

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

**Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

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BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA**

DECEMBER 31, 2024

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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, 2024, 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, 2024 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 15, 2025


Chartered Professional Accountant
Licensed Public Accountant

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash	36,819	34,891
Short-term investments (Note 3)	213,291	205,176
Accounts receivable		
City of Toronto – special charges (Note 4)	30,208	27,016
Other	55,578	46,146
	335,896	313,229
LIABILITIES		
Bank overdraft		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		
City of Toronto	-	-
Other	22,815	4,608
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NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	313,081	308,621
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible Capital Assets (Note 5)	2,144	6,000
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	315,225	314,621

Approved on behalf of the Board of Management:



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Chair



Fabio Zappacosta (Jul 16, 2025 14:26 EDT)

Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND ACCUMULATED SURPLUS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	2024 \$ Budget (Note 9)	2024 \$ Actual	2023 \$ Actual
REVENUE			
City of Toronto – special charges	402,269	401,141	387,237
Sponsorships and other	284,100	384,862	372,889
	<u>686,369</u>	<u>786,003</u>	<u>760,126</u>
EXPENSES			
Administration	134,974	119,115	106,110
Promotion and advertising	383,720	526,765	475,596
Maintenance	119,500	131,758	146,445
Capital (Note 8)	65,000	-	-
Amortization	-	3,856	3,856
Provision for uncollected special charges (Note 4)	8,175	3,905	9,460
	<u>711,369</u>	<u>785,399</u>	<u>741,467</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(25,000)	604	18,659
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>314,621</u>	<u>314,621</u>	<u>295,962</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	<u>289,621</u>	<u>315,225</u>	<u>314,621</u>

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 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Surplus for the year	604	18,659
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	(9,000)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	<u>3,856</u>	<u>3,856</u>
	4,460	13,515
Balance - Beginning of year	308,621	295,106
Balance - End of year	<u><u>313,081</u></u>	<u><u>308,621</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Surplus (deficit) for the year	604	18,659
Non-cash changes to operations		
Add: Non-cash item Amortization of capital assets	3,856	3,856
Increase (decrease) resulting from changes in		
Accounts receivable - City of Toronto	(3,192)	(5,870)
Accounts receivable – other	(9,432)	21,314
Accounts payable - City of Toronto	-	-
Accounts payable – other	18,207	(6,717)
Cash Provided by Operations	10,043	31,242
Investing activities		
Purchase of tangible capital assets	-	(9,000)
(Increase) decrease in short-term investments	(8,115)	(7,439)
Cash, Beginning of Year	34,891	20,088
Cash (bank overdraft), End of Year	36,819	34,891

**THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE
LITTLE ITALY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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 2.25% to 3.25% per annum and will be maturing in 2025.

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:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Total special charges outstanding	36,508	37,216
Less: allowance for uncollected special charges	<u>(6,300)</u>	<u>(10,200)</u>
Special charges receivable	<u>30,208</u>	<u>27,016</u>

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

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Special charges written-off	7,805	7,160
Change in allowance for uncollected special charges	<u>(3,900)</u>	<u>2,300</u>
	<u>3,905</u>	<u>9,460</u>

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5. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	2024		
	Lights	Banners	Total
Cost			
Beginning	376,182	26,460	402,642
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Ending	376,182	26,460	402,642
Accumulated Amortization			
Beginning	376,182	20,460	396,642
Amortization	-	3,856	3,856
Disposals	-	-	-
Ending	376,182	24,316	400,498
Net Book Value	-	2,144	2,144
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

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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

(a) Fair value

The financial instruments recognized in the statement of financial position consist of cash, short-investments, accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The fair values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying amounts due to the short-term maturity of these instruments.

(b) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect the value of investments disclosed in Note 5. As these investments are cashable on demand, the BIA is not exposed to this risk.

(c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is that the BIA will encounter difficulties in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The BIA manages its liquidity risk by maintaining sufficient readily available funds in order to meet its liquidity requirements at any point in time.

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.