RISE WOMEN'S LEGAL CENTRE

Financial Statements

Year Ended March 31, 2020

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INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Rise Women's Legal Centre that comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2020, and the statements of operations and changes in fund balances, and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for non-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.

Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Rise Women's Legal Centre as at March 31, 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for non-for-profit organizations.

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Vancouver, British Columbia
October 1, 2020

RISE WOMEN'S LEGAL CENTRE
Statement of Financial Position
Year Ended March 31, 2020
(unaudited)

	Operating Fund	Capital Fund	**Total March 31, 2020**	Total March 31, 2019
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash	$ 445,605	$ -	**$ 445,605**	$ 353,318
Contributions receivable	22,200	-	**22,200**	43,547
Accounts receivable	29,443		**29,443**	-
GST receivable	10,613	-	**10,613**	1,636
Prepaid expenses	18,927	-	**18,927**	11,646
	526,788	-	**526,788**	410,147
Property and equipment, net (Note 4)	-	315,898	**315,898**	18,963
	$ 526,788	$ 315,898	**$ 842,686**	$ 429,110
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 5)	$ 154,912	$ -	**$ 154,912**	$ 48,880
Deferred income (Note 6)	310,608	-	**310,608**	339,891
	465,520	-	**465,520**	388,771
Fund Balances	61,268	315,898	**377,166**	40,339
	$ 526,788	$ 315,898	**$ 842,686**	$ 429,110

Nature and continuance of operations (Note 1)

Approved and authorized by the Board of Directors

_________________________ President
Debra Parkes

_________________________ Treasurer-Secretary
Pat Kostuk

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

RISE WOMEN'S LEGAL CENTRE
Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances
Year Ended March 31, 2020
(unaudited)

	Operating Fund	Capital Fund	**Total March 31, 2020**	Total March 31, 2019
REVENUES				
Grants	$ 938,635	$ -	$ **938,635**	$ 304,814
Donations	384,716	-	**384,716**	305,748
Program and other	647	-	**647**	5,328
	1,323,998	-	**1,323,998**	615,890
EXPENDITURES				
Accounting and review	8,730	-	**8,730**	7,450
Amortization	-	39,239	**39,239**	5,848
Board and committee	413	-	**413**	2,744
Dues and licenses	9,889	-	**9,889**	5,002
Equipment purchases	2,058	-	**2,058**	847
Evaluation services	7,752	-	**7,752**	13,398
Insurance	7,444	-	**7,444**	5,569
Interest and bank charges	1,081	-	**1,081**	525
In-kind legal services	61,975	-	**61,975**	43,675
Loss on termination of expired lease	-	2,341	**2,341**	-
Office and miscellaneous	21,425	-	**21,425**	16,120
Personnel and benefits	709,874	-	**709,874**	425,232
Premises and utilities	65,117	-	**65,117**	51,974
Program expenses	20,845	-	**20,845**	15,870
Training and development	9,782	-	**9,782**	8,305
Travel	19,207	-	**19,207**	8,629
	945,592	41,580	**987,172**	611,188
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY OF) REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	378,406	(41,580)	**336,826**	4,702
INTERFUND TRANSFERS				
Additions of property and equipment	(338,515)	338,515	-	-
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	39,891	296,935	**336,826**	4,702
Fund balances, beginning of year	21,377	18,963	**40,340**	35,637
Fund balances, end of year	$ 61,268	$ 315,898	$ **377,166**	$ 40,339

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RISE WOMEN'S LEGAL CENTRE
Statement of Cash Flows
For the years ended
(unaudited)

	March 31, 2020	March 31, 2019
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenues over expenditures	$ 336,826	$ 4,702
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization	39,239	5,848
Donations - leasehold improvements	(28,000)	-
Loss on termination of expired lease	2,341	-
Changes in non-cash working capital items:		
Contributions receivable	21,347	129,453
Accounts Receivable	(29,443)	-
GST receivable	(8,976)	39
Prepaids expenses	(7,281)	(1,574)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	106,032	22,613
Deferred revenue	(29,283)	(169,190)
Cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	402,802	(8,109)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisitions of property and equipment	(310,515)	(8,466)
Cash used in investing activities	(310,515)	(8,466)
CHANGE IN CASH	92,287	(16,575)
Cash, beginning of year	353,318	369,893
Cash, end of year	$ 445,605	$ 353,318

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

1. NATURE AND CONTINUANCE OF OPERATIONS

Rise Women's Legal Centre ("Rise") was incorporated under the Societies Act of the Province of British Columbia on June 27, 2016. Rise operates a legal clinic that provides legal advice and representation to impoverished women in British Columbia and projects that advance its purposes. Rise's operations began as a project of the West Coast LEAF Association and has been operating under its own separate financial records since April 1, 2016.

The purposes of Rise are:

- to relieve poverty by operating a legal clinic that provides legal advice and representation to impoverished women in British Columbia;
- to advance education by providing clinical legal experience and training to law students in British Columbia;
- to advance education by providing workshops and seminars on legal education to lawyers, students, and the general public;
- to uphold human rights, in accordance with existing human rights legislation, through engaging in strategic litigation for the benefit of the public;
- and to undertake activities ancillary and incidental to the attainment of the aforementioned charitable purposes.

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

a) Statement of Compliance

These financial statements, including comparatives, have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations ("ASNPO") as issued by the Accounting Standards Board.

b) Basis of Presentation

These financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for certain financial instruments classified as fair value through profit or loss and are stated at their fair value. In addition, these financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, except for certain cash flow information. The financial statements, unless otherwise specified, are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the functional currency of Rise.

c) Significant Accounting Judgments and Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with ASNPO requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

Because a precise determination of many assets and liabilities is dependent upon future events, the preparation of financial statements in conformity with ASNPO requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates and such differences could be significant.

Significant estimates made by management affecting the financial statements include:

Useful lives of property and equipment

The useful lives of property and equipment is estimated by management. Management considers prior experience, operational plans, and the risk of obsolescence in its estimate of the useful lives of property and equipment.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fund accounting

Rise uses the restricted fund method. The major funds are described below:

Operating Fund - The operating fund is an unrestricted fund and accounts for Rise's program delivery and administrative activities, including all fundraising costs. The Board intends to transfer some of these funds to an operating reserve for the organization.

Capital Fund – The capital fund is a restricted fund for expenditures of an enduring nature. These expenditures have been recorded as additions to the capital asset fund where they are amortized over their expected useful lives.

Revenue recognition

Rise follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are deferred and are recognized as revenue in the period in which the related expenses are recognized. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the current period.

Cash

Cash consists of cash held at major financial institutions and is subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

Contributions receivable

Contributions receivable are recognized when an amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and ultimate collection is reasonably assured.

Amortization

Amortization is recorded in the capital fund using the declining balance method at the following rates:

Leasehold Improvements - 20%
Furniture Equipment - 20%
Computer Equipment - 30%

In the year of acquisition and disposition, assets are amortized at one-half the normal rate.

In-kind donations

Rise benefits greatly from donated services in the form of volunteer legal services and architectural services from professionals. Donated legal services are recognized in donations revenue and in-kind legal costs and measured according to rates that would have been charged by the donors. Donated architectural services are recognized in donations revenue and capitalized to leasehold improvements and measured according to rates that would have been charged by the donors.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Volunteers

Rise benefits greatly from donated services in the form of volunteer work for various activities. Rise began recording volunteer hours in order to recognise this contribution in 2019.

Financial instruments

All financial instruments are initially recognized at fair value on the statement of financial position. These are subsequently measured at amortized cost.

Cash is reported at fair value on the statement of financial position. Accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate fair value because of the short maturity terms.

4. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	Leasehold Improvements	Furniture Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost				
Balance, March 31, 2018	5,081	-	26,032	31,113
Additions	-	-	8,466	8,466
Balance, March 31, 2019	5,081	-	34,498	39,579
Additions	330,031	4,102	4,382	338,515
Disposals	(5,081)	-	-	(5,081)
Balance, March 31, 2020	**$ 330,031**	**$ 4,102**	**$ 38,880**	**$ 373,013**
Accumulated Amortization				
Balance, March 31, 2018	1,829	-	12,939	14,768
Amortization	650	-	5,198	5,848
Balance, March 31, 2019	2,479	-	18,137	20,616
Amortization	33,264	410	5,565	39,239
Disposals	(2,740)	-	-	(2,740)
Balance, March 31, 2020	**$ 33,003**	**$ 410**	**$ 23,702**	**$ 57,115**
Net Book Value				
Balance, March 31, 2019	2,602	-	16,361	18,963
Balance, March 31, 2020	**$ 297,028**	**$ 3,692**	**$ 15,178**	**$ 315,898**

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	March 31, 2020	March 31, 2019
Accounts payable	$ **85,949**	$ 31,760
Accrued liabilities	**68,963**	17,120
	$ **154,912**	$ 48,880

6. DEFERRED INCOME

		March 31, 2020		March 31, 2019
Status of Women Canada (1)	$	**105,400**	$	248,000
Anonymous Donor (2)		**53,000**		-
Law Foundation of BC (3)		**91,271**		71,891
Law Foundation of Ontario (3)		**2,937**		-
Board Member		**45,000**		20,000
Face the World Foundation (3)		**5,000**		-
Vancouver Foundation (4)		**5,000**		-
Health Sciences Association (4)		**3,000**		-
	$	**310,608**	$	339,891

(1) Funds received from Status of Women Canada relate to a multi-year project and are restricted to project activities. These funds are recognized as revenue based on the matching principle.

(2) Funds received from the Anonymous Donor relate to a grant request specifically for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The Anonymous Donor has approved Rise to carry over $53,000. As at March 31, 2020, $53,000 of this amount remains available.

(3) Funds received from the Law Foundations and Face the World Foundation relate to specific project work and are restricted to project activities. These funds are recognized as revenue based on the matching principle.

(4) Funds received from the Vancouver Foundation and Health Sciences Association related to specific project work and are restricted to project activities. These funds are recognized as revenue based on the matching principle.

7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related parties and related party transactions affecting the financial statements not disclosed elsewhere in these financial statements are summarized below and include transactions with the following individuals or entities:

Key management personnel

Key management personnel include those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of Rise, directly or indirectly. Rise has determined that key management personnel consists of members of the board of directors, the executive director, and the supervising lawyer.

Included in donations revenue for the year ended March 31, 2020 is a contribution of $25,000 (2019 - $20,000) from a member of the board of directors.

During the year ended March 31, 2020, there were three employees (who were also considered to be key management personnel) who received remuneration over $75,000 (two employees in the year ended March 31, 2019). The total remuneration paid to these employees during the year ended March 31, 2020 was $274,954 (2019 - $190,575). Rise did not pay any remuneration during the years ended March 2020 or 2019 to members of the board of directors.

7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (cont'd)

Related organizations

The West Coast LEAF Association and the University of British Columbia Allard School of Law exercise significant influence over Rise through their appointments of members of the board of directors.

Included in revenues were contributions which were received from an anonymous donor totaling $75,781, received through West Coast LEAF, in the year ended March 31, 2019. There were no such contributions received through the West Coast LEAF for the year ended March 31, 2020.

Included in grant revenue is $155,000 (2019 - $155,000) contributed by the University of British Columbia Allard School of Law, of which $29,443 is recorded in accounts receivable at March 31, 2020.

Included in deferred revenue as at March 31, 2020 is a $45,000 (2019 - $20,000) contribution received from a member of the board of directors.

8. LEASE

The existing lease ended in 2019 and on June 14, 2019 Rise entered into a five-year sublease, commencing from October 1, 2019 and expiring September 31, 2024 with an option to renew for an additional five years. The monthly lease payments will be $3,141. The new location will require leasehold improvements of $330,031; however, Rise will benefit in the long-term from reduced rent.

9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Measurement

Rise's financial instruments are comprised of cash, contributions receivable, and accounts payable.

Cash is reported at fair value on the statement of financial position. Accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate fair value because of the short maturity terms.

Risks arising from Financial Instruments

Interest Rate Risk – Rise is not exposed to significant interest rate risk as its financial instruments are short-term and bear no interest

Credit Risk – Rise relies on grantors to fulfill their commitments as pledged in grant agreements. Should a grantor fail to fulfill a pledge or should circumstances cause Rise to be unable to meet conditions precedent for fulfillment of a grant, the valuation of Rise's contributions receivable may be materially affected.

10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The recent outbreak of the coronavirus, also known as "COVID-19", has spread across the globe and is impacting worldwide economic activity. Conditions surrounding the coronavirus continue to rapidly evolve and government authorities have implemented emergency measures to mitigate the spread of the virus. The outbreak and the related mitigation measures may have an adverse impact on global economic conditions as well as on Rise's business activities. The extent to which the coronavirus may impact Rise's business activities will depend on future developments, such as the ultimate geographic spread of the disease, the duration of the outbreak, travel restrictions, business disruptions, and the effectiveness of actions taken in Canada and other countries to contain and treat the disease. These events are highly uncertain and as such, Rise cannot determine their financial impact at this time.