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To the Stakeholders of Bank of Nova Scotia (Scotiabank),

Our responsibility is to conduct a detailed audit of the transactions within Scotiabank's community investment portfolio, to assess whether the value of what is generally agreed to constitute corporate community investment across Canada has been fairly and adequately reported.

This engagement has been performed in accordance with the LBG Canada Valuation Principles, as agreed upon and evolved by the LBG Canada community of companies since 2005.

The following evaluation criteria have been used:

- Adherence to the overarching investment principles and detail of the 100+ decisions agreed upon by the Canadian network of corporate investors in the community.
- Alignment to principles outlining the form of what constitutes corporate community investment (cash, in-kind, time volunteered, program management costs) and how the value of each investment is to be assessed, including the value of stakeholder contributions to community programming.
- Alignment to the principles in order to report on the value of what is eligible to be reported as community investment, versus what is ineligible to report as such. This also includes activities that may be considered partially eligible.

Methodology

We undertook the following:

1. A line-by-line audit of the community investment portfolio to confirm the overall eligibility of transactions presented as eligible for reporting as 'community investment'. This audit is governed by the LBG Canada Valuation Principles, as voted upon and evolved by the LBG Canada community of companies.
2. Each audit includes a first and second review of each transaction, and a detailed list highlighting the eligibility of each transaction. If a transaction is deemed to be ineligible or partially eligible, it will include a complete explanation as to the reasoning behind this assessment.
3. Research on the charitable, non-profit, social enterprise, and social purpose status of each organization, when not immediately obvious from the information provided.
4. Research on the project undertaken by the charitable, non-profit, social enterprise, and social purpose status, when not immediately obvious from the information provided.
5. Discussion with the company of findings under the headings: 100% eligible, partially eligible, ineligible, community sponsorship, tickets & tables, and questions for review.
6. The full detail and summarized result of the LBG Canada audit is presented for reference in reporting, for ongoing reference, and integration into other financial audit and performance verification processes.
7. Once the full audit cycle is complete, each company accesses peer comparisons to inform key aspects of strategy.

Limitations of Our Review

The scope of our work was limited to the information provided by Scotiabank, two detailed reviews of each transaction, research to close any information gaps, and discussions to clarify with company representatives.

The LBG Canada audit does not include whether the community partner received funds, nor whether funds were used for their intended purpose.

Conclusions

We confirm that the total value of $88,904,069** reported as community investment during fiscal year 2025 upholds the LBG Canada Valuation Principles.

Categories:

Cash	$ 79,006,598
In-kind	$ 1,712,605
Employee Volunteer Time	$ 2,899,335
Program Management Cost	$ 5,285,531

**Currency in Canadian dollars

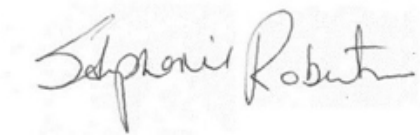
Our Independence

We are independent of the Banking Sector, in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of corporate community investment in Canada. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Our role is to uphold the LBG Canada Valuation Principles across all companies seeking third-party verification of the reported value of annual community investment.

LBG Canada upholds the LBG Model across Canada, which is recognized as the global standard for managing, measuring, and reporting community investment.

It ensures credibility and accountability in corporate disclosure of the value of community investment.



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