

Board of Governors of Exhibition Place (A Board controlled by the City of Toronto)

Audit Findings Report for the year ended **December 31, 2024**

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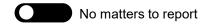


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Audit highlights





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Status

We have completed the audit of the financial statements ("financial statements"), with the exception of certain remaining outstanding procedures, which are highlighted on the 'Status' slide of this report.









Misstatements

uncorrected

Misstatements Corrected



See management representation letter for details

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Learn more about how we deliver audit quality.







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Significant deficiencies



The purpose of this report is to assist you, as a member of the Board of Governors, in your review of the results of our audit of the financial statements. This report is intended solely for the information and use of Management and the Board of Governors and should not be used for any other purpose or any other party. KPMG shall have no responsibility or liability for loss or damages or claims, if any, to or by any third party as this report has not been prepared for, and is not intended for, and should not be used by, any third party or for any other purpose.



Status

As of the date of this report, we have completed the audit of the financial statements, with the exception of certain remaining procedures, which include amongst others:

- Completing our discussions with the Board of Governors
- Obtaining evidence of the Board of Governors' approval of the financial statements
- Completing subsequent events review, including legal updates, up to the date of approval of the financial statements
- Obtaining a signed management representation letter (to be signed upon financial statement approval to coincide with the audit report date);

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

A draft of our auditor's report is provided in Appendix: Draft Auditor's Report (provided under separate cover).

KPMG Clara for Clients (KCc)



Real time collaboration and transparency

We leveraged **KCc** to facilitate real time collaboration with management and provide visual insights into the status of the audit!

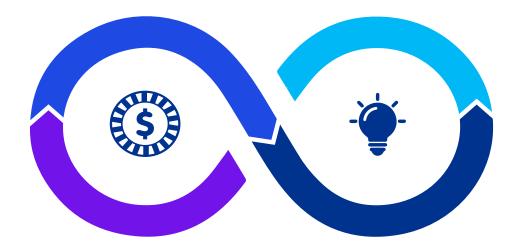
On our audit we used KCc to coordinate requests with management.





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Materiality



We *initially determine materiality* at a level at which we consider that misstatements could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users. Determining materiality is a matter of professional judgement, considering both quantitative and qualitative factors, and is affected by our perception of the common financial information needs of users of the financial statements as a group. We do not consider the possible effect of misstatements on specific individual users, whose needs may vary widely.

We **reassess** materiality throughout the audit and revise materiality if we become aware of information that would have caused us to determine a different materiality level initially.

Plan and perform the audit

We *initially determine materiality* to provide a basis for:

- Determining the nature, timing and extent of risk assessment procedures;
- Identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement; and
- Determining the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures.

We design our procedures to detect misstatements at a level less than materiality in individual accounts and disclosures, to reduce to an appropriately low level the probability that the aggregate of uncorrected and undetected misstatements exceeds materiality for the financial statements as a whole.

Evaluate the effect of misstatements

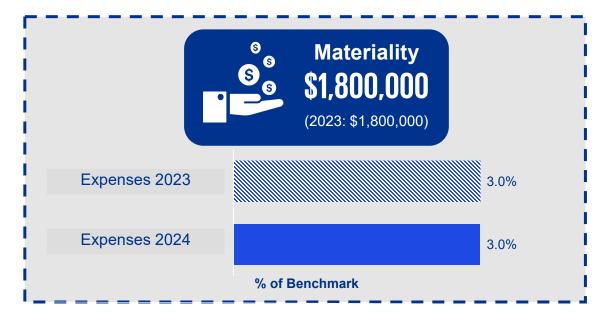
We also **use materiality** to evaluate the effect of:

- Identified misstatements on our audit; and
- · Uncorrected misstatements, if any, on the financial statements and in forming our opinion.



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Materiality



Benchmark: Total Preliminary Expenses \$62 million

(2023: \$61 million)

Audit Misstatement Posting Threshold \$90,000

(2023: \$90,00)





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Significant risks and results

We highlight our significant findings in respect of significant risk.

to entity, the risk nevertheless is present in all entities.



Presumption of the risk of fraud resulting from management override of controls

RISK OF



Estimate?

Significant risk

Management is in a unique position to perpetrate fraud because of its ability to manipulate accounting records and prepare fraudulent financial statements by overriding controls that otherwise appear to be operating effectively. Although the level of risk of management override of controls will vary from entity

Our response

As the risk is not rebuttable, our audit methodology incorporates the required procedures in professional standards to address this risk. These procedures include testing of journal entries and other adjustments, performing a retrospective review of estimates and evaluating the business rationale of significant unusual transactions.

- To test journal entries, we utilized Data & Analytics ("D&A") to enhance the quality and effectiveness of the audit:
- Evaluated the completeness of the journal entry population through a roll-forward of all accounts;
- Analyzed journal entries and determined sub-populations for more focused and risk-based testing;
- Applied certain criteria to sub-populations to identify potential high-risk journal entries to verify if they were supported by proper documentation and followed the journal entry initiation and approval controls and processes in place.
- · Additionally, we incorporated an element of unpredictability whereby we perform an unpredictable procedure, or make changes to a standard procedure, to address the potential risk of fraud and management override.

- · We found that management's process for identifying accounting estimates is appropriate.
- · We did not identify any issues through our roll-forward procedures.
- · We did not identify any issues with journal entries meeting high-risk criteria.
- · We did not identify any significant unusual transactions or any specific additional risks of management override during our audit.
- We did not identify any issues after completing our element of unpredictability.



Appendices

Other risks of material misstatement and results



Valuation of Accounts Receivable

Other risk of material misstatement

Accounts receivable are required to be recorded at their expected realizable value in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Standards (PSAS).

Estimate?

Yes, there is estimation uncertainty regarding collectability of receivable balances.

Our response

- Obtaining management's analysis of collectability of receivable balances and obtaining corroborative evidence of collectability for amounts not provided for.
- Performing a retrospective review of the estimate for doubtful accounts.
- Direct confirmation with a sample of tenants and debtors.
- Subsequent receipts testing.

- Trade receivables at the end of 2024 are \$5.9M (2023 \$5.8M).
- The allowance of doubtful accounts increased by \$1.188M from 2023 (2023 decrease by \$1.058M from 2022).
- Management completed a detailed assessment by customer, with consideration of the age of the receivable.
- As this is an area of estimate, we evaluated management's analysis and concur with management's assessment.
- Through our testing we noted amounts included in deferred revenue where payment has yet to be received as of December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$586K. KPMG proposed adjustment which was corrected by management.
- Through our testing we noted the HST recoverable and HST payable were not netted within same financial statement caption, therefore KPMG proposed entry to reclassify HST recoverable in the amount of \$689K to accrued liabilities which was corrected by management.
- Refer to management representation letter for more details.



Other risks of material misstatement and results



Employee Future Benefits (EFB)

Other risk of material misstatement

Management is required to disclose information in the financial statements about the assumptions it makes about the future, and other major sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period, that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Estimate?

Yes, there is estimation uncertainty due to assumptions used by the actuary to calculate the liability for employee future benefits.

Our response

- Reliance on actuaries (management specialist) engaged by the City; obtaining an understanding of the activities over the quality of information used, the assumptions made, the qualifications, competence and objectivity of the preparer of the estimate, and the historical accuracy of the estimates.
- Assessing the method, data, and assumptions used by the actuary and management in the calculation of the EFB liability for reasonableness.
- Communicating with actuaries and testing the HR data provided to the actuaries.
- Utilizing KPMG specialists (KPMG Life & Pensions Actuarial Practice), we reviewed and evaluated the assumptions used in the actuarial reports.
- Assessing the disclosures in the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of PSAS.

- On behalf of Exhibition Place, the City engaged an external actuarial consultant (the "Actuary") to undertake a valuation of the City's non-pension retirement benefits and accumulated sick leave liability as at December 31, 2024. A valuation was performed to determine the liability as reported in the 2024 financial statements. Discount rates ranging from 3.5% to 4.3% (2023 3.5% to 4.2%) were used for the determination of the liability.
- The employee future benefits liability as at December 31, 2024 is described in note 6 to the financial statements.
- Based on our review of the Actuary's report, we noted that the method applied for the estimate is acceptable per CIA and PSAS 3250 Retirement Benefits.
- We engaged KPMG Actuarial Specialists to assess the reasonableness of the key assumptions used in the valuation.
- We note that the discount rate used by the Actuary is a key assumption. We evaluated the discount rate used against the discount rate curve issued by different reliable sources including CIA, FIERA and KPMG LLP. Based on this evaluation, we conclude that the discount rate used is reasonable.
- The disclosures included in the financial statements are in accordance with the requirements of PSAS.
- We did not note any issues related to the calculation of Exhibition Place's non-pension retirement benefits and accumulated sick leave liability as at December 31, 2024.



Other risks of material misstatement and results



Contingent Liabilities

Other risk of material misstatement

PSAS 3300 Contingent Liabilities requires that Exhibition Place recognize a liability when it is likely that a future event will confirm that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements; and the amount can be reasonably estimated.

Estimate?

Estimation uncertainty exists related to the likelihood and measurement of the contingent liability. However, this estimation uncertainty does not result in a risk of material misstatement.

Our response

- Obtained a listing of active litigation and potential claims from management and reviewed management's assessments of each matter and the process employed to develop and record the related estimated liabilities.
- Obtained legal confirmations from City legal and external counsel and evaluated the assessments made by management on the advice of legal counsel on the pending legal matters in terms of determination of likelihood and measurability.
- Reviewed Board meeting minutes to determine the completeness of contingencies and held discussions thereon with management.

- At any point in time, Exhibition Place is subject to a number of employment grievances and other matters which could potentially result in the determination of a contingent liability as defined above, including, but not limited to matters such as legal claims, etc.
- Based on the audit work performed, we are satisfied that the method, data, and assumptions used by management are reasonable and consistent with industry norms, and there are no issues to report.







Control deficiencies

Consideration of internal control over financial reporting (ICFR)



In planning and performing our audit, we considered ICFR relevant to the Entity's preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on ICFR.

Our understanding of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described above and was not designed to identify all control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies. The matters being reported are limited to those deficiencies that we have identified during the audit that we have concluded are of sufficient importance to merit being reported to those charged with governance.

Our awareness of control deficiencies varies with each audit and is influenced by the nature, timing, and extent of audit procedures performed, as well as other factors. Had we performed more extensive procedures on internal control over financial reporting, we might have identified more significant deficiencies to be reported or concluded that some of the reported significant deficiencies need not, in fact, have been reported.



A deficiency in internal control over financial reporting

A deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A deficiency in design exists when (a) a control necessary to meet the control objective is missing or (b) an existing control is not properly designed so that, even if the control operates as designed, the control objective would not be met. A deficiency in operation exists when a properly designed control does not operate as designed, or when the person performing the control does not possess the necessary authority or competence to perform the control effectively.



Significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting

A deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, is important enough to merit the attention of those charged with governance.



Audit quality - 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.

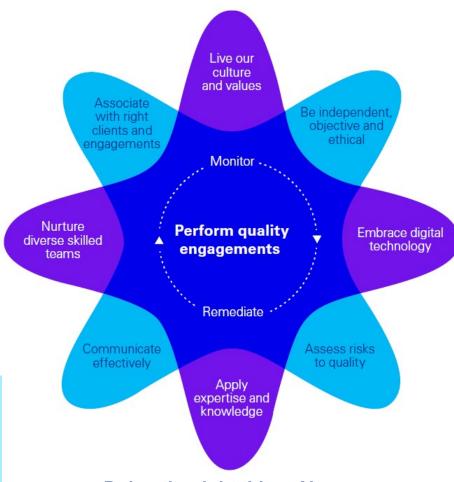
The drivers outlined in the framework are the ten components of the KPMG System of Quality Management (SoQM). Aligned with ISQM 1/CSQM 1, our SoQM components also meet the requirements of the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) and the relevant rules of professional conduct / code of ethics applicable to the practice of public accounting in Canada, which apply to professional services firms that perform audits of financial statements. Learn more about our system of quality management and our firm's statement on the effectiveness of our SoQM:



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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 management**; 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.



Independence

Status

As a firm, we are committed to being and being seen to be independent. We have strict rules and protocols to maintain our independence that meet or exceed those of the IESBA Code¹ and CPA Code. The following are the actions or safeguards applied to reduce or eliminate threats to an acceptable level:



Dedicated ethics & independence partners



Process for reporting breaches of professional standards and policy, and documented disciplinary policy



Ethics, independence and integrity training for all staff



International proprietary system used to evaluate and document threats to independence and those arising from conflicts of interest



Operating polices, procedures and guidance contained in our quality & risk management manual



Mandated procedures for evaluating independence of prospective audit clients



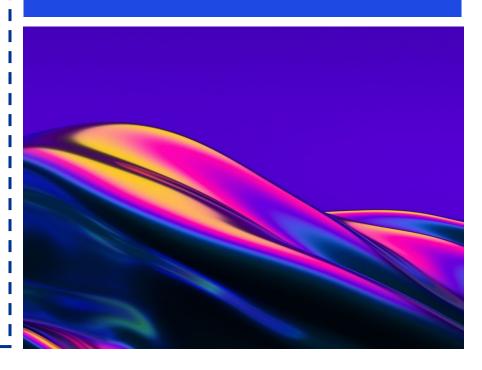
Restricted investments and relationships

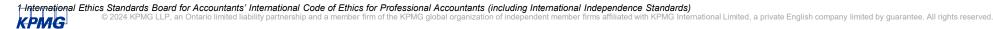


Annual ethics and independence confirmation for

Statement of compliance

We confirm that, as of the date of this communication, we are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada.





Appendices



Required communications



Draft Audit Report



Management Rep Letter



New auditing standards



New accounting standards



Insights



Technology



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Appendix A: Other required communications



Engagement terms

A copy of the engagement letter and any subsequent amendments has been provided to the Audit Committee.



CPAB communication protocol

The reports available through the following links were published by the Canadian Public Accountability Board to inform Audit Committees and other stakeholders about the results of quality inspections conducted over the past year:

- CPAB Regulatory Oversight Report: 2023 Annual Inspections Results
- CPAB Audit Quality Insights Report: 2024 Interim Inspections Results
- CPAB Regulatory Oversight Report: 2024 Annual Inspections Results



Appendix B: Draft auditor's report

Included under separate cover





Included under separate cover



Appendix D: Newly effective and upcoming changes to auditing standards

For more information on newly effective and upcoming changes to auditing standards see Current Developments

Effective for periods beginning on or after December 15, 2023

ISA 600/CAS 600

Revised special considerations – Audits of group financial statements

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Effective for periods beginning on or after December 15, 2024

ISA 260/CAS 260

Communications with those charged with governance

ISA700/CAS700

Forming an opinion and reporting on the financial statements



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Appendix E: Changes in accounting standards

Concepts Underlying **Financial Performance**

Standard

Summary and implications

- The revised conceptual framework is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2026 (The Organization's December 31, 2026 year-end) with earlier adoption permitted.
- The framework provides the core concepts and objectives underlying Canadian public sector accounting standards.
- The ten chapter conceptual framework defines and elaborates on the characteristics of public sector entities and their financial reporting objectives. Additional information is provided about financial statement objectives, qualitative characteristics and elements. General recognition and measurement criteria, and presentation concepts are introduced.





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Appendix E: Changes in accounting standards (continued)

Standard

Summary and implications

Financial Statement Presentation

- The proposed section PS 1202 Financial statement presentation will replace the current section PS 1201 Financial statement presentation. PS 1202 Financial statement presentation will apply to fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2026 (The Organization's December 31, 2026 year-end) to coincide with the adoption of the revised conceptual framework. Early adoption will be permitted.
- The section includes the following:
 - · Relocation of the net debt indicator to its own statement called the statement of net financial assets/liabilities, with the calculation of net debt refined to ensure its original meaning is retained.
 - Separating liabilities into financial liabilities and non-financial liabilities.
 - Restructuring the statement of financial position to present total assets followed by total liabilities.
 - Changes to common terminology used in the financial statements, including re-naming accumulated surplus (deficit) to net assets (liabilities).
 - 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), including a new component called "accumulated other".
 - A new provision whereby an entity can use an amended budget in certain circumstances.
 - Inclusion of disclosures related to risks and uncertainties that could affect the entity's financial position.





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Standard

Summary and implications

Employee benefits

- The Public Sector Accounting Board has initiated a review of sections PS 3250 Retirement benefits and PS 3255 Postemployment benefits, compensated absences and termination benefits.
- The intention is 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 quidance, the new standards will be implemented in a multi-release strategy. The first standard will provide foundational guidance. Subsequent standards will provide additional guidance on current and emerging issues.
- The proposed section PS 3251 Employee benefits will replace the current sections PS 3250 Retirement benefits and PS 3255 Post-employment benefits, compensated absences and termination benefits. It will apply to fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2026 (the Hospital's March 31, 2027 year-end). Early adoption will be permitted and guidance applied retroactively.
- This proposed section would result in public sector entities recognizing the impact of revaluations of the net defined benefit liability (asset) immediately on the statement of financial position. Organizations would also assess the funding status of their post-employment benefit plans to determine the appropriate rate for discounting post-employment benefit obligations.
- The Public SectorAccounting Board is in the process of evaluating comments received from stakeholders on the exposure draft.



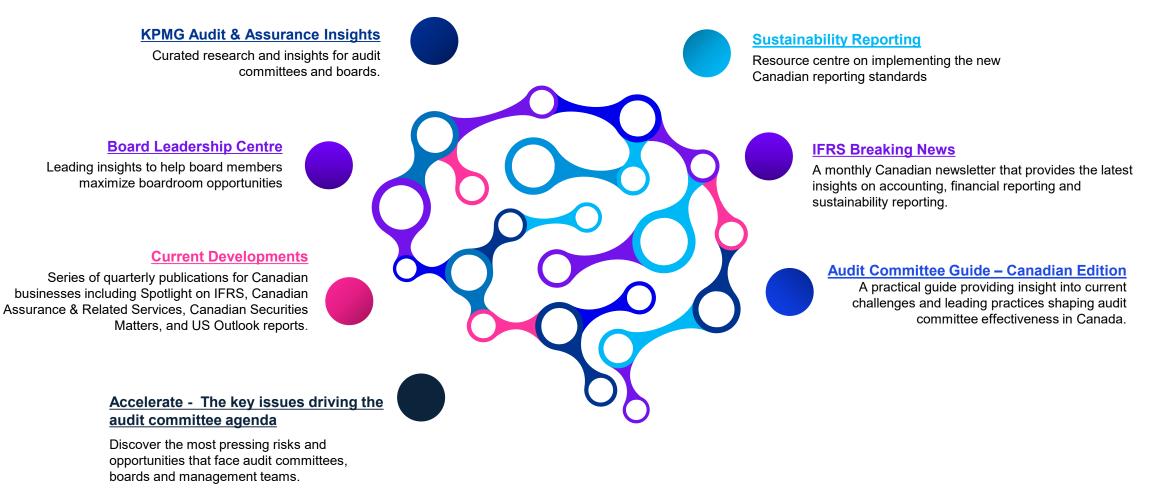


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Appendix F: Audit and assurance insights

Our latest thinking on the issues that matter most to Audit Committees, the Board of Governors and management.





Appendix G: Continuous evolution

Our investment:

We are in the midst of a five-year investment to develop our people, digital capabilities, and advanced technology.

Responsive delivery model

Tailored to you to drive impactful outcomes around the quality and effectiveness of our audits.

Result: A better experience

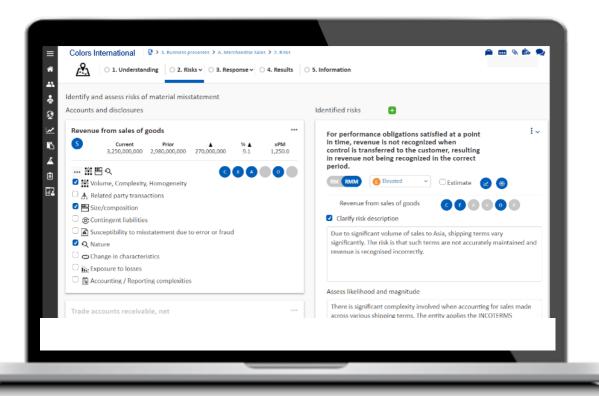
Enhanced quality, reduced disruption, increased focus on areas of higher risk, and deeper insights into your business.





Appendix G: KPMG Clara Generative Al

With our global alliance partner Microsoft, we have embarked on a journey to embed Generative AI into our smart audit platform—KPMG Clara. This will make our auditors more productive and give them the tools to provide quicker feedback, make more insightful connections, and deliver a better audit experience.





Al done right

Although early adoption is key, we are focused on avoiding reliance on a 'black box' so we're building 'explainability' and 'traceability' at the core.



Bolstered productivity

Focused on removing time consuming low value tasks, we'll apply our skills in other, more judgmental areas or in order to give insights to you.



Quality at our fingertips

We are teaching our model with our knowledge databases to capture our vast experience. This means quality information accessible in seconds.



Secure integration

KPMG Clara has been built on a solid and secure Azure Cloud backbone, allowing us to easily integrate Generative Al in partnership with Microsoft.







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