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Agenda

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

AGM Minutes September 29, 2022

Financial Statements, March 31, 2023

Annual General Meeting 2023

AGENDA

Thursday, September 14, 1 – 3 PM via Zoom

1. Call to Order

- a. Welcome and Introductions
- b. Approval of Agenda

2. Old Business

- a. Approval of 2022 AGM Minutes

3. Reports

- a. President's Report, Geoff Sing, Chair
- b. Treasurer's Report, Nancy Adams, Treasurer
- c. Community Engagement, Robin Bienvenue
- d. Brainstreams, Tony Mok
- e. The Journey Ahead Committee, Tina Suter
- f. Community Research, Kix Citton
- g. Storytelling, Juliet Henderson-Rahbar

4. New Business

- a. Election of 2023 – 24 Directors (Geoff Sing)
- b. Audit Waiver for 2023 - 24 (Nancy Adams)

5. Other Business

6. Special guests presentations:

- Janelle Breese – Biagioni: BC Consensus Building
- Andy Fiori – Documentary – Invisible no More

7. Adjournment

2022 - 2023 President's Report

I am extremely proud of the work of the BCBIA Board, and what we have accomplished over the past 12 months. We continue to meet via Zoom and despite the lack of in person meetings, the Board members took on and carried out their duties with efficiency and aplomb resulting in strong and positive outcomes for the BC brain injury community.

My sincere thanks to my fellow Board members: Nancy Adams (Treasurer), Juliet Henderson and Bailey Davies (Storytelling), Kix Citton (Research Projects), Robin Bienvenu and Gary Richardson (Community Engagement / Brainstreams), Toni Mok (Brainstreams.ca), Dorothy Hyslop (consultation with the Enhanced Care Model) and Tina Suter (The Journey Ahead). Their commitment and dedication to improving and supporting survivors of a brain injury, their family and friends to live the best quality of life after a brain injury has been outstanding. Thank you all. As well, my sincere thanks to those who are serving on various BCBIA committees.

For 2022 – 2023 the BCBIA focused on the following committees / projects:

- **Storytelling** in cooperation and coordination with various brain injury community partners, we continue to produce informative documentaries of how survivors, families and their loved ones have addressed brain injury and who endure to live well after brain injury.
- **Improving Brainstreams.ca** by continuing to: improve navigation and design of our website; provide current and relevant information regarding brain injury: regularly adding expert content to our video library.
- **Addressing inquiries** in a timely and supportive manner. Guiding individuals, families and caregivers to resources and services they seek.
- **Empowering healthcare professionals** by giving them the information they need to refer individuals and families to the best possible resources.
- **Conducting essential research and projects** by helping strategic decision makers make better informed decisions geared towards a provincial vision that serves people living with brain injury more effectively. We do this by:
 - Expanding the inventory of excellent services around the province and building a repository of information and videos on Brainstreams.ca and
 - Anchoring the Provincial Service Evaluation Initiative to best practice.

The BCBIA continues its strong alignment with the Constable Gerald Breese (CGB) Centre for Traumatic Life Losses. This partnership strengthens the voice for the brain injury community, and we are able to share the brilliant administrative leadership of Janelle Breese – Biagioni.



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I am sad but pleased to announce the retirement of the following board Members: Nancy Adams, Juliet Henderson and Tina Suter. You three have been outstanding beacons for the brain injury community. The BCBIA thanks you for your efforts, commitment and

dedication. You will be missed! We wish you nothing but the best in your future endeavors.

The BCBIA Board will continue to strive to be the leading voice for survivors and their loved ones and to educate and bring greater awareness regarding the impact of brain injury to the public.

Yours in service to the Brain Injury Community,

Geoffrey Sing

Geoffrey Sing
BCBIA President

Treasurer's Report – September 14, 2023 AGM

Submitted by: Nancy Adams

BCBIA Board approved the April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023, financial statements, included in the AGM package, by a motion, in accordance with the organization's bylaws, on August 10, 2023. The March 31, 2022 Charity Information return has been prepared and filed with CRA, the GST rebate claims for the 2022-2023 year have been prepared and filed with CRA.

The 2022-2023 year results show a deficit, drawing down on unrestricted reserves from prior years by slightly over to \$25,800. Over the past year BCBIA has been successful in securing funding restricted to specific projects, that keep new content development and research collaborations moving forward and will continue to develop plans to seek better sources of general funding that can support the day-to-day operations of the organization. In the interim the BCBIA Board will continue operating with carefully planned and reduced budgets through the 2023-2024 fiscal year, directing available resources toward achieving results and building on the successes of Brainstreams while focusing efforts to seek new fund development opportunities.

BCBIA Community Engagement Annual Report

Submitted by Robin Bienvenu

Committee Members:

- Robin Bienvenu
- Gary Richardson

BCBIA community engagement included monitoring Brainstreams website information inquiries and relaying relevant messages to the right person.

From April 13 to August 31, 2023, there were 67 Brain Streams Inquiries. From a total of 797 respondents (8.4 %). These inquiries can generally be divided into three groups,

- The person with the brain injury (26/67 – 38%).
- Family and/or friends of the brain injury survivor (17/67 - 25%)
- Healthcare workers on behalf of a client with a brain injury (24/67 - 36%).

There was a small proportion of brain injury survivors reaching out to help others who are facing similar challenges (6/67 - 9%).

A recurring concern among all three groups is someone with a brain injury and their battle with ICBC.

2023 Brainstreams Committee Report

Submitted by: Tony Mok

Committee Members:

- Tony Mok (Board Lead)
- Janelle Breese Biagioni (Webweaver)
- Gina Galway (Committee Member & Educationalist)
- Stacey Scriven (Committee Member)

Our brand Brainstreams continues to be our backbone of our organization with information regarding events such as news, stories and educational information we like to share these updates on our social media platforms to advocate for the persons living with a brain injury throughout BC.

You will notice below, Journey Ahead & Videos that share personal stories have gained great traction. We will continue produce additional stories and to seek out more people wishing to share their journey on our platform.

Brainstreams.ca current website will require an upgrade to make it universally accessible for the entire disability community moving forward.

Statistics

- X formally known as Twitter currently has 1649 followers
- Facebook currently has 895 likes
- Instagram currently has 29 followers

Page Views	Aug 1, 2022 – July 31 2023	Aug 1, 2021 – July 31 2022	Difference
www.brainstreams.ca	6314	7731	-18.33%
Home Page			
Resources	3316	4420	-24.98%
Events/6 th -International Consensus...	2467	7	35142.86%
Our Work	1594	1766	-9.74%
Journey Ahead	952	787	20.97%
Videos	864	854	1.17%
Users			
New	22944	23991	-4.36%
Returning	2788	3122	-11.98%
Demographics by Age			
18-24	1262	1273	-0.86%



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25-34	1567	1757	-10.81%
35-44	1428	1458	-2.06%
45-54	1231	1263	-2.53%
55-64	857	867	-1.15%
65+	694	625	11.04%
Demographic by Gender			
Female	4337	4791	-9.49%
Male	2914	2639	10.42%

The Journey Ahead Committee Report – 2022 - 2023

Submitted by: Tina Suter, Chair

Committee Members: Tina Suter (BCBIA Board Member) Janelle Breese-Biagioni (Senior Administrator/WEB weaver), Gary Richardson, Rinni Mamman, Stacey Suter, James Taschereau.

The Journey Ahead Committee worked with Senior Administrator/WEB weaver and sourced, defined and organized relative material and information for *The Journey Ahead* (formerly Brain Injury Awareness) portion of Brainstreams.ca Website.

Since formation in September 2021, we have:

- Completed a primary introductory video.
- Developed and created introductory vignettes for each of 6 major sections.
- Developed and titled various sections & contents.
- Reviewed The Journey Ahead section and published.
- Reviewed and determined how budget surpluses would be spent.
- Produced & completed introduction videos for The Journey Begins, Home & Recovery, Friends & Family, Housing, Return to Activities & The Journey Continues segments.
- Premier and launch occurred in September 2022

As funds were used in full and the project was completed, at this point The Journey Ahead project will be taking a recess in its' continued development.

Research Committee Report 2023

Submitted by: Kix Citton

BCBIA continues to work together with researchers and partners to apply for grants and engage students in studies and knowledge translation activities to improve quality of life and care for people affected by brain injury across BC.

Current research projects include:

What are the Rehabilitation and Research Priorities for Improving Quality of Life Among People with Traumatic Brain Injury? (Dr. Julia Schmidt, UBC/GF Strong); funded by the Vancouver Foundation

Two-phase study to:

- (1) review the literature on quality-of-life priorities for people with brain injury through a scoping review. This phase is now complete, and the paper is under review in a high-quality peer-reviewed medical journal.
- (2) develop a multi-staged consensus on quality-of-life priorities from perspective of people with brain injury; this includes initial stakeholder meeting, questionnaires, series of focus groups, feedback session. The data collection for this study is completed and the researchers are analyzing the data, with the hopes of submitting it for publication in by September 2023.

Exploring Meaning after Brain Injury through Acceptance and Resiliency Construction (EMBARC) - Understanding acceptance and meaning in life after brain injury through participatory engagement (Dr. Julia Schmidt, UBC/GF Strong); funded by the Vancouver Foundation

This study is complete, and the publication is under review.

Understanding the Influences on Self-Identity after Brain Injury (Dr. Julia Schmidt, UBC/GF Strong)

The paper on this study has been published. The data was used to build arguments for peer-support programs and quality of life studies

Creating a Unified Community and Research Agenda to Support People with Brain Injury (Dr. Mauricio Garcia-Barrera, UVic, Dr. Erica Woodin, UVic, Dr. Julia Schmidt, UBC/GF Strong); funded by the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions and Vancouver Foundation

Three-year project to develop a Consensus Statement on Brain Injury, Mental Health, and Addictions for the province of British Columbia. This project involved two



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universities and over 20 students to learn and develop consensus understanding on brain injury, addictions, and mental health issues.

Understanding the Experience of People receiving ICBC's Enhanced Care Model (Dr. Julia Schmidt, Jasleen Grewal, UBC/GF Strong)

This small-scale research project aims to interview people who have received the new Enhanced Care (ICBC) to understand their general experience (e.g., with adjustors, rehabilitation professionals, timeliness of care, paperwork).

Storytelling Committee Report 2023

Submitted by: Juliet Henderson-Rahbar

BC Brain Injury Association established a Storytelling Committee in 2018, and developed a mandate to improve the lives of persons living with brain injury and to promote awareness and acceptance in our communities by sharing stories that provide connection, understanding, hope, and education.

A main priority was to broaden the demographic of viewers so as to provide support to survivors across the lifespan and from various socio-economic, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds. Storytellers were also given the opportunity to share their experiences of "navigating the system" so that others can learn from their experiences.

As previously reported, the committee to developed content including these videos:

- [Jeff's Story](#)
- [Greta's Story](#)

In addition, we developed a template for a *Journey Map* which illustrates and describes the experience of life before during and after their brain injury and pinpoint the key moments, factors, and resources that have helped them to reframe and rebuild their lives.

In 2020, Tony Mok's Journey Map was produced and promoted in six parts on our website, Brainstreams, and via our social media channels. The following links are provided for your review.



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Tony Mok **Journey Map**

- Part One – **Between the Lines: Stories of Brain Injury Survivors**
- Part Two – **Stroke Awareness Saves Lives**
- Part Three – **Facing Real Fears is the Key to Recovery**
- Part Four – **Counselling Holds Families Together**
- Part Five – **Slowing Down and Getting Back to Basics**
- Part Six – **Finding Purpose in What You Love**

Videos Produced in Year 3

Suddenly Speechless

This video features the Surrey Aphasia Group, a program where adults living with aphasia can practice their communication skills in a supported environment.

Cultivating Kindness

Cultivating Kindness is the story behind Opportunity Landing, a non-profit society dedicated to developing and maintaining a space for inclusive, accessible community gardens in Langley BC.

We also developed a template for a *Digital Poster*, to use for a campaign raising awareness, understanding, and to challenge current misconceptions around acquired brain injury. Click **The Faces of Brain Injury** to review the posters completed to date. We are actively seeking participants to create additional digital posters for our site.

In 2022-2023, the remaining funds contributed to the production of six videos for the newest section of Brainstreams. **The Journey Ahead**, is a space is for survivors, family members, friends, and caregivers to learn about brain injury, and to find suitable and appropriate supports, information about additional services, funding sources, and more. The short videos for each section have been enthusiastically received by visitors to the site.

Annual General Meeting September 29, 2022 MINUTES

Chair: Geoff Sing (President)

Board of Directors in attendance:

Nancy Adams (Treasurer), Tina Suter (Director), Tony Mok (Director) **Regrets:** Juliet Henderson-Rahbar (Director), Kix Citton (Director)

Members and Guests: Janelle Breese Biagioni (Member), Gary Richardson (Member), Julia Schmidt (Member), James Larsen (Guest), Caroline Vickery (Guest), Shawna Goss (Guest), Paul Graham (Guest), Joann Khor (Guest), Jasleen Grewal (Guest), Arnold Horan (Guest), Karen Horan (Guest) Kelly (Guest)

Attendance Numbers: 16 including board members (9 eligible voting members)

Documents distributed: AGM Package (Agenda, 2021 AGM Minutes, President's Report, Treasurer's Report and Director's Reports)

Minutes: Janelle Breese Biagioni

1. Call to Order

Geoff Sing (Geoff) called the meeting to order at 5:48 pm and confirmed a quorum.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Geoff welcomed all in attendance to the BCBIA 2022 Annual General Meeting and introduced the Board of Directors.

3. Approval of Agenda

Geoff asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda.

MOTION: It was moved by Tony Mok to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Nancy Adams. Motion carried.

Old Business

4. Approval of 2021 AGM Minutes

Geoff asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes.

MOTION: It was moved by Tina Suter to approve the 2021 AGM Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Tony Mok. Motion carried.

Reports

5. President's Report, Geoff Sing, Chair

Geoff acknowledged the Board of Directors and Committees for their outstanding work and accomplishments this past year. Please refer to the AGM package for the full President report.

6. Treasurer's Report, Nancy Adams, Treasurer

Nancy reported the financial statements ending March 31, 2022, were approved by motion on August 25, 2022. Charity return has been filed. Please refer to the AGM package for the full Treasurer report.

7. Brainstreams, Tony Mok

Tony has provided a written report. Please refer to the AGM package for the full Director's report.

8. The Journey Ahead Committee, Tina Suter

Tina provided a brief update on the videos being produced by Roll Focus Productions. We will be previewing two of them tonight. There are six in total, one is already posted to our site (Paul Hardy) under Home and Recovery. Please refer to the AGM package for the full Director's report.

9. Purposeful Partnerships, Julia Schmidt on behalf of Kix Citton

Please refer to the AGM package for the full Director's report.

10. Storytelling, Juliet Henderson-Rahbar

Please refer to the AGM package for the full Director's report.

11. Strategic Partnership - CGB Centre for Traumatic Life Losses, Janelle Breese Biagioni Janelle

Janelle explained briefly how the strategic partnership works (separate entities and boards) and also the work being done as a unified voice. Please refer to the AGM package for a full report.

New Business

12. Election, Geoff Sing

Geoff introduced the Board of Directors for the 2022/2023 year as follows:

- Juliet Henderson-Rahbar
- Kix Citton
- Tina Suter
- Nancy Adams
- Geoff Sing
- Tony Mok
- Robin Bienvenu

Geoff announced Victoria Dach's resignation and welcomed Robin to the board. The chair called for nominations from the floor three times. Gary Richardson agreed to put his name forward.

Motion: It was moved by Tony Mok to approve the 2022/23 Board Directors as presented. The motion was seconded by Tina Suter and carried.

13. Audit Option, Nancy Adams

Nancy explained the audit option and read out the following to waive the statutory requirements for an audit for the year ended March 31, 2023.

"We, the undersigned, representing all the members of the British Columbia Brain Injury Association, a corporation which is not a distributing corporation, do hereby waive all irregularities and informalities in the passing of the foregoing Resolution and have hereunto set our hands in approval thereof."

Motion: It was moved by Nancy Adams and seconded by Tony Mok to accept the option to waive the statutory requirements for an audit for the year ending March 31, 2023. Motion carried.

Other Business

14. Geoff shared information about the recent "Toss the Boss" fundraising event, in support of the Nanaimo Brain Injury Society & the Victoria Brain Injury Society. He encouraged everyone to learn more about the event and how they can support.

Geoff paid tribute to Jack Scollon, who passed away this year. Jack, along with John Simpson, established BC Brain Injury Association. Geoff thanked Jack and his family for their commitment to the brain injury community. Rest in Peace, Jack.

15. Tina Suter introduces The Journey Ahead Video

Tina introduced two new videos from the collection of six being made for The Journey Ahead section. Attendees viewed: The Journey Begins featuring GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre in Vancouver and Housing which featured a client and case manager at Mary Cridge Manor in Victoria.

16. Dr. Julia Schmidt introduced her student, Rinni's Thesis Video

Julia provided a brief overview of Rinni's work with her and shared this video <https://youtu.be/vXshW6OZHRM>.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm. Moved by Gary Richardson and seconded by Nancy Adams. Carried.

BRITISH COLUMBIA BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION
Financial Information
Year Ended March 31, 2023

BRITISH COLUMBIA BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION

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COMPILATION ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members of British Columbia Brain Injury Association

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of British Columbia Brain Injury Association as at March 31, 2023, and the statements of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended, and Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information ("financial information").

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it and the selection of the basis of accounting.

We performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, *Compilation Engagements*, which requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements. Our responsibility is to assist management in the preparation of the financial information.

We have not performed an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor were we required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

Readers are cautioned that the financial information may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Raincoast Business Advisors

RAINCOAST BUSINESS ADVISORS INC.
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

Maple Ridge, British Columbia
July 12, 2023

BRITISH COLUMBIA BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION
Statement of Operations
Year Ended March 31, 2023

	Current Year - April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023				Prior Year - April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022			
	Unrestricted funds	Donations	Externally restricted funds ICBC Community Grants	Vancouver Foundation Grant	UBC (CUES) Grant	Total	Unrestricted funds	Externally restricted funds
REVENUES								
Sponsorships	\$ 9,000	\$	\$	\$	\$ 13,000	\$ 9,000	\$	\$
Grants						13,000		55,000
Donations	3,169	2,740				5,909	3,363	3,363
Other income	83					83		-
Interest	273					273	417	417
	12,525	2,740	-	-	13,000	28,265	3,780	55,000
								\$ 58,780
EXPENSES								
Programs								
Integrated Services Program								
Brainstreams.ca Development & Maintenance	14,895	2,240	370			17,505	13,335	6,780
Content Development								
Storytelling	1,009					1,009	6,168	6,168
Journey Ahead (Brain Injury Awareness)	1		27,369			27,370	9,943	9,943
	15,905	2,240	27,739	-	-	45,884	19,503	16,723
Provincial Resources Program								
Provincial Service Initiative							400	400
Evaluation & Research Projects				3,625	387	4,012	16,375	16,375
				3,625	387	4,012	16,375	16,775
Community Engagement & Outreach	115	500				615		
Events								
Event expenses	1,681					1,681	1,416	1,416
	17,701	2,740	27,739	3,625	387	52,192	21,319	33,098
Subtotal - Charitable Programs and Events								54,417
Management and Administration								
Administrative and Board Expenses	316					316	265	265
Board support services	312					312	1,474	1,474
Fund Development	483					483	475	475
Interest and Bank Charges	15					15	24	24
Insurance	2,235					2,235	2,050	2,050
Professional fees	3,790					3,790	3,681	3,681
Telecommunications	235					235	299	299
	7,386	-	-	-	-	7,386	8,268	8,268
Subtotal - Management and Administration								
	25,087	2,740	27,739	3,625	387	59,578	29,587	33,098
								62,685
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (12,562)	\$ -	\$ (27,739)	\$ (3,625)	\$ 12,613	\$ (31,313)	\$ (25,807)	\$ 21,902
								\$ (3,905)

BRITISH COLUMBIA BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended March 31, 2023

	March 31, 2023				March 31, 2022			
	Unrestricted funds	Internally restricted funds	Externally restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Internally restricted funds	Externally restricted funds	Total
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 29,266	\$	\$ 31,364	\$ 60,630	\$ 10,073	\$ 45,000	\$ 9,462	\$ 64,535
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	(12,562)		(18,751)	(31,313)	(25,807)		21,902	(3,905)
Interfund transfers					45,000	(45,000)		-
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 16,704	-	\$ 12,613	\$ 29,317	\$ 29,266	\$ -	\$ 31,364	\$ 60,630

See notes to financial information

BRITISH COLUMBIA BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION
Statement of Financial Position
March 31, 2023

	March 31, 2023				March 31, 2022			
	Unrestricted funds	Internally restricted funds	Externally restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Internally restricted funds	Externally restricted funds	Total
ASSETS								
Current								
Cash	\$	(403) \$	\$	11,128 \$	\$	(15,726) \$	\$	31,364 \$
Investments	12,539			12,613	45,000			45,000
Sales taxes recoverable	907			907	1,110			1,110
Accounts receivable	7,500			7,500				
Prepaid expenses	80			80	375			375
	20,623	-	23,741	44,364	30,759	-	31,364	62,123
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS								
Current								
Accounts payable	\$	3,919 \$	\$	4,628 \$	1,493 \$	\$	\$	1,493
Deferred revenues			6,500	6,500				
	3,919	-	11,128	15,047	1,493	-	-	1,493
NET ASSETS								
General fund	16,704			16,704	29,266			29,266
Externally restricted funds			12,613	12,613			31,364	31,364
	16,704	-	12,613	29,317	29,266	-	31,364	60,630
	\$	20,623 \$	- \$	23,741 \$	30,759 \$	- \$	31,364 \$	62,123

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Director

Director

See notes to financial information

BRITISH COLUMBIA BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION

Notes to Financial Information

Year Ended March 31, 2023

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the statement of financial position of British Columbia Brain Injury Association as at March 31, 2023, and the statements of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended is the historical cost basis and reflects cash transactions with the addition of:

- accounts receivable
- accounts payable and accrued liabilities

2. Organization Purpose

The British Columbia Brain Injury Association (BCBIA) supports the interests of the acquired brain injury population in the Province of BC with a focused and clear purpose. BCBIA believes that every individual with an acquired brain injury (ABI) has the right to be considered as a full participating member and have an impact in BC society. To achieve this vision BCBIA seeks to be the agent of change providing leadership for developing, driving and implementing a provincial strategy in BC improving the lives of people who live with acquired brain injury.

BCBIA is charitable organization incorporated in the Province of British Columbia. The organization is exempt from income taxes under provision related to charitable organizations by the Income Tax Act (Canada).

3. Key Programs

A) Integrated Services Program

The Integrated Services Program created and now manages, continually updating and adding content, Brainstreams.ca, official website of the BCBIA and related social media platforms. This content provides a single "go to" source of information and encouragement fulfilling an existing gap in the brain injury community as well as researching and defining information regarding brain injury and the journey ahead for survivors. Informing all British Columbians, including survivors, their families and caregivers, about the brain and brain injury, life after brain injury and having access to the kind of information they require, when they require it, as well as giving hope and understanding.

B) Provincial Resources Program

The Provincial Resources Program gathers information of services and resources related to brain injury through the Provincial Services Initiative as well as Research partnerships in the academic community. Projects in this program work to identify and increase awareness of the excellent acquired brain injury services currently offered for people in British Columbia as well as research and evaluate priority areas of rehabilitation easing the navigation of the system and seeking to improve quality of life for individuals with brain injury and families through better connection with appropriate services and supports.

BRITISH COLUMBIA BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION

Notes to Financial Information

Year Ended March 31, 2023

4. Externally Restricted Fund

The externally restricted fund reports the funding from community and government organizational grant awards supporting the work of BCBIA. These grants include:

A) The ICBC Community Grants Program assisting with the creation of content for assisting survivors and families to understand and navigate the changes to ICBC's benefits.

B) The Vancouver Foundation providing funds to bring together researchers, clinicians, people with TBI, carers and policy makers to 1) develop key priority areas for rehabilitation and research, and 2) initiate transformative community rehabilitation to improve quality of life for individuals and carers after TBI.

C) The University of British Columbia providing funds through the Community-University Engagement Support (CUES) Fund to assist with the creation of a unified partnership between community and research programs to better address the needs of people living with brain injury in BC by developing a consensus on the priorities of people with brain injury, mental health issues, and addiction and ensure that researchers and the community work in tandem to meet their needs.

5. Internally Restricted Fund

The internally restricted fund reported designated reserves held as carrying support for core programs and cost contingencies in the event of revenue shortfalls or disruptions. As core funding was not available in recent years, these funds shifted to the general pool of available reserves and the fund was closed during the 2022 year.