
**THE STUDENTS COMMISSION OF CANADA
LA COMMISSION DES ETUDIANTS DU CANADA
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members
The Students Commission of Canada
TORONTO
Ontario

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Students Commission of Canada / La commission des etudiants du Canada which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and the statement of operations and changes in net 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 entity as at December 31, 2023 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

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 entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other 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 these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations 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 entity'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 entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the entity'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.

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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 entity'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 entity'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 entity 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.

Norton McMullen LLP

NORTON McMULLEN LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

MARKHAM, Canada

May 1, 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

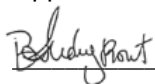
As at December 31,	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash - unrestricted (Note 2)	\$ 404,067	\$ 947,156
Cash - internally restricted (Note 2)	-	750,000
Investments (Note 3)	115,396	111,829
Accounts receivable	345,316	158,742
HST refundable	42,727	46,094
Prepaid expenses	<u>77,112</u>	<u>31,825</u>
	\$ 984,618	\$ 2,045,646
Internally Restricted Investments (Note 2)	<u>354,388</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 1,339,006</u>	<u>\$ 2,045,646</u>

LIABILITIES

Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 18,997	\$ 121,361
Deferred revenue (Note 4)	<u>469,385</u>	<u>1,075,531</u>
	\$ 488,382	\$ 1,196,892
NET ASSETS	<u>850,624</u>	<u>848,754</u>
	<u>\$ 1,339,006</u>	<u>\$ 2,045,646</u>

Commitments (Note 8)

Approved by the Board:



Director



Director

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the year ended December 31,	2023	2022
REVENUES		
Contributions	\$ 2,313,449	\$ 1,442,577
Fees for service	1,313,399	1,948,207
Public Health Agency of Canada	1,030,220	652,391
Conference	69,120	80,000
Interest and other	57,602	28,723
Government assistance (Note 5)	-	11,596
	\$ 4,783,790	\$ 4,163,494
EXPENSES		
Personnel	\$ 2,366,613	\$ 2,099,494
Program	828,318	454,963
Youth travel and accommodations	672,860	472,163
Art of Work youth employment placements (Note 6)	393,587	178,696
Information technology	216,743	286,949
Occupancy	96,480	117,743
Partnerships	94,443	207,645
Professional fees	37,394	42,394
Office and general	33,576	29,823
Insurance	24,316	18,999
Telephone and internet	17,590	17,152
	\$ 4,781,920	\$ 3,926,021
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ 1,870	\$ 237,473
NET ASSETS - Beginning	848,754	611,281
NET ASSETS - Ending	\$ 850,624	\$ 848,754

See accompanying notes

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended December 31,

2023

2022

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS WERE PROVIDED BY (USED IN):

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 1,870	\$ 237,473
Net change in non-cash working capital balances:		
Accounts receivable	(186,574)	(138,367)
HST refundable	3,367	(12,919)
Prepaid expenses	(45,287)	15,069
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(102,364)	88,652
Deferred revenue	(606,146)	514,584
	<u>\$ (935,134)</u>	<u>\$ 704,492</u>

INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Disposal (purchase) of investments	<u>(357,955)</u>	<u>(790)</u>
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INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH

	\$ (1,293,089)	\$ 703,702
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CASH - Beginning

	<u>1,697,156</u>	<u>993,454</u>
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CASH - Ending

	<u>\$ 404,067</u>	<u>\$ 1,697,156</u>
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NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Students Commission of Canada / La Commission des étudiants du Canada (the "Organization") is incorporated as a not-for-profit organization under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act and is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act. The Organization's mandate is to assist youth to prevent, address and overcome economic, social and academic issues faced by youth. To achieve this mandate, the SCC purposely works with others to ensure that young people's voices are heard and valued so that they can put their ideas for improving themselves, their peers and their communities into action.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

a) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions based on currently available information. Such estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from the estimates used.

b) Cash and Bank Indebtedness

Cash and bank indebtedness consist of bank balances, including bank overdrafts when bank balances fluctuate frequently from being positive to overdrawn.

c) Revenue Recognition

The Organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions, including grants and other restricted contributions, are recognized as revenue in the year in which related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when they are received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Fee for service revenue is recognized in the period within which the services are performed. Conference revenue is recognized in the period in which the conference takes place. Interest income is recognized as revenue over the term of the related investment.

Government assistance is recognized as revenue when received or receivable and collection is reasonably assured and when all conditions to its use have been met.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

d) Financial Instruments

Measurement of Financial Instruments

The Organization initially measures its financial assets and liabilities originated or exchanged in arm's length transactions at fair value. The Organization subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost.

Financial assets subsequently measured at amortized cost include cash, investments and accounts receivable. Financial liabilities subsequently measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The Organization has no financial assets measured at fair value and has not elected to carry any financial asset or liability at fair value.

2. RESTRICTED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

As at December 31, 2023, the Board of Directors has internally restricted cash and investments of \$350,000 (2022 - \$750,000). The purpose of maintaining a reserve is to be used in the event of any future cash flow challenges. The Board of Directors may elect to remove the restriction at their discretion.

Restricted investments consist of GICs that matures on November 12, 2024 and bear interest at 5.65% totaling to \$354,388 (2022 - \$Nil).

The Organization has overdraft protection on its operating bank account to a maximum of \$80,000 which bears an annual interest rate of the bank's prime rate plus 5% when in use. The overdraft protection is secured by the Organization's temporary investments and is repayable on demand.

3. INVESTMENTS

Investments consists of non-redeemable guaranteed investment certificates with interest rates ranging from 3.91% and 5.00%, maturing between April and December 2024 (2022 - 0.95% and 3.47%, maturing between April and December 2023).

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4. DEFERRED REVENUE

The change in deferred revenue is as follows:

	2023	2022
Balance - Beginning	\$ 1,075,531	\$ 560,947
Less: Amount recognized as revenue in the year	(2,665,931)	(1,508,500)
Add: Amount received related to the following year	<u>2,059,785</u>	<u>2,023,084</u>
Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 469,385</u>	<u>\$ 1,075,531</u>

Deferred revenue consists of the following:

	2023	2022
Department of Canadian Heritage	\$ 193,566	\$ 199,220
Employment and Social Development Canada	69,754	272,406
Kids Help Phone	58,500	48,750
Public Health Agency of Canada	55,472	393,823
Public Safety Canada	44,632	
Canadian Internet Registration Authority	19,046	-
Canadian Red Cross	18,584	-
Health Canada	9,831	-
Rideau Hall Foundation	-	81,332
City of Toronto	-	50,000
Sponsorship of #CanadaWeWant Conference	-	30,000
	<u>\$ 469,385</u>	<u>\$ 1,075,531</u>

5. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

As at December 31, 2023, the Organization has not received any government assistance aside from contribution agreements and fees for service (2022 - \$11,596 under the Canada Recovery Hiring Program).

6. ART OF WORK YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLACEMENTS

As at December 31, 2023, the Organization has provided youth employment funds for participating employers of the ESDC Youth Employment and Skills Strategy-funded Art of Work Youth Employment initiative totaling to \$393,587 (2022 - \$178,696) which provides youth furthest away from opportunity with practical work experience that develops their hard and soft skills and improves their employability.

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7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Risks and Concentrations

The Organization is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a summary of the Organization's exposure to and concentrations of risk at December 31, 2023:

a) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Organization's main credit risk relates to its accounts receivable. The Organization provides credit to its clients in the normal course of operations and the Organization manages its credit risk by having signed contracts in place with fixed payment schedules. There were no concentrations of credit risk as at December 31, 2023 and there has been no change in the assessment of credit risk from the prior year.

b) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Organization will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Organization is exposed to this risk mainly with respect to its accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The Organization manages this risk by managing its working capital and by generating sufficient cash flow from operations. There has been no change in the assessment of liquidity risk from the prior year.

c) Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk, and price risk. The Organization is not exposed to significant market risk.

8. COMMITMENTS

The Organization has a lease with respect to its premises in Toronto which expires June 30, 2025. Future minimum base rental payments are as follows:

2024	\$ 60,000
2025	<u>30,000</u>
	<u>\$ 90,000</u>

9. COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS

Certain comparative amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year's financial statement presentation.