

**THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE
LITTLE ITALY
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA**

**Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015**

**LITTLE ITALY
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA**

DECEMBER 31, 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto and the Board of Management for the Little Italy Business Improvement Area

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Little Italy Business Improvement Area, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2015 and the statement of operations and accumulated surplus, statement of changes in net financial assets and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes which comprises a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for local governments as prescribed by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. 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 statements 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.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly in all material respects, the financial position of the Little Italy Business Improvement Area as at December 31, 2015 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for local governments as prescribed by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB).

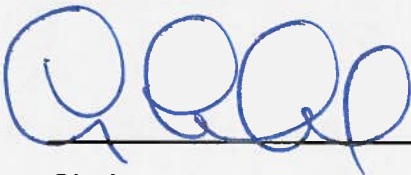
Toronto, Ontario
April 18, 2016


Chartered Professional Accountant
Licensed Public Accountant

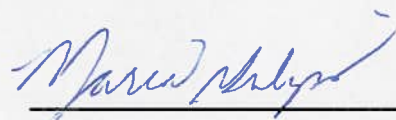
**THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and short-term investments	490,043	359,563
Accounts receivable		
City of Toronto – special charges (Note 3)	8,155	39,782
Other	22,948	37,589
	<u>521,146</u>	<u>436,934</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		
City of Toronto	11,418	8,464
Other	27,011	4,552
	<u>38,429</u>	<u>13,016</u>
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	482,717	423,918
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 4)	37,528	42,603
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	<u>520,245</u>	<u>466,521</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board of Management:



Chair



Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND ACCUMULATED SURPLUS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	2015 \$ Budget (Note 10)	2015 \$ Actual	2014 \$ Actual
REVENUE			
City of Toronto – special charges	379,873	375,602	379,315
Sponsorships and other	18,000	103,178	142,221
	<u>397,873</u>	<u>478,780</u>	<u>521,536</u>
EXPENSES			
Administration	24,027	38,214	11,225
Promotion and advertising (Note 7)	308,600	278,754	282,556
Maintenance	69,000	67,979	47,977
Capital (Note 8)	-	-	23,214
Amortization	-	16,490	14,207
Provision for (recovery of) uncollected special charges (Note 3)	(3,754)	23,619	13,767
	<u>397,873</u>	<u>425,056</u>	<u>392,946</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	-	53,724	128,590
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>466,521</u>	<u>466,521</u>	<u>337,931</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	<u>466,521</u>	<u>520,245</u>	<u>466,521</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Surplus for the year	53,724	128,590
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(11,415)	(48,876)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	16,490	14,207
	58,799	93,921
Balance - Beginning of year	423,918	329,997
Balance - End of year	<u>482,717</u>	<u>423,918</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Surplus for the year	53,724	128,590
Non-cash changes to operations		
Add: Non-cash item Amortization of capital assets	16,490	14,207
Increase (decrease) resulting from changes in		
Accounts receivable - City of Toronto	31,627	6,164
Accounts receivable – other	14,641	(4,745)
Accounts payable - City of Toronto	2,954	8,464
Accounts payable – other	22,459	(26,498)
Cash Provided By Operations	141,895	126,182
Investing activities		
Purchase of tangible capital assets	(11,415)	(48,876)
Cash and short-term investments, Beginning Of Year	359,563	282,257
Cash and short-term investments, End Of Year	490,043	359,563

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

1. ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONS

The Little Italy Business Improvement Area (BIA) is established as a Business Improvement Area under the management and control of a Board of Management appointed by Council of the City of Toronto.

The Board is entrusted with the improvements, beautification and maintenance of municipally owned lands, buildings and structures in the area, together with the promotion of the area as a business or shopping area. Funding is provided by property owners of the BIA who are levied a special charge based on an annual operating budget prepared by the Board and approved by Council under Section 220(17) of the Municipal Act, as amended.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are the representation of management and have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments as prescribed by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB), the most significant of which are as follows:

Revenue recognition:

The BIA receives special charges from its members which are levied and collected by the City of Toronto. It also receives cash donations and sponsorships from corporate and private donors and grants from local, provincial and federal governments for events and festivals. Revenue is being recorded upon the signing of contracts and when collection can be reasonably ascertained.

Capital assets:

Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost. Amortization is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Street & Christmas lights	5 years
Streetscape	5 years
Flags & Banners	3 years

Contributed services:

Services provided without charge by the City of Toronto and others are not recorded in these financial statements.

Financial instruments:

Financial instruments are recorded at the approximated fair value

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SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

Use of estimates:

The preparation of these financial statements in accordance with PSAB requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Significant estimates include determining the useful lives of tangible capital assets for amortization, the allowance for uncollectible levies and accounts receivable and contingent liabilities. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates, as additional information becomes available in the future.

3. CITY OF TORONTO – SPECIAL CHARGES

Special charges levied by the City are collected and remitted to the Board by the City. The total special charges outstanding consist of amounts collected by the City not yet remitted to the Board and amounts uncollected by the City.

The Board records special charges receivable net of an allowance for uncollected amounts. The special charges receivable from the City of Toronto are comprised of:

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Total special charges outstanding	46,255	70,682
Less: allowance for uncollected special charges	<u>(38,100)</u>	<u>(30,900)</u>
Special charges receivable	<u>8,155</u>	<u>39,782</u>

The provision for (recovery of) uncollected levies reported on the Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus comprises of:

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Special charges written-off	16,419	23,367
Change in allowance for uncollected special charges	<u>7,200</u>	<u>(9,600)</u>
	<u>23,619</u>	<u>13,767</u>

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4. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	2015		
	Lights	Banners	Total
Cost			
Beginning	65,225	3,486	68,711
Additions	11,415	-	11,415
Disposals	-	-	-
Ending	76,640	3,486	80,126
Accumulated Amortization			
Beginning	24,946	1,162	26,108
Amortization	15,328	1,162	16,490
Disposals	-	-	-
Ending	40,274	2,324	42,598
Net Book Value	36,366	1,162	37,528

	2014		
	Lights	Banners	Total
Cost			
Beginning	19,835	-	19,835
Additions	45,390	3,486	48,876
Disposals	-	-	-
Ending	65,225	3,486	68,711
Accumulated Amortization			
Beginning	11,901	-	11,901
Amortization	13,045	1,162	14,207
Disposals	-	-	-
Ending	24,946	1,162	26,108
Net Book Value	40,279	2,324	42,603

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5. INSURANCE

The Board is required to deposit with the Treasurer, City of Toronto, insurance policies indemnifying the City against public liability and property damage in respect of the activities of the Board. Insurance coverage providing \$5,000,000 for each occurrence or accident has been obtained by the Board, through the City of Toronto.

6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying value of the BIA's financial instruments approximates their values. The BIA is subject to an interest rate risk with respect to its investments; however, as these instruments are short-term investments the risk is minimal.

7. PROMOTION AND ADVERTISING EXPENSE

Promotion and advertising expenses consist of:

	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2014 Actual
	\$	\$	\$
Advertising	50,000	29,003	47,787
Taste	230,000	213,643	191,966
Other	28,600	36,108	42,803
	<u>308,600</u>	<u>278,754</u>	<u>282,556</u>

8. CAPITAL EXPENSES

In order to finance major capital expenses the BIA annually budgets certain amounts and accumulates them as operating surplus. Once adequate funds have accumulated, the BIA undertakes cost-shared capital improvement projects with the City. For this reason the actual expenses in a given year could significantly differ from the amount budgeted for the year. Any excess actual capital expenses are financed out of the accumulated surplus.

9. COMMITMENTS

The Board, in co-operation with the City, has implemented cost-shared capital improvement projects on publicly owned property for several years. The projects are long-term in nature and are usually completed subsequent to the year of Council's approval. The Board is committed to capital improvement projects of which the Board's share of \$16,924 (2014 - \$29,477) was outstanding as at December 31, 2015.

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10. BUDGET

Budget Figures are provided for comparative purposes only and have not been subject to audit procedures.