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Introduction

The CTC is Canada's national tourism marketing organization, leading the Canadian tourism industry in marketing Canada as a premier four-season tourism destination. A Crown corporation wholly owned by the Government of Canada, we lead the Canadian tourism industry in marketing Canada as a premiere four-season tourism destination. Reporting to Parliament through the Minister of Industry, our legislation requirements are outlined in the Canadian Tourism Commission Act.

The CTC runs marketing campaigns in international markets such as the U.K., Germany, France, Mexico, Japan, Australia, South Korea, China, India, Brazil and the U.S., targeting both leisure travellers and those travelling for meetings and conventions.

Narrative Discussion

Information discussed in the Management Discussion and Analysis applies to the quarter.

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Quarterly and Year-to-Date Results

(in thousands)

	2013		2012		Variance	
Partner revenues	\$ 3,387	\$	3,916	\$	(529)	

Revenues for the first quarter are \$529K lower versus prior year: \$160K lower revenues were recognized from the American Society Association Executive conference and \$150K lower revenues were recovered for media monitoring. Prior year figures also include revenues from one-time funded initiatives which concluded in March 2012: \$75K from the Olympic program and \$150K from the Calgary Stampede program.

Other revenue 211 288 (77)

Other revenues consist mainly of interest, commodity tax recoveries and co-location recoveries. Commodity tax recoveries of German VAT to-date are lower than prior year.

Marketing and sales expenses 13,880 17,058 (3,178)

Prior year figures include marketing and sales expenses for one-time funded initiatives which both concluded in March 2012: \$2.1M for the Olympic program and \$2.7M for the Calgary Stampede program. These variances are offset by \$1.6M higher spending in Core programs areas, for the consumer campaign in China \$600K, consumer and social media campaigns in Brazil \$220K, trade shows in India \$300K and fall campaign in the UK \$620K.

Corporate services Variance not significant.	2,401	2,327	74
Strategy and planning Variance not significant.	145	97	48

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Risks and uncertainties

No significant new risks or uncertainties identified that have not been discussed in the prior Annual Report or Corporate Plan.

Significant changes to programs, personnel and operations

There are no significant changes to programs, personnel or operations that have not been discussed in the prior Annual Report or Corporate Plan.

Statement of Management Responsibility by Senior Officials

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these quarterly financial statements in accordance with the Treasury Board of Canada Standard on Quarterly Financial Reports for Crown Corporations, and for such internal controls as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of quarterly financial statements that are free from material misstatement. Management is also responsible for ensuring all other information in this quarterly financial report is consistent, where appropriate, with the quarterly financial statements. Based on our knowledge, these unaudited quarterly financial statements present fairly, in all

Based on our knowledge, these unaudited quarterly financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the corporation, as at the date of and for the periods presented in the quarterly financial statements.

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President and Chief Executive Officer Vancouver, Canada

May 23, 2013

Lena Bullock Vice-President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Vancouver, Canada May 23, 2013

Canadian Tourism Commission Statement of Financial Position As at March 31

(in thousands)	March 31 2013		December 3 2012	
Financial assets Cash and cash equivalents	\$	9,424	\$	11,675
Accounts receivable				
Government of Canada		231		918
Partnership contributions		3,287		1,565
Other Portfolio investments		305 641		315 636
Accrued benefit asset		4,991		4,991
Accided beliefit asset	-	18,879		20,100
	-	10,079		20,100
Liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities				
Trade	\$	2,759	\$	6,902
Employee compensation		1,212		1,683
Government of Canada		-		33
Accrued benefit liability		6,599		6,644
Deferred parliamentary appropriations		-		1,609
Deferred revenue		1,005		598
Asset retirement obligation		521		521
		12,096		17,990
Net financial assets		6,783		2,110
Non-financial assets				
Prepaid expenses and other assets		2,495		2,122
Tangible capital assets		1,002		1,115
	-	3,497		3,237
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Accumulated surplus	\$	10,280	\$	5,347
Accumulated surplus is comprised of:				
Accumulated operating surplus	\$	10,313		
Accumulated remeasurement gains	•	(33)		
, total indicate in indicate of indicate gains	\$	10,280		
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Canadian Tourism Commission Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus For the 3 months ended March 31

(in thousands)	2013		2012	
Revenues Partner revenues Other	\$	3,387 211 3,598	\$	3,916 288 4,204
Expenses Marketing and sales Corporate services Strategy and planning Amortization of tangible capital assets		13,880 2,401 145 113 16,539		17,058 2,327 97 207 19,689
Net cost of operations before funding from the Government of Canada		(12,941)		(15,485)
Parliamentary appropriations		17,874		22,561
Surplus for the period		4,933		7,076
Accumulated surplus, beginning of period		5,347		6,193
Accumulated surplus, end of period	\$	10,280	\$	13,269

Canadian Tourism Commission Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses For the 3 months ended March 31

(in thousands)	2013
Accumulated remeasurement gains and (losses) at beginning of year	\$ -
Unrealized gains attributable to foreign exchange	50
Amounts reclassified to the statement of operations	(83)
Accumulated remeasurement loss at end of period	\$ (33)

Canadian Tourism Commission Statement of Change in Net Assets For the 3 months ended March 31

(in thousands)	2013	2012
Surplus for the period	\$ 4,933	\$ 7,076
Acquisition of tangible capital assets Amortization of tangible capital assets Net disposition of tangible capital assets	- 113 -	(11) 207 -
	113	196
Effect of change in other non-financial assets (Increase) / decrease in prepaid expenses	(373)	95 95
Increase in net assets	4,673	7,367
Net financial assets, beginning of period	2,110	2,600
Net financial assets, end of period	\$ 6,783	\$ 9,967

Canadian Tourism Commission Statement of Cash Flows For the 3 months ended March 31

(in thousands)		2013		2012	
Operating transactions:					
Cash received from:					
Parliamentary appropriations used to fund	_				
operating and capital transactions	\$	16,265	\$	19,618	
Partners		2,101		3,094	
Other income		211		288	
		18,577		23,000	
Cash paid for:		(47.000)		(04.040)	
Cash payments to suppliers		(17,063)		(21,048)	
Cash payments to and on behalf of employees		(3,810)		(3,515)	
Cash applied to operating transactions		(2,296)		(1,563)	
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Capital transactions:				(4.4)	
Acquisition of tangible capital assets		-		(11)	
Disposition of tangible capital assets		_		- (4.4)	
Cash used in capital transactions		-		(11)	
Investing transactions:					
Increase in portfolio investments		(5)		_	
Cash used in investment transactions		(5)		_	
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Foreign exchange loss on cash held in foreign					
currency		50		47	
Net decrease in cash during the period		(2,251)		(1,527)	
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Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	<u> </u>	11,675	<u> </u>	17,055	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	9,424	\$	15,528	

1. Authority and objectives

The Canadian Tourism Commission (the "Commission") was established on January 2, 2001 under the *Canadian Tourism Commission Act* (the "Act") and is a Crown corporation named in Part I of Schedule III to the *Financial Administration Act*. The Commission is for all purposes an agent of her Majesty in right of Canada. As a result, all obligations of the Commission are obligations of Canada. The Commission is not subject to income taxes.

As stated in section 5 of the Act, the Commission's mandate is to:

- sustain a vibrant and profitable Canadian tourism industry;
- market Canada as a desirable tourist destination;
- support a cooperative relationship between the private sector and the governments of Canada, the provinces and the territories with respect to Canadian tourism; and
- provide information about Canadian tourism to the private sector and the governments of Canada, the provinces and the territories.

2. Significant accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. Significant accounting policies are as follows:

a) Parliamentary appropriations

The Commission is mainly financed by the Government of Canada through parliamentary appropriations. Parliamentary appropriations used to fund core operations and capital expenditures are considered unrestricted and recognized as income as the appropriations are authorized and received. Parliamentary appropriations used to fund one-time activities, such as Olympics or Stimulus, are considered restricted. Restricted appropriations have eligibility criteria and stipulations that must be met as conditions to receive or keep the funding. Restricted appropriations are recognized as the eligible expenditures are incurred.

b) Partnership contributions

The Commission conducts marketing activities in partnership with a variety of Canadian and foreign organizations. Where the Commission assumes the financial risks of conducting a marketing activity, contributions received from a partnering organization are recognized in income when the related marketing activity takes place. Partnership contributions received for which the related marketing activity has not yet taken place are recognized as deferred revenue.

c) Other revenues

Other revenues consist of interest and other miscellaneous revenues. These items are recognized as revenue in the period in which the transaction or event occurred that gives rise to the revenue.

d) Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and monetary liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollars at the applicable year-end exchange rate. Non-monetary assets and non-monetary liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollars at historical exchange rates. Revenue and expense items are translated during the year at the exchange rate in effect on the date of the transaction. Amortization expenses of tangible capital assets are translated at historical rates to which the assets relate. Translation gains and losses are reported in the

Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses. The Commission does not hedge against the risk of foreign currency fluctuations.

e) Portfolio investments

Portfolio investments are measured at amortized cost. Interest income related to these investments is calculated based on the effective interest rate method.

f) Prepaid expenses

Prepaid expenses consists of program and operating expenses recognized as an expense based on the term of usage for items such as subscriptions or based on the event date of tradeshows.

g) Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization and the amount of any write-downs or disposals. Tangible capital assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the assets as follows:

Leasehold improvements Remaining term of lease

Office furniture 5 years
Computer hardware 3 years
Computer software 5 years

Intangible assets are not recognized in these financial statements.

h) Deferred revenue

Deferred revenue consists of deferred revenues from partnering organizations and deferred leasehold inducements. The deferred revenues relating to partnering organizations are recognized as revenues based on the event's date or over the license period. The deferred revenues relating to leasehold inducements are recognized as revenue over the term of the lease.

i) Asset retirement obligation

Asset retirement obligation consists of decommissioning costs for various office leases. The Commission recognized asset retirement obligations as a result of legal obligations to restore leased office spaces back to their original states at the end of the lease term. Asset retirement obligations are measured initially at fair value, based on management's best estimates, with the resulting amount capitalized into the carrying amount of the related asset. The capitalized asset retirement cost is included in leasehold improvements and amortized on the same basis as the related asset. The amortization expense is included in determining the net cost of operations.

j) Employee future benefits

The Commission offers a number of funded and unfunded defined benefit pension plans, other unfunded defined benefit plans (which include post-employment benefits, post-retirement benefits and non-vested sick leave), as well as defined contribution pension plans. The pension plans include statutory plans and a supplemental plan. Other benefit plans include post-employment severance benefits and post-retirement health, dental and life insurance benefits and non-vested sick leave. The defined benefit pension plans provide benefits based on years of service and average pensionable earnings at retirement. The Commission funds certain pension plans annually based on actuarially determined amounts needed to satisfy employee future benefit entitlements under current

benefit regulations. Cost of living adjustments are automatically provided for retirees in accordance with Consumer Price Index increases.

The costs and obligations of the defined benefit plans are actuarially determined using the projected benefit method prorated on service that incorporates management's best estimates of the rate of employee turnover, the average retirement age, the average cost of claims per person, future salary and benefit levels, expected return on plan assets, future medical costs, and other actuarial factors. For the purposes of calculating the expected return on plan assets, those plan assets are based on the market value.

Past service costs arising from plan amendments are recognized in the years of which the plan amendment occurred.

k) Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the amounts of income and expense during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimates. The most significant estimates involve the determination of employee future benefits, the useful lives for amortization of tangible capital assets and the fair value asset retirement obligation.

I) Accounting changes

The accounting changes adopted by the Commission as of January 1, 2013 and the financial impact upon adoption are detailed below:

- PS 3410 Government Transfers: deferral of unrestricted parliamentary appropriations is no longer allowed under this standard. The Commission recognizes unrestricted parliamentary appropriations as they are authorized and received.
- PS 1201 Financial Statement Presentation, PS 2601 Foreign Currency Translation, PS 3450 Financial Instruments: the financial statement impact of adoption of these three sections is limited to the disclosure of remeasurement gains and losses for any realized and unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses on the new Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses.
- PS 3041 Portfolio Investments: under current operations, no financial statement impact upon adoption.

The above standards have been applied on a prospective basis and therefore, prior period financial statements, including comparatives, have not been restated.

3. Financial statement presentation

These unaudited interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements of the Canadian Tourism Commission (the "Commission") as at and for the year ended December 31, 2012 and the narrative discussion included in the quarterly financial report. Amounts in these interim financial statements as at March 31, 2013 are unaudited and are presented in Canadian dollars.

4. Parliamentary appropriations

The Parliamentary Appropriations provided to the CTC are unrestricted and a balance of \$1.6 M that was deferred at December 31, 2012 was recognized as revenue in the period. Below is a reconciliation of the parliamentary appropriation receivable/(deferred) during the period:

(in thousands)	N	Mar 31, 2013	Dec 31, 2012
Parliamentary appropration receivable / (deferred), January 1	\$	(1,609)	\$ (2,948)
Parliamentary appropriations received		(16,265)	(75,850)
Parliamentary appropriations recognized in net income for operations		17,874	77,189
Parliamentary appropriations receivable / (deferred), December 31	\$	-	\$ (1,609)

Parliamentary appropriations approved for the Government fiscal period April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 are \$57.8 M (April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 \$71.5 M).

The Commission does not have the authority to exceed approved appropriations.

5. Tangible capital assets

(in thousands)	Computer Hardware	Computer Software	Leasehold Improvements	Office Furniture	Decom- Leaseholds	2013 Total
Cost of tangible capital assets, opening Acquistions Disposals	\$ 310 - -	\$ 157 - -	\$ 3,626 - -	\$ 529 - -	\$ 833 - -	\$ 5,455 - -
Cost of tangible capital assets, closing	310	157	3,626	529	833	5,455
Accumulated amortization, opening Amortization expense Disposals	161 26 	151 1 -	2,853 67 -	479 8 -	695 11 -	4,339 113 -
Accumulated amortization, closing	187	152	2,920	487	706	4,453
Net book value	\$ 123	\$ 5	\$ 706	\$ 42	\$ 127	\$ 1,002
(in thousands)	Computer Hardware	Computer Software	Leasehold Improvements	Office Furniture	Decom- Leaseholds	2012 Total
(in thousands) Cost of tangible capital assets, opening Acquistions Disposals	•	•	\$ 3,634 14	Furniture		2012 Total \$ 6,399 81 (1,025)
Cost of tangible capital assets, opening Acquistions	Hardware \$ 972 65	Software \$ 416	\$ 3,634 14	Furniture \$ 544 2	Leaseholds	\$ 6,399 81
Cost of tangible capital assets, opening Acquistions Disposals	### Hardware \$ 972 65 (727)	\$ 416 - (259)	\$ 3,634 14 (22) 3,626 2,526 341	Furniture \$ 544 2 (17)	Leaseholds \$ 833 - -	\$ 6,399 81 (1,025)
Cost of tangible capital assets, opening Acquistions Disposals Cost of tangible capital assets, closing Accumulated amortization, opening Amortization expense	\$ 972 65 (727) 310	\$ 416 - (259) 157 328 56	\$ 3,634 14 (22) 3,626 2,526 341	\$ 544 2 (17) 529 459 35	\$ 833 833 - 833 - 833 - 835 - 83	\$ 6,399 81 (1,025) 5,455 4,688 640