UNDERSTANDING AUDIT

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WARNING

THE FOLLOWING PRESENTATION CONTAINS CONTENT THAT SOME MAY FIND EXTREMELY BORING - PLEASE TRY TO STAY AWAKE. IT MAY ALSO NOT BE SUITABLE FOR ALL AUDIENCES.

VIEWER DISCRETION IS ADVISED!

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AGENDA

- WHAT IS A FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT? WHAT IS IT NOT?
- GOVERNANCE / FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT
- QUESTIONS

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CANADIAN AUDITING STANDARDS

- AUDITOR SHALL APPLY ALL CASs RELEVANT TO AUDIT

 MORE THAN 500 "THE AUDITOR SHALL"
- CAS 200 OBJECTIVES OF AN AUDIT
- CAS 240 AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES RE: FRAUD
- CAS 260 / 265 COMMUNICATING WITH GOVERNANCE
- CAS 320 MATERIALITY

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CAS 200 - OBJECTIVES OF AN AUDIT

- ENHANCE DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE OF INTENDED USERS
- AUDITOR EXPRESSES OPINION ON FINANCIALS
- AUDITOR OBTAINS REASONABLE ASSURANCE
 FINANCIALS FREE OF MATERIAL MISSTATEMENTS
 FRAUD OR ERROR
- REASONABLE ASSURANCE = HIGH LEVEL ASSURANCE
 NOT ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE
 MOST AUDIT EVIDENCE IS PERSUASIVE NOT CONCLUSIVE
- PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT
- PROFESSIONAL SKEPTICISM

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	■ ESSENTIAL TO PROPER CONDUCT OF AN AUDIT		
	■ MATERIALITY / AUDIT RISK		
	■ NATURE, TIMING, & EXTENT OF AUDIT PROCEDURES		
	■ EVALUATING SUFFICIENT APPROPRIATE AUDIT EVIDENCE		
	■ DRAWING CONCLUSIONS □ REASONABLENESS OF MANAGEMENT ESTIMATES		
	■ PROFESSIONAL SKEPTICISM		
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	CONTRADICTORY AUDIT EVIDENCE		
	■ RELIABILITY OF DOCUMENTS AND RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES		
	■ CONDITIONS THAT MAY INDICATE FRAUD		
	■ EVALUATING SUFFICIENT APPROPRIATE AUDIT EVIDENCE		
	■ CRITICAL ASSESSMENT OF AUDIT EVIDENCE		
	■ TRUST BUT VERIFY		
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	■ CONCERNED WITH FRAUD = MATERIAL MISSTATEMENT □ RISK OF NON-DETECTION > RISK OF ERROR		
	□ RISK OF MANAGEMENT FRAUD > EMPLOYEE FRAUD		
	■ FRAUDULENT FINANCIAL REPORTING □ MISSTATEMENT IS INTENTIONAL		
	■ MISAPPROPRIATION OF ASSETS		
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	 PREVENTION / DETECTION MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY 		
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CAS 240 – AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FRAUD

- PROFESSIONAL SKEPTICISM
- ENGAGEMENT TEAM DISCUSSION
- INQUIRIES OF MANAGEMENT / EMPLOYEES / BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- PRESUMED RISK OF FRAUD IN REVENUE RECOGNITION
- ELEMENT OF UNPREDICTABILITY IN AUDIT PROCEDURES
- TEST JOURNAL ENTRIES (RISK MANAGEMENT OVERRIDE)
- REVIEW ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES FOR BIAS
- WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS

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CAS 240 – AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FRAUD

- IF AUDITOR SUSPECTS / FINDS FRAUD
- COMMUNICATE WITH APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF MANAGEMENT
- □ IF MANAGEMENT FRAUD COMMUNICATE TO BOARD / AUDIT COMMITTEE



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	DETERMINATION REQUIRES PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT		
	AUDITOR ASSUMES USERS HAVE REASONABLE KNOWLEDGE BUSINESS / ACCOUNTING		
	 UNDERSTAND FINANCIALS AUDITED TO LEVELS OF MATERIALITY RECOGNIZE UNCERTAINTIES INHERENT (ESTIMATES, ETC.) 		
	■ MAKE REASONABLE ECONOMIC DECISIONS ■ MATERIAL = INFLUENCE ECONOMIC DECISIONS OF USERS		
	■ MINITERIAL = INFLUENCE ECONOMIC DECISIONS OF USERS INDIVIDUALLY OR IN THE AGGREGATE (CAS 450)		
	■ REDUCE UNCORRECTED AND UNDETECTED MISSTATEMENTS □ TO APPROPRIATELY LOW LEVEL		
	■ BENCHMARKS		
	□ TOTAL REVENUE / EXPENSES (COMMON FOR NPOS) □ PROFIT BEFORE TAX ***********************************		
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Slide 14	CAS 260 – COMMUNICATION WITH TCWG		
	■ PROMOTE EFFECTIVE TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION □ WRITTEN OR ORAL		
	CLEARLY COMMUNICATE AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES		
	□ PLANNED SCOPE & TIMING (AUDIT PLANNING LETTER)		
	■ PROVIDE TIMELY OBSERVATIONS ARISING FROM THE AUDIT □ AUDIT FINDINGS LETTER □ SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS		
	 □ VIEWS ABOUT NPO'S ACCOUNTING PRACTICES, POLICIES □ UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS 		
	SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULITES INDEPENDENCE		
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Slide 15	OPERATIONAL AUDITS		
	EXAMINE ECONOMY, EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS ARE INTERNAL CONTROLS & PROCESSES EFFICIENT / EFFECTIVE?		
	HOW ORGANIZATION CONDUCTS BUSINESS		
	□ VALUE FOR MONEY		
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GOVERNANCE / FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT

- SET OVERALL DIRECTION & GOALS
 MIGHLEVEL-STRATEGE'-SET PRIORITIES NOT OPERATIONAL
 ROLE IS POLICY MAKERS
 DEVLICE A EVALUATE INFO POLICES AND PROGRAMS
 POLICIES GUOLILINS FOR MANAGEMENT TO FOLIOW WHEN DOING THEIR JOB
- RESPONSIBLE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET
- EFFECTIVE BOARD MEMBERS REFRAIN FROM MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS

 RESPONSIBILITY OF ED AND STAFF

 OBTAIN INFORMATION RE: OPERATIONS FROM THE ED

- DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY

 OVERSEE THE PERFORMANCE OF MANAGEMENT
 ASK QUESTIONS SEEK CLARIFICATION

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GOOD GOVERANCE

- DOING THE RIGHT THINGS

- ACCOUNTABLE MANNER

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GOVERNANCE / FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT

- DEVELOP THE BUDGET
 □ WHAT SOURCES OF REVENUE ARE AVAILABLE?
 □ WHAT EXPENDITURES ARE REQUIRED?

- MONITOR PERFORMANCE AGAINST BUDGET
 REVIEW REGULAR FINANCIAL REPORTS
 REPORTS SHOULD EXPLAIN SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS
 ROSURE POLICIES / PROCESSES FOR SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS ARE BEING USED
- REVIEW & APPROVE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 UNDERSTAND MAJOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT TERMINOLOGY
 ENSURE AUDITOR RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ADDRESSED BY ADMINISTRATION

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