

BLOCK PARENT[®]
PROGRAM
of Canada Inc.



ANNUAL REPORT 2008

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Amsterdam Inn
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REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members of Block Parent Program of Canada Inc.

We have reviewed the statement of financial position of Block Parent Program of Canada Inc. as at October 31, 2008 and the statements of earnings, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. Our review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and, accordingly, consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the Organization.

A review does not constitute an audit and, consequently, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

DCS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Calgary, Alberta

December 19, 2008

BLOCK PARENT PROGRAM OF CANADA INC.

Statement of Financial Position

As at October 31, 2008 (Unaudited)

	2008 \$	2007 \$
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	26,614	33,076
Accounts receivable	—	56,250
GST recoverable	2,474	4,296
Interest receivable	1,524	—
	30,612	93,622
Investments (note 3)	209,085	200,000
	239,697	293,622
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	6,000	3,000
Deferred contributions (note 4)	9,167	9,167
Due to related parties (note 5)	16,805	21,726
	31,972	33,893
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted net assets	202,725	259,729
Internally restricted net assets (note 7)	5,000	—
	207,725	259,729
	239,697	293,622

On Behalf of the Board



Director

See accompanying notes

BLOCK PARENT PROGRAM OF CANADA INC.

Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended October 31, 2008 (Unaudited)

	2008 \$	2007 \$
REVENUE		
Grant – Solicitor General of Canada – PSEPC	22,950	22,950
Corporate Sponsorship		
Co-operators	95,000	95,000
SecurTek	—	20,000
Smart Centres	—	62,500
Membership dues	1,400	1,050
Annual general meeting	14,243	3,537
Sales and other	6,311	7,380
Interest income	7,182	6,486
	107,086	219,263
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
Equipment rentals	1,893	1,748
Insurance	3,666	7,371
Interest and bank charges	51	132
Office printing and supplies	27,058	17,312
Postage	4,041	3,179
Professional fees	7,776	(1,200)
Rent	13,817	9,887
Telephone	2,994	3,362
Wages and benefits	38,175	38,647
	99,471	80,438
GROSS PROFIT	7,615	138,825
PROGRAM		
Annual general meeting and training symposium	18,982	12,248
Board meetings	8,748	8,489
Communications	1,789	2,832
Member support	—	3,101
Printing of brochures and windows signs	15,472	108,432
Promotion and awareness	—	661
VSI program	14,628	10,866
	59,619	146,629
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	(52,004)	(7,804)

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the Year Ended October 31, 2008 (Unaudited)

	Internally Restricted	Unrestricted	2008 \$	2007 \$
Balance, beginning of year	—	259,729	259,729	267,533
Excess of revenues over expenses	—	(52,004)	(52,004)	(7,804)
Internal restrictions (note 7)	5,000	(5,000)	—	—
Balance, end of year	5,000	202,725	207,725	259,729

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended October 31, 2008 (Unaudited)

	2008 \$	2007 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Deficiency of revenue over administrative expenses	(52,004)	(7,804)
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	56,250	20,692
GST recoverable	1,821	(2,422)
Interest receivable	(1,524)	—
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,000	(4,501)
Deferred contributions	—	(6,250)
	59,547	7,519
	7,543	(285)
INVESTING ACTIVITY		
Invested in long term investments	(9,085)	—
FINANCING ACTIVITY		
Advances from (to) related parties	(4,920)	2,590
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	(6,462)	2,305
CASH – Beginning of year	33,076	30,771
CASH – End of year	26,614	33,076
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION		
Interest paid	51	132



BLOCK PARENT PROGRAM OF CANADA INC.

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Year Ended October 31, 2008 (Unaudited)

1. PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

The Block Parent Program of Canada Inc. is a registered charity that distributes public safety information across Canada through the promotion, interaction and development of educational materials and programs. The Organization is exempt from payment of income taxes under Section 149 of the Income Tax Act. The Organization's major sources of funding are from the Office of the Solicitor General and the Co-operators Insurance Company.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Because precise determination of many assets and liabilities is dependent upon future events, the preparation of financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates and approximation. The financial statements have, in management's opinion, been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality and within the framework of the significant accounting policies summarized below:

Capital Assets

Per CICA Handbook Section 4430 the not-for-profit organization has chosen to expense all capital expenditures as they are incurred.

Basis of Presentation

The Organization follows the deferral method of accounting.

Contributed Services

The work of the Organization is dependent on the service of many volunteers. Since these services are not normally purchased by the Organization and because of the difficulty in determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in these financial Statements.

Revenue Recognition

Contributions related to specific programs are recognized as revenue in the year in which the specific program expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions from sponsors for general operations are amortized into revenue on a straight line basis over the twelve month period to which they relate. All other 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.

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

As at November 1, 2007, the Organization adopted Section 3855 of the CICA Handbook for financial instruments. Management has elected that financial instruments held for trading include investments carried at fair market value with differences recorded in net income. The investments consist of Guaranteed Investment Certificates. Receivables include trade receivables and GST receivables and are carried at amortized cost. Other financial liabilities include accounts payable, deferred contributions and related organization debt and are recorded at amortized cost. As at October 31, 2008, fair market of all financial instruments classified as held for trading approximates their carrying values.

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Organization is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risk arising from these financial instruments.

4. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

Deferred contributions represent funding received in the current period that is related to the subsequent period. Changes in the deferred contribution balance are shown below.

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Beginning Balance	9,167	15,417
Less: amount recognized as revenue in the year	(9,167)	(15,417)
Add: amount received related to next year	9,167	9,167
	9,167	9,167

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5. DUE TO RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

On April 8, 2000 the Block Parent Program of Canada Inc. assumed control of the bank accounts of the Prince Edward Island Block Parent Program. These funds will be administered by the Block Parent Program of Canada Inc. until such time as the Provincial society is duly registered. The funds held for the Saskatchewan program have been returned during the current year.

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Beginning Balance	17,958	19,136
Expenditures	(1,153)	(1,178)
	16,805	17,958
Income	—	3,768

6. CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The Organization is renting its office space under a long-term lease expiring April 2009. The Organization paid \$13,817 (2007 – \$9,887) for rent. The approximate amount to be paid relating to this rent in the next year is as follows:

2009	\$14,400
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7. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

During the year, the board approved allocating \$5,000 to create a Symposium Bursary Fund to assist attendees for the annual symposium.

8. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The Block Parent Program has entered into agreements with several entities for sponsorship of its operations. A grant is received annually, subject to the approval of the Solicitor General of Canada, in the amount of \$22,950. As the Organization's main source of income is derived from these sponsorships, its ability to continue viable operations is dependent upon the extension of these types of sponsorship agreements.

9. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

During the year, the Block Parent Program of Canada was involved in a legal dispute relating to the use of a trademark. The court decision ruled in favour of the Block Parent Program of Canada. As at year end, the Block Parent Program of Canada is still in the process of attempting to collect assets seized to attempt to collect payment.

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BLOCK PARENT® PROGRAM OF CANADA INC.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Block Parent Program is to provide immediate assistance through a safety network and to offer supportive community education programs.

President's Message

In 2008 the BPPCI reached a milestone of 40 years of protecting communities across Canada. This could not have been accomplished without the dedication and commitment of its volunteers working closely with police and educators.

In April we kicked off our year of celebration by holding our Annual Symposium and AGM in the birthplace of the Block Parent® Program, London, Ontario. The Ontario Block Parent® Program Inc. also held their provincial meetings in conjunction with our meetings. This gave those in attendance the opportunity to mingle with people from outside their province and the opportunity to hear some of the success stories of the Program.

There were a number of very informative sessions held to assist our Program Coordinators. With assistance from our corporate sponsor, The Co-operators, we had a presentation by Mitch Dorge, formerly from the Crash Test Dummies, Mitch gave a workshop entitled Responsible Choices. This was both an engaging session as well as thought provoking. Our thanks goes out to The Co-operators.

During our Annual awards banquet it was an honour to recognize the women who founded the Program all those 40 years ago, Margaret MacGee, Audrey Warner, Gertrude Roes and Carol Jefferies. We also presented a silver pin to Olunda Dorward of Alberta for her dedication to the BP Program. As this was a joint awards banquet Ontario also presented several awards to some very deserving individuals.

Our Block Parent® Week poster was designed to reflect the Provinces and Territories who have participated in the Program. Each Province and Territory received a laminated copy of the poster as a thank you for their contribution and dedication to the Program.

I would like to thank the Ontario Block Parent® Board and the London Block Parent® Board for hosting the meetings and recognize all the hard work that was involved.

In 2008 we said to good bye to one of our sponsors, SecureTek , a Sasktel Company. This was not an easy decision for them as they truly believe in the work done by the Block Parent® Program and it's members, but with the changes in the company a new policy was introduced that did not allow them to fund a National Program. We may still see some form of assistance from them in the future.

We continue to receive financial and in kind support from our sponsor The Co-operators. I would also like to thank the Department of Public Safety for the ongoing financial support of the Program.

BPPCI would like to recognize the many volunteers who continually promote our Program in their communities. Our BP Link database is becoming larger every day with the input of information. Thank you to our office personnel, Amy Gullage, for all the entries she made over the year. This gave us a great start with the process and helped many communities who did not have access to the internet.

I would like to thank my team of Board members for the assistance they have given to me during the past year. Thank you to Lynn Squance, Kelly Pater, Mike Byrne and Gail McMahon.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge and thank our office manager, Carolyn Van Wort for the continued support she gives to me personally and the Program. She is an integral part of our team.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2008

Annual General Meeting and Training Symposium

The 2008 AGM and Training Symposium began a year of celebrations for the 40th Anniversary of the Block Parent® Program. The AGM was held in London, Ontario where the Program began which allowed the founding members of the Program to be our very special guests of honour at the AGM banquet.

A number of 40th anniversary resources were displayed during the Training Symposium with the 40th anniversary plaque being unveiled at the "Meet and Greet" the first evening. Each Symposium delegate, Provincial/Territorial Chairperson as well as all honorary members of the Program were given a 40th anniversary gift bag which included a sample of each of the new resources in recognition of the contribution each has made to the success of the Program.

A great deal of time has been spent by all Programs on the new window sign retrieval and distribution. The members discussed the current status of the window signs as well as the implementation of procedures for the administration and screening of volunteers. The challenge facing the Program at all levels is the growth and retention of volunteers as well as the need for members to step forward and assume a position on the Board of Directors.

A number of interesting presentations were also scheduled by the Conference Committee.

Strategic plan

The need to maintain the integrity of the window sign and ensure that the Block Parent® logo is secure was the focus of the Program throughout the year. New policy was specifically drafted to address these issues. In addition, the National website received a new look with updated resources, material, current information and graphics. The ongoing safety of children and seniors who may need to seek a safe haven at a Block Parent® home remains to be the major focus of all volunteers in the Program.

The Provincial Programs continue to input into BP Link to ensure accurate and current Block Parent® records are retained in a secure database. The database facilitates increased control of signs and tracking information as well as provides better communication between all levels of the Program across Canada.

The Board of Directors continues to seek new sources of funding to provide financial support for future projects for the promotion and education of the new window sign. The promotion of the new window sign is hoped to also increase the awareness of the Program nationally as a means to grow the volunteer base.

National Block Parent Week

Recognition of 40th anniversary of the Program was the focus of the 2008 National Block Parent® Week theme: *"40 Years Protecting Communities Coast to Coast."* The posters were once again produced with a detachable banner to allow the poster to be used to promote the Program throughout the year. This year bilingual posters were created which provided a cost effective production of the poster as well as a consistent promotion of the Program nationally. The National poster was available in both a large and small size providing greater flexibility for display.

BPPCI would like to recognize the financial support of The Co-operators who made the production of the poster, preparation and mailing of the materials possible.

PARTNERSHIPS

The Program is characterized by a close working relationship with police, government departments, education and other community partners. This ongoing partnership is the basis for the continued success of the Program across Canada with the National and Provincial/Territorial boards or committees having a police liaison.

The BPPCI Board of Directors is committed to working with and supporting all levels of the Program on a personal level, by providing and circulating printed materials and public service announcements and by fostering effective communication. BPPCI continues to receive requests for information on how to start a Program from within Canada. BPPCI continues to search for new partnership opportunities while fostering existing partnerships.

The National Block Parent® Program is contacted throughout the year by individuals or groups internationally who are interested in starting up a local Program. A package of background information of the Program containing helpful tips in Program start-up, forms, sample brochures etc., is distributed upon request. The most recent requests came from Finland, South Korea and Trinidad.

NATIONAL FUNDING

BPPCI is very grateful to the Department of Public Safety. The core funding provided is crucial to maintaining the viability of the Block Parent® Program in Canada.

BPPCI has again participated in the 2008 Charity Awareness Calendar. The calendar provides an opportunity to increase awareness of the Block Parent® Program. The proceeds of the calendar sales are distributed equally among the participating non-profit organizations.

BPPCI once again produced a "collector" bear as a fundraising tool for all community Programs. The collector bear for 2008 proudly displays a "40" on her paw and has been named "Ruby" in recognition of the 40th anniversary of the Block Parent® Program. The fundraising bear provides an opportunity for the community Programs to raise funds for their Program, which has been a major hurdle for many of the Programs.

BPPCI is grateful for the support received in 2008.

The Co-operators

The Co-operators support of BPPCI while initially based on funding support has grown to include much more:

- \$55,000 in funds;
- Support and expertise offered on an ongoing basis;
- Assistance with the design and production of printed materials; and
- Commitment to register their agents, across Canada, as Business Block Parent® Program locations.

BPPCI values this partnership and the continued support that The Co-operators has provided to the Program over the years.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

The year must close as it began ... recognizing our volunteers. Without their ongoing support, the Program would not be possible. We all live in a busy world filled with financial stress and safety concerns. While individually we cannot change the pace of life or the world of high finance, every Block Parent® can make a difference to a frightened child. Many things have changed over the years but our strong base of dedicated volunteers has been able to provide safer communities across Canada for over 40 years. The Program is our volunteers and we thank each and every one of you for being a Block Parent®.

