17,074	

#### 6. EMPLOYEE-RELATED COST

The Arena makes contributions to the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System ("OMERS"), which is a multi-employer plan, on behalf of its eligible employees. The OMERS plan (the "Plan") is a defined benefit plan, which specifies the amount of the retirement benefit to be received by the employees based on the length of service and rate of pay. Employer contributions to this pension plan amounted to \$26,898 in 2021 (2020 - \$30,977).

The most recent actuarial valuation of the Plan as at December 31, 2021 indicates the Plan is in a deficit position and the Plan's December 31, 2021 financial statements indicate a net deficit of \$69 million (a deficit of \$3.131 billion plus adjustment of \$3.062 billion of unrecognized investment returns above or below the discount rate that is being smoothed and recognized over the next five-year period). The Plan's management is monitoring the adequacy of the contributions to ensure that future contributions together with the Plan's assets and future investment earnings will be sufficient to provide for all future benefits. At this time, the Arena's contributions, if any, required to address the Arena's proportionate share of the deficit will be expensed during the period incurred.

### 7. VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT RESERVE

These contributions are for the financing of replacement ice resurface machines required by the Arenas in future years. The contribution for the year was \$15,000 (2020 - \$13,000).

### 8. UNCERTAINTY DUE TO THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF COVID-19

In Mid-March 2020, the province of Ontario declared a state of emergency in response to the public health concerns originating from the spread of COVID-19.

The Arena was closed to the public for the majority of 2020 in response to the quarantine measures implemented by the provincial government to stop the spread of COVID-19. It had various reopenings and closures in 2021 but closed again in January 2022. As of March 1, 2022, the Arena reopened and is operating at regular hours.

The Arena received \$330,000 (2020 - \$217,732) from the City of Toronto as emergency funding to support cash shortfall due to the closure.

A high degree of uncertainty persists surrounding the full economic impact of the situation. The unpredictable nature of the spread of the disease makes it difficult to determine the length of time that the Arena's operations will be impacted or the severity of the impact. Consequently, the effects of any subsequent outbreaks or abrupt declines in economic activity will have on the Arena's operations, assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses are unknown at this time.



# COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF LARRY GROSSMAN FOREST HILL MEMORIAL ARENA NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Cont'd. YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

#### 9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Transactions in financial instruments may result in an entity assuming or transferring to another party one or more of the financial risks described below. The following disclosures provide information to assist users of the financial statements in assessing the extent of risk related to the Arena's financial instruments.

#### Credit risk

The Arena is exposed to credit risk resulting from the possibility that parties may default on their financial obligations. The Arena's maximum exposure to credit risk represents the sum of the carrying value of its cash, accounts receivable and amounts due from the City of Toronto. The Arena's cash is with a Canadian chartered bank and as a result management believes the risk of loss on these items to be remote.

Management believes that the Arena's credit risk with respect to accounts receivable is limited. The organization manages its credit risk by reviewing accounts receivable aging and following up on outstanding amounts.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk refers to the adverse consequence that the Arena will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities, which are comprised of accounts payable and accrued liabilities and amounts due to the City of Toronto. The Arena manages liquidity risk by monitoring its cash flow requirements on a regular basis. Management believes its overall liquidity risk to be minimal as the Arena's financial assets are considered to be highly liquid.

#### 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 is comprised of currency risk, interest risk and other price risk.

i) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value of financial instruments or future cash flows associated with the instruments will fluctuate relative to the Canadian dollar due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Arena's financial instruments are denominated in Canadian dollars and it transacts primarily in Canadian dollars. As a result, management does not believe it is exposed to significant currency risk.

ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of financial instruments or future cash flows associated with the instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. As a result, management does not believe the Arena is exposed to interest rate risk as the Arena does not currently have any interest bearing debt.

iii) Other price risk

Other price risk refers to the risk that the fair value of financial instruments or future cash flows associated with the instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market prices (other than those arising from currency risk or interest rate risk), whether these changes are caused by factors specific to the individual instrument or its issuer or factors affecting all similar instruments traded in the market. Management does not believe the Arena is exposed to significant other price risks.

#### Changes in risk

There have been no significant changes in the Arena's risk exposures from the prior year.



# COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF LARRY GROSSMAN FOREST HILL MEMORIAL ARENA YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

### SNACK BAR AND VENDING MACHINE OPERATIONS

	<u>Budget</u> (unaudited)					<u>2020</u>
Snack bar sales	\$	80,000	\$	20,036	\$	34,571
Cost of goods sold		53,000		9,926		20,187
Gross profit	<u>\$</u>	27,000	<u>\$</u>	10,110	<u>\$</u>	14,384

### **PRO SHOP OPERATIONS**

		<u>Budget</u> naudited)		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
Pro shop sales	\$	35,000	\$	11,746	\$	14,661
Cost of goods sold		13,500		4,372		3,125
Gross profit	<u>\$</u>	21,500	<u>\$</u>	7,374	<u>\$</u>	<u>11,536</u>



# Welch LLP®

November 22, 2022

Committee of Management of Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena 340 Chaplin Crescent Toronto, Ontario M5N 2N3

# PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Attention: Mr. Justin Barnes, Arena Manager

Dear Sir:

# Re: Audit of the December 31, 2021 Financial Statements

During the course of our audit of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021, we indentified some matters which may be of interest to management.

The objective of an audit is to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and it is not designed to identify matters that may be of interest to management in discharging its responsibilities. In addition, an audit cannot be expected to disclose defalcations and other irregularities and it is not designed to express an opinion as to whether the systems of internal control established by management have been properly designed or have been operating effectively.

As a result of our observations, we have outlined matters below along with some suggestions for your consideration. Our letter identifies other deficiencies in internal controls and reportable matters.

Please note that under Canadian generally accepted auditing standards we must report significant deficiencies to those charged with governance.

This letter is not exhaustive, and deals with the more important matters that came to our attention during the audit. Minor matters were discussed verbally with your staff. We have discussed the matters in this report with you and received your comments thereon.

# **OTHER DEFICIENCIES IN INTERNAL CONTROLS AND OTHER REPORTABLE MATTERS**

# Issue #1 - Approval of Board meeting minutes

During the 2021 fiscal audit, we noted that the Board meeting minutes did not indicate which meeting minutes were being approved. We recommend that the Board approval of prior minutes clearly indicate the date of the meeting which minutes are being approved.

# **Management's Comments**

All minutes are read and approved at the following meeting. A date will now be included where the chair signs to approve minutes.

# Issue #2 - Review and approval of bank reconciliations

During the 2021 fiscal audit, we noted that bank reconciliations are being prepared on a monthly basis however there is no evidence that the reconciliations are being reviewed and approved. Without reviews, errors in the accounting records and bank balances could go undetected over many months. The accounting records should be monitored on a regular basis to identify whether there are inaccuracies or miscalculations in the reconciliations and bank statements. We recommend that bank reconciliations be reviewed on a monthly basis by the Arena Manager or someone else independent from the preparation of the reconciliations and that the reconciliation be initialed when reviewed to provide evidence of the review.

# **Management's Comments**

Bank reconciliations will be reviewed and approved on or around the 15th of each month by the General Manager along with the Accountant.

# Issue #3 - Unreconciled differences in bank reconciliations

During the 2021 fiscal audit, we noted that the bank account which is used for daily operations is reconciled on a monthly basis but that the reconciliation at year-end contained an unreconciled difference. Bank reconciliations are used to ensure that banking transactions have been properly recorded. Having an unreconciled difference each month reduces the usefulness of the reconciliation. We recommend all unreconciled differences be reviewed and addressed so the bank account is properly reconciled with no differences going forward.

# **Management's Comments**

This difference will be investigated and addressed before the end of the 1st quarter of 2023.

# **OTHER DEFICIENCIES IN INTERNAL CONTROLS AND OTHER REPORTABLE MATTERS** - Cont'd.

# Issue #4 - Carryforward GST/HST difference

During the 2021 fiscal audit, we noted that the year-end GST/HST payable balance per the general ledger of \$14,588 did not agree to the year-end GST/HST return which indicated an amount owing of \$16,941. Looking back, it appears that there is a carryforward difference of \$2,353 between the general ledger balance and GST/HST returns that also existed in 2020 so it's possible this difference has been carrying forward for some time. We recommend this difference be investigated and addressed so the GST/HST balance per the books and returns agree going forward.

# **Management's Comments**

This difference will be investigated and addressed before the end of the 1st quarter of 2023.

# Issue #5 - Review of aged receivables for bad debt

During the 2021 fiscal audit, we noted that there were some old receivable balances which management indicated were likely not going to be paid. Receivable balances should be reviewed on a monthly basis for collections and identification of any uncollectible amounts. Without reviews, the receivable balances reported could be overstating the true amounts likely to be collected. We recommend that the aged receivables report be reviewed on a monthly basis by the Arena Manager to determine whether an allowance for doubtful accounts should be setup for bad debt.

# **Management's Comments**

The General Manager and Accountant will go through each of these accounts before year end 2022 and review it on a monthly basis going forward.

# **Issue #6 - Controls over online payments**

During the 2021 fiscal audit, we noted that internal controls in place for online payments (ex. preauthorized payments) were not consistent with those in place for cheques. Typically, cheques required dual authorization while payments do not. This allows payments to be made without proper authorization which can result in errors or inappropriate transactions being processed. We recommend that for all online payments processed, the payment confirmation be printed and attached to the invoices paid and that the confirmation be reviewed and approved by the Arena Manager prior to invoices being filed. Additionally, we recommend the online payments through the bank be setup to require dual authorization prior to the release of payment.

# **Management's Comments**

The General Manager, Chair and Treasurer have created a policy that any online purchases exceeding \$2,000 must be reviewed by a 2nd signee on the account. This allows for day to day small transactions to be completed.

We would like to express our appreciation for the co-operation and assistance which we received during the course of our audit from you and your staff.

We shall be pleased to discuss with you further any matters mentioned in this report at your convenience.

This communication is prepared solely for the information of management and is not intended for any other purpose. We accept no responsibility to a third party who uses this communication.

Yours very truly,

Welch LLP

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Christa Casey, CPA, CA Partner