

# **Financial Statements**

## **The Bells Corners Business Improvement Area**

**December 31, 2016**



# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board Members, Members of Council, Inhabitants and Ratepayers of  
**The Bells Corners Business Improvement Area**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **The Bells Corners Business Improvement Area**, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2016, and the statements of operations, changes in net financial assets (debt) and cash flows for the year then ended, and 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 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.

## **Auditors' responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from 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 auditors' 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 auditors consider 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.



We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **The Bells Corners Business Improvement Area** as at December 31, 2016, and the results of its operations, changes in its net financial assets (debt) and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

*Ernst & Young LLP*

Ottawa, Canada

June 7, 2017

Chartered Professional Accountants

Licensed Public Accountants



# THE BELLS CORNERS BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at December 31, 2016, with comparative information for 2015

Table 1 - Statement of Financial Position - Financial Assets

<b>Financial assets</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Cash on deposit with the Corporation of the City of Ottawa	<b>\$14,683</b>	\$15,659
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>14,683</b>	15,659

Table 2 - Statement of Financial Position - Liabilities

<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities <i>[note 2]</i>	<b>6,494</b>	17,838
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>6,494</b>	17,838
<b>Net financial assets (debt)</b>	<b>8,189</b>	(2,179)

Table 3 - Statement of Financial Position - Non-Financial Assets

<b>Non-financial assets</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Prepaid expenses	<b>2,436</b>	4,330
Tangible capital assets <i>[note 4]</i>	<b>20,224</b>	22,920
<b>Total non- financial assets</b>	<b>22,660</b>	27,250
<b>Accumulated surplus</b>	<b>\$30,849</b>	\$25,071

*See accompanying notes*

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## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2016, with comparative information for 2015

Table 4 - Statement of Operations - Revenue

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Budget 2016 [note 5]</b>	<b>Actual 2016</b>	<b>Actual 2015</b>
Tax revenue [note 3]	\$159,387	<b>\$155,924</b>	\$156,043
Sundry	-	-	4,989
Payments in lieu of taxation	423	<b>453</b>	423
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>159,810</b>	<b>156,377</b>	<b>161,455</b>

Table 5 - Statement of Operations - Expenses

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Budget 2016 [note 5]</b>	<b>Actual 2016</b>	<b>Actual 2015</b>
Salaries	70,500	<b>65,600</b>	61,235
Office	23,500	<b>12,574</b>	27,766
Advertising	56,842	<b>48,317</b>	82,260
Audit fees	1,968	<b>1,437</b>	1,338
Maintenance	2,500	-	2,505
Rent	14,000	<b>15,707</b>	8,094
Professional and consulting	2,500	<b>717</b>	2,048
Insurance	3,000	<b>3,551</b>	2,996
Depreciation	-	<b>2,696</b>	2,696
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>174,810</b>	<b>150,599</b>	<b>190,938</b>
<b>Annual surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>(15,000)</b>	<b>5,778</b>	<b>(29,483)</b>
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	25,071	<b>25,071</b>	54,554
<b>Accumulated surplus, end of year</b>	<b>\$10,071</b>	<b>\$30,849</b>	<b>\$25,071</b>

See accompanying notes

## THE BELLS CORNERS BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (DEBT)

For the year ended December 31, 2016, with comparative information for 2015

Table 6 - Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets (Debt)

	<b>Budget 2016 <i>[note 5]</i></b>	<b>Actual 2016</b>	<b>Actual 2015</b>
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$(15,000)	<b>\$5,778</b>	\$(29,483)
Decrease in prepaid expenses	-	<b>1,894</b>	95
Depreciation of capital assets	-	<b>2,696</b>	2,696
<b>Increase (decrease) in net financial assets</b>	(15,000)	<b>10,368</b>	(26,692)
Net financial assets (debt), beginning of year	(2,179)	<b>(2,179)</b>	24,513
<b>Net financial assets (debt), end of year</b>	<b>\$(17,179)</b>	<b>\$8,189</b>	<b>\$(2,179)</b>

*See accompanying notes*

# THE BELLS CORNERS BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended December 31, 2016, with comparative information for 2015

Table 7 - Statement of Cash Flows – Operating Activities

<b>Operating activities</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Annual surplus (deficit)	<b>\$5,778</b>	\$(29,483)
Add item not affecting cash		
Depreciation	<b>2,696</b>	2,696
Changes in non-cash working capital balances related to operations		
Decrease in prepaid expenses	<b>1,894</b>	95
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<b>(11,344)</b>	8,228
<b>Cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(976)</b>	<b>(18,464)</b>

Table 8 - Statement of Cash Flows - Change in cash and cash equivalents

<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents during the year	<b>(976)</b>	(18,464)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<b>15,659</b>	34,123
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>	<b>\$14,683</b>	<b>\$15,659</b>

Table 9 - Statement of Cash Flows - Cash breakdown

<b>Cash consists of</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Cash on deposit with the Corporation of the City of Ottawa	<b>\$14,683</b>	\$15,659

*See accompanying notes*

# THE BELLS CORNERS BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2016

### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of presentation**

The financial statements of The Bells Corners Business Improvement Area [the "BIA"] are the representation of management prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted for the public sector as prescribed by the Public Sector Accounting Board of Chartered Professional 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**

Capital assets are initially recorded at cost and amortized 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 amortized over ten years on a straight-line basis.

#### **Financial instruments**

The financial instruments of the BIA consist of cash and cash equivalents, 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.



## Tax revenue

Annually, the City of Ottawa bills and collects tax levies as well as payments in lieu of taxes on behalf of the BIA. Tax revenue consists of non-exchange transactions. It is recognized in the period in 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 the Board of Directors' members and company executives in the normal course of business at commercial rates. In addition, the BIA is related to all entities under control of the City of Ottawa. As at December 31, 2016, nil [2015 – nil] is included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

## 3. TAX REVENUE

Tax revenue is comprised of the following:

Table 10 - Tax revenue breakdown

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
General tax levy	163,882	157,532
Supplementary assessments	70	474
Remissions	(5,080)	(220)
Vacancy rebates	(2,948)	(1,743)
	<u>155,924</u>	<u>156,043</u>

#### 4. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

Tangible capital assets are comprised of the following:

Table 11 - Capital assets breakdown

<b>Tangible capital assets</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	\$	\$
Equipment	<b>26,964</b>	26,964
Accumulated amortization	<b>(6,740)</b>	(4,044)
<b>Net book value</b>	<b>20,224</b>	22,920

#### 5. BUDGET AMOUNTS

Budget data presented in these financial statements is based upon the 2016 budget approved by the Board of Directors. The Board-approved budget is prepared on a basis which differs from budget amounts reported on the statements of operations and changes in net financial assets (debt), which are prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. The total approved revenue budget of \$174,810 reconciles to the budget figures reported in these financial statements after deducting the budgeted contribution from reserves of \$15,000, which is not included in revenue for purposes of the financial statement presentation.

