
LEAGUE OF CANADIAN POETS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members
League of Canadian Poets
TORONTO
Ontario

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of League of Canadian Poets which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2025 and the statements of operations, statement of changes in fund balances 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 March 31, 2025 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.



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MARKHAM, Canada

June 5, 2025

LEAGUE OF CANADIAN POETS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at March 31, 2025 2024

ASSETS

Current

Cash	\$ 49,257	\$ 41,535
Cash - internally restricted	111,550	90,208
HST recoverable	6,156	7,221
Prepaid expenses	4,423	7,580
	<u>\$ 171,386</u>	<u>\$ 146,544</u>

Term Deposit (Note 2)

<u>17,845</u>	<u>17,845</u>
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<u>\$ 189,231</u>	<u>\$ 164,389</u>
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LIABILITIES

Current

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 17,606	\$ 22,305
Deferred revenues (Note 3)	30,313	22,135
	<u>\$ 47,919</u>	<u>\$ 44,440</u>

FUND BALANCE

Unrestricted	\$ 29,762	\$ 29,741
Internally restricted (Note 4)	111,550	90,208
	<u>\$ 141,312</u>	<u>\$ 119,949</u>
	<u>\$ 189,231</u>	<u>\$ 164,389</u>

Externally Held Endowment Funds (Note 5)

Approved by the Board:

_____ Director _____ Director

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

For the year ended March 31, 2025

	BALANCE Beginning	Revenues	Expenses	Transfers (Note 4)	BALANCE Ending
General Fund (Page 5)	\$ 29,741	\$ 498,433	\$ 477,070	\$ (21,342)	\$ 29,762
Internally Restricted Funds	90,208	-	-	21,342	111,550
Jessamy Stursberg Endowment Fund (Page 6)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$ 119,949</u>	<u>\$ 498,433</u>	<u>\$ 477,070</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 141,312</u>
PRIOR YEAR TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$ 214,883</u>	<u>\$ 470,674</u>	<u>\$ 565,608</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 119,949</u>

See accompanying notes

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND

For the year ended March 31,

2025

2024

REVENUES

Public sector revenues (Note 6)	\$ 261,745	\$ 266,085
Earned revenues (Note 7)	158,383	139,802
Contributions	66,468	42,749
Externally Held Endowment Funds (Note 5)	11,837	11,047
	<u>\$ 498,433</u>	<u>\$ 459,683</u>

EXPENSES

Artistic		
Poets fees	\$ 102,784	\$ 129,303
Artistic salaries	55,021	48,691
Poets travel and accomodation	22,962	18,000
Programming		
Content, design and other fees	16,978	12,590
Awards and prizes	14,350	12,600
Juror and panelist fees	8,578	7,625
Marketing and communications	50,025	26,483
Development	3,375	1,464
Administration		
Salaries and benefits	130,426	132,763
Professional fees	31,954	45,083
Office and general	13,241	18,547
Telecommunications and technology	10,822	9,945
Financial transaction fees	8,136	7,593
Rent	4,632	4,635
Insurance	3,786	4,482
	<u>\$ 477,070</u>	<u>\$ 479,804</u>

EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES

<u>\$ 21,363</u>	<u>\$ (20,121)</u>
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See accompanying notes

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS - JESSAMY STURSBURG ENDOWMENT FUND

For the year ended March 31,

2025

2024

REVENUES

Investment income	\$ -	\$ 10,641
Contributions	-	350
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,991</u>

EXPENSES

Grants, awards and related costs	<u>-</u>	<u>2,591</u>
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EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES BEFORE THE FOLLOWING:

\$ -	\$ 8,400
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Disbursement to Ontario Arts Foundation (Notes 5)

<u>-</u>	<u>83,213</u>
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EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES

<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (74,813)</u>
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See accompanying notes

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended March 31,

2025

2024

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

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses

General Fund

\$ 21,363 \$ (20,121)

Jessamy Stursberg Endowment Fund

- (74,813)

\$ 21,363 \$ (94,934)

Net change in non-cash working capital balances:

HST recoverable

1,065 1,774

Prepaid expenses

3,157 3,261

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

(4,699) 4,882

Deferred revenues

8,178 4,015

\$ 29,064 \$ (81,002)

INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Redemption of investments

- 62,420

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH

\$ 29,064 \$ (18,582)

CASH - Beginning

131,743 150,325

CASH - Ending

\$ 160,807 \$ 131,743

Cash consists of the following:

Unrestricted cash

\$ 49,257 \$ 41,535

Internally restricted cash

111,550 90,208

\$ 160,807 \$ 131,743

See accompanying notes

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The League of Canadian Poets ("the League") was incorporated without share capital as a not-for-profit organization under the laws of the Province of Ontario on June 18, 1976. It is a membership-based organization that exists to serve the professional needs of Canadian poets as well as to promote the interests of Canadian poets and poetry.

As a registered National Arts Service Organization, the League is exempt from the payment of income taxes under Part 1 of the Income Tax Act (Canada).

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 general operations and programs. Unrestricted contributions including grants to be used for general operations and contributions received for specific projects are reported in this fund.

Internally Restricted Funds have been established to account for the League's activities pertaining to:

- Contingency Fund
- Special Projects
- The Poet Education Fund
- Lesley Strutt Poetry Contest Fund
- Membership Support Fund
- Jessamy Stursberg Fund
- Lifetime Achievement Award Fund

In 2024 and prior, the **Jessamy Stursberg Endowment Fund** accounted for the League's activities pertaining to an endowment received to support youth initiatives. In 2024, the League disbursed the balance of this fund to the Ontario Arts Foundation to hold and administer this endowment on the League's behalf.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

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.

c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of bank balances.

d) Revenue Recognition

The League follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions which includes public sector grants, donations, and bequests. 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 General Fund. Restricted contributions for which there is no fund are accounted for using the deferral method.

Membership fees and other earned revenues are recognized as revenue in the General Fund proportionately over the fiscal year to which they relate. Investment income is recognized as revenue in the appropriate fund when earned.

e) Contributed Services

Volunteers contribute significant hours per year to assist the League 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

f) Financial Instruments

Measurement of Financial Instruments

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

Financial assets subsequently measured at amortized cost include cash and term deposits. Financial liabilities subsequently measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

The League has no financial assets measured at fair value and has not elected to carry any financial assets or liabilities 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 (deficiency) 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. TERM DEPOSIT

The term deposit matures in September 2027 and earns interest at 0.55% per annum.

3. DEFERRED REVENUES

Deferred revenues consist of the following:

	2025	2024
Membership fees	\$ 28,563	\$ 19,885
C. Thibaudeau Award	<u>1,750</u>	<u>2,250</u>
	<u>\$ 30,313</u>	<u>\$ 22,135</u>

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4. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS

The continuity of internally restricted funds during the year is as follows:

		<u>Balance Beginning</u>	<u>Transfers from/(to) Unrestricted</u>	<u>Balance Ending</u>
Contingency Fund	(a)	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Strategic Planning		-	-	-
Special Projects	(b)	24,992	(2,950)	22,042
The Poet Education Fund	(c)	12,650	(2,925)	9,725
Lesley Strutt Poetry Contest Fund	(d)	9,377	(205)	9,172
Membership Support Fund	(e)	7,389	16,522	23,911
Jessamy Stursberg Fund	(f)	10,800	(3,600)	7,200
Lifetime Achievement Award Fund	(g)	-	14,500	14,500
		<u>\$ 90,208</u>	<u>\$ 21,342</u>	<u>\$ 111,550</u>

The Board of Directors of the League has established internally restricted funds, as follows:

- a) In 2018, a Contingency Fund was set up for the purpose of building financial security for the League in case of significant disruptions in operations or funding.
- b) In 2020, a Special Projects Reserve was set up to support upcoming projects for the League to be completed in future years. During the year, \$2,950 (2024 - \$2,780) was transferred to the General Fund for the Spoken Word project.
- c) In 2021, The Poet Education Fund was set up to fund bursaries to support poetry scholars in Canada. During the year, \$2,925 (2024 - \$2,600) was transferred to the General Fund for bursary disbursements.
- d) In 2022, the Lesley Strutt Poetry Contest Fund was set up to fund an annual award for the best original poem, in memory of Lesley Strutt. During the year, \$205 was transferred to the General Fund (2024 - \$486 was transferred from the General Fund to this fund) .
- e) In 2024, the Membership Support Fund was set up to set aside funds to support members in the future. During the year, \$16,522 (2024 - \$7,389) was transferred from the General Fund to this fund in the year.
- f) In 2024, the Jessamy Stursberg Fund was set up to set aside funds for use before receipts from the Jessamy Stursberg externally held endowment fund begin in fiscal year 2027-2028 (Note 5). During the year, \$3,600 was transferred to the General Fund (2024 - \$10,800 was transferred from the General Fund to this fund).
- g) In 2025, the Lifetime Achievement Award Fund was set up with a transfer from the General Fund of \$14,500 to set aside funds to support members in the future.

The internally restricted fund balance amounts are supported by cash balances.

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5. EXTERNALLY HELD ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Ontario Arts Endowment Fund:

The Ontario Arts Foundation ("OAF") operates an Ontario Arts Endowment Fund Program in which it holds and has supplemented contributions made to arts organizations for endowment purposes. The League of Canadian Poets has established two separate funds with the OAF, both of which are controlled and managed by the OAF in accordance with its investment and income distribution policies. Accordingly, the assets of the fund are not reflected in these financial statements. The funds are as follows:

- a) *Art Endowment Fund:* As at the year end, the fair value of the League of Canadian Poets Art Endowment Fund was \$174,411 (2024 - \$176,819). Income of \$9,029 (2024 - \$8,337) was recognized as revenue by the League for the year.
- b) *Stursberg Endowment Fund:* In 2024, the League transferred the residual balance of \$83,213 from the Jessamy Stursberg Endowment Fund to OAF to create the League of Canadian Poets Stursberg Fund externally held endowment fund. These funds will be managed and allowed to grow for three years, after which time the League will receive an annual disbursement of income to support the Jessamy Stursberg Youth Poetry Contest and related activities. As at the year end, the fair value of the League of Canadian Poets Stursberg Endowment Fund was \$88,179 (2024 - \$85,089).

P.K. Page Fund:

The P.K. Page Fund is an externally held endowment fund formed in memory of P.K. Page. The assets of the fund are controlled by third parties in a private giving fund. Accordingly, the assets of this fund are not reflected in these financial statements. As at the year end, the fair value of the P.K. Page Fund was \$61,136 (2024 - \$57,653). Income of \$2,808 (2024 - \$2,710) was recognized as revenue by the League for the year.

6. PUBLIC SECTOR REVENUES

Public sector revenues consist of the following:

	2025	2024
Canada Council for the Arts operating grant	\$ 187,500	\$ 187,500
Ontario Arts Council operating grant	55,145	55,145
Toronto Arts Council operating grant	19,100	19,100
Canada Summer Jobs Grant	-	4,340
	<u>\$ 261,745</u>	<u>\$ 266,085</u>

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7. EARNED REVENUES

Earned revenues consist of the following:

	2025	2024
Membership fees	\$ 141,703	\$ 125,137
Awards and contest submission fees	11,356	11,020
Royalties, interest and other	4,081	3,048
Book sales	<u>1,243</u>	<u>597</u>
	<u>\$ 158,383</u>	<u>\$ 139,802</u>

8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Risks and Concentrations

The League is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a summary of the League's exposure to and concentrations of risk at March 31, 2025:

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 League is not exposed to significant credit risk. 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 League will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The League is exposed to this risk mainly with respect to its accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The League 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 League 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. As described in Note 2, the League is exposed to interest rate risk with respect to its investment in a term deposit. The term deposit earns interest at a fixed rate which significantly mitigates the League's exposure to this risk. The exposure to this risk fluctuates as the balance held in term deposits and related interest rates change from year to year.