



HINDU CULTURAL CENTRE OF LONDON ONTARIO

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR

2022 - 2023

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2023



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 11AM

Place: Dinning Hall of Mandir

Agenda

- 1. Opening Prayer***
- 2. Minutes of the April 17, 2022 Annual General Meeting***
- 3. Business Arising from the Minutes***
- 4. Reports from the President (Board Year 2022-2023)***
- 5. Report from the Treasurer (Financial Year 2022-2023)***
- 6. Motions and Resolutions***
- 7. Election to be conducted by Returning Officers Mr. Narinder Paul Sharma and Pandit ji Dwejendra Doobay***
- 8. Any Other Business***
- 9. Closing Prayer***

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING'22

The Annual General Meeting of Hindu Culture Centre was called to order by Mrs. Prema Patil at approximately 11:10 am on April 17, 2022. This was the second scheduled meeting; the March 27, 2022, AGM was postponed due to lack of quorum. Pt. D. Doobay chaired the meeting.

Opening prayers were conducted by Pt. D. Doobay.

The Annual Report and Agenda was circulated. There were no adjustments to the minutes. Minutes was proposed by Mr. Tara Persaud and seconded by Mrs. Chandra Chunnilal.

President's Report:

Mrs. Prema Patil thanked Dr. Mohan Merchea and Mr. Tara Persaud for nominating her to be the President of HCC. She also thanked the outgoing Board and felt that the organisation continued its work because of strong team effort. She noted that there were resignations during the year; and she expressed thanks to those members for their service. Based on the constitution, new members were then appointed.

During her period of service to HCC, Covid-19 was a dominant factor in the way the prayers and other religious activities were conducted. These were unprecedented times, and the organization followed all the Public Health guidelines. However, despite the restrictions on gathering limits, new programs were introduced to the community, specifically through Zoom.

Financials: During the last 18 months, the mortgage of \$500,000 was paid down by \$192,000. The current mortgage is at \$308,000 with a bank balance of \$100,000.

Mrs. Patil thanked the Building Committee, Dr. M. Merchea and Mr. Tara Persaud, for their dedication with the expansion project. She noted that they spent many, many hours volunteering their time so that the expansion and subsequent deficiencies were managed. She also noted that upgrades on the house including changing the roof, plumbing, and painting, etc were done during this year. She thanked Mr. Tara Persaud and Mr. Roy Mahipaul for their volunteering work on the priest's house.

Mrs. Patil informed the community that a Custodial Committee was created with a 5-year term of office. Members are Dr. M. Merchea, Mr. Tara Persaud, Mrs. P. Patil, Mrs. H. Parekh and Pt. D. Doobay.

Mrs. Patil also thanked the Festivals Committee and Seva group for their service. Many members committed their time to ensure that the temple was sanitized and cleaned on a regular basis during Covid.

Despite the restrictions, HCC celebrated many events and transitioned to an online delivery. She thanked Mr. Bash Nandalal and Pt. Doobay for their dedication to the online programs.

New online programs included:

Meditation Classes conducted by Mr. Narendra Chunnilal

Bhajan Satsangh conducted by Mr. Naresh Raval

Gita discussion conducted by Dr. C. Rajgopal

Panchdashi discussion conducted by Dr. P. Lala

Balvikas under the leadership of Mrs. Mani Bhashyam and Mrs. Suman Singh moved to an online format with almost 50 children participating in the classes.

Pfizer Clinic: HCC was one of the centers that vaccinated community members against Covid-19. Special thanks to Dr. B. Bhayana, Dr. M. Merchea and Pt. D. Doobay for organising the event. Thanks, was also given to the many volunteers including Gavindra Doobay, Ayush Tiwari, Arnav Tiwari, Priyanka Singh and Minakshi Doobay.

Second Priest: HCC has offered a position to another priest who specializes in the South Indian traditions. With our current priest, this will ensure that community will have the expertise of priests from both the North and South of India.

Leaf Wall: Mr. Sanjay Singh will continue to be responsible for the project.

Questions:

Dr. Nene asked about the timeline of the leaf wall. Mrs. Patil responded that Mr. S. Singh is yet to provide the CAD drawings of the project. There were several emails sent to him requesting a CD with the drawings; the City of London requires the CAD drawings to be submitted on a CD with an architect signature. So far, the Board has not received this information and cannot therefore proceed with the project. The last scheduled meeting was cancelled due to personal reasons.

It was proposed and the consensus was that the new Board should give a timeline for completion of the project.

Dr. Swaminath asked for the name and timeline for arrival of the second priest. Mrs. Patil responded that Mr. Sharma from Hyderabad. The process to obtain a Visa for a priest is very detailed and now with Covid, the time to secure the Visa is much longer. The Board will reach out to the MP, Mr. Fragiskatos's Office for assistance.

Dr. Merchea asked if there will be 2 priests in the temple. Mr. Tara Persaud responded yes and stated that the temple will be open for longer hours to facilitate the growing population in London.

Dr. Nene asked if the Organisation can financially support this and Mr. Tara Persaud said that he feels this should be possible with the growth of the community.

Mr. Prem Patel suggested that HCC should expand the Bal Vikaas and create programs for the youths to volunteer. Mr. Tara Persaud requested Mr. Patel to investigate initiatives to engage the youths.

The President's Report was adopted by Mr. Tara Persaud and seconded by Mrs. Chunnilal.

Treasurer's Report:

As of April'22, HCC had a bank balance of \$100,000. Revenue source was from aarti, membership, hall rentals, pujas and fundraisers. The apparent reduction in revenues was because most donations was specifically tagged for the temple construction/expansion project.

Mrs. Chanderdat reported that there was a change in the Auditor, to Marcus & Associates, because of the significant increase in professional fees.

Questions:

Dr. Merchea thanked Mrs. Chanderdat for the incredible job as the Treasurer of the Organisation; he noted that there were only 2 adjusting entries by the Auditor. This gives confidence to the quality of her work.

Mr. Gupta proposed that we should remove the paid external Auditor; instead, we should ask a community member with such experience to conduct a review of the accounts. However, this was not carried forward. Many members indicated that an external auditor gives confidence to the process, makes the organisation accountable to the public and validates the work of the Treasurer.

Dr. P.K. Lala then motioned to retain an Auditor for the Organization. Marcus & Associates was then appointed as the Auditor. This motion was carried.

Mr. Tara Persaud and Dr. Swaminathan adopted and seconded the Treasurer's report.

Building Committee Report:

Dr. M. Merchea reported that the expansion project of the temple was completed in less than two years; however, there are some deficiencies to be completed by the Contractor - Norlon & Associates. These include:

Water accumulation on the roof, the havan area in prayer hall, alter area, basement area and elevator pit. Norlon Builders offered the following explanation for these issues: condensation at the havan area, flat roof for the exterior roof. The TSA has not yet approved the elevator due to water accumulation in the pit. Given the issue with water accumulation in the elevator pit, Dr. Merchea has asked the subcontractor for a letter to state that the parts of the elevator are in good operating condition; he is yet to receive a response.

The hot water heater at the lingam area was not producing hot water and Norlon, was indifferent to the request for replacement. Mr. Tara Persaud and Mr. Mahipaul removed the heater installed by Norlon and replaced it with a working heater. HCC has requested a refund for the water heater installed by Norlon but has not received a response.

Repeated emails to Norlon & Associates about the deficiencies have not been answered.

Dr. Merchea thanked Norlon Associates for not assessing late payment fees on their invoice for work completed. HCC was late in paying the invoice because approval of the Construction Loan from Canada Trust was delayed. This was as a result of the delay and unwillingness of some Board members to sign the Bank Loan documents.

Overall, Norlon has done a good job with the expansion, but HCC did not sign off the project because the deficiencies are yet to be completed. Dr. Merchea stated that HCC should retain a balance until the job is completed.

Questions:

Mrs. Harp Sitara asked if legal advise is necessary to resolve the deficiencies to which Dr. Merchea responded that it will be expensive.

Dr. Nene suggested that both Dr. Merchea and Mr. Tara Persaud remain on the Building Committee until work on the deficiencies list was completed.

Motions & Resolutions: Mrs. Prema Patil raised a motion that all outstanding invoices and deficiencies from the construction should be reviewed and handled by the Building Committee and independent of the next constituted Board. Dr. Nene and Mrs. Chunnilal seconded this and all in attendance was in favor.

Pt. Doobay thanked the Committee and Board for an excellent job despite the Covid restrictions.

Elections:

It was noted that there was no AGM in 2021 because of the late virtual elections in Nov'20. The Mar 27, 2022 elections was postponed due to lack of quorum. The election process was conducted by Dr. S. Swaminath and Dr. R. Manchanda. The voting list was prepared by Mrs. Prema Patil and Mrs. S. Chandradat. Dr. Swaminath reviewed the Constitution, Article 5 and concluded the membership list was valid. He indicated that there were 15 nominations: 1 withdrew before the AGM date and 8 withdrew via email, on Mar 27th; elections date. As a result, there were 6 nominations and 9 vacancies. To address this issue of less nominees, he went to the Constitution for assistance – Article A 4.1g where the existing Board can nominate to fill the vacancies. This had to be done prior to the AGM. The following members were then acclaimed as Board of Directors:

Mr. Roy Mahipaul – for a 1 year term – was proposed by Mr. Tara Persaud and seconded by Mrs. Prema Patil

Mrs. S. Chandardat – for a 1-year term was proposed by Mr. Tara Persaud and seconded by Mrs. Prema Patil

Mrs. Harp Sitara – for a 1-year term, proposed by Mr. Nimesh Shukla and seconded by Dr. D. Sainani

Mr. Prem Patel – for a 2-year term, proposed by Mr. Tara Persaud and seconded by Mrs. Prema Patil

Mr. Kumar Patel – for a 3-year term, proposed by Mr. Shashri and seconded by Mrs. Prema Patil

Mrs. Kinneri Dalal, for a 3-year term, proposed by Mrs. Prema Patil and seconded by Mrs. M. Persaud

The Board proposed the following names for a 2-year term: Mr. Kartick Bhandala, Mrs. Maurika Payne and Mrs. Margaret Persaud.

The Returning Office declined two nominees who had not paid their dues for two-consecutive years, a requirement by HCC to be an elected officer.

Mrs. Prema Patil thanked Dr. M. Merchea and the current Board for their dedication, commitment, and hard work to ensure that HCC continues its work to serve the community.

These sentiments were echoed by Dr. Swaminath and he wished the newly constituted Board all the best.

The meeting concluded with prayers.



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REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

(ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – March 19th, 2023)

Namaste and Welcome to all Respected Members present at this Annual General meeting of the Hindu Cultural Center today.

It has been my pleasure for the last many years to serve this organization first as a volunteer, HCC member, devotee, As Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President, President and Past President.

Let's give a big shout out to our current HCC Board. We have done our jobs to the best of our abilities and with full respect for our religion and culture. We have tried to direct our energies towards making HCC a better organization despite many ongoing difficulties. We still accomplished a lot and received excellent, heartwarming feedback from the community. All of us worked together as a strong and supportive team. I thank the present Board members for their support and loyalty.

I am pleased to announce that Panditji Devender Kumar Joshi has agreed to continue as a priest with HCC and has gracefully accepted the job offer Hindu Cultural Center Board presented to him. HCC is very thankful for his outstanding performances/dedication towards Mandir and the Hindu community at large. Panditji attention to timings, Altar and cleanness is exemplary.

Current Members are as follows:

President - **Mrs. Prema Patil**

Vice President - **Mrs. Maggie Persaud**

Secretary - **Mrs. Chanderkali Chunilall**

Treasurer - Mrs. Shanta Chanderdat

Asst. Secretary /Treasurer - Mr. Kartik Bhandula

Board Members: Mr. Roy Mahipaul, Mr. Paresh Patel

Mrs. Kinneri Dalal and Mrs. Maurika Payne resigned for personal reasons. Miss Harp Sitara and Mr. Perm Patel could not continue due to various reasons. We would like to thank them for the time they serve on HCC Board.

I would like to thank the following outgoing members for their service and dedication to HCC, Mr. Roy Mahipaul and Mrs. Shanta Chanderdat.

HCC took out a mortgage of \$500,000 at 3.228% with a term of five years and fifteen years amortization. To date HCC has paid down \$272,315.10 so far within two and half years. As of today, this mortgage stands at approximately \$227,684.90. I strongly urge the new upcoming board to payoff \$50,000 in 2024 and the rest of approximately \$120,000 in 2025 to avoid high interest rates. That will be a huge accomplishment for HCC to be mortgage free in such a short time.

As of March 14, 2023 bank balance is 78,181.58 + 6,685.72 (cheques not deposited yet) = 84,867.30

Leaf Wall: This project is still pending. Please contact the future Board Member to confirm that your name is on the list for the Leaf Wall project and that your donation has been accounted for.

Building Committee: Huge Thanks to Mr. Tara Persaud, who continues to do/guide maintenance work at the Mandir. Mr. Tara Persaud worked tirelessly and put in countless hours.

On Dec 26th, 2022, due to the cold spell, there was a major sprinkler failure In the Attic which resulted in the destruction of the ceilings in the women's washroom on the ground floor area including the ceiling in the kitchen. This required a lot of time and thanks again to Tara Persaud for his assistance in this area.

Maintenance Projects:

The latest maintenance projects that were completed is the replacing of all the roof top units (HVAC) filters (which should be replaced every six month) and cleaning of the return air duct in the prayer hall. Filter maintenance was also completed in the Mandir and Priest house basement furnaces. Speakers were mounted in the prayer hall, lawn mowing with the help of Mr. Dheeraj Khanal (student living at the house) and Mr. Roy Mahipaul, who also paid for the mulching of the branches that was removed from the HCC property. The Kitchen hood fan on top of the roof was also taken down, repaired, and replaced by Mr. Tara Persaud, Mr. Mahipaul and Mr. Khanal, saving HCC a huge sum of money.

Festivals Committee: This committee has been the most successful committee. Throughout the year this group of hard working, conscientious and dedicated ladies have organized the many festivals and cultural events. They also raised almost \$90,000. The community has shown its appreciation by its attendance and donations. HCC successfully celebrated such events as the Annual Spring, Summer and Diwali events, Mother's Day, Father's Day, India's Republic Day and India's Independence Day. We would like to convey our appreciation and thanks to the youth, children and adults for their excellent performances at these events and for making these functions a resounding success. HCC was honoured to have Mr. Peter Fragiskatos MP of North London who deliver a remarkable speech and his continued support of HCC. Thanks to Maggie Persaud, for working with me as my right hand.

A million thanks to professional Ghazal and Bhajan Singer Bash Nandlallji and to Tabla Player Ajay Nandlall. They attended HCC Mahashivaratri and Holi program. Their devotional Bhajans in the Mandir were exceptional.

Thanks to Hindi Community for sponsoring Pritibhoj and musical program on Holi. This allowed for a joyful, playful, and colorful Holi celebration.

During the year, we celebrated most of the Hindu Parbs and Festivals. Events such as Krishna Anniversary (New Year's Day), Makar Sankranti, Vasant Panchami, Saraswati Puja, Maha Shivratri, Holi, Mata-Ki-Chowki (held twice yearly), Ram Navami, Ramayana Akhand Path, Mahavir Jayanti, Shree Krishna Janmashtami, Ganesh Festival, Navratri, Durga Puja, Dussehra, Karwa Chouth, Diwali, Goverdhan Puja (Annakoot), Tulshi Vivah, Sunder Kaand Paath. Havans, Satya Narayan Katha, Sankashti Chaturthi, Suprabhatham & Vishnu Sahasranama (held monthly) were also celebrated at the Mandir.

Raas-Garba celebration which was held at BMO hall and Mandir Auditorium was a huge success. Millions of thanks to all the volunteers, sponsors, donors and participants.

I would like to briefly share some key activities that we were engaged in over the last year.

Bhajan Satsang Group: Special thanks to all of you and Panditji who participate in Satsang Group. We cherish the opportunities to be connected and the joy of personal and social interaction throughout the year.

With Panditji's commitment and extended opening hours at the Mandir, we have seen an increase in the daily attendance. We would like to thank the dedicated devotees who come regularly to chant, sing bhajans, and do meditation. We encourage all especially seniors, to take advantage of the extended hours so that you can come to Mandir at a time suitable to your schedule.

The Mandir has an elevator which the seniors can now take advantage of to access basement/auditorium.

Meditation Group: Mr. Narendra Chunilall, to whom HCC is very thankful, coordinated Meditation classes. The Meditation group sparked from the need for deeper levels of worship in the community. Mr. Narendra Chunilall, an engineer and teacher, initiated the meditation group in the spring of 2021 using his 20 years of meditation experience gathered through the teachings of Parmahansa Yogananda and Shri Ashutosh Maharaj of India. The group mainly meets once a week via zoom and occasionally at the temple for 30-minute meditation session focusing on mindfulness. These sessions are supported by ancient techniques of concentration by following the breath and the third-eye described by Bhagwan Shri Krishna and past Saints and Sages. During these sessions mantras are performed as well as Pranayama and Satsang. The goal of the group is to lay the foundation for self-realization and further practice of meditation.

Spiritual Book Groups: On behalf of the HCC, Dr. Peeyush Lala held weekly Vedantic scripture classes on zoom on Fridays from 7:30PM to 8:30PM for more than two years now. Mrs. Mani Bhashyam who chanted the shlokas assisted Dr. Peeyush Lala. Bhagwat Gita reading was completed in 2022 with the assistance of Dr. Chellappa Rajgopal and it was a tremendous success. The group continues reading the Panchadashi that captures the essence of the Vedanta led by Dr. Peeyush Lala. Followed by Dik-Drishya-Viveka by Swami Vidyaranya, Preachings of Buddhism, as compared to Vedanta and Aparoksha-Anubhuti by Sri Adi Shankaracharya. These classes have been highly successful and inspiring because of excellent discussions by the devotees in attendance. Anyone wishing to join these classes may contact Dr. Lala via email at pkshipra@hotmail.com

Bal Vikas: In our heritage class we have an average of 50 children participating. HCC is very pleased to see their activities and eagerness to learn. The children learn about human values like Sathya, Dharma, Shanti, Prema and Ahinsa. Children have done awesome performance during various celebrations. Special thanks goes to the teachers, Auntie Mani Bhashyam, Auntie Suman Singh and Mrs. Usha Rao who lead the classes. HCC is extremely thankful for their contribution to carry on our Dharma. Thanks to Balvikaas parents who sponsored Pritibhoj.

Last month Gujarati Language, Garba and Kathak classes were started by individual volunteers. We encourage all devotees to participate.

Membership: This year the following devotees became Life members:

Mr. Vishal and Mrs. Namrata Kothari, Mr. Bhargav and Mrs. Vishruti Patel

HCC Website: HCC is very thankful to Mrs. Suchita Jain for maintaining the website.

HCC Safety Plan: This was completed by Mr. Tara Persaud and approved by the City Hall.

Appreciation and Thanks: No large organization can be managed only by a handful of Board members; the assistance of the community members is always essential. Thanks to

all those who volunteered their services to help on Sundays or when needed by the Board. Thanks to all the donors, sponsors, singers, choreographers, and all participants.

HCC Seva Group: HCC is very thankful to the HCC Seva Group who helps without seeking recognition.

Please note that high school students are able to get volunteer hours verification for time spent working at HCC. Reference letters are also accessible for students who need same for jobs.

Achievements: Increased Hall Rentals and Personal Pujas (car, housewarming etc.) for devotees. The HCC home has been rented to local students since May 2022. HCC purchased new tables, chairs etc. to accommodate the growing community. Mahashivratri was a great success with the increased hours. Nearly 2500 devotees attended the two-day celebration. Many thanks to all devotees and the various groups who supported the first ever HCC “Diwali Food Drive” for the London Food Bank. Cleaned up all clutter and anonymous devotee installed tiles in the basement tunnel. Millions of thanks to him.

This year HCC able to provide Pritibhoj every Sunday, some on Saturdays and weekdays so far. HCC is very thankful to all the sponsors.

I on behalf of the Board, would like to express our sincere thanks to Panditji Dwejendra Doobay and Panditji Devender Kumar Joshi for their ongoing service to the Mandir and our Hindu community.

FUTURE PLANNING: Given the growing Hindu population in London and the surrounding area, Pandit Devender Kumar Joshi has put in a request for a second dedicated Panditji, and this process is ongoing. HCC hopes to build a stage and have a sound system in the downstairs auditorium. The Leaf project must go-ahead as soon as possible (funds have been kept for this project). The stucco on the exterior walls of the HCC home will need to be fixed ASAP.

Let us conclude this Annual Report by wishing **HCC** continued progress during the coming years. You should be proud that together we have built an excellent spiritual and cultural community. We the leaders of HCC, must do whatever we can to make this place friendly and inviting for our youth and all Hindus to come and learn about our religion, culture and Indian heritage.

Being a board member requires time commitment and dedication. If you are not prepared to invest your time for the betterment of this organisation/Mandir please do not occupy a valuable space on the Board of Directors of HCC.

This temple is for all Hindus regardless of orientation it is a central place where we can all assemble in a unified manner and feel a sense of belonging. Please come out to Mandir and be part of the joy.

May **LORD SHRI KRISHNA BHAGWAN** continues to shower his choicest blessings on us all.

Prema Patil

HCC President, In Seva and betterment of future generations



TREASURER'S REPORT

Annual General Meeting- March 19, 2023

Namaste and a warm welcome to all members of HCC present today.

My name is Shanta Chanderdat, and I am honored to serve as the Treasurer for HCC since June 2021. My sincere thanks for allowing me the opportunity to present the treasurer's report for the fiscal year 2022 - 2023 to the HCC community.

I am pleased to present HCC's financial standing as of December 31, 2022. This report includes the audited financial statements, which can be found in the booklet, for your review and understanding of how your donations were utilized to carry out the mission of HCC. These financial statements were prepared by Marcus and Associates LLP in accordance with the Canadian Accounting Standards for non-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

Bank Balance

Opening bank balance as of January 1, 2022, was: \$130,977.13.

Closing bank balance as of December 31, 2022, was: \$167,350.36.

The bank balance as of February 28, was: 2023 was: \$83,798.66.

The bank balance was reduced by nearly \$90,000 during the first two months of 2023. This was due to the reduction of two **major liabilities**:

1. \$40,000 was repaid towards the original \$60,000 CEBA loan in February 2023. As this repayment was made before the December 31, 2023, deadline, the remaining \$20,000 of the CEBA loan was automatically forgiven.
2. A lump sum prepayment of \$50,000 was paid on HCC mortgage in January 2023, which reduced the outstanding balance to \$227,684.90, down from the original \$500,000 borrowed back in October 2020.

It is very remarkable that the liabilities of HCC have been slashed from \$560,000 to about \$250,000 in just two and a half years. This has only been possible with your continuous support and dedication.

I urge you to keep the momentum and let us have debt free HCC in the next two years.

Revenue

HCC generated \$193,524 in revenue excluding amortization of deferred capital contributions(\$23,457) in 2022. Below is breakdown of only some of the major revenue sources:

- Rental income from a portion of the priest's house (from May – December 2022): \$12,000
- Summer Fundraising Sponsorships + Tickets: \$9000
- October 1, Garba Event at BMO Sponsorships + Tickets: \$31,000
- Diwali Fundraising Dinner Sponsorships + Tickets: \$20,000
- Aarti Collection: approximately \$45,000
- Other Donations: approximately \$64,000

Expenses

The total expenses incurred in 2022 were \$155,372 compared to \$136,462 in 2021, an increase of 14%. This increase is due to the following:

- The replacement of the grease trap in the kitchen, the total cost was \$4,661.
 - Summer Fundraising Expenses (Caterer + Singer): \$2,082.
 - Garba Event (Field Rental + Orchestra + Other expenses): \$9,100
 - Diwali Fundraising (Other Expenses + Caterer): \$5,400
 - Chairs for Prayer Hall, Dining Tables and Chairs for Dining Hall: \$15,800
 - HCC Priest's Salary has increased by \$500.00 per month, this is the first increase in priest compensation in the last 28 years and the mandir is now open for 6 hours per day, Monday to Saturday and 3 hours on Sunday.
- ❖ Insurance deductible of \$5000.00 will be due for payment in March of 2023, this expense is because of the sprinkler leak back on December 26, 2022.

I would like to thank the following Executive Directors/ Building Committee Member for allowing HCC to keep maintenance costs to a minimum:

- Mr. Roy Mahipaul (Director), Mr. Tara Persaud (HCC building committee member): repaired the stove exhaust fan on the roof at no cost after receiving a quote from a contractor for approximately \$2,100. As well, Mr. Roy Mahipaul covered the

costs for mulching the trees and tree branches that were removed from along the fence.

- Mr. Tara Persaud and Mr. Roy Mahipaul: connected the hot water to the sink, beside the Shiv Lingam and replaced 24 filters on the four HVAC units on the roof amongst many other maintenance projects to ensure good upkeep of our mandir.
- Mrs. Chandra Chunilall, Secretary and Mrs. Maggie Persaud, Vice President for daily upkeeping of our Prayer Hall and Dining Hall and many other duties that were assigned.
- And finally, our President, Prema Patil for the countless hours spent to oversee the daily operation of our mandir.

Excess Revenue over Expenses

As seen on the statement of revenue and expenditure, the excess revenue of \$61,609 shows how HCC functioned in 2022. As a rule, it is recommended that a not-for-profit organization carry 6 - 12 months of their current operating expenditure as a surplus, which can be used to run the organization for a period where no revenue is generated.

Internal Control Process

Cash and coins are counted by two board members. Once these have been counted twice and amounts are recorded on the bank deposit sheet, the sheet is then signed by the two board members who counted the cash. The Treasurer will then deposit the funds into the bank account within 5 business days. Bank deposits are more frequent during major festivals and holidays. Donation receipts are issued after the donations are deposited into the bank account.

Appointed Auditor

Marcus and Associate LPP completed the audit for 2022 financial year in a professional manner. Outlines in the next few pages of the booklet are the detailed financial statements for HCC members to review.

I would like to propose that Marcus and Associates be appointed as auditor for the 2023 financial year.

Thank you for your time and attention, enjoy the rest of your evening.

Shanta Chanderdat

HINDU CULTURAL CENTRE OF LONDON, ONTARIO
Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2022



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Hindu Cultural Centre of London, Ontario

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hindu Cultural Centre of London, Ontario (the organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022, and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flows 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* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at December 31, 2022, 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 (ASNPO).

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the organization derives revenue from donations and fundraising activities the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. In addition, the organization receives contributions reported as capital contributions, the designation of which we were not able to subject to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues and contributions was limited to the amounts recorded and designated in the records of the organization. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to collection and donations revenues, amortization of deferred capital contributions, excess of revenues over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, current assets and deferred contributions related to capital assets as at December 31, 2022 and 2021, and net assets at January 1 and December 31 for both the 2022 and 2021 years. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation of 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 organization in accordance with 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 ASNPO, 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 organization'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 organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONT'D)

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 organization'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 organization'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 organization 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.

Marcus & Associates LLP

London, Ontario
February 26, 2023

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

HINDU CULTURAL CENTRE OF LONDON, ONTARIO

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2022

	2022	2021
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 169,350	\$ 130,966
Short-term investments		9,942
Government assistance receivable		2,366
HST rebate recoverable	6,686	5,580
Prepaid expenses	947	947
Security deposit (Note 4)		15,000
	176,983	164,801
Capital Assets (Note 4)	1,841,525	1,872,507
	\$ 2,018,508	\$ 2,037,308
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 41,396	\$ 18,042
Deposits received		650
Current portion of long term debt (Note 5)	90,525	82,274
	131,921	100,966
Long Term Debt (Note 5)	250,007	337,915
Deferred Contributions Related To Capital Assets (Note 6)	864,286	887,742
Total Liabilities	1,246,214	1,326,623
Net Assets	772,294	710,685
	\$ 2,018,508	\$ 2,037,308

HINDU CULTURAL CENTRE OF LONDON, ONTARIO**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures****Year Ended December 31, 2022**

	2022	2021
Revenues:		
Collections, donations and fundraising	\$ 107,639	\$ 143,009
Fundraising tickets and revenue	60,621	
Amortization of deferred capital contributions <i>(Note 6)</i>	23,457	23,457
Residential rent	12,000	
Hall rental	7,101	3,200
Memberships	5,801	5,702
Investment income (loss)	362	(177)
Government assistance <i>(Note 7)</i>		9,132
Other income - insurance demutualization proceeds		4,835
	216,981	189,158
Operating Expenses:		
Amortization of capital assets	62,833	60,835
Repairs and maintenance	20,007	15,311
Fundraising and special events	17,813	952
Utilities	13,669	9,506
Salaries, benefits and subcontract	13,081	20,872
Interest on long term debt	12,441	14,957
Insurance	6,593	5,993
Professional fees	5,977	5,509
Telephone	1,187	1,358
Office	971	415
Bank charges and interest	800	754
	155,372	136,462
Excess Of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 61,609	\$ 52,696

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended December 31, 2022

	2022	2021
Net Assets At Beginning Of The Year	\$ 710,685	\$ 657,989
Excess Of Revenues Over Expenditures	61,609	52,696
Net Assets At End Of The Year	<u>\$ 772,294</u>	<u>\$ 710,685</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended December 31, 2022

	2022	2021
Operating Activities:		
Excess of revenues over operating expenses:	\$ 61,609	\$ 52,696
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization of capital assets	62,833	60,835
Unrealized loss on short term investments		177
Realized gain on short term investments	(362)	
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	(23,457)	(23,457)
Imputed interest on Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA)	2,721	4,421
	103,344	94,672
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Government assistance receivable	2,366	(1,241)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	23,356	10,542
Deposits received (applied)	(650)	650
HST rebate recoverable	(1,106)	33,122
Security deposit	15,000	
	38,966	43,073
Cash flow from operating activities:	142,310	137,745
Investing Activities:		
Purchase of capital assets	(31,851)	(32,071)
Proceeds from sale of short-term investments	10,303	
Purchase of short term investments		{ 10,119}
Cash flow used by investing activities:	{21,548}	{42,190}
Financing Activities:		
Repayment of long-term debt	(82,378)	(79,700)
Proceeds from Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan		20,000
Cash flow used by financing activities:	{82,378}	{59,700}
Increase In Cash Flow	38,384	35,855
Cash At Beginning Of The Year	130,966	95,111
Cash At End Of The Year	\$ 169,350	\$ 130,966

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Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2022

1. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The organization's mission is to preserve and foster Hindu religious and philosophical heritage and to enrich the multicultural base of Canadian society.

The organization is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act (the "Act"). As such, it is exempt from income taxes and is allowed to issue donation receipts for income tax purposes. In order to maintain its status as a registered charitable organization, the organization must continue to meet certain requirements within the Act.

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Revenue recognition

The Hindu Cultural Centre of London, Ontario follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Restricted contributions for the purchase of capital assets that will be amortized are recognized as revenue on the same basis as the amortization expense related to the acquired assets. 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.

Revenue other than contributions is recognized as revenue as follows: membership revenue is recognized in the year of membership; rent is recognized in the year of rental; restricted fundraising revenue is recognized in the year in which the related expenditures are incurred; unrestricted fundraising revenue is recognized when the event is held; interest revenue, government subsidies and other income are recognized as earned.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, financial assets with actively traded markets are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in income. All other financial instruments are reported at amortized cost and tested for impairment at each reporting date. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale, or issue of financial instruments are expensed when incurred.

Capital assets

Capital assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization and are amortized over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis at the following rates:

Buildings	40 years
Furniture and equipment	4 years
Parking lot	10 years

The organization regularly reviews its capital assets to eliminate obsolete items.

Capital assets acquired during the year but not placed into use are not amortized until they are placed into use.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Contributed services

The operations of the organization depend on the contribution of time by volunteers. The fair value of donated services cannot be reasonably determined and are therefore not reflected in these financial statements.

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2022 Net book value	2021 Net book value
Land	\$ 100,000	\$	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Buildings	2,415,237	685,331	1,729,906	1,771,542
Furniture and equipment	38,452	26,833	11,619	965
Parking lot	12,888	12,888		
	<u>\$ 2,566,577</u>	<u>\$ 725,052</u>	<u>\$ 1,841,525</u>	<u>\$ 1,872,507</u>

The organization has a security deposit of \$NIL (2021 - \$15,000) with the City of London relating to the building expansion.

5. LONG TERM DEBT

	2022	2021
TD mortgage payable, interest at 3.25%, repayable in monthly blended payments of \$3,508, due October 2025, secured by land and building at 62 Charterhouse Crescent with a carrying value of \$1,612,305 (2021 - \$1,637,141).	\$ 283,389	\$ 365,767
Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan, non-interest bearing with \$20,000 forgivable if repaid by December 31, 2023. Interest is calculated thereafter at 5% per annum with any outstanding balance due December 31, 2025.	57,143	54,422
	<u>340,532</u>	420,189
Amounts payable within one year	<u>(90,525)</u>	<u>(82,274)</u>

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5. LONG TERM DEBT (continued)

	2022	2021
	\$ 250,007	\$ 337,915
Principal repayment terms are approximately:		
2023	\$ 90,525	
2024	34,484	
2025	215,523	
	\$ 340,532	

6. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS RELATED TO CAPITAL ASSETS

	2022	2021
Balance - beginning of the year	\$ 887,742	\$ 911,199
Less amounts amortized to revenue in the year	{23,457}	{23,457}
Balance - end of the year	\$ 864,286	\$ 887,742

7. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

During the year, the organization received government assistance from COVID-19 programs. In the current year \$NIL (2021 - \$5,740) relates to the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) program, and \$NIL (2021 - \$5,255) relates to the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) program.

Of these amounts, \$NIL (2021 - \$1,238) related to the CEWS program and \$NIL (2021 - \$1,128) related to the CERS program is receivable at the end of the year and is recorded in government assistance receivable.

8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The organization is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments and has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage these risks. The following analysis provides information about the organization's risk exposure and concentration as of December 31, 2022.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. In management's opinion, the organization does not have any significant credit risk concentration as it does not extend credit.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The organization manages its liquidity risk by forecasting its cash needs on a regular basis and seeking additional information based on those forecasts.

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8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS *(continued)*

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 rate risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk to the company's earnings that arise from fluctuations of foreign exchange rates. In management's opinion, the organization is not exposed to significant currency risk as it does not hold any financial instruments denominated in a foreign currency.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. The organization manages this risk by a fixed rate on its long-term debt. The organization is exposed to interest rate risk as changes in interest rates will affect the rate at which the mortgage can be renewed.

Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market.
