

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

**Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

**LITTLE ITALY
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA**

DECEMBER 31, 2023

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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 Little Italy Business Improvement Area

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of Little Italy Business Improvement Area (BIA), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, 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 notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the BIA as at December 31, 2023 and its financial performance and its 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).

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian auditing standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of my report. I am independent of the BIA in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Canada, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the BIA's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the BIA or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the BIA's financial reporting process.


Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian auditing standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 BIA's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the BIA's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the BIA to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Toronto, Ontario
July 31, 2024


Chartered Professional Accountant
Licensed Public Accountant

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash	34,891	20,088
Short-term investments (Note 3)	205,176	197,737
Accounts receivable		
City of Toronto – special charges (Note 4)	27,016	21,146
Other	46,146	67,460
	313,229	306,431
LIABILITIES		
Bank overdraft		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		
City of Toronto	-	-
Other	4,608	11,325
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NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	308,621	295,106
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 5)	6,000	856
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	314,621	295,962

Approved on behalf of the Board of Management:



Connie (Jul 30, 2024 18:16 EDT)

Chair



Richard (Jul 31, 2024 10:31 EDT)

Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND ACCUMULATED SURPLUS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	2023 \$ Budget (Note 9)	2023 \$ Actual	2022 \$ Actual
REVENUE			
City of Toronto – special charges	383,522	387,237	384,487
Sponsorships and other	384,850	372,889	186,803
	<u>768,372</u>	<u>760,126</u>	<u>571,290</u>
EXPENSES			
Administration	106,600	106,110	113,820
Promotion and advertising	453,500	475,596	383,038
Maintenance	100,000	146,445	130,966
Capital (Note 8)	53,500	-	-
Amortization	-	3,856	12,000
Provision for uncollected special charges (Note 4)	11,520	9,460	6,384
	<u>725,120</u>	<u>741,467</u>	<u>646,208</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	43,252	18,659	(74,918)
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	295,962	295,962	370,880
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	<u>339,214</u>	<u>314,621</u>	<u>295,962</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Surplus (deficit) for the year	18,659	(74,918)
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(9,000)	-
Amortization of tangible capital assets	3,856	12,000
	13,515	(62,918)
Balance - Beginning of year	295,106	358,024
Balance - End of year	<u>308,621</u>	<u>295,106</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Surplus (deficit) for the year	18,659	(74,918)
Non-cash changes to operations		
Add: Non-cash item Amortization of capital assets	3,856	12,000
Increase (decrease) resulting from changes in		
Accounts receivable - City of Toronto	(5,870)	4,881
Accounts receivable – other	21,314	(26,122)
Accounts payable - City of Toronto	-	-
Accounts payable – other	(6,717)	2,414
Cash Provided By Operations	31,242	(81,745)
Investing activities		
Purchase of tangible capital assets	(9,000)	-
(Increase) decrease in short-term investments	(7,439)	2,072
Cash, Beginning Of Year	20,088	99,761
Cash, End Of Year	34,891	20,088

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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.

Short-term Investments:

Short-term investments are highly liquid financial instruments with original maturities greater than three months but less than one year and are classified as "short-term" investments. BIA classifies short-term investments as current assets and reports them at their fair market value.

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. SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

Short-term investments consist of guaranteed investment certificates with the Scotiabank. These investments bear interest at the rate ranging from 4.2% to 4.75% per annum and will be maturing in 2024.

4. 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:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Total special charges outstanding	37,216	29,046
Less: allowance for uncollected special charges	<u>(10,200)</u>	<u>(7,900)</u>
Special charges receivable	<u>27,016</u>	<u>21,146</u>

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

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Special charges written-off	7,160	6,984
Change in allowance for uncollected special charges	<u>2,300</u>	<u>(600)</u>
	<u>9,460</u>	<u>6,384</u>

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5. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	2023		
	Lights	Banners	Total
Cost			
Beginning	376,182	17,460	393,642
Additions	-	9,000	9,000
Disposals	-	-	-
Ending	376,182	26,460	402,642
Accumulated Amortization			
Beginning	376,182	16,604	392,786
Amortization	-	3,856	3,856
Disposals	-	-	-
Ending	376,182	20,460	396,642
Net Book Value	-	6,000	6,000
	2022		
	Lights	Banners	Total
Cost			
Beginning	376,182	17,460	393,642
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Ending	376,182	17,460	393,642
Accumulated Amortization			
Beginning	370,002	10,784	380,786
Amortization	6,180	5,820	12,000
Disposals	-	-	-
Ending	376,182	16,604	392,786
Net Book Value	-	856	856

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6. 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.

7. 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.

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.

Due to monies from the RIOCAN Project, the City has set aside the \$29,000 for the LIBIA. On the next Capital project the LIBIA undertakes this \$29,000 will be applied before the cost share will be charged.

9. BUDGET

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