

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON FORM 922, CANDIDATE'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPORTING
SCHEDULES**

To Stan Pacak, official agent for Rick Wowchuk

Qualified Opinion

We have audited Form 922, Candidate's Financial Statements and Supporting Schedules, prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of *The Election Financing Act* of Manitoba and Accounting Guide – Accounting For Purposes of The Election Financing Act issued by the Chief Electoral Officer, for the candidacy of Rick Wowchuk for the candidacy period from March 30, 2023 to December 4, 2023 relating to the election held on October 3, 2023 in the Electoral Division of Swan River.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matters described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the Form 922, Candidate's Financial Statements and Supporting Schedules for Rick Wowchuk are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the accounting requirements of *The Election Financing Act* of Manitoba and Accounting Guide – Accounting For Purposes of The Election Financing Act issued by the Chief Electoral Officer.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Due to the nature of the types of transactions inherent in any election campaign, the completeness of contribution income and donations in kind income and expenses is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of contribution income and donations in kind income and expenses was limited to the amounts recorded in the candidate's election campaign records and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to assets, liabilities, income, expenses, and the campaign period surplus/deficit.

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 Form 922, Candidate's Financial Statements and Supporting Schedules* section of our report. We are independent of the Candidate in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statement 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 opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Form 922, Candidate's Financial Statements and Supporting Schedules

The Official Agent and the Candidate are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Form 922, Candidate's Financial Statements and Supporting Schedules in accordance with *The Election Financing Act* of Manitoba and the Accounting Guide – Accounting for Purposes of the Election Financing Act, and for such internal control they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the Form 922, Candidate's Financial Statements and Supporting Schedules that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the Form 922, Candidate's Financial Statements and Supporting Schedules, which describes the basis of accounting. The Candidate's financial statements are prepared to assist the candidacy of Rick Wowchuk to meet the requirements of *The Election Financing Act* of Manitoba. As a result, the Form 922, Candidate's Financial Statements and Supporting Schedules may not be suitable for another purpose.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Form 922, Candidate's Financial Statements and Supporting Schedules

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Form 922, Candidate's Financial Statements and Supporting Schedules as a whole is 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 this financial statement.

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 Form 922, Candidate's Financial Statements and Supporting Schedules, 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 qualified 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 entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, if any, and related disclosures made by the Official Agent and Candidate.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Form 922, Candidate's Financial Statements and Supporting Schedules, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statement represents 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.

Scarrow & Donald LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants
January 31, 2024
Winnipeg, Canada

For this communication, together with the work done to prepare this communication and for the opinions we have formed, if any, we accept and assume responsibility only to the addressee of this communication, as specified in our letter of engagement.

**Note to Form 922, Candidate's Financial Statements and Supporting Schedules
for the Candidacy Period from March 30, 2023 to December 4, 2023 relating to the election held on
October 3, 2023 in the Electoral Division of Swan River**

Note 1:

Form 922, Candidate's Financial Statements and Supporting Schedules, are prepared to comply with the financial reporting provisions of the *Election Financing Act* as issued by the Province of Manitoba and the Accounting Guide – Accounting For Purposes of The Election Financing Act issued by the Chief Electoral Officer.

The statements are filed with Elections Manitoba in accordance with the *Election Financing Act* of the Province of Manitoba. The statements are intended solely for the use of the official agent and the candidate. Accordingly, the statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

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Candidate's Financial Statements and Supporting Schedules



To be filed within four months after election day.

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For the candidacy period

DATE
March 30, 2023

To

DATE
December 4, 2023

Candidate

NAME Rick Wowchuk
ELECTORAL DIVISION Swan River
REGISTERED PARTY / INDEPENDENT PC Party of Manitoba

Official Agent

NAME Stan Pacak

Auditor

NAME OF AUDITOR Scott Smith, CPA, CA
NAME OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT TO WHOM INQUIRY MAY BE DIRECTED (if different than above)

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned official agent, hereby file a completed Form 922 – Candidate's Financial Statements and Supporting Schedules – along with an Auditor's Report from a qualified auditor. I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information contained herein is complete, true and correct and in compliance with The Election Financing Act.

Signature of official agent

01/31/2024
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Schedule 1 – Expenses (INCLUDING NON-MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS)

	Election expenses used in election period			D Non-election expenses in candidacy period	E Total expenses (columns A plus B plus C plus D)
	A Cash/Credit	B Non-monetary	C Property and services used and received through transfer		
500 Advertising	8,691.15	0.00	0.00	626.75	9,317.90
505 Posters, pamphlets, promotional	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
511 Disability				0.00	0.00
512 Child care				0.00	0.00
515 Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
520 Furniture and equipment rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
525 Honoraria/salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
530 Interest and bank charges	68.25	0.00	0.00	327.52	395.77
535 Audit fee (amount in excess of subsidy)				2,800.00	2,800.00
545 Office occupancy (rent, utilities)	354.59	0.00	0.00	620.41	975.00
550 Office supplies and postage	346.97	0.00	0.00	48.43	395.40
555 Polling (opinion surveys/market research)	485.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	485.58
560 Signs and structural support	69.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	69.16
565 Transportation, accommodation and food	1,335.32	0.00	0.00	1,220.13	2,555.45
570 Telephone	263.34	0.00	0.00	218.93	482.27
575 Personal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other (provide details)					
580 _____	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
585 _____	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
590 Total (Total of 500 to 585)	\$ 11,614.36	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,862.17	\$ 17,476.53

From schedule 7, line 850

From schedule 8, line 860

595 Total election expenses

(Total of line 590 column A, B and C)

\$ 11,614.36

To line 400

To line 405

Provide the amount of bank charges and loan interest incurred from election day to four months after election day. (Not required if candidate did not qualify for reimbursement)

Loan interest line 597 \$ 83.00

Bank charges line 598 \$ 47.75

Schedule 2A – Contributions to a Candidate
(INCLUDING NON-MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS)

A. Contribution summary

		A	B	C (A plus B)
	Aggregate contributions	Monetary contributions	Non-monetary contributions	Total of all contributions
600	\$250 or more	11,150.00	0.00	11,150.00
610	Less than \$250	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00
630	Total	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,250.00

To line 300

Schedule 2B – Contributions to a Candidate
(INCLUDING NON-MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS)

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B. Contributions of \$250 or more

Complete part B only if the aggregate value of the contributions (monetary and non-monetary) from any individual normally resident in Manitoba was \$250 or more.

Name of contributor	\$ Aggregate value of contribution
Barker, Helen	300.00
Betcher, Randall	500.00
Brade, Charles	400.00
Bruce, Gail	250.00
Delaurier, Justin	400.00
Delaurier, Lance	2,500.00
Delaurier, Leanne	2,500.00
Galloway, William	1,000.00
Halabisky, Johnny	300.00
Kennedy, Janice	400.00
Kennedy, Ken	400.00
Neely, Kevin	400.00
Pacak, Stan	400.00
Reimer, Chris	400.00
Stearns, Roger	1,000.00
Total aggregate contributions of \$250 or more	\$ 11,150.00

Schedule 3 – Transfers from Endorsing Registered Party

Complete only if the candidate's campaign received transfers from the endorsing registered party:

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|---|----------|----|-------------|--------------------|
| A. Total value of all cash transfers received during the candidacy period from the endorsing registered party: | line 700 | \$ | <u>0.00</u> | |
| B. Total value of all transfers of property or services received during the candidacy period from the endorsing registered party: | line 710 | \$ | <u>0.00</u> | |
| C. Total transfers from endorsing registered party:
(total of line 700 to 710) | line 720 | \$ | <u>0.00</u> | To line 320 |
| D. If you entered an amount on line 710, report the value of property or services that were used in the election period: | line 730 | \$ | <u>0.00</u> | |

Schedule 4 – Transfers from Candidate’s Constituency Association

Complete only if the candidate’s campaign received transfers from the constituency association:

- A.** Total value of all **cash transfers** received during the candidacy period from the constituency association: line 740 \$ 2,886.00
- B.** Total value of all **transfers of property or services** received during the candidacy period from the constituency association: line 750 \$ 0.00
- C.** Total transfers from constituency association: (total of line 740 to 750) line 760 \$ 2,886.00 **To line 310**
- D.** If you entered an amount on line 750, disclose the value of property or services that were used during the election period: line 770 \$ 0.00

If the aggregate value of transfers, as calculated on line 760 is \$250 or more, provide the following information:

E. Were there contributions of \$250 or more to the constituency association during the candidacy period?

- No (no further information is required)
- Yes (complete the schedule below)

Name of contributors of \$250 or more to the constituency association (attach list if necessary)	\$ Aggregate value of contribution
	0.00

Schedule 5 – Reconciliation of Income Tax Receipts

Complete only if the candidate's campaign received transfers from the constituency association:

Total number of income tax receipts received from Elections Manitoba: line 780 25

Total number of income tax receipts returned to Elections Manitoba:

• Issued to contributors	line 790	<u>21</u>	Return Elections Manitoba copies only.
• Voided or cancelled	line 800	<u>3</u>	Return all three copies.
• Unused	line 810	<u>1</u>	Return all three copies.

Total number of income tax receipts returned to Elections Manitoba
(total of line 790 to 810) line 820 25

Total unreturned income tax receipts (line 780 minus line 820) line 830 0

Please provide receipt numbers and an explanation for unreturned income tax receipts.

Schedule 6 – Accounts Payable

Complete only if there are amounts owing to suppliers at the end of the candidacy period. Do not include loans payable.

Name of Supplier	Description of expense	\$ Amount
Scarrow & Donald	Audit fees	2,800.00
Spruce Country Computer	Computer Rent	224.00
Total accounts payable	Line 840	\$ 3,024.00

To line 200

Schedule 7 – Candidate’s Disability Expenses

Complete only if reasonable* expenses were incurred by a candidate in relation to a disability to enable the candidate to campaign in an election period.

* Per section 115 of The Election Financing Act, reasonable expenses are those that are over and above the expenses normally incurred by the candidate.

List and describe the nature of the expenses incurred and the amounts claimed.

Description of expense	\$ Value of expense incurred
	0.00
Total disability expenses	Line 850 \$ 0.00

**To line 511
column D**

Signature of candidate

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Schedule 8 – Candidate’s Child Care Expenses

Complete only if reasonable* expenses were incurred by a candidate in relation to a disability to enable the candidate to campaign in an election period.

* Per section 115 of The Election Financing Act, reasonable expenses are those that are over and above the expenses normally incurred by the candidate.

List and describe the nature of the expenses incurred and the amounts claimed.

Description of expense	\$ Value of expense incurred
	0.00
Total child care expenses	\$ 0.00

Line 860

**To line 512
column D**

Signature of candidate

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Schedule 9 – Pre-election Period Advertising Expenses

(90-DAY PERIOD BEFORE THE START OF THE ELECTION PERIOD IN THE YEAR OF A FIXED DATE ELECTION)

Complete the following schedule to calculate the amount of advertising expenses subject to the pre-election period advertising limits. [s.58(2)]

Record your expenses if your candidacy period start date commenced before or during this 90-day pre-election period.

Advertising means advertising that promotes or opposes (directly or indirectly) a registered party, candidate, or leadership contestant. [s.115]

Endorsed candidate (from line 940)	line 910 \$	<u>0.00</u>
Individuals (from line 950)	line 920 \$	<u>0.00</u>
930 Total pre-election period advertising expenses (total line 910 and 920)	line 930 \$	<u>0.00</u>

A. Advertising expenses incurred by the candidate in the pre-election period.*

Details of expense	\$ Amount
	0.00
Total	line 940 \$ 0.00

B. Advertising expenses incurred by an individual on the candidate's behalf with the candidate's knowledge and consent in the pre-election period.*

Name of individual	\$ Amount
	0.00
Total	line 950 \$ 0.00

* Attach separate list if necessary

