

**The Hamilton Association  
for the Advancement of Literature, Science and Art  
( HAALSA )**

Financial Statements

(Unaudited)  
**For the Fiscal Year**

**1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025**

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**Financial statements (Unaudited)****Introduction**

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*Please Note*

HAALSA follows the "cash" method of accounting, which recognizes a financial transaction only when cash (or its equivalent) is received or paid out. (Cash equivalents include cheques, e-deposits and e-transfers.)

This method prescribes how financial activity is recorded in financial records and what may be included in the principal tables in annual financial statements. Since fiscal 2021-2022 the principal tables in this report have been prepared with a stricter regard than in previous years for the conventions of the cash method of reporting.

The basic rules are: All cash revenue (income) must be reported in the fiscal year received and all cash out-flows (expenses) must be reported in the fiscal year paid out. No portion of revenue or expenses may be assigned to a future fiscal year. No portion of anticipated revenue, traditionally reported as Accounts Receivable, or anticipated expenses, traditionally reported as Accounts Payable, may be reported in the principal tables.

Thus for example, there is no line item under "Assets" reporting the cost of retained tangible or intangible property, such as a computer or software that was purchased or, in the case of gifts-in-kind property that was donated, in a prior fiscal period. The former have been reported under "Expenses" in the period in which they were acquired. Non-cash gifts (property) were reported as such in an end-note, also in the period in which they were acquired. Similarly there is no line item reporting the depreciated value of retained tangible and intangible property, regardless of how it was acquired in some previous fiscal period. (Depreciation (also called amortization) is the annual reduction in the estimated market value of an asset due to, primarily, wear and tear through use or functional obsolescence.) In addition, the current value of tangible property that is traditionally labelled Inventory and reported as such under Assets — property acquired before or during a given fiscal period for use in charitable activities in that or future fiscal periods — is also excluded from the principal tables, although an end-note reports the value of gifts purchased in a previous period but given out during the fiscal periods detailed in the given statement.

Readers who are only familiar with the "accrual" method of accounting may be surprised by some of the omissions from the principal tables in this report. Some of these omissions are, as noted above, addressed in line items in the end-notes provided below some of the tables.

For more information about HAALSA's accounting and reporting practices, see the Additional Notes section in this report.

**Financial statements (Unaudited)****Statement of Financial Position**

For the fiscal year ending 30 June

2025

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**Assets <sup>a</sup>**

Cash and cheques on hand <sup>b</sup>	\$	30.00	\$	30.00
Cash deposits at:				
Meridian Credit Union (savings account)		0.88		0.88
TD Canada Trust (chequing account) <sup>c</sup>		4,102.24		4,681.19
		<u>4,133.12</u>		<u>4,712.07</u>
Investments				
Short term		34,236.23		32,532.43
Long term		6,310.94		5,968.40
		<u>40,547.17</u>		<u>38,500.83</u>
		44,680.29		43,212.90

**Liabilities <sup>d</sup>**

Assets subject to restrictions on their use				
Award funds		1,263.05		1,307.45

**Net Assets <sup>e</sup>**

<b>43,417.24</b>	<b>41,905.45</b>
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**Notes**

a Excludes receivables (amounts owing to HAALSA)

b Includes Cash Box float	30.00	30.00
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c The value includes the total amount for cheques outstanding	316.76	250.00
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d Excludes all other liabilities (amounts owing to persons and organizations for which no payment has been issued:

Owing to non-arms-length persons	0.00	0.00
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Owing to other persons and/or organizations	0.00	0.00
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e Assets less Liabilities (ie, the "Unrestricted Surplus").

**Financial statements (Unaudited)****Statement of Revenue <sup>a</sup>**

For the fiscal year ending 30 June

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**Tax-Receiptable Gifts <sup>b, c</sup>**For membership <sup>d</sup>

Individual	\$	760.00	\$	700.80
Household		689.28		779.52
Life		0.00		200.00
		<u>1,449.28</u>		<u>1,680.32</u>

For an award fund

Maitland Banting Silver Quill fund		87.00		201.50
Science (da Vinci) fund		262.00		276.50
Young Musician fund		386.00		409.50
Young Poet fund		112.00		261.50
		<u>847.00</u>		<u>1,149.00</u>

For other uses; ie, "Other (Unrestricted)"

	451.00	11,517.05 <sup>f</sup>
	<u>2,747.28</u>	<u>14,346.37</u>

**Interest**

2,046.34	1,189.89
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**Non-Tax-Receiptable Gifts and Other Income**

Sales tax rebates <sup>e</sup>	114.11	225.01
Other	0.00	0.00
	<u>114.11</u>	<u>225.01</u>

**Total Revenue**

<u><b>4,907.73</b></u>	<u><b>15,761.27</b></u>
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**Notes**

a Excludes: Accounts receivable: Sales tax rebate (estimate)	26.24	75.77
Tax-receiptable non-cash donations	0.00	0.00
b Indirect donations: Donor contributes via a Qualified Donee	257.28	11,044.37
c Direct donations: No intermediary	2,490.00	3,302.00
d For membership (number of donations)	<u>n</u>	<u>n</u>
Individual	38	35
Household	23	26
Life	0	1
	<u>61</u>	<u>62</u>
e For 1 January to 30 June in the previous fiscal year (P2)	75.77	112.08
For 1 July to 31 December in the reported fiscal year (P1)	38.34	112.93
Total rebates received in the reported fiscal year	<u>114.11</u>	<u>225.01</u>
To be claimed: 1 Jan to 30 Jun in the reported fiscal year (P2)	26.24	75.77
f Cash total: \$809.64 (n=27). Equities total: \$10,707.41 (n=1)		

See also "Additional Notes"

**Financial statements (Unaudited)****Statement of Expenses <sup>a</sup>**

For the fiscal year ending 30 June

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**Administration**

Banking & related charges	\$	1.50	\$	1.50
Postage		0.00		0.00
Printing and photocopying		46.88		71.23
Software		0.00		0.00
Supplies		3.39		20.34
Office equipment		39.54		0.00
Other		0.00		12.64
		<u>91.31</u>		<u>105.71</u>

**Notes**

a Expenses are reported at 100% of their total after-tax cost.

See also "Additional Notes"

**Financial statements (Unaudited)****Statement of Expenses (continued) <sup>a</sup>**

For the fiscal year ending 30 June

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**Charitable Works**

## Awards and gifts

## Awards to individuals

Maitland Banting Silver Quill Award 250.00 250.00

Young Musician Award 250.00 250.00

Young Poet Award 250.00 250.00

750.00 750.00

Gifts to qualified donees <sup>c</sup>BASEF (administration cost and Science award) <sup>d</sup> 300.00 300.00

Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra (joint event) 0.00 0.00

300.00 300.00

## Other (printing, photocopying, postage, supplies)

17.52 25.75

1,067.52 1,075.75

## Internet services (website, email)

0.00 487.75

## Lecture series

## Brochure

Postage 413.93 207.92

Printing 180.76 205.63

## Honoraria for speakers

Cash honoraria 1,600.00 250.00

Gift items <sup>e</sup> 0.00 0.00

Notices (printing) 33.50 393.43

Refreshments 60.84 17.74

Room rental and equipment 28.24 0.00

Software <sup>g</sup> 0.00 0.00Travel, food and accommodation <sup>h</sup> 31.00 1,076.51

2,348.27 2,151.23

3,415.79 3,714.73

**Notes**

See page 5.

See also "Additional Notes"

**Financial statements (Unaudited)****Statement of Expenses (continued) <sup>a</sup>**

For the fiscal year ending 30 June	2025	2024
<b>Total Expenses <sup>t</sup></b>		
Administration	91.31	105.71
Charitable Works	<u>3,415.79</u>	<u>3,714.73</u>
	<u>3,507.10</u>	<u>3,820.44</u>
Administration costs as a percentage of Total Expenses:	2.6%	2.8%

**Notes**

- a Expenses are reported at 100% of their total after-tax cost.
- c Qualified Donee: An organization, including registered Canadian charities that can, under the Income Tax Act, issue official receipts for tax purposes for cash and non-cash gifts donated to the organization. A QD can also donate to another qualified donee if doing so is consistent with the donor's charitable mandate; examples: CanadaHelps.org donates to HAALSA from time to time; HAALSA donates to BASEF once annually.
- d BASEF: Bay Area Science and Engineering Fair. At the donee's request, \$50 of our \$300 donation is applied to BASEF's administrative costs. BASEF provides the Science Award recipient with a cheque for the amount specified by HAALSA, \$250. However, due to the impact of COVID-19 restrictions on judging procedures, Council decided not to identify a recipient for the 2020, 2021, and 2022 fairs. Council supported BASEF in those years by donating our usual amount, \$300.
- e Excludes gift items such as books that were purchased (and reported at their full after-tax cost) in a previous fiscal period but given to speakers and others during the given fiscal period. These excluded amounts are:
- |  |        |        |
|--|--------|--------|
|  | 110.00 | 158.00 |
|--|--------|--------|
- g For editing recordings of the lectures.
- h Costs incurred by or on behalf of the Association's guests (speakers and others) coming from out of town, for any of the following: a) mileage (return); b) meals on route; c) pre-lecture dinner; d) local accommodation for one night, including breakfast; and e) parking (on-campus and/or other sites).
- t Excludes the after-tax cost of goods and services for which payment has not yet been made (ie, Liabilities).
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|--|------|------|
|  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
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See also "Additional Notes"

**Financial statements (Unaudited)****Statement of Net Revenue**

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**Net Revenue (Loss)**

Total revenue including flow-throughs (Page 2)	\$ 4,907.73	\$ 15,761.27
Less fees paid to HAALSA by tour/dinner attendees	0.00	0.00
	4,907.73	15,761.27
Less Total Expenses (Page 5)	-3,507.10	-3,820.44
	<u>1,400.63</u>	<u>11,940.83</u>

**Change in Net Assets (the Unrestricted Surplus)**

Balance at start of fiscal year ( 1 Jul 2024   1 Jul 2023 )	41,905.45	30,349.98
Includes uncleared cheques re. our TD CT account		
Additions during the fiscal year		
Total revenue including flow-throughs (Page 2)	4,907.73	15,761.27
Deductions during the fiscal year		
Previous fiscal year's uncleared cheques that cleared the account	-250.00	-536.36
Revenue assigned to the award funds	-847.00	-1,149.00
Unrestricted surplus transferred to the award funds	-158.60	0.00
Payment of previous fiscal year's unpaid expenses	0.00	0.00
Total expenses (Page 5)	-3,507.10	-3,820.44
Exclude expenses paid from the Awards funds	1,050.00	1,050.00
Net deductions	-3,712.70	-4,455.80
At Year-End: Cash on deposit includes an amount for payments pending re. total expenses		
TD CT account: Uncleared cheques	316.76	250.00
	<u>43,417.24</u>	<u>41,905.45</u>

See also "Additional Notes"



**Financial statements (Unaudited)****Statement of Restricted Funds**

For the fiscal year ending 30 June	2025	2024
<b>Maitland Banting Silver Quill Award</b>		
Balance at start of year	\$ 1,094.59	\$ 1,143.09
Additions		
Tax-receipted gifts	87.00	201.50
From the Unrestricted Surplus	0.00	0.00
Less Expenditures		
Award(s) to individuals	<u>-250.00</u>	<u>-250.00</u>
Balance at end of year	931.59	1,094.59
<b>Science (da Vinci) Award</b>		
Balance at start of year	5.90	29.40
Additions		
Tax-receipted gifts	262.00	276.50
From the Unrestricted Surplus	32.10	0.00
Less Expenditures		
Gift to BASEF (\$250 + \$50 fee)	<u>-300.00</u>	<u>-300.00</u>
Balance at end of year	0.00	5.90
<b>Young Musician Award</b>		
Balance at start of year	195.46	35.96
Additions		
Tax-receipted gifts	386.00	409.50
From the Unrestricted Surplus	0.00	0.00
Less Expenditures		
Award(s) to individuals	<u>-250.00</u>	<u>-250.00</u>
Balance at end of year	331.46	195.46
<b>Young Poet Award</b>		
Balance at start of year	11.50	0.00
Additions		
Tax-receipted gifts	112.00	261.50
From the Unrestricted Surplus	126.50	0.00
Less Expenditures		
Award(s) to individuals	<u>-250.00</u>	<u>-250.00</u>
Balance at end of year	0.00	11.50
	<u>1,263.05</u>	<u>1,307.45</u>
Total transferred in from the Unrestricted Surplus	158.60	0.00
Total paid out to individuals and qualified donees	1,050.00	1,050.00

See also "Additional Notes"

**Financial statements (Unaudited)****Statement of Reserve Fund** <sup>a,b</sup>

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Purchased	Matures	Instn Term Type (#)				
<b>Term Deposits: Short Term</b>			Annual Rate	Principal	Principal	
07-Jul-23	07-Jul-24	MCU 1-Yr (40)	4.90%	\$	\$	2,461.97
04-Aug-23	04-Aug-24	MCU 1-Yr (31)	5.00%			2,044.42
04-Sep-23	04-Sep-24	MCU 1-Yr (32)	5.10%			2,046.39
04-Oct-23	04-Oct-24	MCU 1-Yr (42)	5.20%			1,996.53
15-Nov-23	15-Nov-24	MCU 1-Yr (35)	5.45%			1,992.37
15-Dec-23	15-Dec-24	MCU 1-Yr (36)	5.35%			1,995.31
05-Jan-24	03-Jul-24	MCU 6-mo Nr (45)	4.75%			3,500.00
05-Jan-24	01-Oct-24	MCU 9-mo Nr (46)	5.15%			3,500.00
15-Jan-24	15-Jan-25	MCU 1-Yr (37)	5.00%			1,997.05
04-Feb-24	04-Feb-25	MCU 1-Yr (38)	5.00%			1,989.33
04-Mar-24	04-Mar-25	MCU 1-Yr (39)	5.00%			1,977.05
04-Apr-24	04-Apr-25	MCU 1-Yr (27)	4.90%			1,985.65
04-May-24	04-May-25	MCU 1-Yr (28)	4.90%			2,510.74
04-Jun-24	04-Jun-25	MCU 1-Yr (44)	4.75%			2,535.62
07-Jul-24	07-Jul-25	MCU 1-Yr (40)	4.75%	2,582.94		
04-Aug-24	04-Aug-25	MCU 1-Yr (31)	4.70%	2,146.92		
04-Sep-24	04-Sep-25	MCU 1-Yr (32)	4.20%	2,151.04		
04-Oct-24	04-Oct-25	MCU 1-Yr (42)	3.85%	2,100.63		
15-Nov-24	15-Nov-25	MCU 1-Yr (35)	3.65%	2,101.25		
15-Dec-24	15-Dec-25	MCU 1-Yr (36)	3.65%	2,102.35		
28-Jun-25	25-Dec-25	MCU 6-mo Nr (45)	2.25%	3,688.76		
28-Jun-25	25-Mar-26	MCU 9-mo Nr (46)	2.25%	3,727.41		
15-Jan-25	15-Jan-26	MCU 1-Yr (37)	3.40%	2,097.18		
04-Feb-25	04-Feb-26	MCU 1-Yr (38)	3.35%	2,089.07		
04-Mar-25	04-Mar-26	MCU 1-Yr (39)	3.30%	2,075.90		
04-Apr-25	04-Apr-26	MCU 1-Yr (27)	3.25%	2,082.95		
04-May-25	04-May-26	MCU 1-Yr (28)	3.35%	2,633.77		
04-Jun-25	04-Jun-26	MCU 1-Yr (44)	3.35%	2,656.06		
				<u>34,236.23</u>	<u>32,532.43</u>	
Purchased	Matures	Instn Term Type (#)				
<b>Term Deposits: Long Term</b> <sup>c</sup>			Mean Annual Rate <sup>d</sup>	Principal + earned interest	Principal + earned interest	
18-Oct-22	18-Oct-25	MCU 3-Yr Rdm (34)	3.75%	2,346.01	2,260.99	
05-Apr-25	05-Jul-26	MCU 15-mo (47)	3.25%	3,964.93	3,707.41	
				<u>6,310.94</u>	<u>5,968.40</u>	

See also "Additional Notes"

**Financial statements (Unaudited)****Statement of Reserve Fund** <sup>a,b</sup>

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**Term Deposits: All**40,547.1738,500.83**Notes**

a This section was titled "Investments (Term Deposits)" prior to the report for fiscal 21–22.

b Principal and interest are guaranteed by the Deposit. Insurance Corporation of Ontario.

c Total value of Long Term investments maturing in the next 12 months, excluding final interest payment:

2,346.01

3,707.41

d Annual rates vary within and across long-term deposits. Mean annual rate (n`-year term) = (Year-1 rate + Year-2 rate + ...) / n

**Abbreviations**

MCU Meridian Credit Union.

Nr Non-redeemable Short Term.

3-Yr Esc 3-Year Escalator. Fully cashable on each anniversary date. Interest compounded annually.

3-Yr BCTD 3-Year Business Cashable Term Deposit. Redeemable after 90 days. Reduced rate if redeemed before maturity date.

3-Yr Rdm 3-Year Term Deposit redeemable on each anniversary date. Interest compounded annually.

**Financial statements (Unaudited)****Additional Notes**

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**1. Organization**

The Hamilton Association for the Advancement of Literature, Science, and Art (HAALSA), is an unincorporated, not-for-profit organization based in Hamilton, Ontario. HAALSA is a registered Canadian charity under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, as such, is generally exempt from income taxes and able to issue donation receipts for income tax purposes.

HAALSA fosters public education in the Hamilton region across a range of subjects within the fields of literature, science and art, all broadly defined. We do this by providing an annual series of free public lectures from September to April. We also encourage, by means of cash awards, talented high school students' efforts in the fields of fiction writing in the short story and poetry formats, the physical sciences, and music (performance and composition). Our current partners in these endeavours are the Hamilton Public Library, the Bay Area Science and Engineering Fair, and the Dundas Valley Orchestra. In recent years we have also co-hosted with the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra a presentation, including short performances, focussed on the life and works of a major classical composer.

The Association is governed by an all-volunteer Executive Council (the Council), which is chaired by its President. The other senior officers are the Vice President, the Past President, the Treasurer, and the Corresponding Secretary.

**2. Definitions****Capital and Intangible Assets**

Tangible and intangible property that is both expected to be of use to the Association for two or more years following its purchase or donation and not considered "inventory".

**CRA**

Canada Revenue Agency. Charities are regulated by the Charities Directorate, a division of the CRA.

**Depreciation**

The loss over time in the value of property due to wear and tear, increasing obsolescence, or both. In Canada depreciation is generally synonymous with amortization.

**Inventory**

Tangible property acquired for current or later use in carrying out the Association's charitable works.

**Net Cost of Acquisition (NCA)**

A property's pre-tax cost plus the non-rebatable portion of any sales tax paid on the purchase price and any associated legal or other costs incurred in its acquisition.

**Term Deposits | Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs)**

Interest-earning instruments that are insured against loss of the principal amount of the investment.

**Financial statements (Unaudited)****Additional Notes**

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**3. Significant Accounting Policies**

The annual financial statements are prepared by the Treasurer and presented to Council for review and approval. The statements are not audited by a professional auditor because the cost of a professional audit would, in Council's view, consume an unacceptably high proportion of the Association's annual income.

**Net Assets | The Unrestricted Surplus**

The unrestricted surplus is the cumulative excess of revenue over expenses that is not restricted in its use and is thus available for general use by the Association.

Most of the surplus is invested in term deposits. These are reported under 'Reserve Fund'.

The remainder of the surplus is held as cash in the Association's bank accounts and is used to pay annual expenses. In addition, an amount may be transferred at fiscal year-end from the unrestricted surplus to any award fund that would otherwise have a negative year-end balance..

**Fund Accounting****Restricted Funds**

Amounts reported in this section must be used to fund the Association's annual awards programs. Donors may assign any portion of their donation to any of the award funds. Such funds are not included among the (external) liabilities that the Association reports annually to the Canada Revenue Agency.

Funds assigned to an award fund are held, unsegregated, as cash in one of the Association's bank accounts or invested in whole or part in one or more term deposits.

**Reserve Fund**

The fund was established by Council to facilitate modest no-risk growth in the portion of the unrestricted surplus that does not need to be held in the Association's bank accounts.

The fund consists of term deposits. The principal and earned interest of a GIC are normally re-invested in a new GIC.

**Investments: Short- and Long-Term Deposits**

Short-term GICs mature one year from purchase or earlier. Un-matured short-term GICs are reported at their initial cost (the "principal"). Longer-term GICs are reported at their fiscal year-end value, which includes both the principal amount and any interest paid into the GIC up to that date. At maturity GICs are normally renewed for a like term.

**Financial statements (Unaudited)****Additional Notes**

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**3. Significant Accounting Policies** (continues)**Inventory**

Tangible property, such as books and gift certificates, to be given immediately post-lecture to a speaker or other guest of the Association, are reported under 'Expenses > Lecture Series > Honoraria' only if the property is gifted in the fiscal year in which it was purchased. Inventory purchased in an earlier fiscal period, having already been reported as an expense in that period's annual statement, is not reported in the statement of expenses for any subsequent fiscal year.

**Government of Canada Sales Tax Rebates**

Registered Canadian charities may request a refund (rebate) of a portion of federal and provincial sales tax paid on their purchases. HAALSA requests an HST rebate in July for tax paid in the second half of the previous fiscal year (1 January to 30 June). A second request is submitted in January for tax paid on purchases in the first half of the current fiscal year (1 July to 31 December). The CRA requires charities to report a sales tax rebate as revenue when the charity's statement of expenses includes 100% of sales tax paid.

Rebates received are reported under 'Revenue > Non-Tax-Receiptable Gifts and Other Income'. For the reader's convenience, the rebate that HAALSA expects to receive in the *next* fiscal period for tax paid in the last half of the fiscal year covered by the current report, is listed in an endnote on the Statement of Revenue page.

**4. Comparative Figures**

The names (labels) displayed in this report for some accounts, income categories, and expense categories may differ from those used in some previous reports. Some accounts and categories may have been added to or omitted from this report compared to some previous reports. In most instances sub-accounts and sub-categories for which both fiscal periods in this report have balances of \$0.00 have been omitted. Some amounts pertaining to the comparison (previous) fiscal period may have been recalculated to accord with the names of the accounts and categories used in this report. In such instances the amounts shown in this report have precedence over those reported in the annual financial statements for that earlier period.

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