

R.A.V.E.N. (RESPECTING ABORIGINAL VALUES AND ENVIRONMENTAL NEEDS)

Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2021

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Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 330,861	\$ 295,869
Term deposits	2,097,121	1,379,757
Marketable securities	-	1,934
Goods and services tax rebate	5,143	5,368
Prepaid expenses	4,078	3,798
	2,437,203	1,686,726
CAPITAL ASSETS (Net of accumulated amortization) (Note 3)	8,351	11,813
	\$ 2,445,554	\$ 1,698,539
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
CURRENT		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$ 296,661	\$ 46,949
Government Remittances	-	6,191
Deferred Operating Grants (Note 4)	125,002	-
	421,663	53,140
FUND BALANCES	2,023,891	1,645,399
	\$ 2,445,554	\$ 1,698,539

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Director

Director

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Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

December 31, 2021

	2021			2020		
	Projects	Operations	Total	Projects	Operations	Total
REVENUES						
Donations	\$ 847,581	\$ 1,005,824	\$ 1,853,405	\$ 681,901	\$ 776,073	\$ 1,457,974
Other Income	12	10,401	10,413	8	16,520	16,528
Project Grants	232,629	482,055	714,684	369,940	603,951	973,891
Government Wage Subsidy	-	-	-	-	67,357	67,357
Swag sales (net)	-	1,506	1,506	-	1,783	1,783
	1,080,222	1,499,786	2,580,008	1,051,849	1,465,684	2,517,533
EXPENSES						
Administration	17,755	60,086	77,841	16,284	50,932	67,216
Cash awards	-	2,503	2,503	-	2,500	2,500
Litigation Disbursements (Note 5)	1,261,846	-	1,261,846	861,473	-	861,473
Marketing and advertising	-	30,431	30,431	-	49,171	49,171
Occupancy costs	-	66,487	66,487	-	64,386	64,386
Project expenses	-	290,833	290,833	-	224,567	224,567
Salaries and wages	-	471,575	471,575	-	372,257	372,257
	1,279,601	921,915	2,201,516	877,757	763,813	1,641,570
NET (DEFICIENCY) EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	(199,379)	577,871	378,492	174,092	701,871	875,963
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING OF YEAR	764,365	881,034	1,645,399	350,385	419,051	769,436
SUB-TOTAL	564,986	1,458,905	2,023,891	524,477	1,120,922	1,645,399
Capacity Building (Note 6)	(176,652)	176,652	-	(100,112)	100,112	-
Interfund Transfers (Note 7)	460,037	(460,037)	-	340,000	(340,000)	-
FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR	848,371	1,175,520	2,023,891	764,365	881,034	1,645,399
Externally Restricted Fund Balances (Note 8)	401,397	54,732	456,129	464,365	-	464,365
Internally Restricted Fund Balances (Note 9)	446,974	-	446,974	300,000	-	300,000
Unrestricted Fund Balance	-	1,120,788	1,120,788	-	881,034	881,034
	848,371	1,175,520	2,023,891	764,365	881,034	1,645,399

See notes to financial statements

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Statement of Cash Flows

December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 378,492	\$ 875,963
Items not affecting Cash		
Amortization of equipment	6,145	8,813
	384,637	884,776
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Goods and services tax rebate	225	187
Prepaid expenses	(280)	(723)
Accounts payable	249,712	(54,643)
Government remittances	(6,191)	1,412
Restricted donations	125,002	(250,000)
	368,468	(303,767)
Cash flow from operating activities	753,105	581,009
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of capital assets	(2,683)	(3,838)
Sale of donated marketable securities	1,934	500
Receipt of donated marketable securities	-	(1,934)
	(749)	(5,772)
INCREASE IN CASH FLOWS	752,356	575,237
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	1,675,626	1,099,889
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	2,427,982	1,675,126
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CONSIST OF		
Cash	\$ 330,861	\$ 295,869
Term deposits	2,097,121	1,379,757
	\$ 2,427,982	\$ 1,675,626

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1. STATUS AND NATURE OF OPERATIONS

R.A.V.E.N. (Respecting Aboriginal Values and Environmental Needs) ("RAVEN") is a small but mighty registered charitable organization whose mission is to raise legal defence funds to help Indigenous Peoples in Canada defend their treaty rights and the integrity of their traditional lands and cultures.

RAVEN was formed to recognize the need to redress an inherent imbalance. RAVEN's vision is a country that honours the ancestral laws, rights and stewardship values of Indigenous Peoples and their equitable access to the justice system within a thriving natural habitat.

RAVEN was incorporated as a corporation with share capital by letters patent which were issued under the Canada Corporation Act on September 7, 2006 and continued under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act on September 17, 2014. RAVEN is a registered charitable organization, and, as such, is exempt from income taxes under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and can issue donation receipts for income tax purposes.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

RAVEN's financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNFPO) and, in management's opinion, with consideration of materiality and within the framework of the following accounting policies:

Fund Accounting

RAVEN follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions. RAVEN ensures, as part of its fiduciary responsibilities, that all funds received with a restricted purpose are expended for the purpose for which they are provided. The financial statements include the following funds:

(i) Operating Fund

The Operating Fund accounts for RAVEN's unrestricted program delivery and administrative activities. This fund reports the unrestricted resources and includes investment income and unspecified donations received for which there are no restrictions attached by the donor.

(II) Project Fund

The Project Fund reports amounts that are received and disbursed by RAVEN according to externally imposed agreements specifying the donors' intentions on how the funds are to be used.

Revenue recognition

Restricted contributions related to general operations are recognized as revenue of the Operating Fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. All other restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection can be reasonably assured.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the Operating Fund in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Investment income is recognized as revenue when earned.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Capital assets

Capital assets are stated at cost or deemed cost, less accumulated amortization and is amortized over its estimated useful life on a straight-line basis at the following rates:

Furniture and fixtures	5 years
Computer hardware	3 years

In the year of acquisition, capital assets are amortized at one-half of the annual rate.

Financial instruments

RAVEN's financial instruments consist of cash, term deposits, marketable securities, receivables, payable and accrued liabilities. RAVEN initially measures all of its financial assets and liabilities at fair value. RAVEN subsequently measures all of its financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost.

It is management's opinion that RAVEN is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values, unless otherwise noted.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of any write-down that is determined is recognized in the statement of operations. A previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of any improvement, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in the statement of operations in the period in which it is determined.

The company recognizes its transaction costs in net income in the period incurred. However, financial instruments that will not be subsequently measured at fair value are adjusted by the transaction costs that are directly attributable to their origination, issuance or assumption.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Such estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

3. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	2021 Net book value	2020 Net book value
Computer Equipment	18,362	15,229	3,133	2,274
Furniture and Fixtures	24,408	19,190	5,218	9,539
	42,770	34,419	8,351	11,813

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4. DEFERRED OPERATING GRANTS

Deferred operating grants represent restricted funding received during the current period and which will be recognized as revenue in a subsequent period when the related expenses are incurred.

The deferred grant balance at December 31, 2021 is for [REDACTED] litigation to be divided equally between 2022 and 2023.

5. LITIGATION DISBURSEMENTS

Litigation disbursements represent current year's legal fees paid to, or on behalf of, First Nations who have signed Litigation Partnership agreements with RAVEN.

6. CAPACITY BUILDING

RAVEN charges capacity building fees to the projects at rates established annually by the Board of Directors. These fees support RAVEN's administrative operations.

In 2021, as RAVEN did not require the funds for operations, the funds were directed to the newly established Discretionary Litigation Fund (Note 7).

The funds are to be disbursed to Nations with whom RAVEN already has a Memorandum of Understanding agreement.

7. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

RAVEN transferred funds from its operating account to the following projects :

	2021	2020
Intervenor Fund (Note 9)	-	300,000
Site-C Litigation	3,300	-
Grassy Narrows Litigation	98,283	30,000
Gitxaala Litigation	-	5,000
Discretionary Litigation Fund (Note 9)	358,454	-
Beaver Lake Cree Nation Litigation	-	5,000
	<u>460,037</u>	<u>340,000</u>

In 2020 RAVEN transferred funds to the Intervenor fund in order to start the fund and to the litigation classes to meet funding commitments.

RAVEN transferred \$40,000 from the Intervenor Fund to the Salmon Nations litigation.

RAVEN transferred \$200,000 from the Discretionary Litigation Fund to the following litigation funds:

	2021	2020
Secwepemc Litigation	40,000	-
Neskantaga Litigation	30,000	-
Grassy Narrows Litigation	110,000	-
Gitxaala Litigation	20,000	-
	<u>200,000</u>	<u>-</u>

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8. EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS

The restricted funds for projects represent amounts collected on behalf of First Nations who have signed litigation partnership agreements with RAVEN, where the funds are intended to be used in future years for legal expenses as defined in the Memoranda of Understanding agreements.

The restricted funds for operations is from an education grant to develop a ten-module online learning program to be launched in 2022 on the RAVEN website.

9. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS

The Board of Directors approved the set up of a Discretionary Litigation Fund in 2021.

The fund represents money transferred from Operations to Projects where the Executive Director and Campaigns Fundraising Director will decide where and when funds will be transferred for the legal expenses of a specific Litigation Partner.

In 2021, \$358,454 was transferred from Operations to the Discretionary Litigation Fund.

The Board of Directors approved the set-up of an Intervenor fund in 2020.

Funds may be accessed through an application process intended specifically for those applicants who wish to intervene in legal challenges by other parties.

Eligible applicants include Indigenous Nations governed under traditional governance: *Indian Act* bands, and Indigenous groups, organizations and NGO's (e.g. Treaty 6 Tribal Association, Union of BC Indian Chiefs, the Association of Friendship Centres, etc.).

Internally Restricted Fund balances are as follows:

	2021	2020
Discretionary Litigation Fund	158,454	-
Intervenor Fund	258,520	300,000
Neskantaga Litigation	30,000	-
	<u>446,974</u>	<u>-</u>

10. COMMITMENTS

RAVEN has entered into an equipment lease and into rental leases for office premises and has committed to the following annual lease payments:

	Equipment	Office Lease
2022	4,765	26,028
2023	4,296	6,507
2024	4,296	-
2025	4,296	-
2026	3,222	-
	<u>20,875</u>	<u>32,535</u>

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11. SUBSEQUENT EVENT AND GOING CONCERN

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The situation is constantly evolving, and the measures put in place are having multiple impacts on local, provincial, national and global economies.

COVID-19 did not have a negative effect on the operations and financial stability of the organization.

12. AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION

RAVEN has established a non-profit corporation, Friends of RAVEN Foundation ("Friends"), which is recognized as a charitable organization (# 718752512RR0001), the purpose of which is to hold and invest funds and property for the purpose of disbursing exclusively to "qualified donees" that assist Aboriginal peoples and protect the environment, and in particular to disburse to RAVEN (Respecting Aboriginal Values and Environmental Needs).

RAVEN does not account for Friends in these financial statements. As at December 31, 2021, RAVEN received \$2,000 for the Harmony Essay Prizes from Friends (2020 - \$2,000).

Friends of RAVEN is in the process of amending its bylaws and articles to create a dual-entity situation, by which the board of RAVEN will also sit on the board of Friends of RAVEN, in order to ensure the two entities remain aligned in purpose and mission.
