

Independent Living Canada Annual General Report 2014-2015

Presented: September 18, 2015





Independent Living Canada National Board of Directors (as of March 31, 2015)

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National Chairperson Report

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For 2014 – 2015 Fiscal Year

This past fiscal year has been a year where we have laid the foundation for future growth and success for Independent Living Canada. We continue to be focused and committed to deliver better and more effective programs for our provincial member IL Centres and all people with disabilities; we have focused a great deal of energy on sustainability.

It has been a year of continued development of our Board governance. We have focused on growing Board knowledge and strengthened our activities in the area of

- Marketing and
- Communications and
- Strategic plan delivery.

We have focused on re-energizing the Board level interaction through monthly board meetings with positive results and renewed participation. As a Board, we continue to develop our Promising Practices Activity as we work to implement a Work Plan. Today's AGM is a prime example of what that involvement can add to our effectiveness and relevance.

Just like all volunteer organizations throughout Canada, IL Canada is challenged with having to develop new methods of funding and operating business organizational structure.

We were faced with funding rebuilding which would have generated hardships for IL Canada as well as our provincial member IL Centres.

Milestones for 2014 - 2015

Our last quarter brought us unexpected favorable news about our federal funding situation. Employment and Social Development Canada (formally HRSDC) extended our contract for one more year to end March 2016.

This extension allows us time to re-define, restructure and build a stronger, more responsive organization

Over the past year, our focus has been on national expansion, as well as the development of new partnerships and fundraising activities.

Promising Practices continued with an outcome of contracting 8 IL Centres to do research.

Social enterprise has been a main focus.

A management team was formed back in 2011, to support the operations and member IL Centres. The management team met in September 2014 in Ottawa and was able to work out a succession plan. In March 2015, the management team met again in Calgary and successfully worked through a draft of the work plan. At this point, we were able to collapse the management team and reengage our governance board.

We reviewed all aspects of our business and continued working through our Work Plan.

We were able to re-negotiate our lease, saving us over \$100,000.00.

With our new National Organizational Structure in place, we feel we are very well suited to address future growth opportunities for many years to come. A few new projects being developed include:

- Creation of a Marketing and Communications team
- Mitacs
- Social Enterprise
- Establishing an “Independent Living across Canada” day
- Re-Branding Ourselves through the use of a more responsive and easy to use website
- Two face to face meetings

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2015 IL Canada staff (Steve Lind, Patricia Simone), members of our Marketing and Communications team (Jihan Abbas, Marie Eve Bertrand and Patricia Simone), committee members and volunteers, for all the work they have done during the year and for their outstanding commitment to IL Canada.

I would also like to thank each member of the Board of Directors for all the work and time you have given to IL Canada this past year.

A final thank you to our funder Employment and Social Development Canada.

We are providing an important service to people with disabilities and the community at large.... And we will continue to do so in the future... we are not going to go away.

Thank you everyone.

Diane Kreuger
National Chairperson
IL Canada Board of Directors

Treasurer's Report

Fiscal Year April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015

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For 2014 – 2015 Fiscal Year

I have been the Treasurer since May 5th, 2011. Like preceding years, it has continued to be a year of many changes and numerous challenges. We have continued to work very diligently to make appropriate cuts while continuing to invest in our organization.

I would like to take this opportunity to point out three-year end entries made by our auditors that have impacted our bottom line. ILCanada was originally locked in a 10-year office lease since 2009. Over the years, we have tried to renegotiate several times but to no avail. This year however, we were successful and as of March 31st, 2015 our lease was terminated. We have entered into a new lease agreement for the year 2015-2016 at a much lower rate. Although we show a deficit of \$6,358 for the year, one must recognize that ILCanada paid \$28,125 towards Operational Costs for prior years but this amount was entered into this fiscal year. Also, with our new office lease, there had to be adjusting entries to the lease inducement and the leasehold improvements categories, which resulted in a loss of \$31,993, entered. We can now move forward knowing that this expense has been recorded.

To the members of Independent Living Canada, I present the Audited Financial Statement for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015. Frouin Group Professional Corporation Chartered Accountants prepared the Financial Statement.

Total revenue for the year was \$854,553 and our total expenditures were \$860,911, which resulted in a deficit of \$6,358.

At the start of the year, our fund balance was in a surplus of \$40,854 and at the end of the year March 31, 2015 our fund balance is in a surplus of \$6371.

The work of IL Canada would not be possible without the contributions of our funders to which I would like to express a sincere thank you for your continued support and belief in our organization. We look forward to our continued successful partnerships with you.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Larocque
Treasurer
IL Canada Board of Directors

INDEPENDENT LIVING CANADA
AUDITED STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2015

	Restricted Funds			Total	
	Project Fund	National Fund	Capital Asset Fund	2015	2014
REVENUE					
Project contributions (Note 8)	\$ 809,171	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 809,171	\$ 1,394,364
Membership fees	0	13,000	0	13,000	13,000
Rent	32,382	0	0	32,382	54,955
Other	0	0	0	0	3,283
	<u>841,553</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>854,553</u>	<u>1,465,602</u>
EXPENSES					
Amortization	0	0	2,021	2,021	24,194
Board Meetings	778	0	0	778	5,738
Centres funding	505,368	0	0	505,368	1,050,372
Communications	12,173	0	0	12,173	11,742
Consulting services	53,103	0	0	53,103	23,769
Translation services	5,616	0	0	5,616	3,231
Printing and office	11,157	0	0	11,157	10,659
Professional Fees	8,150	0	0	8,150	5,085
Promotion	0	0	0	0	14,944
Rent	137,722	0	0	137,722	157,970
Salaries and benefits	87,133	0	0	87,133	36,062
Travel and accommodation	5,697	0	0	5,697	30,353
Loss on disposal (Note 7)	(84,278)	0	116,271	31,993	0
	<u>742,619</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>118,292</u>	<u>860,911</u>	<u>1,374,119</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 98,934</u>	<u>\$ 13,000</u>	<u>\$ (118,292)</u>	<u>\$ (6,358)</u>	<u>\$ 91,483</u>

(See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements)

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