
**THE BRIDGE, A MARKHAM
COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AUGUST 31, 2024**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Directors
The Bridge, A Markham Community Church
MARKHAM
Ontario

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Bridge, A Markham Community Church which comprise the statement of financial position as at August 31, 2024, the statement of operations and changes in fund balances, statement of cash flows and schedule 1 - schedule of expenses for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the entity as at August 31, 2024 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 Qualified Opinion

In common with many charitable organizations, The Bridge, A Markham Community Church derives part of its revenues from the general public in the form of contributions, the completeness of which is not susceptible to complete audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of revenue from this source was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the entity and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to contribution revenues and the excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses for the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023, current assets as at August 31, 2024 and 2023 and fund balances as at the beginning and end of the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023.

The audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2023 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

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 qualified 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.

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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.

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.



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Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

MARKHAM, Canada

October 31, 2024

THE BRIDGE, A MARKHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at August 31,

2024

2023

	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL FUND	VISION FUND	TOTAL	TOTAL
ASSETS					
Current					
Cash	\$ 685,192	\$ 239,300	\$ 621	\$ 925,113	\$ 775,982
Accounts receivable	10,152	-	-	10,152	-
HST recoverable	17,897	2,529	-	20,426	206,596
Investments (Note 2)	-	312,209	1,428,906	1,741,115	1,663,262
Prepaid expense (Note 3)	32,819	81,360	-	114,179	104,479
Interfund due to (from) (Note 9)	-	(300,000)	300,000	-	-
	<u>\$ 746,060</u>	<u>\$ 335,398</u>	<u>\$ 1,729,527</u>	<u>\$ 2,810,985</u>	<u>\$ 2,750,319</u>
Capital Assets (Note 4)	<u>-</u>	<u>14,243,185</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,243,185</u>	<u>14,903,788</u>
	<u>\$ 746,060</u>	<u>\$ 14,578,583</u>	<u>\$ 1,729,527</u>	<u>\$ 17,054,170</u>	<u>\$ 17,654,107</u>

LIABILITIES

Current

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 36,428	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,428	\$ 247,636
Deferred contributions (Note 5)	30,000	-	-	30,000	-
CEBA loan (Note 6)	-	-	-	-	40,000
	<u>\$ 66,428</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 66,428</u>	<u>\$ 287,636</u>

FUND BALANCES

General	\$ 679,632	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 679,632	\$ 334,633
Capital	-	14,578,583	-	14,578,583	15,373,225
Vision	-	-	1,729,527	1,729,527	1,658,613
	<u>\$ 679,632</u>	<u>\$ 14,578,583</u>	<u>\$ 1,729,527</u>	<u>\$ 16,987,742</u>	<u>\$ 17,366,471</u>
	<u>\$ 746,060</u>	<u>\$ 14,578,583</u>	<u>\$ 1,729,527</u>	<u>\$ 17,054,170</u>	<u>\$ 17,654,107</u>

Commitments (Note 7)

THE BRIDGE, A MARKHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

For the year ended August 31,

2024

2023

	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL FUND	VISION FUND	TOTAL	TOTAL
REVENUES					
Contributions:					
General	\$ 1,953,613	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,953,613	\$ 1,629,562
Missions	65,508	-	-	65,508	37,212
Facilities development	-	20,697	-	20,697	159,974
Interest and investment	918	19,960	70,914	91,792	166,803
Building rental	72,908	-	-	72,908	9,533
Ministries	50,926	-	-	50,926	46,550
Government assistance (Note 8)	19,752	-	-	19,752	-
	<u>\$ 2,163,625</u>	<u>\$ 40,657</u>	<u>\$ 70,914</u>	<u>\$ 2,275,196</u>	<u>\$ 2,049,634</u>
EXPENSES					
Salaries and benefits	\$ 1,047,323	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,047,323	\$ 963,961
Amortization	-	866,459	-	866,459	610,978
Church ministries (Schedule 1)	266,779	-	-	266,779	270,436
Building and property (Schedule 1)	243,728	-	-	243,728	225,716
General and administrative (Schedule 1)	145,742	-	-	145,742	177,187
Missions	83,894	-	-	83,894	80,198
	<u>\$ 1,787,466</u>	<u>\$ 866,459</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,653,925</u>	<u>\$ 2,328,476</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES BEFORE THE FOLLOWING:					
	\$ 376,159	\$ (825,802)	\$ 70,914	\$ (378,729)	\$ (278,842)
Loss on disposal of asset	-	-	-	-	(1,614,451)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES					
	\$ 376,159	\$ (825,802)	\$ 70,914	\$ (378,729)	\$ (1,893,293)
FUND BALANCES					
- Beginning	334,633	15,373,225	1,658,613	17,366,471	19,259,764
Inter-fund transfers (Note 9)	(31,160)	31,160	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES - Ending	<u>\$ 679,632</u>	<u>\$ 14,578,583</u>	<u>\$ 1,729,527</u>	<u>\$ 16,987,742</u>	<u>\$ 17,366,471</u>

See accompanying notes

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended August 31,

2024

2023

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

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	\$ (378,729)	\$ (1,893,293)
Items not affecting cash:		
Loss on disposal of asset	-	1,614,451
Amortization	<u>866,459</u>	<u>610,978</u>
	\$ <u>487,730</u>	\$ <u>332,136</u>
Net change in non-cash working capital balances:		
Accounts receivable	(10,152)	19,460
HST recoverable	186,170	28,954
Prepaid expense	(9,700)	45,899
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(211,208)	(811,577)
Deferred revenue	<u>30,000</u>	<u>(4,037)</u>
	\$ <u>472,840</u>	\$ <u>(389,165)</u>

INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Proceeds from the redemption of investments	\$ (77,853)	\$ 4,764,201
Acquisition of capital assets	<u>(205,856)</u>	<u>(4,284,453)</u>
	\$ <u>(283,709)</u>	\$ <u>479,748</u>

FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Repayment of CEBA loan	\$ <u>(40,000)</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
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INCREASE IN CASH

\$ 149,131 \$ 90,583

CASH - Beginning

775,982 685,399

CASH - Ending

\$ 925,113 \$ 775,982

See accompanying notes

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The mission of The Bridge, A Markham Community Church (the "Church") is to connect with God, each other and our world. The Church was incorporated by letters of patent, without share capital under the laws of Ontario on July 11, 2003. For Canadian income tax purposes, the Church is registered as a charitable organization, and is exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Act.

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) Fund Accounting

Resources are classified into funds according to the activities or objectives specified as follows:

The **General Fund** accounts for activities related to the day-to-day operating transactions of the Church's ministries and administration. Contributions designated for missions are being utilized for the Church's missions activities and are reported in the general fund.

The **Capital Fund** records activities relating to the capital assets. Proceeds from the sale of land in 2019 were invested and the resulting investment income is reported in this fund. Excess funds from established projects may be transferred to the Vision fund at the discretion of the board.

The **Vision Fund** was established by the board for the purposes of advancing and duplicating the vision and mission of the Church beyond its current geographical location. In 2019, \$1.5 million from the sale of land was transferred to this fund to be invested in GICs and bonds. Interest earned from assets in this fund are reported in this fund.

b) 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 revenues and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from the estimates used.

Significant estimates include the estimated useful life of capital assets.

c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist solely of bank balances.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

d) Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost. Amortization is being provided over the estimated useful life of the assets using the following annual rates and method:

	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Method</u>
Buildings	5%	declining balance
Furniture and equipment	20%	declining balance
Musical instruments	10%	declining balance
Parking lot	8%	declining balance

e) Impairment of Capital Assets

When a tangible capital asset no longer contributes to an organization's ability to provide goods and services, or the value of future economic benefits or service potential associated with the tangible capital asset is less than its carrying amount, the net carrying amount of the tangible capital asset is written down to the asset's fair value or replacement cost.

f) Revenue Recognition

The Church follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions and government assistance. Externally restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the fund corresponding to the purpose for which they were contributed. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the Operating Fund. Restricted contributions for which there is no fund are accounted for using the deferral method.

Revenues from ministries and government assistance is recognized when payment is received or is reasonably assured. Building rental is recognized as revenue evenly over the rental period and when payment is reasonably assured. Interest and investment earnings are recognized as revenue on the accrual basis and is allocated to the appropriate fund based on investments held in the respective funds.

g) Contributed Services

Volunteers contribute significant hours per year to assist the Church in carrying out its activities. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

h) Financial Instruments

Measurement of Financial Instruments

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

Financial assets subsequently measured at amortized cost include cash, accounts receivable, and investments in guaranteed investment certificates. Financial liabilities subsequently measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

The Church has no financial assets measured at fair value and has not elected to carry any financial asset or liability at fair value.

Impairment

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are tested for impairment when events or circumstances indicate possible impairment. Write-downs, if any, are recognized in the excess of revenues over expenses and may be subsequently reversed to the extent that the net effect after the reversal is the same as if there had been no write-down. There are no impairment indicators in the current year.

2. INVESTMENTS

Investments consists of the following:

	2024	2023
Capital Fund		
Short-term		
Cashable guaranteed investment certificates bearing interest at 2.25% per annum, maturing December 2024	\$ 312,209	\$ 305,254
Vision Fund		
Short-term		
Cashable prime-linked guaranteed investment certificates bearing interest at 4.70% - 5.20% per annum, maturing June and July 2025	<u>1,428,906</u>	<u>1,358,008</u>
Total Investments	<u>\$ 1,741,115</u>	<u>\$ 1,663,262</u>

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3. PREPAID EXPENSE

Prepaid expenses consist of the following:

	2024	2023
Regional Municipality of York	\$ 81,360	\$ 81,360
Town of Markham	15,000	15,000
Other	<u>17,819</u>	<u>8,119</u>
	<u>\$ 114,179</u>	<u>\$ 104,479</u>

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets consist of the following:

	2024			2023
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
New building costs	\$ 12,605,169	\$ 922,712	\$ 11,682,457	\$ 12,151,663
Land	126,950	-	126,950	126,950
Building	3,985,249	2,207,212	1,778,037	1,871,618
Furniture and equipment	1,098,097	457,538	640,559	736,766
Musical instruments	22,880	10,998	11,882	13,203
Parking lot	<u>22,340</u>	<u>19,040</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,588</u>
	<u>\$ 17,860,685</u>	<u>\$ 3,617,500</u>	<u>\$ 14,243,185</u>	<u>\$ 14,903,788</u>

The total cost of the new building project at August 31, 2024 is \$13,527,328 consisting of \$922,159 in furniture and equipment and \$12,605,169 in new building costs.

5. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

Deferred contributions consist of restricted contributions for future expenditures. The change in deferred contributions is as follows:

	2024	2023
Balance - Beginning	\$ -	\$ -
Add: restricted contributions received during the year	30,000	-
Less: Amount recognized as revenue in the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 30,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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6. CEBA LOAN

The Church received a non interest bearing loan of \$60,000 under the Canada Emergency Business Account ("CEBA") program as part of the Federal government's response to COVID-19. The loan was due January 18, 2024. The Church repaid \$40,000 on January 3, 2024 thereby ensuring the forgivable portion of \$20,000 was forgiven. The forgivable portion was recognized as government assistance revenue in 2021.

7. COMMITMENTS

The Church has issued a Letter of Credit to the Corporation of the Town of Markham in the amount of \$290,510 for commitments required for the building project.

The Church has entered into a construction contract for the new building project which has been completed during the year. The total future construction, architect and engineering costs to complete the contract as at August 31, 2024 are \$Nil (2023 - \$438,000).

8. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Government assistance consists of the following:

	2024	2023
Canada Summer Jobs Grant	\$ 9,752	\$ -
Ontario Anti-hate Security and Prevention Grant	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 19,752</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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9. INTER-FUND TRANSFERS AND LOANS

During the year, \$31,160 was transferred from the General fund to the Capital fund for the expansion of the building project and other building expansion costs covered by the operating budget.

In the prior year, \$213,323 was transferred from the General fund and \$8,895 from the Vision fund to the Capital fund for the expansion of the building project and other building expansion costs covered by the operating budget.

\$300,000 has been loaned from the Vision Fund to the Capital Fund to facilitate timing of cash inflows and outflows related to the building project. This loan is non-interest bearing with an expectation to be repaid immediately upon release of Letters of Credit related to the building project.

10. CREDIT FACILITIES

The Church has available the following credit facilities:

- a) \$300,000 revolving demand facility available by way of letter of credit and bank guarantee;
- b) \$100,000 revolving demand facility which bears interest at prime plus 1.00%;
- c) \$500,000 non-revolving term facility bearing interest at prime plus \$0.98% during the draw period and for one year and then converted to a fixed interest rate loan at a rate determined at the time of borrowing; and
- d) \$50,000 credit card facility bearing interest at 19.99%.

Facility (a) is secured, by an amount of \$300,000, by cash deposits and/or the guaranteed investment certificates (Note 2). In addition, the complete credit agreement is secured by a General Security Agreement consisting of a first ranking security interest on the property of the Church. As at the year end, \$290,510 (2023 - \$290,510) of facility (a) was being used as a Letter of Credit (Note 6).

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11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Risks and Concentrations

The Church is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a summary of the Church's exposure to and concentrations of risk at August 31, 2024:

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 Church's main credit risks relate to its accounts receivable. There were no concentrations of credit risk as at August 31, 2024 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 Church will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Church is exposed to this risk mainly with respect to its accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The Church 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 Church is mainly exposed to interest rate risk as follows:

i) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Church is exposed to interest rate risk with respect to its investments. The exposure to this risk fluctuates as the investments and related interest rates change from year to year.

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SCHEDULE 1 - SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES

For the year ended August 31,	2024	2023
CHURCH MINISTRIES		
Youth	\$ 57,776	\$ 55,672
Groups and care	41,331	49,585
Worship arts	40,434	35,199
Host ministries	38,815	26,720
Children	35,245	23,449
Pastoral/Resources	32,581	31,455
Young adults	16,822	40,525
Family	3,775	7,831
	<u>\$ 266,779</u>	<u>\$ 270,436</u>
BUILDING AND PROPERTY		
Utilities	\$ 90,024	\$ 70,489
Grounds upkeep	35,445	24,652
Service contracts	28,531	8,398
Custodial	18,530	29,629
Insurance	17,782	7,984
Miscellaneous	17,622	62,422
Health and safety	12,130	6,242
Supplies	8,318	6,381
Furniture and equipment	1,989	5,879
	<u>\$ 243,728</u>	<u>\$ 225,716</u>
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE		
Bank charges and merchant fees	\$ 37,161	\$ 39,038
Telecommunications	22,502	21,708
Computer equipment and software	22,497	37,429
Board of directors	14,884	7,940
Communication	14,870	38,015
Office equipment and supplies	12,698	13,743
Professional fees	11,860	9,417
Team training and development	4,702	4,377
Resources and memberships	4,568	5,520
	<u>\$ 145,742</u>	<u>\$ 177,187</u>

See accompanying notes

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