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Annual General Meeting

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Message from the Board Chair

Every year, as the leaves change colour and the geese start flying south, I look for ways to appreciate the changing seasons. For me, the good things about fall include cooler nights, cozy sweaters and meals like a warm grilled cheese sandwich and a cup of hot soup, served with a pot of tea. And each September, one of the things I most look forward to is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Ottawa Independent Living Resource Centre (OILRC). At OILRC, we are particularly talented at celebrating everyday accomplishments that in fact are very far from ordinary. But our AGM is a wonderful opportunity to spend time together and highlight these accomplishments.

This year, we have much to celebrate. Here are just some examples:

- Once again, OILRC had a successful Tulip Festival, creating beautiful paintings on canvases donated by ArtEast, our generous hosts – I believe the Centre's walls may soon be displaying that creativity!
- Last November, some of you helped to sell paintings and promote OILRC's programs and services at the Nokia Market. Thanks to you, our members, I got some holiday ornaments and gifts there!
- Cheerful troopers that you are, you showed up to do the same at the Art in the Park Market in June.
- Also in June, OILRC staff put extraordinary effort into mounting a booth at Adapt Expo to advertise the Direct Funding program. That is just one of many ways OILRC staff supports existing self-managers and recruits new self-managers to the program. This year, thanks to this tireless work, six new self-managers joined this often life-changing program and Ottawa area survey results rated satisfaction with the program in the 90s and high 80s (out of 100).
- Another thing to celebrate, this year and every year, is OILRC's Halloween and holiday gatherings: no one can say our members don't know how to party!
- Our members are also great paddlers! The proof is in the pudding: in Ottawa's Dragonboat Race, the OILRC team came 1st last year. This year, we came second!
- Of course, one of the biggest things we have to celebrate is that we are coming up on a year of working more closely with our partners at Service Coordination Supports and making this new space our home. Here, in these beautifully decorated rooms, you welcomed new OILRC members, tried new activities, and continued enjoying others: group lunches, sessions on special topics, workshops, exercise classes, and adult and youth discussion groups.

Message from the Board Chair

The truth is, while the Centre's new location is swanky and provides much-needed and long overdue space to grow, this list of accomplishments shouts a secret we all know: what makes OILRC special is not the place; it's the people. With that in mind, first and foremost, the Board would like to express our profound gratitude to Gina Varelas-Stapper, the Centre's Executive Director. This has been a challenging year on several fronts and through it all, your support of OILRC, its members, and its staff has been unflagging. On top of that, you mentored Carleton University student Stephen Nguyen, who shadowed and supported you and contributed to the Peer Support Program from September 2025 to April 2026.
Thank you Gina!

The Centre's staff is second-to-none and also has the Board's gratitude. Huge thanks go out to Ximena Rodriguez, our Direct Funding Coordinator; Martha Lavaire, our Peer Support Coordinator; and Alejandro Sorto, our Program Support Worker. We are aware you each go regularly above and beyond for the people we serve. Your hard work and dedication are much appreciated.

I would also like to thank my fellow Board members, Eve Valman and Mitchell Bellman. Special mention goes out to Carl Farah, who recently stepped away from the Board to focus his time and energy on a new project. To put it mildly, we had a busy year! For your continued support, knowledge, active participation, and your commitment to OILRC and its members, my sincerest thanks.

Last but never least, we would like to extend huge thanks to the OILRC's behind-the-scenes support group, made up of volunteers, community partners, and funders. For crucial support, we are so grateful to Service Coordination Supports, and the Lola Charitable Gaming Association. Much gratitude also goes to the Centre's individual donors. Your support is so appreciated. Without you, the impact of the OILRC programs and services would be severely diminished. Thank you!

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AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE



OILRC AGM Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2026

Call to order- 6:28, Gina Varelas

Review of the agenda- Erin N
- Explanation about voting,
- Meeting minutes from last year- presented by Gina V.
- Approved by Erin N., seconded by Eve

Message from the board- Erin N.
- Presented highlights of the year- tulip fest, art markets, positive work in Direct Funding, dragon boat race.
- Thanked all staff and members for their work in building community in the centre.
- ·Approved by Beulah, seconded by Marie-Lynne

Staff Appreciation- Gina V.
- Highlighted staff achievements for the year

Peer Support Updates- Martha Lavaire
- New calendar every month
- 4 new members every month on average
- Improvements in respect of boundaries and rules, support amongst members, new skills learned through programming which make programs run more smoothly
- 22-30 programs per month, in addition to community events
- Thanked Peer Support members volunteering at Bingo
- Nearly doubled program participation per month, highest number was 400

Consumer of the year: Laurie Tremblay

Direct Funding Updates
- 9 new self managers
- 11 interviews of applicants
- Expecting to surpass our goals this year
- Lots of outreach
- Social events for self managers
- Many new applications

Motion passed by Beulah, seconded by Kim

- Treasurer's report- Mitchell
- Financials are in a good position. Current location has been beneficial.
- New ideas put together to increase revenue which are expected to be implemented next year
- Motion passed by Marie-Lynn, seconded by Muna

Auditor's report- Gina V.

- Increase of revenue this year in comparison to last year.
- Bigger surplus this year in comparison to last
- Long-term financial sustainability of the organization has improved
- Surplus around $89,000. Risk management in the event of loss of funding.
- Same auditors appointed for next year

Motion approved by Laurie, seconded by Beulah

Board Member Presentation- Gina V.

- Changes in the board, certain members have exited
- Erin as chair, Mitchell as treasurer, Eve secretary
- No objections to the board
- Board approved for next year

Motion approved by all attendees

No other business to discuss, AGM lifted at 7:09

Peer Support 2026

Peer-Support Programing Highlights

- Monthly Calendar.
- 22 to 30 Activities/Programs per month.
- 20 New Members to the Program.
- Have approximately 250-400 participations per month.
- We Nearly Doubled Participation, compared to last year.



Direct Funding Updates 2026

- 9 New Self-Managers joined the program.
- 11 Interviews of Applicants.
- Many applications have been submitted.
- Many new applications are being processed and projected to begin.



Consumer Spotlight

Laurie tremblay

Laurie has been a member/consumer at OILRC since 2024. Laurie has increased her participation over that time, and it's hard to remember a time where Laurie wasn't a part of OILRC.

Laurie is a strong self-advocate and perserveres through systemic challenges she faces. Laurie loves to learn new things that will lead to her independence and wellbeing.

Laurie is also very caring and willing to help others and be a part of the team.

Laurie selflessly volunteers her time by offering to tidy up and help with the program running smoothly.

We are lucky that Laurie is a part of the OILRC family!



OTTAWA INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTRE

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2026

Independent Auditors' Report
Statement of Financial Position
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Program Schedule of Revenue and Expenses

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Directors of:
Ottawa Independent Living Resource Centre

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Ottawa Independent Living Resource Centre, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2026, and the statement of operations, statement of changes in net assets and cash flows statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financi 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 section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ottawa Independent Living Resource Centre as at March 31, 2026, and the results of its operations and 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 not-for-profit organizations, Ottawa Independent Living Resource Centre derives revenue from fundraising activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory auc verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of Ottawa Independent Living Resource Centre. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to fundraising revenue, excess of revenues over expenses, cash flows from operations and net assets for both March 31, 2026 and the previous year.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are described in the Auditors' 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 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 qualified audit 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 not-for-profit organizations, and for such interna 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 Centre's ability continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Centre or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Centre's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of 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 auditors' 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 audit 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 controls.
- 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 auditors' 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 auditors' 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 matter 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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Ottawa, Ontario
July 22, 2026

OTTAWA INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTRE

AUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2026

	2026	2025
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	$ 95,292	$ 76,294
Accounts receivable	4,753	2,502
HST receivable	11,858	5,740
Prepaid expenses	0	2,079
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 111,903	$ 86,615
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 5,157	$ 3,850
DEFERRED PROJECT REVENUE (Note 4)	17,169	48,461
TOTAL LIABILITIES	22,326	52,311
NET ASSETS	89,577	34,304
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	$ 111,903	$ 86,615

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Director _____ Director _____

(See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements)

OTTAWA INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTRE

AUDITED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2026

	2026	2025
REVENUES		
Government and other grants	$ 236,212	$ 232,756
Bingo - Peer Support Program	72,152	32,016
Donations	32,272	14,083
Contract revenue	385	608
Fundraising and other	314	5
	341,335	279,468
EXPENSES		
Salaries and benefits	194,888	183,364
Rent and utilities	21,572	27,034
Capital asset purchases (Note 2a)	21,477	150
Meetings and events	10,554	6,848
Office supplies, photocopying and printing	7,947	4,712
Advertising	7,263	0
Professional fees	6,926	7,616
Contract work	6,242	12,639
Insurance	3,903	4,518
Fundraising	2,135	1,027
Subscriptions, memberships and other	2,011	2,101
Telephone and Internet	751	2,315
Bank charges and interest	239	597
Travel and parking	154	54
	286,062	252,975
NET REVENUES FOR THE YEAR	55,273	26,493
NET ASSETS, beginning of the year	34,304	7,811
NET ASSETS, end of the year	$ 89,577	$ 34,304

(See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements)

OTTAWA INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTRE

AUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2026

	2026	2025
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net revenues for the year	$ 55,273	$ 26,493
Net change in non-cash working capital		
Accounts receivable	(8,371)	1,400
Prepaid expenses	2,079	0
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,308	(200)
Deferred contributions	(31,291)	4,542
	(36,275)	5,742
NET CHANGE IN CASH	18,998	32,235
CASH, beginning of year	76,294	44,059
CASH, end of year	$ 95,292	$ 76,294
REPRESENTED BY:		
Cash	$ 95,292	$ 76,294

(See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements)

OTTAWA INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTRE

NOTES TO AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2026

1. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Ottawa Independent Living Resource Centre (OILRC) (the "Centre") provides programs and support in order to enhance the process for empowering individuals with disabilities to direct their own lives and participate fully in the community. The Centre is economically dependent on Employment and Social Development Canada for core program funding.

The Centre was incorporated on June 21, 1989 under the Canada Corporations Act as a not-for-profit organization and is a Registered Charity under the Income Tax Act.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO) in Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook and include the following significant accounting policies:

a. Capitalassets

Capital assets are expensed in the year of purchase. This is in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations with average gross revenues less than $500,000. In the current year, $21,477 of equipment was purchased and expensed. There were $150 in expenditures in 2025.

b. Contributedmaterialsandservices

Contributions received in the form of materials and services are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution when the fair value can be reasonably estimated and when the materials and services are used in the normal course of operations.

c. Revenue recognition

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

d. Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

OTTAWA INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTRE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2026

3. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying value of cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate both their fair value and amortized cost because of the relatively short period to maturity of the instruments. Management is of the opinion that the Centre is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risk arising from its financial instruments.

4. DEFERRED PROJECT REVENUES

Deferred project revenues represent restricted grant and other funding received in the current year that is related to the subsequent period and are comprised as follows:

	2026	2025
Peer Support Program	$ 14,432	$ 38,461
Direct Funding Program	2,737	10,000
Total	$ 17,169	$ 48,461

5. COMMITMENTS

The Centre has entered into a long-term sublease agreement with the Service Coordination for Persons with Special Needs, beginning June 1, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2032, with a commitment for paying gross rents of $2,500 per month plus HST.

6. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The Centre derives a major portion of its revenue from government funding and various grants. During the year, the Centre received a total of $36,972 (2025: $36,972) from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC). The Centre also received $151,560 (2025: $113,244) in funding through The Centre for Independent Living in Toronto (CILT).

Going forward, management has lowered various expenses and continues to seek additional sources of revenue.

OTTAWA INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTRE

NOTES TO AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2026

FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Ottawa Independent Living Resource Centre is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of the risks at March 31, 2026:

a) Credit risk

Credit risk associated with accounts receivables is minimized by regular evaluation of the credibility of debtors. The accounts receivable at year end mainly comprise of amounts receivable from CRA as well as recoverable expenses.

b) Currency risk

The Centre's functional currency is the Canadian dollar. Ottawa Independent Living Resource Centre does not enter into foreign currency transactions and does not use foreign exchange forward contracts.

c) Liquidity risk

Ottawa Independent Living Resource Centre manages its liquidity risk by regularly monitoring forecasted and actual cash flow and financial liability maturities, and by holding assets that can be readily converted into cash. Accounts payable are normally paid within 30 days.

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AUDITORS' COMMENTS ON SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

To the Directors of:
Ottawa Independent Living Resource Centre:

The audited financial statements of the Centre as of March 31, 2026 and our report thereon dated July 22, 2026 are presented in the preceding section of this annual report. The financial information presented hereinafter was derived from the accounting records tested by us as part of the auditing procedures followed in our examination of the financial statements and, in our opinion, it is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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OTTAWA INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTRE

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CANADA PROGRAM
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2026

	2026	2025
REVENUE	$ 36,972	$ 36,972
EXPENDITURES		
Personnel	21,232	21,232
Professional fees	1,840	1,840
Rent and utilities	13,900	13,900
	36,972	36,972
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	$ 0	$ 0

(See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements)