

**LEGACY LAND TRUST SOCIETY**  
**Financial Statements**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Members of Legacy Land Trust Society

### *Qualified Opinion*

We have audited the financial statements of Legacy Land Trust Society (the "Society"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the statements of operations, 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 Society as at December 31, 2024, 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 charitable organizations, the Society derives revenue from donations the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Society and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to contributions, excess of revenues over expenses, cash flows from operations for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, current assets as at December 31, 2024 and 2023 and net assets as at January 1 and December 31 for both 2024 and 2023 years. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 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 Society 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 Society'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 Society or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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*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 Society'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 Society'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 Society 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.

March 10, 2025


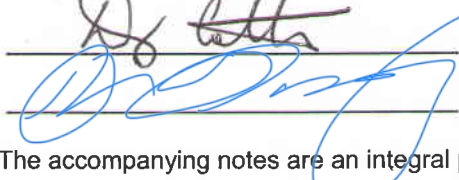


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**LEGACY LAND TRUST SOCIETY**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**December 31, 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$ 129,211	\$ 158,844
Goods and services tax recoverable	1,526	1,449
	130,737	160,293
CONSERVATION EASEMENTS (Note 6)	8,932,300	7,999,300
RESTRICTED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Note 4)	930,864	965,254
INVESTMENTS (Note 5)	557,968	359,917
	<b>\$ 10,551,869</b>	<b>\$ 9,484,764</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,999
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS - ALTGP (Note 7)	866,069	783,388
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS - OTHER (Note 8)	63,239	5,106
	941,308	799,493
NET ASSETS	9,610,561	8,685,271
	<b>\$ 10,551,869</b>	<b>\$ 9,484,764</b>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Director *Treasurer*  
  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Director *Chair*

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**LEGACY LAND TRUST SOCIETY**  
**Statement of Operations**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Grants - ALTGP (Note 7)	\$ 160,689	\$ 108,622
Donations	16,775	29,889
Interest and investment income (Note 7)	25,843	22,723
Events, products and workshops	6,226	4,977
Grants - Other (Note 8)	10,333	29,902
Grants - Casino (Note 8)	16,668	-
	<u>236,534</u>	<u>196,113</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
ALTGP (Note 11)	186,917	140,297
Other projects (Note 8)	4,716	4,714
Self-funded projects	4,969	719
Total conservation projects	196,602	145,730
General and administration	27,272	45,528
Outreach and events	10,695	5,217
	<u>234,569</u>	<u>196,475</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<u>1,965</u>	<u>(362)</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Loss on sale of marketable securities	-	(35)
Unrealized gain on marketable securities	35,325	13,135
	<u>35,325</u>	<u>13,100</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 37,290</u>	<u>\$ 12,738</u>

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**LEGACY LAND TRUST SOCIETY**  
**Statement of Changes in Net Assets**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	2023 Balance	Excess of revenues over expenses	Contributions/ Withdrawals	Transfers	2024 Balance
Unrestricted	\$ 103,227	\$ 21,064	\$ 8,075	\$ (27,371)	\$ <b>104,995</b>
Internally restricted (Note 9)	56,188	3,373	(8,075)	40,224	<b>91,710</b>
Easements (Note 6)	7,999,300	-	933,000	-	<b>8,932,300</b>
Endowment (Note 10)	526,556	12,853	(45,000)	(12,853)	<b>481,556</b>
	<u>\$ 8,685,271</u>	<u>\$ 37,290</u>	<u>\$ 888,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ <b>9,610,561</b></u>

	2022 Balance	Excess of revenues over expenses	Contributions	Transfers	2023 Balance
Unrestricted	\$ 41,153	\$ (262)	\$ -	\$ 62,336	\$ 103,227
Internally restricted	105,524	1,016	-	(50,352)	56,188
Easements	7,453,300	-	546,000	-	7,999,300
Endowment	491,056	11,984	35,500	(11,984)	526,556
	<u>\$ 8,091,033</u>	<u>\$ 12,738</u>	<u>\$ 581,500</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,685,271</u>

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**LEGACY LAND TRUST SOCIETY**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 37,290	\$ 12,738
Items not affecting cash:		
Loss on disposal of investments	-	35
Unrealized gain on investments	<u>(35,325)</u>	<u>(13,135)</u>
	<u>1,965</u>	<u>(362)</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,001	-
Goods and services tax payable	(77)	1,117
Deferred Contributions - ALTGP	82,681	92,966
Deferred contributions - Other (Note 8)	<u>58,133</u>	<u>(5,052)</u>
	<u>141,738</u>	<u>89,031</u>
Cash flow from operating activities	<u>143,703</u>	<u>88,669</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Additions to land easements (Note 7)	-	(30,000)
Repayment of loans and notes receivable	-	(20,000)
Investment to the Red Deer Foundation	(45,000)	-
Restricted cash	34,390	66,407
Purchases of investments	(173,262)	(171,317)
Proceeds of investments	<u>10,536</u>	<u>2,134</u>
Cash flow used by investing activities	<u>(173,336)</u>	<u>(152,776)</u>
<b>DECREASE IN CASH FLOW</b>	<b>(29,633)</b>	<b>(64,107)</b>
Cash - beginning of year	<u>158,844</u>	<u>222,951</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 129,211</b>	<b>\$ 158,844</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CONSIST OF:</b>		
Cash	<u>\$ 129,211</u>	<u>\$ 158,844</u>

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**LEGACY LAND TRUST SOCIETY**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY

Legacy Land Trust Society (the "Society") is a not-for-profit organization incorporated provincially under the Societies Act of Alberta. The Society is a registered charity and is exempt from the payment of income taxes under the Income Tax Act.

The Society was formed to protect the environment for the benefit of the public by conserving and permanently protecting lands in Mountain View County and adjacent municipalities in Alberta which are regionally significant for their ecological, cultural, historical, agricultural, productive and scenic values for all citizens by holding such lands, in freehold title or interest, in real and personal property, and to enter into agreements, such as conservation easements. The Society will advance education regarding conservation through publications, workshops and seminars.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO) on a going concern basis.

Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO) 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 estimates included in these financial statements include the valuation of conservation easements, amount of accrued liabilities, amount of deferred contributions, the allocation rate for staff and administrative overhead costs related to the determination of reasonable day rates.

Financial instruments policy

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, financial assets with actively traded markets are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in income and transaction costs expensed. All other financial instruments are reported at amortized cost.

Financial instruments subsequently measured at amortized cost include cash and restricted cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and CEBA loan payable.

Financial instruments subsequently measured at fair value include investments.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Revenue recognition

Legacy Land Trust Society follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

1. Externally restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Interest earned on externally restricted contributions are added to deferred contributions until the related expenses are incurred in accordance to the grant agreements. Contributions of endowments are recognized as direct increases in net assets in the period the endowment is received and agreed to be an endowment.
2. Contributions of conservation easements are recognized as direct increases in net assets in the year in which title to the property is acquired as they are restricted contributions related to non-depreciable assets. Proceeds from property sales are recognized when title is transferred.
3. 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.
4. Interest and investment income and events, products and workshops revenues are recorded when earned and collection is reasonably assured.

Conservation Easements

A conservation easement is an interest in land and is a voluntary, written agreement between a landowner and one or more easement holders. It can cover all or part of a parcel of land. In the agreement, the landowner promises to protect the land or features on the land in ways that are specified in the easement. The conservation easement is registered against the title of the property under Alberta Land Titles Act. Once registered on the title, that agreement is connected to the title and binds all future owners. Conservation easements are donated, purchased or obtained through a combination of both.

Contributed (i.e. donated) or purchased easements are recorded at fair market value when the title is transferred. Landowners may receive an income tax receipt for the donated portion of a conservation easement to a registered charity. The value of the receipt is determined by a certified land appraiser and usually represents the difference in the appraised value of the property before and after the conservation easement restrictions are in place less any cash given in the transaction.

Contributed easements are recorded as assets and as a direct increase in net assets as they are restricted contributions related to non-depreciable assets. Properties transferred to others are recorded as a reduction of conservation easements and net assets invested in conservation easements.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (*continued*)

Legacy Land Society Trust Fund

When a conservation project is completed with an unspent balance, the remaining funds can be used to top up the Stewardship Endowment (up to 15% of the conservation easement value). Legacy Land Trust Stewardship Endowment funds are invested in one of two ways:

1. Legacy Land Trust Society Endowment Fund managed by the Red Deer and District Community Foundation

When the Legacy Land Trust Stewardship Endowment funds are invested with the Red Deer and District Community Foundation, the Society has no access to the capital of the fund, but the income of the fund is available to the Society to cover its conservation monitoring expenses. When the Society makes a contribution to the fund, it recognizes the capital contributions as conservation expenses and income distributions as deferred contributions - ALTGP until the amount spent on its conservation proposals and monitoring is recognized.

2. Legacy Land Trust Society Direct Investment Endowment Fund managed by the Society

When the Legacy Land Trust Stewardship Endowment funds are invested and managed by the Society, the Society has no access to the capital of the fund, except under exceptional circumstances under the ALTGP guidelines. The Society will be able to use income of the investment in the Endowment on its conservation monitoring expenses. When the Society makes a contribution to the fund, it transfers the deferred contribution balance to the endowment fund as contributions directly in net assets.

Any unspent funds that cannot be applied to project costs or used to top up the Stewardship Endowment for a project must be returned to the Alberta Land Trust Grant Program (ALTGP). When the Society returns the fund, the deferred contribution balance will be reduced by the amount of the refund.

Cash and cash equivalents

The society's policy is to present bank balances and term deposits with a maturity period of three months or less from the date of acquisition under cash and cash equivalents.

Donated services and materials

The operations of the Society depends on both contributions of time and materials.

Donated services and materials are recorded at their estimated fair value if they would have otherwise been paid for, if not donated. If the fair value cannot be reasonably estimated, such donations are not recorded.

During the year, the Society recognized \$4,734 (2023 - \$4,826) and \$617 (2023 - \$200) from donated services and donated materials respectively.

Allocation of Expenses

The Society reviews the costs directly related to each project and allocates the expenses accordingly. Staffing and land management costs related to projects are allocated based on a reasonable day rate from general and administration expenses.

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3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Society is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. It is management's opinion that the Society is not exposed to any significant risks (credit, liquidity, market, currency or interest rates) arising from these financial instruments.

**Market risk**

Market risk is the risk that the value of an investment will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual investment, or factors affecting all securities (Note 5).

4. RESTRICTED CASH

Cash that has been internally restricted from current use consists of ALTGP deferred contributions, as well as internally restricted net assets for self-funded projects.

	2024	2023
Deferred Contributions - ALTGP (Note 7)	\$ 866,069	\$ 783,388
Internally restricted - self-funded projects (Note 9)	-	-
Endowment (Note 10)	1,556	181,866
AGLC(Note 8)	63,239	-
	\$ 930,864	\$ 965,254

5. INVESTMENTS

	2024	2023
Mutual funds - Endowments (Note 10)	\$ 481,556	\$ 526,556
Accumulation of unrealized gains/losses	44,604	10,536
Accumulation of funds withdrawn	(12,670)	(2,134)
Accumulation of income earned	29,140	16,288
Endowment in cash	(1,556)	(206,556)
	541,074	344,690
Mutual funds - Smith	16,894	15,227
	\$ 557,968	\$ 359,917

6. CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

The continuity of conservation easements and agreements is as follows:

	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 7,999,300	\$ 7,453,300
Contributed (i.e. donated) during the year	933,000	516,000
Purchased during the year (Note 7)	-	30,000
	\$ 8,932,300	\$ 7,999,300

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7. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS - ALBERTA LAND TRUST GRANT PROGRAM (ALTGP)

The Society receives grants from the Alberta Land Trust Grant Program (ALTGP) with approved grant objectives to establish conservation easements on designated land parcels. Grants are received prior to legal finalization of the conservation easement, and unspent grant funding is restricted according to approved grant objectives. These deferred contributions remain liabilities until spent. In exceptional cases where the assessed fair market value of the property is lower than anticipated or expenses are lower than anticipated in the approved grant, funds may be returned to the grantor.

A portion of the ALTGP grant (typically 15% of the property fair market value) is transferred to the Society and set aside as a permanent "Conservation Easement Stewardship Endowment" (stewardship fund) to allow for long-term monitoring and stewardship of each conservation easement property. Multiple ALTGP stewardship funds can be pooled together, but investment income from these funds can only be spent on ALTGP properties.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ <b>783,388</b>	\$ 690,422
Grants received	<b>223,775</b>	264,700
Interest earned	<b>19,595</b>	2,388
Grants - ALTGP	<b>(160,689)</b>	(108,622)
Amounts recognized as conservation easements (Note 6)	-	(30,000)
Transfer to endowment fund upon completion of conservation easements (Note 10)	-	(35,500)
Returned to the Alberta government	-	-
	<b>\$ 866,069</b>	<b>\$ 783,388</b>
Balance, end of year		

The Society has the option to manage stewardship funds by investing them in either a community foundation (e.g., Red Deer and District Community Foundation or Calgary Foundation) or by directly investing them in accordance with Society policy.

When pooled stewardship funds are managed by a community foundation, the Society has no access to the capital of the fund. However, the investment return from the funds is available to the Society to cover monitoring and stewardship expenses. In 2024, the Society received \$9,200 (2023 - \$8,369) from the Red Deer and District Community Foundation and utilized this amount for monitoring and stewardship expenses (Note 11).

During the year, the Society transferred \$Nil (2023 – \$35,500) to its in-house stewardship fund pool (Note 11). This will be invested in securities and fixed income assets and the investment income will be used for long-term monitoring and stewardship expenses. The Society recorded a return of \$12,853 (2023 – 11,530) on its own stewardship fund pool and has utilized this amount on ongoing monitoring and stewardship efforts (Note 11).

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8. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS - OTHER

The Society receives grants from various levels of government and other not-for-profit organization with approved grant objectives:

	2023	Addition	Utilization	2024
Red Deer Foundation	\$ 5,106	\$ 511	\$ 5,617	\$ -
Canada Summer Job program	-	4,716	4,716	-
	5,106	5,227	10,333	-
AGLC Casino Fund	-	79,907	16,668	<b>63,239</b>
	<b>\$ 5,106</b>	<b>\$ 85,134</b>	<b>\$ 27,001</b>	<b>\$ 63,239</b>

9. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS

	2023	Additions	Transferred	2024
Legal defence fund	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ (2)	\$ -
Dedicated fund	56,186	3,373	32,151	<b>91,710</b>
	<b>\$ 56,188</b>	<b>\$ 3,373</b>	<b>\$ 32,149</b>	<b>\$ 91,710</b>

10. ENDOWMENT

At completion of the conservation easement, a portion of the ALTGP grant (typically 15% of the property fair market value) is transferred to the Society and set aside as a permanent "Conservation Easement Stewardship Endowment" (stewardship fund) to allow for long-term monitoring and stewardship of each conservation easement property. The Endowment fund managed directly by the Society represents the pooled stewardship funds invested in securities and fixed income assets.

The Society does not access the capital of the pooled direct investment stewardship funds except under exceptional circumstances consistent with ALTGP guidelines. The investment return from the directly managed stewardship funds is available to the Society to cover monitoring and stewardship expenses.

	2024	2023
<u>ALTGP Stewardship Endowment</u>		
Endowment - ALTGP (Note 7)	\$ 481,556	\$ 481,556
Endowment - Other donors with similar goals	-	45,000
Endowment income	12,853	11,530
Withdrawals for monitoring expenses (Note 11)	<b>(12,853)</b>	<b>(11,530)</b>
Endowment, ending balance	<b>\$ 481,556</b>	<b>\$ 526,556</b>

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11. ALBERTA LAND TRUST GRANT PROGRAM (ALTGP) EXPENSES

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Conservation	\$ 163,178	\$ 108,955
Monitoring (Note 10)	<u>23,739</u>	<u>31,342</u>
	<u>\$ 186,917</u>	<u>\$ 140,297</u>

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