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NORTH PEACE HOUSING FOUNDATION
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Attention: Tammy Menssa, Executive Director

Dear Menssa,

The Objective and Scope of the Audit

You have requested that we audit the financial statements of North Peace Housing Foundation, which comprise the statement of financial position, and the statement of operations, statement of changes in net assets and cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements (including a summary of significant accounting policies).

We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of the nature, scope and terms of this audit engagement, and all services related thereto, by means of this letter (the “Engagement”).

The objectives of our audit 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 it 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 economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The Responsibilities of the Auditor

We will conduct our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit.

The Responsibilities of the Auditor - continued

We also:

- a. Identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements (whether due to fraud or error), design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and to obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting material misstatement resulting in fraud is higher than for one resulting in error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.
- b. 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. However, we will communicate to you in writing concerning any significant deficiencies in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we have identified during the audit.
- c. Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- d. 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.
- e. Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements (including disclosures) and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards.

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The Responsibility of Management

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that management, or those charged with governance acknowledge and understand that they have responsibility:

- a. For the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-profit Organizations (ASNPO).
- b. For the design and implementation of 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.
- c. To provide us with timely:
 - i. Access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial statements (such as records, documentation and other matters);
 - ii. Information about all known or suspected fraud, any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud and any known or probable instances of non-compliance with legislative or regulatory requirements;
 - iii. Additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the audit; and
 - iv. Unrestricted access to persons within North Peace Housing Foundation from whom we determine necessary to obtain evidence.

As part of our audit process:

- a. We will makes inquiries of management about the representations contained in the financial statements. At the conclusion of the audit, we will request management or those charged with governance written confirmation concerning those representations. If such representations are not provided in writing, management acknowledges and understands that we would be required to disclaim an audit opinion.
- b. We will communicate any misstatements identified during the audit other than those that are clearly trivial. We request that management correct all the misstatements communicated.

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Form and Content of Audit Opinion

Unless unanticipated difficulties are encountered, our report will be substantially in the following form:

“INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

*To the Board of:
North Peace Housing Foundation*

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of North Peace Housing Foundation, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 20XX, and the results of its operations, changes in its net financial assets and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of North Peace Housing Foundation as at December 31, 20XX, the results of its operations, changes in its net financial assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

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 Association 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 opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance 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.

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In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association, cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Auditor's Responsibility 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 judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

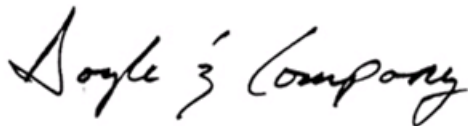
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than from 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.*

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- *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.



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Chartered Professional Accountants”

If we conclude that a modification to our opinion on the financial statements is necessary, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance.

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Confidentiality

One of the underlying principles of the profession is a duty of confidentiality with respect to client affairs. Each professional accountant must preserve the secrecy of all confidential information that becomes known during the practice of the profession. Accordingly, we will not provide any third party with confidential information concerning the affairs of North Peace Housing Foundation unless:

- a. We have been specifically authorized with prior consent;
- b. We have been ordered or expressly required by law or by the provincial *Code of Professional Conduct/Code of Ethics*; or
- c. The information requested is (or enters into) public domain.

Communications

In performing our services, we will send messages and documents electronically. As such communications can be intercepted, misdirected, infected by a virus, or otherwise used or communicated by an unintended third party, we cannot guarantee or warrant those communications from us will be properly delivered only to the addressee. Therefore, we specifically disclaim, and you release us from any liability or responsibility whatsoever for interception or unintentional disclosure of communication transmitted by us in connection with the performance of this Engagement. In regard, you agree that we shall have no liability for any loss or damage to any person or entity resulting from such communications, including any that are consequential, incidental, direct, indirect, punitive, exemplary or special damages (such as loss of data, revenues or anticipated profits).

If you do not consent, please notify us in writing.

Use of Information

It is acknowledged that we will have access to all information about identified individuals (“personal information”) in your custody that we require to complete our Engagement. Our services are provided on the basis that:

- a. You represent to us that management has obtained any required consent for our collection, use, disclosure, storage, transfer and process of personal information required under applicable privacy legislation and professional regulation; and
- b. We will hold all personal information in compliance with our Privacy Statement.

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Use and Distribution of our Report

The examination of the financial statements and the issuance of our audit report are solely for the use of North Peace Housing Foundation and those to whom our report is specifically addressed by us. We make no representations or warranties of any kind to any third party in respect of these financial statements or our audit report, and we accept no responsibility for their use by any third party or any liability to anyone other than North Peace Housing Foundation.

For greater clarity, our audit will not be planned or conducted for any third party or for any specific transaction. Accordingly, items of possible interest to a third party may not be addressed and matters may exist that would be assessed differently by a third party, including, without limitation, in connection with a specific transaction. Our audit report should not be circulated (beyond North Peace Housing Foundation) or relied upon by any third party for any purpose, without prior written consent.

You agree that our name may be used only with our prior written consent and that any information to which we have attached a communication be issued with that communication, unless otherwise agreed to by us in writing.

Reproduction of Auditors Report

If reproduction or publication of our audit report (or reference to our report) is planned in an annual report or other document, including electronic filings or postings of the report on a website, a copy of the entire document should be submitted to us in sufficient time for our review and approval in writing before publication or posting process begins.

Should some of the information in the annual report not be available until after the date of the auditor's report, we will request that management provide written representation that the final version of the document(s) will be provided to us when available (and prior to its issuance) so we can complete our required procedures.

Management is responsible for the accurate reproduction of the financial statements, the auditor's report and other related information contained in the annual report or other public document (electronic or paper based). This includes any incorporation by reference to either full or summarized financial statements that we have audited.

We are not required to read the information contained in your website or to consider the consistency of other information on the electronic site with the original document.

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Preparation of Schedules

We understand that your employees will prepare the following schedules and will locate the following documents for our use at the dates specified:

- a. Prepare various schedules and analyses before our engagement is planned to commence December 31, 20XX; and
- b. Make various invoices and other documents available to our staff.

The assistance will facilitate our work and help to minimize costs. Any failure to provide these working papers or documents on a timely basis may impede our services and require us to suspend our services or withdraw from the Engagement.

Ownership

The working papers, files, other materials, reports and work created, developed or performed by us during the course of the Engagement are the property of our firm, constitute our confidential information and will be retained by us in accordance with our firm's policies and procedures.

During the course of our work, we may provide, for your own use, certain software, spreadsheets and other intellectual property to assist with the provision of our services. Such software, spreadsheets and other intellectual property must not be copied, distributed or used for any other purpose. We also do not provide any warranties in relation to these items and will not be liable for any lost or corrupted data or other damage or loss suffered or incurred by you in connection with your use of them.

We retain the copyright and all intellectual property rights in any original materials provided to you.

File Inspections

In accordance with professional regulations (and by our firm's policy), our client files may periodically be reviewed by practice inspectors and by other engagement file reviewers to ensure that we are adhering to our professional and firm standards. File reviewers are required to maintain confidentiality of client information.

Accounting Advice

Except as outlined in this letter, the Engagement does not contemplate the provision of specific accounting advice or opinions or the issuance of a written report on the application of accounting standards to specific transactions and to the facts and circumstances of the entity. Such services, if requested, would be provided under a separate engagement letter.

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Other Services

In addition to the audit services referred to above, we will, as allowed by the provincial [*Code of Professional Conduct/Code of Ethics*], prepare your federal and provincial income tax returns as agreed upon. Unless expressly agreed in a separate engagement letter, we will have no involvement with or responsibility for the preparation or filing of GST/HST/PST returns or any other (including foreign) tax returns, source deductions, information returns, slips, elections, designations, certificates or reports. Management will, on a timely basis, provide the information necessary to complete these federal and provincial income tax returns and will review and file them with the appropriate authorities on a timely basis.

Governing Legislation

This engagement letter is subject to, and governed by, the laws of the Province of Alberta. The Province of Alberta will have exclusive jurisdiction in relation to any claim, dispute or difference concerning this engagement letter and any matter arising from it. Each party irrevocably waives any right it may have to object to any action being brought in those courts, to claim that the action has been brought in an inappropriate forum or to claim that those courts do not have jurisdiction.

Indemnity

North Peace Housing Foundation hereby agrees to indemnify, defend (by counsel retained and instructed by us) and hold harmless our firm (and its partners, agents and employees) from and against any and all losses, costs (including solicitors' fees), damages, expenses, claims, demands and liabilities arising out of (or in consequence of):

- a. The breach by North Peace Housing Foundation, or its directors, officers, agents, or employees, of any of the covenants or obligations of North Peace Housing Foundation herein, including, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the misuse of, or the unauthorized dissemination of, our engagement report or the financial statements* in reference to which the engagement report is issued, or any other work product made available to you by our firm.
- b. A misrepresentation by a member of your management or board of directors.

Time Frames

We will use all reasonable efforts to complete the Engagement as described in this letter within the agreed upon time frames.

However, we shall not be liable for failures or delays in performance that arise from causes beyond our reasonable control, including any delays in the performance by North Peace Housing Foundation of its obligations.

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Fees at Regular Billing Rates

Our professional fees will be based on our regular billing rates plus direct out-of-pocket expenses and applicable GST and are due when rendered. Fees for any additional services will be established separately.

Billing

Our fees and costs will be billed monthly and are payable upon receipt. Invoices unpaid 30 days past the billing date may be deemed delinquent and are subject to an interest charge of 2% per month. We reserve the right to suspend our services or to withdraw from this Engagement in the event that any of our invoices are deemed delinquent. In the event that any collection action is required to collect unpaid balances due to us, you agree to reimburse us for our costs of collection, including lawyers' fees.

Costs of Responding to Government or Legal Processes

In the event we are required to respond to a subpoena, court order, government agency or other legal process for the production of documents and/or testimony relative to information we obtained and/or prepared during the course of this Engagement, you agree to compensate us at our normal hourly rates for the time we expend in connection with such response and to reimburse us for all of our out-of-pocket costs (including applicable GST) incurred.

Termination

Management acknowledges and understands that failure to fulfill its obligations as set out in this engagement letter will result, upon written notice, in the termination of the Engagement.

Either party may terminate this agreement for any reason upon providing written notice to the other party [*not less than 30 calendar days before the effective date of termination*]. If early termination takes place, North Peace Housing Foundation shall be responsible for all time and expenses incurred up to the termination date [*and all costs in terminating any agreement with any specialist or other third party retained by us in connection with this Engagement*].

If we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form, or have not formed, an opinion on the financial statements, we may withdraw from the audit before issuing an auditor's report, or we may disclaim an opinion on the financial statements. If this occurs, we will communicate the reasons and provide details.

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Survival of Terms

This engagement letter will continue in force for the years ending December 31, 2023 through 2026, unless terminated by either party by written notice prior to the commencement of the subsequent audit.

Conclusion

This engagement letter includes the relevant terms that will govern the Engagement for which it has been prepared. The terms of this letter supersede any prior oral or written representations or commitments by or between the parties. Any material changes or additions to the terms set forth in this letter will only become effective if evidenced by a written amendment to this letter, signed by all of the parties.

If you have any questions about the contents of this letter, please raise them with us. If the services outlined are in accordance with your requirements, and if the above terms are acceptable to you, please sign the copy of this letter in the space provided and return it to us.

We appreciate the opportunity to continue to be of service to the North Peace Housing Foundation.

Yours truly,

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Acknowledged and agreed on behalf of North Peace Housing Foundation:

Signed: 
Tammy Menssa, Executive Director

Date November 22, 2023