

Community Forests International
Financial Statements
October 31, 2024

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Independent Auditor's Report

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To the Directors of
Community Forests International

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Community Forests International (hereafter "the Organization"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at October 31, 2024, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the schedules.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at October 31, 2024, and the results of its operations 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 Organization 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 the 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.

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 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 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.

Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Edmundston
April 24, 2025

Community Forests International Operations

Year ended October 31, 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$	\$
Revenues (Schedule A)	8,160,727	2,289,577
Expenses		
Salaries and employee benefits	955,064	667,868
Pemba Fund	1,173,057	224,823
Tree planting	282,660	231,634
Projects and workshops	34,248	24,242
Training	1,531	2,081
Insurance	6,676	6,379
Property taxes	8,544	5,837
Rental expenses	12,000	12,000
Vehicule expenses	14,602	
Travel	52,688	38,954
Meals	21,591	5,877
Educational expenses	283	78,964
Advertising and promotion	7,021	33,592
Office supplies and expenses	16,810	18,951
Membership fees	981	969
Professional fees	72,489	16,211
Consulting fees	274,415	141,038
Wabanaki Forest, Climate & Land Back Partnership expenses	3,762,578	
Bank charges	5,191	7,416
Interest on long-term debt	169	1,239
Amortization of tangible capital assets	7,616	6,514
Amortization of deferred contributions related to tangible capital assets	(1,527)	(1,709)
	<u>6,708,687</u>	<u>1,522,880</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses before other revenues (expenses)	<u>1,452,040</u>	<u>766,697</u>
Other revenues (expenses)		
Interest on investments	92,477	30,397
Gain on disposal of investment	316,231	
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets		(543)
Other revenues	33,646	11,876
	<u>442,354</u>	<u>41,730</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses	<u><u>1,894,394</u></u>	<u><u>808,427</u></u>

The accompanying notes and schedules are an integral part of the financial statements.

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Changes in Net Assets

Year ended October 31, 2024

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Stewardship</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	4,313,676	406,932	4,720,608
Excess of revenues over expenses	1,894,394		1,894,394
Internal affectation	(394,026)	394,026	
Land contributions (Note 12)	1,904,454		1,904,454
Balance, end of year	7,718,498	800,958	8,519,456

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Cash Flows

Year ended October 31, 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$	\$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenues over expenses	1,894,394	808,427
Non-cash items		
Gain on disposal of investment	(316,231)	
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets		543
Amortization of tangible capital assets	7,616	6,514
Amortization of deferred contributions related to tangible capital assets	(1,527)	(1,709)
	<u>1,584,252</u>	813,775
Net change in working capital and deferred revenues (Note 3)	<u>1,692,327</u>	266,866
Cash flows from operating activities	<u>3,276,579</u>	1,080,641
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Term deposits	(406,697)	(1,128,803)
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(17,853)	(2,331)
Disposal of tangible capital assets		205
Acquisition of protected land	(1,904,454)	(1,173,632)
Cash flows from investing activities	<u>(2,329,004)</u>	(2,304,561)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Land contributions	1,904,454	1,173,632
Repayment of long-term debt	(50,002)	(39,942)
Cash flows from financing activities	<u>1,854,452</u>	1,133,690
Net increase (decrease) in cash	<u>2,802,027</u>	(90,230)
Cash, beginning of year	<u>960,732</u>	1,050,962
Cash, end of year	<u>3,762,759</u>	960,732

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
Financial Position

October 31, 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	3,762,759	960,732
Term deposits		1,071,871
Trade and other receivables (Note 4)	383,255	107,049
Grants receivable	398,664	258,767
Prepaid expenses	9,751	8,438
	<u>4,554,429</u>	<u>2,406,857</u>
Long-term		
Investments (Note 5)	1,890,500	411,932
Tangible capital assets (Note 6)	56,796	46,559
Protected land	4,746,677	2,842,223
	<u>11,248,402</u>	<u>5,707,571</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Trade payables and other operating liabilities (Note 7)	698,709	110,637
Deferred revenues (Note 8)	2,017,265	811,825
Current portion of long-term debt		50,002
	<u>2,715,974</u>	<u>972,464</u>
Long-term		
Deferred contributions related to tangible capital assets (Note 9)	12,972	14,499
	<u>2,728,946</u>	<u>986,963</u>
NET ASSETS		
General fund	7,718,498	4,313,676
Stewardship Endowment fund	800,958	406,932
	<u>8,519,456</u>	<u>4,720,608</u>
	<u>11,248,402</u>	<u>5,707,571</u>

The accompanying notes and schedules are an integral part of the financial statements.

On behalf of the Board,

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 Director

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 Director

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Notes to Financial Statements

October 31, 2024

1 - GOVERNING STATUTES AND PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Organization was incorporated under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act for the purpose of fostering environmental stewardship internationally by establishing community forests, promoting sustainable forestry techniques and initiating environmental education. It is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act.

2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation

The Organization's financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Accounting estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recorded in the financial statements, notes to financial statements and schedules. These estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions that the Organization may undertake in the future. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Revenue recognition

Contributions

The Organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Under this method, contributions restricted for future period expenses are deferred and are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. 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.

Moreover, the Organization recognizes contributed supplies when the fair value of these contributions can reasonably estimated and if it would have had otherwise acquire these supplies and services for its normal operations.

Carbon offsets revenue

Revenue from carbon offsets is recognized in the same period the offsets are retired. In order for carbon offset to be retired, it must have been created through appropriate activities and then retired by application to a purchase contract. Carbon offsets cannot be retired more than once.

Consulting revenues

Consulting revenues are recognized as revenue in accordance with the agreement between the parties, when the consulting services takes place, fees are fixed or determinable and collection is reasonably assured. The liability relating to the received but unearned portion of revenues from consulting revenues is recognized in the statement of financial position as deferred revenues.

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2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial assets and liabilities

Initial measurement

Upon initial measurement, the Organization's financial assets and liabilities from transactions not concluded with related parties and those from transactions with parties whose sole relationship with the entity is in the capacity of management (and members of the immediate family) are measured at fair value, which, in the case of financial assets or financial liabilities that will be measured subsequently at amortized cost, is increased or decreased by the amount of the related financing fees and transaction costs. The Company's financial assets and liabilities from related party transactions are measured at cost.

Subsequent measurement

At each reporting date, the Organization measures its financial assets and liabilities from transactions not concluded with related parties at amortized cost (including any impairment in the case of financial assets), whereas those from related party transactions are measured using the cost method (including any impairment in the case of financial assets).

With respect to financial assets measured at amortized cost or using the cost method, the Organization assesses whether there are any indications of impairment. When there is an indication of impairment, and if the Organization determines that during the year there was a significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows from a financial asset, it will then recognize a reduction as an impairment loss in earnings. The reversal of a previously recognized impairment loss on a financial asset measured at amortized cost or using the cost method is recognized in earnings in the year the reversal occurs.

Cash and cash equivalents

The Organization's policy is to present in cash and cash equivalents bank balances, including bank overdrafts whose balances fluctuate frequently from being positive to overdrawn, and investments with a maximum maturity of three months from the acquisition date or redeemable at any time without penalty.

Tangible capital assets and protected land

Tangible capital assets and protected land acquired are recorded at cost. When the Organization receives contributions of capital assets, their cost is equal to their fair value at the contribution date plus all costs directly attributable to the acquisition of the tangible capital assets, or at a nominal value if fair value cannot be reasonably determined.

Amortization

Tangible capital assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives according to the diminishing balance method at the following annual rates:

	<u>Rates</u>
Buildings	10%
Farm equipment	20%
Office equipment	20%
Computer equipment	20%

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2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Tangible capital assets and protected land (Continued)

Write-down

When conditions indicate that a tangible capital asset or protected land is impaired, the net carrying amount of the tangible capital asset or protected land is written down to the tangible capital asset's or protected land's fair value or replacement cost. The write-down is accounted for in the statement of operations and cannot be reversed.

3 - INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

The net change in working capital items and deferred revenues are detailed as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$	\$
Trade and other receivables (except disposal of investment receivable)	40,025	(25,642)
Grants receivable	(139,897)	(225,350)
Prepaid expenses	(1,313)	(2,554)
Trade payables and other operating liabilities	588,072	(245,413)
Deferred revenues	1,205,440	765,825
	<u>1,692,327</u>	<u>266,866</u>

4 - TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$	\$
Trade accounts receivable (a)		12,638
Pemba receivables		39,339
Indirect taxes receivable	45,530	39,030
Accrued interest	21,494	16,042
Disposal of investment receivable	316,231	
	<u>383,255</u>	<u>107,049</u>

(a) As at October 31, 2024, no customer represents more than 20% (two customers represented 48% and 40% as at October 31, 2023) of total trade accounts receivable .

5 - INVESTMENTS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$	\$
Preferred shares of a private company	5,000	5,000
Term deposits	1,885,500	406,932
	<u>1,890,500</u>	<u>411,932</u>

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6 - TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	2024		2023
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net carrying amount
	\$	\$	\$
Buildings	101,390	70,061	31,329
Farm equipment	26,380	24,736	1,644
Office equipment	31,956	9,894	22,062
Computer equipment	8,848	7,087	1,761
	168,574	111,778	56,796
			46,559

7 - TRADE PAYABLES AND OTHER OPERATING LIABILITIES

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Trade accounts	589,637	34,338
Salaries and vacation payable	87,358	60,860
Government remittances	21,714	15,439
	698,709	110,637

8 - DEFERRED REVENUES

The deferred revenues represent the contributions received during the year to cover operating expenses for the following year.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
General Fund		
Balance, beginning of year	811,825	46,000
Amount recognized as revenue	(811,825)	(46,000)
Amount received relating to the following year	2,017,265	811,825
Balance, end of year	2,017,265	811,825

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9 - DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS RELATED TO TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$	\$
Tree nursery (Shed)		
Balance, beginning of year	672	747
Amortization	<u>67</u>	<u>75</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>605</u>	<u>672</u>
Whaelghinbran Farm (Building and equipment)		
Balance, beginning of year	3,089	3,530
Amortization	<u>386</u>	<u>441</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>2,703</u>	<u>3,089</u>
Nature Cabin (Building)		
Balance, beginning of year	10,738	11,931
Amortization	<u>1,074</u>	<u>1,193</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>9,664</u>	<u>10,738</u>
	<u><u>12,972</u></u>	<u><u>14,499</u></u>

10 - FINANCIAL RISKS

Credit risk

The Organization is exposed to credit risk regarding the financial assets recognized in the statement of financial position. The Organization has determined that the financial assets with more credit risk exposure are trade accounts and other receivables (excluding indirect taxes receivable), since failure of any of these parties to fulfil their obligations could result in significant financial losses for the Organization.

Market risk

The Organization's financial instruments expose it to market risk, in particular, interest rate risk and other price risk, resulting from its operating and investing activities:

Interest rate risk

The Organization is exposed to interest rate risk with respect to financial assets bearing fixed interest rates.

The term deposits bear interest at a fixed rate and the Organization is, therefore, exposed to the risk of changes in fair value resulting from interest rate fluctuations.

Other price risk

The Organization is exposed to other price risk due to investments in preferred shares of a Canadian private company since changes in market prices could result in changes in the fair value or cash flows of these instruments.

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10 - FINANCIAL RISKS (Continued)

Liquidity risk

The Organization's liquidity risk represents the risk that the Organization could encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities. The Organization is, therefore, exposed to liquidity risk with respect to all of the financial liabilities recognized on the statement of financial position.

11 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions in the normal course of operations

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Expenses		
Rental expenses to an administrator	12,000	12,000

This transaction was measured at the exchange amount, excluding the resulting financial instruments.

12 - LAND CONTRIBUTIONS

Government grants and other contributions applicable to the acquisition of land and other non-depreciable capital assets are recorded as a credit to the General Fund on the Statement of Changes in Net Assets.

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Schedules

Year ended October 31, 2024

		SCHEDULE A	
		2024	2023
		\$	\$
REVENUES			
Contributions			
Donations		235,924	355,866
Pemba Fund		1,491,318	109,897
Other contributions		1,787,808	692,811
Grants			
Federal government		4,577,298	945,442
Provincial government		15,379	170,179
Carbon offsets			746
Consulting		53,000	14,636
		8,160,727	2,289,577

Community Forests International
Pemba Fund

Year ended October 31, 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$	\$
Revenues		
Federal government grant	1,430,819	
Donations	<u>60,499</u>	<u>109,897</u>
	<u>1,491,318</u>	<u>109,897</u>
Expenses		
Contributions	1,140,323	198,196
Travel	26,728	19,183
Project supplies	<u>6,005</u>	<u>7,444</u>
	<u>1,173,056</u>	<u>224,823</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	<u>318,262</u>	<u>(114,926)</u>