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Re: Audit of the Financial Statements of Peterborough Public Library Board

Dear Members of the Board of Directors:

We have been engaged to express an audit opinion on the financial statements of Peterborough Public Library Board ("the Organization") for the year ended December 31, 2016. We have substantially completed our audit and are pleased to report on the following items.

The purpose of this report is to summarize certain aspects of the audit that we believe to be of interest to the Board of Directors. This report should be read in conjunction with the draft financial statements and our report thereon.

Auditor Independence

Canadian Auditing Standards ("CAS") require communications with audit committees, or other appropriate parties responsible for governance, at least annually, regarding all relationships between the Organization and our Firm that, in our professional judgement, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence.

Through our planning process, we identify any potential independence threats and communicate any concerns we identify. The Organization, management and the Board of Directors have a proactive role in this process, and are responsible for understanding the independence requirements applicable to the Organization and its auditor. You must also bring to our attention any changes in the threshold status of the Organization, any concerns you may have, or any knowledge of situations or relationships between the Organization, management, personnel (acting in an oversight or financial reporting role) and our Firm, its partners/principals and audit team personnel that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence.

In determining which relationships to report, these standards require us to consider relevant rules and related interpretations prescribed by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario (registered name of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario) and applicable legislation, covering such matters as:

- (a) holding a financial interest, either directly or indirectly, in a client;
- (b) holding a position, either directly or indirectly, that gives the right or responsibility to exert significant influence over the financial or accounting policies of a client;
- (c) personal or business relationships of immediate family, close relatives, partners or retired partners, either directly or indirectly, with a client;
- (d) economic dependence on a client; and
- (e) provision of services in addition to the audit engagement.

In accordance with our professional requirements, we advise you that we are not aware of any relationships between the Organization and our Firm that, in our professional judgement, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence.

Accordingly, we hereby confirm that our audit engagement team, our Firm and the other Collins Barrow offices are independent with respect to the Organization within the meaning of the Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 204 of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario (registered name of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario).

Our Responsibilities as Auditor

As stated in the engagement letter, our responsibility as auditor of your Organization is to express an opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Organization in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards.

An audit is performed to obtain reasonable but not absolute assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Due to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some misstatements of the financial statements will not be detected (particularly intentional misstatements concealed through collusion), even though the audit is properly planned and performed.

Our audit includes:

- Assessing the risk that the financial statements may contain material misstatements that, individually or in the aggregate, are material to the financial statements taken as a whole;
- Examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements;
- Assessing the accounting principles used, and their application; and
- Assessing the significant estimates made by management.

As part of our audit, we will obtain a sufficient understanding of the business and internal control structure of the Organization to plan the audit. This will include management's assessment of:

- The risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud and error; and
- The internal controls put in place by management to address such risks.

The engagement team undertakes a documented planning process prior to commencement of the audit to identify concerns, addresses independence considerations, assesses the engagement team requirements, and plans the audit work and timing.

An audit does not relieve management or those responsible for governance of their responsibilities for the preparation of the Organization's financial statements.

Board of Directors' Responsibilities

The Board of Directors' role is to act in an objective, independent capacity as a liaison between the auditor, management and Council to ensure the auditors have a facility to consider and discuss governance and audit issues with parties not directly responsible for operations.

The Board of Directors' responsibilities include:

- Being available to assist and provide direction in the audit planning process when and where appropriate;

- Meeting with the auditors as necessary and prior to release and approval of financial statements to review audit, disclosure and compliance issues;
- Where necessary, reviewing matters raised by the auditor with appropriate levels of management, and reporting back to the auditors their findings;
- Making known to the auditor any issues of disclosure, corporate governance, fraud or illegal acts, non-compliance with laws or regulatory requirements that are known to them, where such matters may impact the financial statements or Independent Auditor's Report;
- Providing guidance and direction to the auditor on any additional work the auditor feels should be undertaken in response to issues raised or concerns expressed;
- Making such enquiries as appropriate into the findings of the auditor with respect to corporate governance, management conduct, cooperation, information flow and systems of internal controls; and
- Reviewing the draft financial statements prepared by management, including the presentation, disclosures and supporting notes and schedules, for accuracy, completeness and appropriateness, and recommend same to be passed to Council for approval.

Audit Approach

Outlined below are certain aspects of our audit approach which are intended to help you in discharging your oversight responsibilities. Our general approach to the audit of Peterborough Public Library Board is to assess the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements and then respond by designing audit procedures.

Illegal Acts, Fraud, Intentional Misstatements and Errors

Our auditing procedures, including tests of your accounting records, were limited to those considered necessary in the circumstances and will not necessarily disclose all illegal acts should any exist. Under CAS, we consider the Organization's control environment, governance structure, circumstances encountered during the audit and the potential likelihood of fraud and illegal acts occurring.

These procedures are not designed to test for fraudulent or illegal acts, nor will they necessarily detect such acts or recognize them as such, even if the effect on the financial statements is material. However, should we become aware that an illegal or possibly illegal act or act of fraud may have occurred, other than one considered clearly inconsequential, we will communicate directly to the Board of Directors.

It is management's responsibility to detect and prevent illegal action. If such acts are discovered or the Board of Directors members become aware of circumstances under which the Organization may have been involved in fraudulent, illegal or regulatory non-compliance situations, such circumstances must be disclosed to us.

Testing during our audit did not reveal any illegal, improper or questionable payments or acts, nor any acts committed with the intent to deceive, involving either misappropriation of assets or misrepresentation of assets or misrepresentation of financial information.

Related Party Transactions

During our audit, we conduct various tests and procedures to identify transactions considered to involve related parties. Related parties exist when one party has the ability to exercise, directly or indirectly, control, joint control or significant influence over the other. Two or more parties are related when they are subject to common control, joint control or common significant influence. Related parties also include management, members of Council and their immediate family members and companies with which these individual have an economic interest.

All related party transactions that were identified during the audit have been represented by management to have been disclosed in the notes to financial statements, recorded in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards, and have been reviewed with you.

Management has advised that no other related party transactions have occurred that have not been disclosed to us. The Board of Directors is required to advise us if it is aware of or suspects any other related party transactions have occurred, which have not been disclosed in the financial statements.

Significant Accounting Principles and Policies

Management is responsible for the appropriate selection and application of accounting policies. Our role is to review the appropriateness and application as part of our audit. The significant accounting principles and policies are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

The accounting policies adopted may be acceptable policies under Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards; however, alternative policies may also be acceptable under Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards. The Organization and the Board of Directors have a responsibility to not adopt extreme or inappropriate interpretations of Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards that may have inappropriate or misleading results. Alternative policies, if adopted, may produce significant changes in the reported results of the operations, financial position and disclosures of the Organization.

The Board of Directors has a responsibility to review the accounting policies adopted by the Organization, and where alternative policies are available, make determinations as to the most appropriate policies to be adopted in the circumstances. If members of the Board of Directors believe that the adoption or change in accounting policy may produce an inappropriate or misleading result in financial reporting or disclosure, this concern must be discussed with management and us.

There were no new accounting policies adopted or changes to the application of accounting policies of the Organization during the year.

Accounting Estimates

Management is responsible for the accounting estimates included in the financial statements. Estimates and the related judgements and assumptions are based on management's knowledge of the business and past experience about current and future events.

Our responsibility as auditors is to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence to provide reasonable assurance that management's accounting estimates are reasonable within the context of the financial statements as a whole. An audit includes performing appropriate procedures to verify the:

- Calculation of accounting estimates;
- Analyzing of key factors such as underlying management assumptions;
- Materiality of estimates individually and in the aggregate in relation to the financial statements as a whole;
- Estimate's sensitivity to variation and deviation from historical patterns;
- Estimate's consistency with the entity's business plans; and
- Other audit evidence.

Risk-based

Our risk-based approach focuses on obtaining sufficient appropriate audit evidence to reduce the risk of material misstatement in the financial statements to an appropriately low level. This means that we focus our audit work on higher risk areas that have a higher risk of being materially misstated.

Based on our knowledge of the Organization's business and our past experience, we have identified the following areas that have a potentially higher risk of a material misstatement.

- Revenue recognition, and accumulated surplus transactions

Materiality

Materiality is used throughout the audit and in particular when:

- a) Identifying and assessing risk of material misstatement;
- b) Determining the nature, timing and extent of further audit procedures; and
- c) Evaluating the effect of uncorrected misstatements, if any, on the financial statements and in forming an opinion on the auditors' report.

Materiality is defined as:

Materiality is the term used to describe the significance of financial statement information to decision makers. An item of information, or an aggregate of items, is material if it is probable that its omission or misstatement would influence or change a decision. Materiality is a matter of professional judgement in the particular circumstances.

We used an overall materiality of \$87,500 and a performance materiality of \$74,375. The overall materiality for last year's audit was \$92,000 and the performance materiality was \$78,200.

Audit Procedures

In responding to our risk assessment, we used a combination of tests of controls, tests of details and substantive analytical procedures. The objective of the tests of controls is to evaluate whether certain controls operated effectively. The objective of the tests of details is to detect material misstatements in the account balances and transaction streams. Substantive analytical procedures are used to identify differences between recorded amounts and predictable expectations in larger volumes of transactions over time.

Evaluation of Internal Controls

Audits include a review and evaluation of the system of internal controls to assist in determining the level of reliance that may or should be placed on the system in assessing the nature and extent of audit procedures to be undertaken.

There are no internal control matters that we wish to bring to your attention.

Written Representations Requested From Management

As part of our audit, we request that management prepare a letter to us to re-affirm various representations that they have provided to us and we have relied upon. A copy of this letter is attached for your convenience.

Significant Misstatements

In the course of our audit, we have not found any material misstatements or unadjusted items that, in aggregate, exceed materiality thresholds established for the audit, nor have we found significant misstatements that would likely cause future financial statements to be materially misstated.

Uncorrected Misstatements

In the course of our audit, we have aggregated uncorrected financial statement misstatements which are summarized in the accompanying schedule. Management has deemed the effects of these misstatements to be immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. To date, management has not agreed to correct these misstatements. Under CAS, we are required to request that the Board of Directors approve the correction of these misstatements or that the Board of Directors approve the decision of management.

Significant Unusual Transactions

We are not aware of any significant transactions entered into by the Organization that you should be informed about.

Disagreements with Management

We are required to communicate any disagreements with management, whether or not resolved, about matters that are individually or in aggregate significant to the Organization's financial statements or auditors' report. Disagreements may arise over:

- Selection or application of accounting principles;
- Assumptions and related judgements for accounting estimates;
- Financial statement disclosures;
- Scope of the audit: or
- Wording of the auditors' report.

In the course of our audit, we did not have any significant disagreements with management, nor were we under any significant time pressures or poor working conditions. We are not aware of any cause for concern as to management's attitude, competence or credibility with respect to matters affecting the financial statements.

Difficulties Encountered During the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties during our audit that should be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors.

Management Letter

During our audit, we did not note any significant issues on internal controls to report to management.

Conclusion

We wish to express our appreciation for the co-operation we received during the audit from the Organization's management.

Should any member of the Board of Directors wish to discuss or review any matter addressed in this letter or any other matters related to financial reporting, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

To ensure there is a clear understanding and record of the matters discussed, we ask that members of the Board of Directors sign their acknowledgement in the spaces provided below.

Yours very truly,

Collins Barrow Kawartha LLP



per: Joanna Park, CPA, CA

Acknowledgement of the Board of Directors:

We have read and reviewed the above disclosures and understand and agree with the comments therein:

Peterborough Public Library Board

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June 27, 2017

Collins Barrow Kawarthas LLP
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Attention: Joanna Park, CPA, CA

Dear Madam:

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Peterborough Public Library Board for the year ended December 31, 2016 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards.

We confirm that:

Financial statements

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated March 31, 2017 for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards; in particular, the financial statements are fairly presented in accordance therewith.
2. We have assessed that the organization is able to continue as a going concern and the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.
3. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
4. Related-party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards.
5. There have been no events subsequent to the date of the financial statements up to the date hereof that would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. Furthermore, there have been no events subsequent to the date of the comparative financial statements that would require adjustment of those financial statements and the related notes.
6. Unrecorded adjustments at year end are trivial in amount and nature, therefore the effects of unrecorded adjustments are, both individually and in the aggregate, immaterial to the financial statements.
7. The accounting policies selected and the application thereof is appropriate, including those for complex areas of accounting and areas involving management's judgement and estimates, for example, revenue recognition, fair value measurements, transfers of receivables, hedging relationships and consolidation of variable interest entities.
8. We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
9. We are aware of the environmental laws and regulations that impact on our organization and we are in compliance. There are no known environmental liabilities, including liabilities under sections PS3260 - Liability for Contaminated Sites and PS3270 - Solid Waste Landfill Closure & Post-Closure Liability that have not been accrued for or disclosed in the financial statements.

10. The nature of all material measurement uncertainties has been appropriately disclosed in the financial statements, including all estimates where it is reasonably possible that the estimate will change in the near term and the effect of the change could be material to the financial statements.
11. We have informed you of all outstanding and possible claims, whether or not they have been discussed with legal counsel.
12. We confirm that there are no derivative or off-balance sheet financial instruments held at year end.
13. We have made the appropriate determination, accounting and disclosure in the financial statements of the costs, assets and obligations associated with employee future benefits.
14. All liabilities and contingencies, including those associated with guarantees, whether written or oral, have been disclosed to you and are appropriately reflected in the financial statements.
15. The organization has satisfactory title to all assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on the organization's assets.

Information provided

16. We have provided you with:
 - Access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial statements such as records, documentation and other matters;
 - Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit; and
 - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
17. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
18. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
19. We have disclosed to you all information in relation to fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of and that affects the entity and involves:
 - Management;
 - Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
20. We have disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others.
21. We have disclosed to you, and the organization has complied with, all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance, including all covenants, conditions or other requirements of all outstanding debts.
22. We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
23. We have disclosed to you the identity of the entity's related parties and all the related-party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
24. The minute books of the organization are a complete record of all meetings and resolutions of the organization throughout the year and to the present date.

Yours very truly,

Name/Position

Signature

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Signature

Schedule of Uncorrected Misstatements

Description of Misstatement	Proposed Adjustments Dr (Cr)				
	Statement of Income		Balance Sheet		
	Identified Misstatements	Likely Aggregate Misstatements	Assets	Liabilities	Opening Equity
a) Totals		-	-	-	-
b) Misstatements corrected by management		-	-	-	-
c) Likely aggregate misstatements net of corrections (a - b)		-	-	-	-
d) Effect of unadjusted misstatements from previous year's errors		-	-	-	-
e) Aggregate likely misstatements (c + d)		-	-	-	-
f) Final overall materiality		87,500	87,500	87,500	87,500
g) Amount remaining for further possible misstatement (f - e)		87,500	87,500	87,500	87,500