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**NATIONAL FARMERS UNION - ONTARIO**

**AUDITORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**for the year ended September 30, 2014**





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### **Independent Auditors' Report**

To the Board of Directors of National Farmers Union - Ontario.

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of National Farmers Union - Ontario, which comprise the statement of financial position as at September 30, 2014, and the statement of operations and statement of 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 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 misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors' consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



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**Independent Auditors' Report (continued)**

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**Basis for Qualified Opinion**

In common with many non-profit organizations, the Organization derives revenue from the public in the form of memberships and donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Organization and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donation or membership revenues, excess of revenue over expenditures, and net assets.

**Qualified Opinion**

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of National Farmers Union - Ontario, as at September 30, 2014 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
February 17, 2015

*Twigg & Company*  
Chartered Accountants



**NATIONAL FARMERS UNION - ONTARIO**

**BALANCE SHEET as at September 30, 2014**

**ASSETS**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>CURRENT:</b>		
Bank	\$ 89,066	\$ 34,611
Accounts receivable	<u>1,119</u>	<u>-</u>
	90,185	34,611
<b>EQUIPMENT:</b>	<u>2,750</u>	<u>3,481</u>
	<u>\$ 92,935</u>	<u>\$ 38,092</u>

**LIABILITIES**

<b>CURRENT:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 9,588	\$ 8,158
HST payable	27	226
Deferred contribution (Note 3)	<u>29,455</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>39,070</u>	<u>8,384</u>

**MEMBERS' EQUITY**

<b>MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>	<u>53,865</u>	<u>29,708</u>
	<u>\$ 92,935</u>	<u>\$ 38,092</u>

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

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For a signed copy of the 2013-2014 financial  
statements, please contact the office.  
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NATIONAL FARMERS UNION - ONTARIO

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**for the year ended September 30, 2014**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>REVENUE:</b>		
Farm Business Registration fees (Note 1(f))	\$ 265,980	\$ -
Registration fees refunded	( 4,290)	-
	261,690	-
Membership revenue	<u>9,750</u>	<u>98,864</u>
	271,440	98,864
Allocation to locals	( 67,884)	( 20,914)
Allocation to NFU	<u>( 127,114)</u>	<u>( 49,042)</u>
Net revenue	76,442	28,908
<b>OTHER REVENUE:</b>		
Donations	27,531	15,872
Grant	5,000	-
Interest	269	610
Reimbursement	4,600	4,692
Sundry	524	417
OMAF Funding revenue (Note 3)	<u>20,545</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>134,911</u>	<u>50,499</u>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>		
Advertising	12,193	-
Agricorp administration fee	12,140	-
Amortization	731	1,062
Bank charges and interest	600	204
Council expense	3,945	5,456
Francophone fee	6,344	-
Rent expense	720	720
Local support	6,651	2,205
Newsletter	648	15,156
Office expense	2,637	3,382
Wages	31,254	36,511
Professional fees	6,947	18,929
Travel, conventions and trade shows	4,899	4,177
Youth project	500	500
OMAF Funding expense (Note 3)	<u>20,545</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>110,754</u>	<u>88,302</u>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	24,157	( 37,803)
<b>MEMBER EQUITY, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>29,708</u>	<u>67,511</u>
<b>MEMBER EQUITY, END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 53,865</u>	<u>\$ 29,708</u>

NATIONAL FARMERS UNION - ONTARIO

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW**  
**for the year ended September 30, 2014**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income (loss) for the year	\$ 24,157	\$( 37,803)
Items not involving cash		
Amortization	<u>731</u>	<u>1,062</u>
	<u>24,888</u>	<u>( 36,741)</u>
Change in noncash working capital balances related to operations:		
HST receivable (payable)	( 199)	2,509
Accounts payable	1,430	7,545
Accounts receivable	( 1,119)	-
Deferred contributions	<u>29,455</u>	<u>-</u>
Total from operating activities	<u>29,567</u>	<u>10,054</u>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	54,455	( 26,687)
<b>CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>34,611</u>	<u>61,298</u>
<b>CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR</b>	\$ <u>89,066</u>	\$ <u>34,611</u>
<b>CASH AND EQUIVALENTS CONSIST OF:</b>		
Bank	\$ <u>89,066</u>	\$ <u>34,611</u>

**NATIONAL FARMERS UNION - ONTARIO**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended September 30, 2014**

**1. PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION:**

The Organization was incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario during May, 2002. The purpose of the Organization is to represent persons carrying on a farming business in Ontario so as to promote the betterment of farmers in the attainment of their economic and social goals.

**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:**

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations in Part III of the CICA Handbook and include the following significant accounting policies:

**(a) Revenue Recognition**

The Organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred or restrictions met. Unspent amounts are recorded in deferred contributions.

**(b) Equipment**

Equipment is stated at cost and is being amortized using the declining balance method at the following rates:

Office equipment	20%
Computer equipment	30%

**(c) Financial instruments:**

The Company initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. It subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in the statements of operations in the period incurred.

Financial assets subsequently measured at amortized cost include cash. Financial liabilities subsequently measured at amortized cost include accounts payable. The fair value of the cash, and accounts payable approximates their carrying value due to their short-term nature.

It is management's opinion that the Organization is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments.

**(d) Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, any disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amount of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

**(e) Income Taxes**

The Organization qualifies as a tax exempt organization under section 149 of the *Income Tax Act*.



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended September 30, 2014

2. **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (continued)**

**(f) Revenue Recognition**

The Organization follows the deferral method of accounting for revenue. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred or restrictions met. Unspent amounts are included in deferred revenue. Unrestricted revenue is recognized as revenue when received.

Registration fees are received directly from the Farm Business Registration (FBR) and are recorded as revenue upon receipt.

The registration fees are refundable to the contributing farmer upon request.

Membership revenue is recorded upon receipt.

The details of the net revenue consists of the following:

1,364 registration fees received at \$195	\$ 265,980	100.0%
<u>22 registration fees refunded at \$195</u>	<u>( 4,290)</u>	1.6%
1,342	261,690	
<u>50 membership fees received at \$195</u>	<u>9,750</u>	
<u>1,392</u>	<u>271,440</u>	
Revenue allocation to NFU-O's locals	( 67,884)	
Revenue allocation to NFU	<u>( 127,114)</u>	
	<u>\$ 76,442</u>	

3. **DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS AND REVENUE:**

Deferred contributions related to expenses of future periods represent unspent externally restricted funding for the purposes of paying expenditures in future periods. The organization received funding from the Ontario Minister of Agriculture and Food (OMAF) to support the provincial interest in ensuring individual farming businesses are aware of options when choosing which accredited organization will best represent their interests.

Contributions received during the year:

OMAF Funding	\$ 50,000
Less: Amount recognized as revenue during the year	<u>( 20,545)</u>
Deferred contributions, end of year	<u>\$ 29,455</u>

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**4. PRIOR YEARS COMPARATIVE FIGURES:**

On December 19, 2012, Ontario Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Appeal Tribunal denied the National Farmers Union – Ontario (NFU-O) accreditation under the Ontario Farm Registration and Farm Organizations Funding Act.

The revenue generated by this registration fee is a significant percentage of the Union's membership fees and as a result of the above action, these membership fees were lost for the year ended September 30, 2013.

The NFU-O appealed the decision of the Tribunal to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. The appeal was successful and on October 16, 2013 the court ordered the Tribunal to accredit the NFU-O.