# London & Middlesex Community Housing Inc.

Audit Findings Report for the year ended December 31, 2020

KPMG LLP

May 20, 2021





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Integrity

We do what is right.



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We never stop learning and improving.



Courage

We think and act boldly.



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We respect each other and draw strength from our differences.



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We do what matters.

## How do we deliver audit quality?



**Quality** essentially means doing the right thing and remains our highest priority. Our **Global Quality Framework** outlines how we deliver quality and how every partner and staff member contributes to its delivery.

**'Perform quality engagements**' sits at the core along with our commitment to continually monitor and remediate to fulfil on our quality drivers.

Our **quality value drivers** are the cornerstones to our approach underpinned by the **supporting drivers** and give clear direction to encourage the right behaviours in delivering audit quality.

We define 'audit quality' as being the outcome when:

- audits are executed consistently, in line with the requirements and intent of applicable professional standards within a strong system of quality controls; and
- all of our related activities are undertaken in an environment of the utmost level of **objectivity**, **independence**, **ethics**, and **integrity**.



Doing the right thing. Always.

## Executive summary

## Purpose of this report<sup>1</sup>

The purpose of this Audit Findings Report is to assist you, as a member of the Board of Directors, in your review of the results of our audit of the financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2020. This Audit Findings Report builds on the Audit Plan we presented to the Board of Directors.

## What's new in 2020

There have been significant changes in 2020 which impacted financial reporting and our audit:

- COVID-19 pandemic See page 5-7
- New CAS auditing standards See page 8

## Changes from the audit plan

There have been no significant changes regarding our audit from the Audit Planning Report previously presented to you.

## Finalizing the audit

As of May 20, 2021, we have completed the audit of the financial statements, with the exception of certain remaining procedures, which include:

- Completing our discussions with the Board of Directors
- Obtaining evidence of the Board's approval of the financial statements
- Obtaining a signed copy of the management representation letter

We will update the Board of Directors, and not solely the Chair, on significant matters, if any, arising from the completion of the audit, including the completion of the above procedures.

Our auditors' report will be dated upon the completion of remaining procedures.

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## **Uncorrected differences**

We did not identify differences that remain uncorrected.

## Significant accounting policies and practices

There have been no initial selections of, or changes to, significant accounting policies and practices to bring to your attention.

## **Control deficiencies**

We did not identify any control deficiencies that we determined to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

## Independence

We are independent of the Corporation in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada.



## What's new in 2020

## **COVID-19 pandemic**

In our Audit Planning Report, we communicated how the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic were going to affect our audit. We adapted our audit to respond to COVID impacts on your business, including the impacts on financial reporting and internal control over financial reporting.

Area of Impact	Key Observations
	<ul> <li>We considered impacts to financial reporting due to the COVID 19 pandemic and the increased disclosures needed in the financial statements as necessary.</li> </ul>
Corporation's financial reporting impacts	— In areas of the financial statements where estimates involved significant judgements, we evaluated whether the method, assumptions and data used by management to derive the accounting estimates, and their related financial statement disclosures were still appropriate per the relevant financial reporting framework given the changed economic conditions and increased estimation uncertainty.
	— The areas of the financial statements most affected included:
	o Disclosures – Risk disclosures have been updated by management where necessary as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic.
Corporation's internal control over financial reporting	— As a result of the changes to the Corporation's work environment during certain times in F2020 we updated our understanding of internal control over financial reporting due to the COVID-19 pandemic as necessary. We noted that there were no significant changes to the Corporation's control environment as a result of the pandemic.
Materiality	<ul> <li>We considered impacts to financial reporting on both the determination and the re-assessment of materiality for the audit of the financial statements.</li> </ul>
	Materiality has not changed from the amount communicated in our audit planning report.
Risk Assessment	<ul> <li>We performed a more thorough risk assessment specifically targeted at the impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic, including an assessment of fraud risk factors (i.e., conditions or events that may be indicative of an incentive/pressure to commit fraud, opportunities to commit fraud, rationalizations of committing fraud).</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>We did not identify any additional risks of material misstatement as a result of impacts to financial reporting, which required an audit response compared to the prior year.</li> </ul>



## COVID-19 pandemic In our Audit Planning Report, we communicated how the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic were going to affect our audit. We adapted our audit to respond to COVID impacts on your business, including the impacts on financial reporting and internal control over financial reporting. Area of Impact Key Observations We used virtual work rooms, video conferencing, and internally shared team sites to collaborate in real-time, both amongst the audit team as well as with management.



## **New auditing standards**

The following new auditing standard is effective for the current year had an impact on our audit.

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and Related Disclosures

**Accounting Estimates** 

**Standard** 

## **Key observations**

- The new standard was applied on all estimates within the financial statements that had a risk of material misstatement due to estimation uncertainty and not just "key estimates", "critical accounting estimates", or "estimates with significant risk".
- The granularity and complexity of the new standard along with our interpretation of the application of that standard necessitated more planning and discussion and increased involvement of more senior members of the engagement team.
- We performed more granular risk assessments based on the elements making up <u>each</u> accounting estimate such as the method, the assumptions used, the data used and the application of the method.
- We considered the potential for management bias.
- We assessed the degree of uncertainty, complexity, and subjectivity involved in making each accounting estimate to determine the level of audit response; the higher the level of response, the more persuasive the audit evidence was needed.



## Audit risks and results

We highlight our significant findings in respect of **significant financial reporting risks** as identified in our discussion with you in the Audit Plan, as well as any additional significant financial reporting risks identified.

Significant financial reporting risk	New or changed?	Estimate?
Risk of material misstatement due to fraud resulting from fraudulent revenue recognition	No	No
Risk of material misstatement due to fraud resulting from management override of controls	No	No

## Our response

### Fraud risk from revenue recognition:

We have rebutted this fraud risk as it is not applicable to LMCH where performance is not measured based on earnings and revenue recognition does not involve significant judgment.

### Findings:

No issues noted.

### Fraud risk from management override of controls:

We performed the following procedures as noted in our audit planning report:

- Testing of journal entries and other adjustments including procedures to gain assurance over completeness of the journal entry population.
- Performed a retrospective review of estimates and evaluated business rationale of significant unusual transactions.

### Audit findings:

No significant issues were noted as a result of our procedures



## Audit risks and results

We highlight our significant findings in respect of **areas of focus** as identified in our discussion with you in the Audit Plan, as well as any additional areas of focus identified.

Area of focus	New or changed?	Estimate?
Cash	No	No
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	No	No

## Our response and Significant findings

We performed the following procedures as noted in our audit planning report:

- Obtained confirmation from third parties to verify cash balances at year-end.
- Reviewed bank reconciliations and performed verification of significant reconciling items.
- Reviewed financial statement disclosure.

### Audit findings:

No significant issues were noted as a result of our procedures.

We performed the following procedures as noted in our audit planning report:

- Updated our understanding of activities over the initiation, authorization, processing, recording and reporting of accounts payable and accrued liabilities.
- Performed a search for unrecorded liabilities.

### Audit findings:

No significant issues were noted as a result of our procedures.



## Audit risks and results (continued)

Area of focus	New or changed?	Estimate?
Tangible capital assets	No	Yes
Change in management	New	No

## Our response

We performed the following procedures as noted in our audit planning report:

- Updated our understanding of activities over the initiation, authorization, processing, recording and reporting of tangible capital assets.
- Vouched a selection of additions and disposals throughout the year to supporting documentation.
- Performed a substantive analytical procedure over depreciation expense.
- Obtained details of repairs and maintenance expenses recorded during the year. Vouched a selection of expenses to supporting documentation. For the items selected for testing, obtained an understanding of the nature of the expense to gain assurance that it was not capital in nature.
- Obtained management's assessment of the impact of the Contaminated Sites standard (PS 3260) and reviewed the impact to the financial statements, if any.

### Audit findings:

No significant issues were noted as a result of our procedures.

We have gained an understanding over any revised financial processes and controls as a result of this change as well as reviewed any related unrecorded liabilities

Audit findings:

No significant issues were noted as a result of our procedures.



## Financial statement presentation and disclosure

Misstatements, including omissions, if any, related to financial statement presentation and disclosure items are in the management representation letter. We also highlight the following:

Form, arrangement, and content of the financial statements	Adequate
Significant qualitative aspects of financial statement presentation and disclosure	No concerns at this time regarding future implementation



## Uncorrected differences and corrected adjustments

Differences and adjustments include disclosure and presentation differences and adjustments.

Professional standards require that we request of management and the Board of Directors that all identified differences be corrected. We have already made this request of management.

## Uncorrected differences

We did not identify differences that remain uncorrected.

## Corrected adjustments

We did not identify any adjustments that were communicated to management and subsequently corrected in the financial statements.



## Control deficiencies

In accordance with professional standards, we are required to communicate to the Board of Directors significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting (ICFR) that we identified during our audit.

The purpose of our audit is to express an opinion on the financial statements.

Our audit included consideration of ICFR 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 ICFR.

The matters being reported are limited to those deficiencies that we have identified during our audit and that we have concluded are of sufficient importance to merit being reported to the Board of Directors and to meet professional standards.

## Significant deficiencies

Description	Potential effect
No significant deficiencies in ICFR identified.	



## Appendices

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## Appendix 1: Other Required Communications

Report	Engagement terms
The conclusion of our audit is set out in our draft auditors' report attached to the draft financial statements.	Engagement terms are outlined in our Engagement Letter, as provided in prior years.  There have been no changes to the terms of our engagement in the current year.
Reports to the Board of Directors	Representations of management
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## Appendix 2: Management Representation Letter



KPMG LLP 1400-140 Fullarton Street London, ON N6A 5P2

March 20, 2021

### Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are writing at your request to confirm our understanding that your audit was for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements (hereinafter referred to as "financial statements") of London & Middlesex Community Housing Inc. ("the Entity") as at and for the period ended December 31, 2020

### General:

We confirm that the representations we make in this letter are in accordance with the definitions as set out in **Attachment I** to this letter.

We also confirm that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves:

## Responsibilities:

- We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the engagement letter dated September 15, 2016, including for:
  - a) the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and believe that these financial statements have been prepared and present fairly in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework.
  - b) providing you with all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial statements ("relevant information"), such as financial records, documentation and other matters, including:
    - the names of all related parties and information regarding all relationships and transactions with related parties;
    - the complete minutes of meetings, or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared, of shareholders, board of directors and committees of the board of directors that may affect the financial statements. All significant actions are included in such summaries.
  - c) providing you with unrestricted access to such relevant information.
  - d) providing you with complete responses to all enquiries made by you during the engagement.
  - e) providing you with additional information that you may request from us for the purpose of the engagement.

- f) providing you with unrestricted access to persons within the Entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- g) such internal control as we determined is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. We also acknowledge and understand that we are responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- h) ensuring that all transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- ensuring that internal auditors providing direct assistance to you, if any, were instructed to follow your instructions and that we, and others within the entity, did not intervene in the work the internal auditors performed for you.

### Internal control over financial reporting:

2) We have communicated to you all deficiencies in the design and implementation or maintenance of internal control over financial reporting of which we are aware.

### Fraud & non-compliance with laws and regulations:

- 3) We have disclosed to you:
  - a) the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
  - b) all information in relation to fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of that involves:
    - management;
    - employees who have significant roles in internal control over financial reporting; or
    - others

where such fraud or suspected fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.

- c) all information in relation to allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the financial statements, communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, or others.
- d) all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations, including all aspects of contractual agreements, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- e) all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

### Subsequent events:

4) All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which the relevant financial reporting framework requires adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements have been adjusted or disclosed.

## Related parties:

- 5) We have disclosed to you the identity of the Entity's related parties.
- 6) We have disclosed to you all the related party relationships and transactions/balances of which we are aware.
- 7) All related party relationships and transactions/balances have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework.

### Estimates:

8) The methods, the data and the significant assumptions used in making accounting estimates, and their related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement or disclosure that is reasonable in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework.

### Going concern:

- 9) We have provided you with all information relevant to the use of the going concern assumption in the financial statements.
- 10) We confirm that we are not aware of material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt upon the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern.

### Non-SEC registrants or non-reporting issuers:

- 11) We confirm that the Entity is not a Canadian reporting issuer (as defined under any applicable Canadian securities act) and is not a United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Issuer (as defined by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002).
- 12) We also confirm that the financial statements of the Entity will not be included in the group financial statements of a Canadian reporting issuer audited by KPMG or an SEC Issuer audited by any member of the KPMG organization.

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## Attachment I - Definitions

### Materiality

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material.

Information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

Judgments about materiality are made in light of surrounding circumstances, and are affected by perception of the needs of, or the characteristics of, the users of the financial statements and, the size or nature of a misstatement, or a combination of both while also considering the entity's own circumstances.

### Fraud & error

Fraudulent financial reporting involves intentional misstatements including omissions of amounts or disclosures in financial statements to deceive financial statement users.

Misappropriation of assets involves the theft of an entity's assets. It is often accompanied by false or misleading records or documents in order to conceal the fact that the assets are missing or have been pledged without proper authorization.

An error is an unintentional misstatement in financial statements, including the omission of an amount or a disclosure.

## Appendix 3: Audit and Assurance Insights

Our latest thinking on the issues that matter most to audit committees, Boards and Management.

Featured insight	Summary	Reference
Audit & Assurance Insights	Curated thought leadership, research and insights from subject matter experts across KPMG in Canada.	Learn more
The business implications of	Resources to help you understand your exposure to COVID-19, and more importantly, position your business to be resilient in the face of this and the next global threat.	Learn more
coronavirus (COVID 19)	Financial reporting and audit considerations: The impact of COVID-19 on financial reporting and audit processes.	Learn more
Accelerate 2020	Perspective on the key issues driving the audit committee agenda.	Learn more
Momentum	A quarterly Canadian newsletter which provides a snapshot of KPMG's latest thought leadership, audit and assurance insights and information on upcoming and past audit events – keeping management and board members abreast on current issues and emerging challenges within audit.	Sign-up now
Current Developments	Series of quarterly publications for Canadian businesses including Spotlight on IFRS, Canadian Securities & Auditing Matters and US Outlook reports.	Learn more
Board Leadership Centre	Leading insights to help board members maximize boardroom opportunities.	<u>Learn more</u>

## Appendix 4: Current developments

## Public Sector Accounting Standards

Standard	Summary and implications
Impact of COVID-19	<ul> <li>In response to the impact of COVID-19 on public sector entities, PSAB has approved deferral of all upcoming accounting standards by one year and will issue non-authoritative guidance on the effects of COVID-19.</li> </ul>
Asset Retirement Obligations	<ul> <li>The new standard is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2022. The effective date was deferred by one year due to COVID-19.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The new standard addresses the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of legal obligations associated with retirement of tangible capital assets in productive use. Retirement costs will be recognized as an integral cost of owning and operating tangible capital assets. PSAB currently contains no specific guidance in this area.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The ARO standard will require the public sector entity to record a liability related to future costs of any legal obligations to be incurred upon retirement of any controlled tangible capital assets ("TCA"). The amount of the initial liability will be added to the historical cost of the asset and amortized over its useful life.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>As a result of the new standard, the public sector entity will have to:</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>consider how the additional liability will impact net debt, as a new liability will be recognized with no corresponding increase in a financial asset;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>carefully review legal agreements, senior government directives and legislation in relation to all controlled TCA to determine if any legal obligations exist with respect to asset retirements;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>begin considering the potential effects on the organization as soon as possible to coordinate with resources outside the finance department to identify AROs and obtain information to estimate the value of potential AROs to avoid unexpected issues</li> </ul>
Revenue	<ul> <li>The new standard is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2023. The effective date was deferred by one year due to COVID-19.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The new standard establishes a single framework to categorize revenues to enhance the consistency of revenue recognition and its measurement.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The standard notes that in the case of revenues arising from an exchange transaction, a public sector entity must ensure the recognition of revenue aligns with the satisfaction of related performance obligations.</li> </ul>



_	The standard notes that unilateral revenues arise when no performance obligations are present, and recognition
	occurs when there is authority to record the revenue and an event has happened that gives the public sector entity the right to the revenue.
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## Financial Instruments and Foreign Currency Translation

- The accounting standards, PS3450 Financial Instruments, PS2601 Foreign Currency Translation, PS1201
   Financial Statement Presentation and PS3041 Portfolio Investments are effective for fiscal years commencing on
   or after April 1, 2022. The effective date was deferred by one year due to COVID-19.
- Equity instruments quoted in an active market and free-standing derivatives are to be carried at fair value. All other
  financial instruments, including bonds, can be carried at cost or fair value depending on the public sector entity's
  choice and this choice must be made on initial recognition of the financial instrument and is irrevocable.
- Hedge accounting is not permitted.
- A new statement, the Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses, will be included in the financial statements. Unrealized gains and losses incurred on fair value accounted financial instruments will be presented in this statement. Realized gains and losses will continue to be presented in the statement of operations.
- In July 2020, PSAB approved federal government narrow-scope amendments to PS3450 Financial Instruments which will be included in the Handbook in the fall of 2020. Based on stakeholder feedback, PSAB is considering other narrow-scope amendments related to the presentation and foreign currency requirements in PS3450
- Financial Instruments. The exposure drafts will be released in summer 2020 with a 90-day comment period.

## Employee Future Benefit Obligations

- PSAB has initiated a review of sections PS3250 Retirement Benefits and PS3255 Post-Employment Benefits,
   Compensated Absences and Termination Benefits. In July 2020, PSAB approved a revised project plan.
- PSAB intends to use principles from International Public Sector Accounting Standard 39 Employee Benefits as a starting point to develop the Canadian standard.
- Given the complexity of issues involved and potential implications of any changes that may arise from the review
  of the existing guidance, PSAB will implement a multi-release strategy for the new standards. The first standard
  will provide foundational guidance. Subsequent standards will provide additional guidance on current and
  emerging issues.

Standard	Summary and implications
Public Private Partnerships ("P3")	<ul> <li>PSAB has proposed new requirements for the recognition, measurement and classification of infrastructure procured through a public private partnership. PSAB in the process of reviewing feedback provided by stakeholders on the exposure draft.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The exposure draft proposes that recognition of infrastructure by the public sector entity would occur when it controls the purpose and use of the infrastructure, when it controls access and the price, if any, charged for use, and it controls any significant interest accumulated in the infrastructure when the P3 ends.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The exposure draft proposes that the public sector entity recognize a liability when it needs to pay cash or non- cash consideration to the private sector partner for the infrastructure.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The infrastructure would be valued at cost, with a liability of the same amount if one exists. Cost would be measured by discounting the expected cash flows by a discount rate that reflects the time value of money and risks specific to the project.</li> </ul>
Concepts Underlying Financial Performance	<ul> <li>PSAB is in the process of reviewing the conceptual framework that provides the core concepts and objectives underlying Canadian public sector accounting standards.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>PSAB is in the process of developing exposure drafts for the proposed conceptual framework and proposed revised reporting model, and their related consequential amendments.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>PSAB is proposing a revised, ten chapter conceptual framework intended to replace PS 1000 Financial Statement Concepts and PS 1100 Financial Statement Objectives. The revised conceptual framework would be defined and elaborate on the characteristics of public sector entities and their financial reporting objectives. Additional information would be provided about financial statement objectives, qualitative characteristics and elements.</li> <li>General recognition and measurement criteria, and presentation concepts would be introduced.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>In addition, PSAB is proposing:</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Removal of the net debt indicator, except for on the statement of net debt where it would be calculated exclusive of financial assets and liabilities that are externally restricted and/or not available to settle the liabilities or financial assets.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Changes to common terminology used in the financial statements, including re-naming accumulated surplus (deficit) to net assets (liabilities).</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Restructuring the statement of financial position to present non-financial assets before liabilities.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Removal of the statement of remeasurement gains (losses) with the information instead included on a new statement called the statement of changes in net assets (liabilities). This new statement would present the changes in each component of net assets (liabilities).</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>A new provision whereby an entity can use an amended budget in certain circumstances.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Inclusion of disclosures related to risks and uncertainties that could affect the entity's financial position.</li> </ul>



Standard	Summary and implications
International Strategy	<ul> <li>PSAB has reviewed all proposed options for its international strategy, and in accordance with its due process, approved the option to adapt International Public Sector Accounting Standards when developing future standards.</li> <li>PSAB noted that the decision will apply to all projects beginning on or after April 1, 2021.</li> </ul>
Purchased Intangibles	<ul> <li>In October 2019, PSAB approved a proposal to allow public sector entities to recognize intangibles purchased through an exchange transaction. Practitioners are expected to use the definition of an asset, the general recognition criteria and the GAAP hierarchy to account for purchased intangibles.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Based on stakeholder feedback, PSAB will develop a Public Sector Guideline to clarify the guidance in the exposure draft to PS1000 Financial Statement Concepts, PS1100 Financial Statement Objectives and PS1201 Financial Statement Presentation. The updates to the Handbook are expected to be released in fall 2020. The accounting for intangibles may be addressed through future PSAB projects.</li> </ul>











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