

# **Regina Public Interest Research Group Inc.**

**Audited Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended April 30, 2020**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board  
Regina Public Interest Research Group Inc.

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Regina Public Interest Research Group Inc., which comprise the statement of financial position as at April 30, 2020 and the statement of operation, statement of changes in assets and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Regina Public Interest Research Group Inc. as at April 30, 2020 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended April 30, 2020 in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not for Profit Organizations.

### **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 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.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements 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.

### **Chartered Professional Accountants**

Regina, Saskatchewan

## **A further description of the auditor's responsibilities:**

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.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Chartered Professional Accountants

September 4, 2020


# Regina Public Interest Research Group Inc.

## Statement of Financial Position

As At April 30, 2020

	Note	2020	2019
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash		\$ 143,800	\$ 108,321
Short term investments	3.	11,249	11,149
Accounts receivable		12,555	55
Prepaid expenses		185	1,724
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>167,789</b>	<b>121,249</b>
Capital assets	5.	2,236	2,933
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$ 170,025</b>	<b>\$ 124,182</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	6.	\$ 4,934	\$ 5,241
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Unappropriated net assets		162,853	116,008
Equity in capital assets		2,238	2,933
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<b>165,091</b>	<b>118,941</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		<b>\$ 170,025</b>	<b>\$ 124,182</b>

Approved on Behalf of the Board:

  
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 Chara Maxwell Wolfe

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

# Regina Public Interest Research Group Inc.

## Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended April 30, 2020

	2019	2018
<b>Revenues</b>		
Student fees	\$ 190,208	\$ 173,545
Program sponsorship-other	33,200	-
Generating momentum- sponsorship	22,150	20,174
Grant income	6,218	-
Registration fees and reimbursments	510	6,080
Interest	100	84
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>252,386</b>	<b>199,883</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Advertising, promotion and website	3,277	3,773
Amortization	696	933
Board and volunteer meetings and development	1,547	7,654
Conferences and events	18,945	15,760
Employee benefits	17,858	17,943
Insurance	2,095	2,528
Interest and bank charges	195	289
Generating momentum	17,605	25,762
Office and general	956	1,821
Professional fees	3,907	3,411
Salaries and wages	98,096	94,794
Project funding	39,915	64,557
Reference materials	449	89
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 46,845</b>	<b>\$ (39,431)</b>

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# Regina Public Interest Research Group Inc.

## Statement of Unappropriated Net Assets

For the Year Ended April 30, 2020

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	2020	2019
Unappropriated net assets-beginning of year	\$ 116,008	\$ 155,958
Net investment in capital assets	-	(519)
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	46,845	(39,431)
<b>Unappropriated net assets -ending</b>	<b>\$ 162,853</b>	<b>\$ 116,008</b>

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# Regina Public Interest Research Group Inc.

## Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended April 30, 2020

	Note	2020	2019
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Excess of revenue over expenditures		\$ 46,845	\$ (39,431)
Depreciation and amortization		696	933
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable		(12,500)	1,815
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses		1,539	(1,010)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable		(307)	(7,240)
Transfers		(694)	(144)
<b>TOTAL CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>35,579</b>	<b>(45,077)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Purchase of capital assets		-	(1,308)
<b>OTHER ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		119,470	165,855
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>		<b>\$ 155,049</b>	<b>\$ 119,470</b>
Cash		\$ 143,800	\$ 108,321
Short term investments		11,249	11,149
		<b>\$ 155,049</b>	<b>\$ 119,470</b>

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# Regina Public Interest Research Group Inc.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended April 30, 2020

### 1. Nature of Operations

The Regina Public Interest Research Group (RPIRG) is a student-run, student-funded, not-for-profit organization dedicated to community-based research, education, action and awareness in the public interest. RPIRG exists to provide its members with the resources to be active citizens on the University of Regina campus and in the greater community. Due to nature of business, the Regina Public Interest Research Group is exempt from paying income tax under the section 149(1) of Income Tax Act of Canada.

### 2. Significant Accounting Policies

#### a. Basis for accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Canadian Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations using the following significant accounting policies:

#### b. Cash and Investments.

Cash and cash equivalents includes chequing bank accounts and any short-term investments and highly liquid investments in money market instruments which are carried at lower of cost and market value with maturity date of three months or less from acquisition date. These are valued at cost which approximates market value.

Investments are classified as short term so that the funds may be used as necessary on projects.

#### c. Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost. Depreciation is calculated using the declining balance method at rates designed to amortize the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives. For the first year of acquisition the half year rule is applied. The rates are:

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Furniture and fixtures	20%
Computer and visual equipment	30%

#### d. Revenue recognition

Membership revenues are recognized in the period in which they relate to. Donations and other miscellaneous revenues are recognized in the period in which they are received.

#### e. Financial instruments

The Organization's financial instruments consist of cash, investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accruals. Unless otherwise noted it is the boards opinion that the Organization is not exposed to significant interest or credit risk arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximates the carrying value unless otherwise noted.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 2. Significant Accounting Policies continued

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles using the following significant accounting policies:

#### f. Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates are reviewed periodically, and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known.

### 3. Investments

	2020	2019
Conexus GIC, due July 9, 2020, with annual interest @ 1.200%, estimated interest receivable on due date is \$ 135.36	\$ 11,249	\$ -
Conexus GIC, due July 9, 2019, with annual interest @ 0.90%, estimated interest receivable on due date is \$ 100.34	\$ -	\$ 11,149

### 4. Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable consist of the following:

2019: University of Regina sponsorship-\$12,000; Community Engagement Fund-\$ 500; Registration fee \$ 55

**Total 2019: \$ 12,500**

2018: Registration fees-\$55

**Total 2018: \$55**

### 5. Capital Assets

			2020			2019
	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value	Net Book Value	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 6,138	\$ (4,666)	\$ 1,472	\$ 1,841	\$ 1,841	\$ 1,841
Computer and visual equipment	6,019	(5,255)	764	1,092	1,092	1,092
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,157</b>	<b>\$ (9,921)</b>	<b>\$ 2,236</b>	<b>\$ 2,933</b>	<b>\$ 2,933</b>	<b>\$ 2,933</b>

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### 6. Accounts payable and accrued expenses

	2020	2019
Accrued audit fee payable	\$ 2,220	\$ 1,998
CRA-employee remittances	-	3,243
Wages payable	1,748	-
Credit card payables	966	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,934</b>	<b>\$ 5,241</b>

### 7. Economic dependence and other risks

#### a. Economic dependence

A significant portion of the association's funding is received from the University of Regina through fees levied with student tuition fees. The fee is \$6.57 per student per semester. Students may receive their fee back directly from RPIRG by submitting a request in writing to the association. The form must be completed and submitted each semester in order to qualify to opt-out.

#### b. Credit risk

Exposure to credit risk, interest rate risk and liquidity risk arise in the normal course of the Organization's operations.

##### (a) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty may default on its contractual obligations resulting in a financial loss.

The Organization's principal financial assets are cash, accrued interest receivable and guaranteed investment certificates. The carrying amounts of financial assets in the statement of financial position represent the Organization's maximum credit exposure at the balance sheet date. The amounts disclosed in the statement of financial position are net of allowance for doubtful accounts, estimated based on previous experience and an assessment of the current economic environment. The Organization does not have significant exposure to any individual customer and has not incurred any significant bad debts during the year. Dealing with institutions that have strong credit ratings minimizes credit risk related to cash and guaranteed investment certificates.

##### (b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Organization will not be able to meet a demand for cash or fund its obligations as they come due. Liquidity risk also includes the risk of the Organization not being able to liquidate assets in a timely manner at a reasonable price.

The Organization monitors its cash flow throughout the year to ensure its billing practices take into account the timing and level of its cash obligations. The Organization has sufficient funds from which to operate and this risk is considered to be low.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 7. Economic dependence and other risks continued

#### (c) COVID-19

During the year-end of the organization, the World Health Organization ("WHO") announced a global health emergency because of a new strain of coronavirus (the "COVID-19" outbreak). In March 2020, the WHO classified the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic, based on the rapid increase in exposure globally.

The full impact of the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve as of the date of this report. As such, it is uncertain as to the full magnitude that the pandemic will have on the Organization's financial condition, liquidity, and future results of operations. The Organization is dependent on its workforce to deliver its services from the University of Regina. If significant portions of the Organization's workforce are unable to work effectively, or if operations are curtailed due to illness, quarantines, or other restrictions in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Organization's operation will likely be impacted and costs may increase. At this time, the Organization's management cannot predict the full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, but management continues to monitor the situation."