

Financial Statements of

**Sask Lotteries Trust Fund For Sport,  
Culture and Recreation**

Year ended March 31, 2025



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To: Members of the Legislative Assembly, Province of Saskatchewan**

### *Opinion*

We have audited the financial statements of **Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation** (the "Trust Fund"), which comprise the statement of financial position at March 31, 2025, and the statements of operations, remeasurement gains and cash flows for the year ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Trust Fund as at March 31, 2025, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

### *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 Trust Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Saskatchewan, 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.

### *Information Other than the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon*

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information, and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### *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 public sector accounting standards, 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 Trust Fund'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 Trust Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT continued

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Trust Fund'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 Trust Fund'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 Trust Fund'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 Trust Fund 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.

May 15, 2025  
Regina, Saskatchewan

VIRTUS GROUP LLP  
Chartered Professional Accountants

# Sask Lotteries Trust Fund For Sport, Culture and Recreation

## Statement of Financial Position

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March 31, 2025 with comparative figures for 2024

	2025	2024
<b>Financial assets:</b>		
Cash	\$ 12,627,711	\$ 11,713,136
Accounts receivable	1,496	1,229
Due from Lotteries and Gaming Saskatchewan Corporation	78,197	290,039
Interest receivable	1,683,062	1,504,614
Due from Western Canada Lottery - Saskatchewan Division Inc.	3,285,661	9,192,884
Prepaid expenses	-	259
Investments (note 3)	126,223,523	125,509,574
	<u>143,899,650</u>	<u>148,211,735</u>
<b>Financial Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable	106,565	53,758
Grants payable (note 4)	99,255,498	99,805,239
	<u>99,362,063</u>	<u>99,858,997</u>
<b>Net financial assets</b>	<u>44,537,587</u>	<u>48,352,738</u>
<b>Net financial assets is comprised of:</b>		
Restricted trust fund balances (Schedule 1)	37,174,843	41,661,302
Accumulated remeasurement gains	7,362,744	6,691,436
	<u>\$ 44,537,587</u>	<u>\$ 48,352,738</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:

  
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Director

  
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Director

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## Statement of Operations

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March 31, 2025 with comparative figures for 2024

	Original Budget		
	2025	2025	2024
	(note 8)		
Transfer of net lottery profits from Western Canada			
Lottery - Saskatchewan Division Inc. (Schedule 2)	\$ 68,645,134	\$ 69,728,332	\$ 70,638,882
Less contractual expenses: (note 5)			
Federal Government expenses	2,772,400	2,773,521	2,734,554
Former distributors	1,395,440	1,362,034	1,387,638
Province of Saskatchewan	6,964,625	6,886,423	6,472,441
Mosaic Stadium amateur sport and community access grant	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibition Associations	310,000	310,000	310,000
	13,942,465	13,831,978	13,404,633
Lottery profits after contractual expenses	54,702,669	55,896,354	57,234,249
Investment income	3,700,000	5,869,923	4,094,380
Less administration expenses (Schedule 3)	971,988	965,839	963,148
Funds available to provide grants	57,430,681	60,800,438	60,365,481
Less grants (Schedule 1)	65,678,860	65,286,897	64,076,845
Decrease in restricted trust fund balances	(8,248,179)	(4,486,459)	(3,711,364)
Restricted trust fund balances, beginning of year	41,661,302	41,661,302	45,372,666
Restricted trust fund balances, end of year	\$ 33,413,123	\$ 37,174,843	\$ 41,661,302

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## Statement of Remeasurement Gains

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March 31, 2025 with comparative figures for 2024

	2025	2024
Accumulated remeasurement gains at beginning of year	\$ 6,691,436	\$ 5,113,519
Unrealized gain/(loss) adjustments attributable to:		
Bank shares	1,069,468	770,824
Pooled funds	(398,160)	807,093
Remeasurement gain adjustments for the year	671,308	1,577,917
Accumulated remeasurement gains at end of year	\$ 7,362,744	\$ 6,691,436

## Statement of Cash Flows

March 31, 2025 with comparative figures for 2024

	2025	2024
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities:		
Decrease in restricted trust fund balances	\$ (4,486,459)	\$ (3,711,364)
Items not affected by cash:		
Amortization of bond premium	-	227
Net change in non-cash working capital items:		
Accounts receivable	(267)	57
Due from Lotteries and Gaming Saskatchewan Corporation	211,842	(290,039)
Interest receivable	(178,448)	(461,422)
Prepaid expenses	259	15
Due from Western Canada Lottery - Saskatchewan Division Inc.	5,907,223	983,619
Accounts payable	52,807	8,081
Due to Province of Saskatchewan - General Revenue Fund	-	(719,455)
Grants payable	(549,741)	4,875,541
	957,216	685,260
Investing activities:		
Purchase of investments	(26,952,767)	(26,772,071)
Proceeds from disposal of investments	26,910,126	25,678,064
	(42,641)	(1,094,007)
Increase/(decrease) in cash during the year	914,575	(408,747)
Cash, beginning of year	11,713,136	12,121,883
Cash, end of year	\$ 12,627,711	\$ 11,713,136

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# Sask Lotteries Trust Fund For Sport, Culture and Recreation

## Notes to Financial Statements

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### 1. Nature of operations:

The Sask Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation (the Trust) was established in 1974 and is continued pursuant to the *Lotteries and Gaming Saskatchewan Corporation Act* and a Distribution Agreement between the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport for the Province of Saskatchewan and Sask Sport Inc. Under the terms of an agreement with Lotteries and Gaming Saskatchewan Corporation (years prior to April 1, 2023 – Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport), Sask Sport Inc. has been designated as the provincial marketing organization to sell Western Canada Lottery Corporation lottery tickets in Saskatchewan. Sask Sport Inc. has established the Western Canada Lottery - Saskatchewan Division Inc. to market, and Sask Sport Distributors Inc. to distribute these tickets on its behalf. The current agreements expire March 31, 2029.

The agreements require that, pursuant to the *Lotteries and Gaming Saskatchewan Regulations*, the net lottery profits (detailed in Schedule 2) are transferred to the Trust and further that, after the payments described in note 5, and the expenses of operating the Trust have been paid, all remaining funds be allocated to sport, culture and recreation. The profits (allocated 50% to sport, 35% to culture and 15% to recreation) are restricted for granting to eligible organizations designated by the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport for the Province of Saskatchewan. The Trust contributes, from each of these three sections, funds to the Sask Lotteries Community Grant Program in the same percentage as above; and to the Sask Lotteries Community Development Fund as follows: 40% by sport, 30% by culture and 30% by recreation.

The lottery agreement also requires Sask Sport Inc., as the designated provincial marketing organization for lottery tickets, to pay out of the Trust directed payments as described in note 5.

### 2. Significant accounting policies:

The Trust follows generally accepted accounting principles as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the CPA Canada.

#### *Basis of accounting and use of estimates:*

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Differences are reflected in current revenues and expenses when identified.

#### *Investments:*

All equity and pooled fund investments are recorded at fair market value with unrealized gains and losses reported on the Statement of Remeasurement Gains. When such gains and losses become realized they will be reported in the Statement of Operations. Fixed income investments are recorded at amortized cost.

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### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued):

#### *Grant expense and contractual expenses:*

Grants to eligible organizations are recorded when approved by the Trust Committee or the Sask Sport Inc. Board of Directors and all eligibility criteria are met. Grant returns are recognized in the period in which they are received. Contractual expenses are recognized by the Trust as required by the lottery agreement.

#### *Revenue recognition:*

Lottery profits are recognized by the Trust in the period they are earned by the Western Canada Lottery – Saskatchewan Division Inc. Investment income is recognized in the period earned. Premiums and discounts on bond investments are amortized to income using the effective interest method.

### 3. Investments:

	2025		
	Cost	Market Value	Carrying Value
Guaranteed Investment Certificates & Bank Bonds	\$ 105,100,000	\$ 106,787,382	\$ 105,100,000
Bank Shares	6,752,446	12,239,166	12,239,166
Connor Clark & Lunn Pooled Funds	7,008,334	8,884,357	8,884,357
	<u>\$118,860,780</u>	<u>\$127,910,905</u>	<u>\$126,223,523</u>

  

	2024		
	Cost	Market Value	Carrying Value
Guaranteed Investment Certificates & Bank Bonds	\$ 102,344,700	\$ 103,833,889	\$ 102,344,700
Bank Shares	6,219,598	10,636,851	10,636,851
Connor Clark & Lunn Pooled Funds	10,253,840	12,528,023	12,528,023
	<u>\$ 118,818,138</u>	<u>\$ 126,998,763</u>	<u>\$ 125,509,574</u>

Guaranteed investment certificates and bank bonds mature between May 1, 2025 and March 19, 2030 (2024 – June 17, 2024 and January 23, 2029) and have effective interest rates ranging from 1.28% to 5.32% (2024 – 0.87% to 5.32%). Connor Clark and Lunn Pooled Funds consist of managed fixed income and equity investments in pooled funds. As such they have no specified rate of return or maturity.

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### 3. Investments (continued):

The bank shares have no specified rate of return or maturity. Pooled fund investments are valued at the year-end unit value supplied by the pooled-fund manager, which represents the underlying net assets of the pooled fund at fair value. Guaranteed investment certificates and bank bonds are recorded at cost and market values disclosed are valued at the quoted market value on March 31. Bank shares are recorded at quoted market value on March 31.

### 4. Grants payable:

	2025	2024
Community Development	\$ 11,761,840	\$ 12,055,501
Community Grant Programs	12,548,687	12,544,812
Culture	24,429,370	25,108,833
Recreation	9,414,574	9,734,665
Sport	41,101,027	40,361,428
	<u>\$ 99,255,498</u>	<u>\$ 99,805,239</u>

### 5. Contractual expenses:

Under the terms of an Agreement for the Distribution of Funds with the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport for the Province of Saskatchewan, the Trust is required to make the following payments to:

- the Federal Government which, under an agreement dated September 23, 1979 with the Interprovincial Lottery Corporation, withdrew from the lottery field in exchange for \$24,000,000 annually, in 1979 dollars adjusted for inflation, shared amongst the member jurisdictions. Saskatchewan's share of this payment, for the year ended March 31, 2025, was \$2,773,521 (2024 - \$2,734,554).
- Sask Sport Distributors Inc. to cover the distributor payments made to those volunteer non-profit organizations that previously acted as ticket distributors. This amounted to \$1,362,034 (2024 - \$1,387,638) during the current year. Of this amount, Sask Sport Inc., as a former ticket distributor, received \$358,560 (2024 - \$358,560) during the current year.
- the General Revenue Fund of the Province of Saskatchewan in the amount of 3.75% of net lottery ticket sales less \$2,500,000 (2024 - 3.75% of net lottery ticket sales less \$2,500,000). During the current year \$6,886,423 (2024 - \$6,472,441) was expensed. As per the terms of the Agreement \$2,500,000 was paid to Sask Sport Inc. to fulfill the annual commitment to the City of Regina to facilitate amateur sport and community based organizations' access to the new Mosaic Stadium field and facilities.
- the Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibition Associations in the amount of \$310,000 (2024 - \$310,000) for the current year.

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### 6. Related party transactions:

These financial statements include transactions with related parties. The Trust is related to all Saskatchewan Crown agencies such as ministries, corporations, boards and commissions under the common control of the Government of Saskatchewan. Also, the Trust is related to enterprises that the Government jointly controls. Related parties also encompass key management personnel, including Board members and the Executive of the Trust.

These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are recorded at the exchange amount which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties. Other related party transactions and amounts due to/from are disclosed separately in these financial statements.

Sask Sport Inc. is related to the Trust because they share key management personnel. Sask Sport Inc., as a sport federation, received grants from the Trust of \$5,787,911 (2024 - \$5,963,671) during the current year, to provide programs and services to its member sport organizations. Sask Sport Inc. received a payment for \$2,500,000 as explained in Note 5. Sask Sport Inc. also received \$12,577 (2024 - \$10,731) as a fee for providing office equipment for use during the current year.

Administrative expenses include direct expenses of the Trust as well as expenses allocated from Sask Sport Inc. based on Sask Sport Inc. resources used in the management and administration of the Trust.

At year end included in accounts payable was a payable to Sask Sport Inc. of \$85,067 (2024 – \$22,567).

The Administration Centres for Sport, Culture and Recreation (1989) Inc., a subsidiary of Sask Sport Inc., provides office space and administrative services for non-profit sport, culture and recreation associations and received a grant from the Trust of \$694,400 (2024 - \$676,800) during the current year. In addition, the Trust paid to the Administration Centres for Sport, Culture and Recreation (1989) Inc. \$71,372 (2024 - \$70,543) for office space and services.

### 7. Financial instruments and risks:

#### *Fair value:*

The recorded value of receivables and payables are measured at amortized cost, which approximates their fair value. All equity and pooled fund investments recorded at fair value are measured using inputs from one of three levels. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices readily available from an active market. Level 2 inputs are quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable either directly or indirectly. Level 3 inputs are fair values not obtained from market data. The Trust fund measures pooled funds based on level 2 inputs. The Trust fund measures bank shares based on level 1 inputs.

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### 7. Financial instruments and risks (continued):

#### *Credit risk:*

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Trust is exposed to this risk relating to its cash, debt holdings in its investment portfolio and accounts receivable.

The Trust holds its cash account with a federally regulated Schedule 1 Canadian chartered bank that is insured by the Canadian Deposit Insurance Corporation. In the event of default, the corporation's cash account is insured up to \$100,000 (2024 - \$100,000).

The Trust's investment policy limits its fixed income investments to instruments that are government guaranteed or issued by federally regulated Schedule 1 Canadian chartered banks.

The Trust's only significant receivable is with the Western Canada Lottery – Sask Division which is considered low risk.

#### *Interest risk:*

The Trust may be subject to significant interest rate risk relative to certain investments described in Note 3. To mitigate the effects of interest rate changes the Trust applies investing policies that address portfolio mix, maturities, and liquidity.

#### *Liquidity risk:*

The Trust is not subject to significant liquidity risk as its primary receivable is with Western Canada Lottery – Saskatchewan Division Inc. which is well capitalized and has a history of transferring funds in a timely manner. The Trust invests funds based on the timing of its grant obligations and continuously monitors this to ensure these obligations can be met. Its short term investments are highly liquid.

#### *Price risk:*

The Trust is subject to price risk through its investment in publicly traded securities and pooled funds. These instruments comprise 17% (2024 – 19%) of the investment portfolio. To mitigate the effects of price risk, the Trust limits its investment portfolio in instruments subject to price changes in the open market but does not use any derivative financial instruments.

### 8. Budget:

The budget is the original budget that was approved by the Board of Sask Sport Inc. on February 1, 2024.

### 9. Statement of Changes in Net Assets:

A Statement of Changes in Net Assets has not been prepared as the information is readily apparent from the other financial statements.

# Sask Lotteries Trust Fund For Sport, Culture and Recreation

## Schedule 1 - Restricted Trust Fund Balances

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	Restricted trust fund balances, beginning of year	Allocation of funds available to provide grants	Grants approved net of returns	Increase/ (decrease) in funds	Restricted trust fund balances, end of year
Community Development	\$ 555,980	\$ 4,333,300	\$ (4,291,798)	\$ 41,502	\$ 597,482
Community Grant	3,289,245	8,022,990	(7,734,856)	288,134	3,577,379
Culture	9,618,348	17,172,116	(18,750,410)	(1,578,294)	8,040,054
Recreation	5,283,702	6,616,628	(7,402,822)	(786,194)	4,497,508
Sport	22,914,027	24,655,404	(27,107,011)	(2,451,607)	20,462,420
<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>\$ 41,661,302</b>	<b>\$ 60,800,438</b>	<b>\$ (65,286,897)</b>	<b>\$ (4,486,459)</b>	<b>\$ 37,174,843</b>
<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>\$ 45,372,666</b>	<b>\$ 60,365,481</b>	<b>\$ (64,076,845)</b>	<b>\$ (3,711,364)</b>	<b>\$ 41,661,302</b>

## Schedule 2 - Net Lottery Profits

March 31, 2025 with comparative figures for 2024

	Original Budget		
	2025	2025	2024
	(note 8)		
Lottery ticket sales	\$ 252,390,000	\$ 250,304,603	\$ 239,265,093
Revenue and expense items paid by the Western Canada Lottery Corporation:			
Prizes	(137,870,000)	(137,545,874)	(128,031,620)
Administration and ticket printing	(25,497,500)	(24,409,856)	(22,053,719)
Retailer commissions	(14,405,000)	(13,681,571)	(13,253,245)
Federal and provincial taxes	(1,813,500)	(1,878,351)	(1,728,747)
Investment income	612,400	1,621,937	981,341
Lottery profits transferred from the Western Canada Lottery Corporation	73,416,400	74,410,888	75,179,103
Provincial interest and other income	322,000	289,499	279,756
Provincial distribution expenses (note 1)	(3,033,700)	(3,029,265)	(2,893,495)
Provincial marketing expenses (note 1)	(2,059,566)	(1,942,790)	(1,926,482)
<b>Net lottery profits</b>	<b>\$ 68,645,134</b>	<b>\$ 69,728,332</b>	<b>\$ 70,638,882</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## Schedule 3 - Administration Expenses

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	Original Budget		
	2025	2025	2024
	(note 8)		
Committee meetings	\$ 2,500	\$ 842	\$ 949
Equipment expense	11,500	12,577	10,731
Goods and services tax	4,200	4,575	4,272
Insurance	12,400	11,967	11,907
Office supplies	32,500	46,261	35,349
Postage	7,500	6,988	6,381
Printing	12,500	14,445	14,997
Professional fees	31,510	50,414	55,216
Rent	50,700	49,991	48,427
Repairs and maintenance	2,500	-	2,198
Salaries and benefits	785,978	760,869	767,706
Telephone	6,000	4,159	3,175
Travel and training	12,200	2,751	1,840
<b>Total administration expenses</b>	<b>\$ 971,988</b>	<b>\$ 965,839</b>	<b>\$ 963,148</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.