

Financial Statements

The Vanier Business Improvement Area

December 31, 2022

Independent auditor's report

To the Board Members, Members of Council, Inhabitants and Ratepayers of
The Vanier Business Improvement Area

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **The Vanier Business Improvement Area** [the "BIA"], which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022, and the statement of operations, 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.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the BIA as at December 31, 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the BIA in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our 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 public sector accounting standards, 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

Our 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 our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted 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 generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We 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 our 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 we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our 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.

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

Ernst + Young LLP

Ottawa, Canada
October 19, 2023

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants



THE VANIER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at December 31, 2022, with comparative information for 2021

Table 1 - Statement of Financial Position - Financial Assets

Financial assets	2022	2021
Cash on deposit with the Corporation of the City of Ottawa	\$240,156	\$451,315
Accounts receivable	245,301	22,710
Total financial assets	485,457	474,025

Table 2 - Statement of Financial Position - Liabilities

Liabilities	2022	2021
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	107,858	72,697
Total liabilities	107,858	72,697
Net financial assets	377,599	401,328

Table 3 - Statement of Financial Position - Non-Financial Assets and Accumulated Surplus

Non-financial assets	2022	2021
Prepaid expenses	4,159	5,002
Tangible capital assets <i>[note 4]</i>	81,483	60,962
Total non-financial assets	85,642	65,964
Accumulated surplus	\$463,241	\$467,292

See accompanying notes

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2022, with comparative information for 2021

Table 4 - Statement of Operations - Revenue

Revenue	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
Tax revenue <i>[notes 3 and 5]</i>	\$355,350	\$369,762	\$273,169
Sundry <i>[note 2]</i>	65,000	382,523	179,178
Payments in lieu of taxation	-	1,135	876
Total revenue	420,350	753,420	453,223

Table 5 - Statement of Operations - Expenses

Expenses	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
Salaries	208,025	255,030	188,167
Advertising	72,835	232,200	51,563
Maintenance	47,000	71,234	47,815
Rent	35,000	51,786	26,350
Office	42,290	108,400	38,142
Professional and consulting fees	10,000	23,874	43,175
Insurance	3,200	4,485	5,116
Audit fees	2,000	2,594	2,318
Depreciation	-	7,868	1,034
Total expenses	420,350	757,471	403,680
Annual (deficit) surplus	-	(4,051)	49,543
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	467,292	467,292	417,749
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$467,292	\$463,241	\$467,292

See accompanying notes

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS

For the year ended December 31, 2022, with comparative information for 2021

Table 6 - Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets

	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
Annual surplus	-	(\$4,051)	\$49,543
Depreciation of tangible capital assets	-	7,868	1,034
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	(28,389)	(61,996)
Decrease in prepaid expenses	-	843	274
Decrease in net financial assets	-	(23,729)	(11,145)
Net financial assets, beginning of year	401,328	401,328	412,473
Net financial assets, end of year	\$401,328	\$377,599	\$401,328

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended December 31, 2022, with comparative information for 2021

Table 7 - Statement of cash flows - Operating Activities

Operating activities	2022	2021
Annual (deficit) surplus	(\$4,051)	\$49,543
Add item not affecting cash		
Depreciation	7,868	1,034
Changes in non-cash working capital balances related to operations		
Increase in accounts receivable	(222,591)	(12,980)
Decrease in prepaid expenses	843	274
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	35,161	7,550
Cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(182,770)	45,421

Table 8 - Statement of Cash Flows - Capital Activities

Capital activities	2022	2021
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(28,389)	(61,996)
Cash (used in) capital activities	(28,389)	(61,996)

Table 9 - Statement of Cash Flows - Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents

Change in cash and cash equivalents	2022	2021
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents during the year	(211,159)	(16,575)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	451,315	467,890
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$240,156	\$451,315

Table 10 - Statement of Cash Flows - Cash Breakdown

Cash and cash equivalents consist of	2022	2021
Cash on deposit with the Corporation of the City of Ottawa	\$240,156	\$451,315

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2022

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation

The financial statements of The Vanier Business Improvement Area [the “BIA”] are the responsibility of management and are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted for the public sector as prescribed by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Public Accountants of Canada. Since a precise determination of many assets and liabilities is dependent upon future events, the preparation of periodic financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates and approximations. These estimates and approximations have been made using careful judgment.

Accrual accounting

Revenue and expenses are reported on the accrual basis of accounting.

The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenue as it becomes earned and measurable; expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipt of goods or services.

Government transfers are recognized in revenue in the fiscal years during which events giving rise to the transfer occur, provided the transfers are authorized, eligibility criteria and stipulations have been met and reasonable estimates of the amounts can be made.

Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are initially recorded at cost and depreciated over their estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. Capital expenditures that do not generate future economic benefits to the BIA are charged to operations in the year of acquisition.

The equipment, less residual value, is depreciated between five and ten years on a straight-line basis. When a new tangible asset is acquired, depreciation is recorded when the asset is put into use.

Financial instruments

The financial instruments of the BIA consist of cash on deposit with the Corporation of the City of Ottawa, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Unless otherwise noted, it is management’s opinion that the BIA is not exposed to significant interest rate, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Tax revenue

Annually, the City of Ottawa bills and collects tax levies as well as payments in lieu of taxation on behalf of the BIA. Tax revenue consists of non-exchange transactions. It is recognized in the period to which the assessment relates and reasonable estimates of amounts can be made. Annual revenue also includes adjustments related to reassessments or appeals related to prior years.

2. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The BIA purchases certain services from companies controlled by Board of Directors' members and company executives in the normal course of business at exchange amounts, which are the amounts agreed to by both parties. During the year, the BIA incurred expenses of \$125, which it paid to related parties in return for goods and services.

In addition, the BIA is related to all entities under control of the City of Ottawa. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the BIA recognized grant revenue from the City of Ottawa of \$45,502 [2021 – \$48,565] within sundry revenue on the statement of operations.

3. TAX REVENUE

Tax revenue comprises the following:

Table 11 - Tax Revenue Breakdown

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
General tax levy	374,214	280,437
Supplementary assessments	(763)	50,337
Remissions	(3,689)	(57,617)
Vacancy rebates	-	12
	369,762	273,169

4. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

Tangible capital assets comprise the following:

Table 12 - Tangible Capital Assets Breakdown

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Equipment	90,386	61,996
Accumulated depreciation	(8,903)	(1,034)
Net book value	81,483	60,962

5. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The BIA elected to increase its general tax levy by 33.2% to \$500,000 [2022 – \$375,350] for the 2023 fiscal year.