

**PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**Maintenance Enforcement Program Trust Account Audit**  
**Year Ended March 31, 2018**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Deputy Minister of Department of Justice

We have audited the accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the Maintenance Enforcement Program (MEP) Trust Account for the year ended March 31, 2018. The financial statement have been prepared by management using the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting described in Note 1.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of this financial statement in accordance with the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement 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 statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, 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 auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement 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.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statement is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the cash receipts and disbursements of the MEP Trust Account in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1, for the year ended March 31, 2018.



Amherst, Nova Scotia  
December 17, 2018

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS  
LICENSED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

**Nova Scotia Maintenance Enforcement Program**  
**Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the MEP Trust Account**  
**For the period April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018**

Opening balance, MEP Trust Account	\$ 448,026
Receipts	56,653,475
Disbursements	<u>(56,676,618)</u>
Closing balance, MEP Trust Account	<u>\$ 424,883</u>

**Note 1: Basis of Accounting**

The Maintenance Enforcement Program prepares its financial statement on the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Consequently, receipts are recognized when received rather than in the period to which they relate and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred.