Consolidated Financial Statements

For the year ended **December 31, 1999**

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Council, Inhabitants and Ratepayers of the **Corporation of the City of Toronto**

We have audited the consolidated balance sheet of the **Corporation of the City of Toronto** as at December 31, 1999 and the consolidated statement of operations for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in Canada. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the City as at December 31, 1999 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles disclosed in note 1 to the financial statements.

Toronto, Canada June 13, 2000

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Chartered Accountants

	1999 \$000	1998 \$000
Assets		
Unrestricted		
Cash	78,673	10,875
Investments (Note 6)	595,438	583,728
Taxes receivable	252,275	255,988
User charges and other accounts receivable	810,607	578,708
Other assets (Note 2)	240,015	170,095
	1,977,008	1,599,394
Restricted		
Investments (Note 6)	887,342	1,133,862
Capital outlay financed by long term liabilities and to		
be recovered in future years	1,082,257	1,066,016
	3,946,607	3,799,272
Liabilities	1 0 / 1 000	000.010
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,241,289	899,818
Deferred revenue	111,184	113,776
Other liabilities	285,182	142,905
	1,637,655	1,156,499
Net long term liabilities (Note 7)	1,082,257	1,066,016
	2,719,912	2,222,515
Fund Balances (Note 5)		
Operating Fund - To be used to offset taxation or user charges (Schedule 1)	119,777	115,832
Capital Fund - Unexpended capital financing (capital operations not yet permanently financed)		1. . .
(Schedule 2)	(102,989)	41,561
Reserves (Note 8 and Schedule 3)	322,565	285,502
Reserve funds (Note 8 and Schedule 3)	887,342	1,133,862
	1,226,695	1,576,757
	3,946,607	3,799,272

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Consolidated Statement of Operations For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

	1999 \$000	1998 \$000
Sources of Financing		
Taxation and User Charges		
Residential and commercial taxation	4,496,744	4,494,829
Taxation from other governments	194,578	210,407
Deduct: Amounts relating to school boards	(1,892,758)	(1,948,260)
	2,798,564	2,756,976
User charges (Notes 2 and 3)	2,357,980	1,422,823
	5,156,544	4,179,799
Grants	1,173,095	2,018,070
Other (Note 2)	832,953	312,644
Proceeds from Long Term Liabilities Issued	100,000	347,207
TOTAL FINANCING	7,262,592	6,857,720
Expenditures		
General government	650,514	593,671
Protection to persons and property	955,727	832,314
Transportation services	1,900,543	1,762,825
Environmental services	646,501	587,061
Health services	173,410	147,940
Social and family services	1,381,428	1,401,855
Recreation and cultural services	498,000	539,565
Planning and development	392,116	443,025
Electricity (Note 2)	1,014,415	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,612,654	6,308,256
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF FINANCING OVER EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR	(350,062)	549,464
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,576,757	1,027,293
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING OF TEAK FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR	1,226,695	1,576,757
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Analysis of Consolidated Current Operations For the Year	Ended December 31, 1	
		Schedule
	1999 \$000	1998 \$000
Sources of Financing	4000	<i>v</i>vvv
Taxation and User Charges		
Residential and commercial taxation	4,496,744	4,494,829
Taxation from other governments	194,578	210,407
Deduct: Amounts relating to school boards	(1,892,758)	(1,948,260)
	2,798,564	2,756,976
User charges (Notes 2 and 3)	2,357,980	1,422,823
	5,156,544	4,179,799
Grants	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	-,-,,,,,,,
Government of Canada	2,652	1,208
Province of Ontario	982,968	849,442
Other municipalities	173,888	213,619
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Other (Note 2)	551,095	190,235
TOTAL FINANCING	6,867,147	5,434,303
Expenditures		
General government	472,234	553,580
Protection to persons and property	916,417	787,408
Transportation services	1,206,257	1,059,023
Environmental services	486,490	438,014
Health services	172,900	145,756
Social and family services	1,368,561	1,381,416
Recreation and cultural services	422,231	451,976
Planning and development	380,587	404,594
Electricity (Note 2)	918,707	-
	6,344,384	5,221,767
NET APPROPRIATIONS TO (FROM) OTHER FUNDS		
Reserves	91,422	55,688
Reserve funds	34,703	(84,630)
Capital fund	392,693	210,146
	518,818	181,204
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND NET APPROPRIATIONS	6,863,202	5,402 971
EXCESS OF FINANCING OVER TOTAL EXPENDITURES		
AND NET APPROPRIATIONS (Note 5)	3,945	31,332
OPERATING FUND BALANCE – BEGINNING OF YEAR	115,832	84,500
OPERATING FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR (Note 5)	119,777	115,832

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	1999 \$000	1998 \$000	
Sources of Financing			
Government of Canada grants	3,101	10,052	
Ontario grants	9,578	942,696	
Other municipalities	908	1,053	
Proceeds from the issue of long-term liabilities	100,000	347,207	
Miscellaneous	188,744	38,959	
	302,331	1,339,967	
Expenditures			
General government	178,280	40,091	
Protection to persons and property	39,310	44,906	
Transportation services	694,286	703,802	
Environmental services	160,011	149,047	
Health services	510	2,184	
Social and family services	12,867	20,439	
Recreation and cultural services	75,769	87,589	
Planning and development	11,529	38,431	
Electricity (Note 2)	95,708		
	1,268,270	1,086,489	
NET APPROPRIATIONS TO (FROM) OTHER FUNDS			
Operating fund	(392,693)	(210,146)	
Reserves	(52,814)	(15,930)	
Reserve funds	(375,882)	451,813	
	(821,389)	225,737	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND NET APPROPRIATIONS	446,881	1,312,226	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF FINANCING OVER TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND NET APPROPRIATIONS	(144,550)	27,741	
CAPITAL FUND – UNEXPENDED CAPITAL FINANCING – BEGINNING OF YEAR	41,561	13,820	
CAPITAL FUND – UNEXPENDED CAPITAL FINANCING (CAPITAL OPERATIONS NOT YET PERMANENTLY FINANCED) – END OF YEAR (Note 5)	(102,989)	41,561	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement

Analysis of Consolidated Reserves and Consolidated Rese	erve Funds For the Yea	r Ended December 31. 199
		Schedule
	1999 \$000	1998 \$000
RESERVES (Note 8)		
BALANCE – BEGINNING OF YEAR	285,502	270,665
NET APPROPRIATIONS TO (FROM) OTHER FUNDS		
Reserve funds	1,545	24,921
Operating fund	(91,422)	(55,688)
Capital fund	52,814	15,930
	(37,063)	(14,837)
BALANCE – END OF YEAR	322,565	285,502
RESERVE FUNDS (Note 8)		
BALANCE – BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,133,862	658,308
SOURCES OF FINANCING		
Contributions from developers	22,993	20,711
Sale of land	13,765	4,754
Investment income	45,442	54,635
Miscellaneous	10,914	3,350
	93,114	83,450
NET APPROPRIATIONS TO (FROM) OTHER FUNDS		
Reserves	(1,545)	(24,921)
Operating fund	(34,703)	84,630
Capital fund	375,882	(451,813)
	339,634	(392,104)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF FINANCING OVER NET APPROPRIATIONS	(246,520)	475,554
BALANCE – END OF YEAR	887,342	1,133,862
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement

1. Accounting Policies

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies prescribed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for Ontario municipalities and their local boards. They are the representation of management and necessarily involve the use of best estimates and careful judgement.

(a)(i) Basis of Consolidation

These consolidated statements reflect the assets, liabilities, sources of financing and expenditures of the revenue fund, capital fund, reserves and reserve funds of the municipality and include the activities of all committees of Council and the following boards and municipal enterprises:

Etobicoke Cemetery Board Etobicoke Historical Board Toronto Police Services Board Toronto Licensing Commission Toronto Transit Commission ("TTC") Board of Governors of Exhibition Place Board of Directors of the Hummingbird Centre for the Performing Arts ("Hummingbird") Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo ("Zoo") Board of Management of the Guild The North York Performing Arts Centre Corporation ("NYPACC") Scarborough Historical Museums Board Toronto Historical Board Toronto Economic Development Corporation ("TEDCO") St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts Toronto Public Library Board Toronto Board of Health

Municipal Enterprises:

Toronto Waterworks Utility Toronto Parking Authority Toronto Hydro Corporation (Note 2)

Arenas:

George Bell Arena William H. Bolton Arena Forest Hill Memorial Arena McCormick Playground Arena Moss Park Arena North Toronto Memorial Arena Ted Reeve Arena

Community Centres: Applegrove Community Centre

Cecil Street Community Centre Central Eglinton Community Centre 519 Church Street Community Centre

1. Accounting Policies cont'd

Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centre Community Centre 55 Scadding Court Community Centre Ralph Thornton Community Centre Harbourfront Community Centre Swansea Town Hall Community Centre

Business Improvement Areas:

Pape Village Business Improvement Area Kingsway Business Improvement Area Lakeshore Business Improvement Area Long Branch Business Improvement Area Village of Islington Business Improvement Area Mimico By the Lake Business Improvement Area Kennedy Road Business Improvement Area Bloor by the Park Business Improvement Area Bloor-Bathurst-Madison Business Improvement Area Bloorcourt Village Business Improvement Area Bloordale Village Business Improvement Area Bloor West Village Business Improvement Area Bloor-Yorkville Business Improvement Area Corso Italia Village Business Improvement Area Danforth by the Valley Business Improvement Area Dovercourt Village Business Improvement Area Eglinton Way Business Improvement Area Elm Street Business Improvement Area Forest Hill Village Business Improvement Area Gerrard India Bazaar Business Improvement Area Greektown on the Danforth Business Improvement Area Harbord Street Business Improvement Area Hillcrest Village Business Improvement Area Junction Gardens Business Improvement Area Little Italy Business Improvement Area Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area Parkdale Village Business Improvement Area Queen Broadview Village Business Improvement Area Roncesvalles Village Business Improvement Area St. Clair Gardens Business Improvement Area St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Business Improvement Area Upper Village Business Improvement Area Yonge-Queen-Dundas Business Improvement Area Weston Business Improvement Area Mount Dennis Business Improvement Area York-Eglinton Business Improvement Area Keele-Eglinton Business Improvement Area Mimico Village Business Improvement Area

All interfund assets and liabilities and sources of financing and expenditures have been eliminated in these financial statements.

1. Accounting Policies cont'd

(ii) Non-Consolidated Entities

The following entities are not consolidated: Toronto Housing Company Inc. Toronto District School Board

(iii) Trust Funds

Trust funds and their related operations administered by the City are not consolidated, but are reported separately on the Trust Fund Statement of Continuity and the Trust Fund Balance Sheet (Note 9).

(b) Basis of Accounting

- Sources of financing and expenditures are reported on the accrual basis of accounting, with the exception of sick leave benefits (Note 10), post retirement and long term disability benefits (Note 12) and principal charges on long term liabilities which are charged against operations in the periods in which they are paid (Note 4). The principal charges on long term liabilities are not accrued for the periods from the dates of the latest instalment payments to the end of the financial year.
- (ii) The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues as they become available and measurable; expenditures are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of the receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation to pay.
- (iii) The historical cost and accumulated depreciation of capital assets are not recorded for municipal purposes. Capital assets are reported as an expenditure on the Consolidated Statement of Operations in the year of acquisition.
- (iv) Capital outlay financed by long term liabilities and to be recovered in future years represents the outstanding principal portion of unmatured long term liabilities for municipal expenditures and capital funds transferred to other organizations and is reported on the Consolidated Balance Sheet.
- (v) Unexpended capital financing represents capital financing received for which capital expenditures are yet to be incurred; capital operations not yet permanently financed represents capital expenditures in excess of capital financing obtained. Unexpended capital financing and capital operations not yet permanently financed are reported on the Consolidated Balance Sheet as a part of Fund Balances and on the Analysis of Consolidated Capital Operations (Schedule 2).

2. Acquisition of Entities

(a) Toronto Hydro Corporation

The Electricity Competition Act enacted by the Province requires the restructuring of municipal electrical utilities in Ontario. As a part of the structuring plan of the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission, its assets, liabilities and operations were transferred to the Toronto Hydro Corporation ("Toronto Hydro") and two subsidiary corporations which

2. Acquisition of Entities cont'd

had been incorporated under the Ontario Business Corporations Act. Toronto Hydro issued its only share to the City of Toronto on July 1, 1999 and the accounts of Toronto Hydro are consolidated with those of the City as of this date. The net assets of Toronto Hydro acquired by the City on July 1, 1999 amount to \$67,189,000 and are comprised as follows:

	\$000	
Current assets	382,492	
Other assets	26,878	
	409,370	
Current liabilities	205,427	
Other liabilities	136,754	
	342,181	
	67,189	

This amount is included as a Source of Financing in "Other" on the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

(b) Toronto District Heating Corporation

On December 15, 1999, the Province of Ontario proclaimed the Toronto District Heating Corporation Act, 1998, continuing the Toronto District Heating Corporation ("TDHC") as a body corporate with share capital under the Ontario Business Corporations Act. On the same date, the City acquired the ownership interests of other partners in TDHC and sold a 50% equity interest to a third party. The investment in TDHC is included in other assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheet and is accounted for using the modified equity basis of accounting, whereby the investment is carried at cost and is adjusted for changes in equity which occur.

3. User Charges

User charges on the Consolidated Statement of Operations comprise the following:

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	1999 \$000	1998 \$000	
Sale of electricity	944,242	-	
Transit fares	560,642	541,415	
Sale of water	400,355	389,643	
Parking revenues	55,286	53,248	
Fines	49,610	50,029	
Licenses and permits	57,076	46,832	
Fees and service charges	290,769	341,656	
	2,357,980	1,422,823	

4. Charges for Net Long Term Liabilities

Total charges for the year for net long term liabilities are allocated to the various categories of expenditures on the Consolidated Statement of Operations and comprise the following:

	1999 \$000	1998 \$000
Principal payments including contributions to sinking fund	115,203	114,596
Interest	143,711	123,216
	258,914	237,812

5. Fund Balances

The net change in fund balances for the year of \$350,062,000 is reflected in changes to the following fund balances:

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	1999 \$000	Net Increase (Decrease) \$000	1998 \$000	
Operating fund				
For general reduction of taxation (operating budget)	41,306	(2,330)	43,636	
For general reduction of user charges	31,017	(28,543)	59,560	
For benefiting landowners related to special charges and special areas	1,982	1,269	713	
For hospital purposes	—	(116)	116	
For electricity purposes	29,652	29,652	-	
For steam generation purposes	13,017	13,017	-	
For transit purposes	2,803	(9,004)	11,807	
	119,777	3,945	115,832	
Capital fund	(102,989)	(144,550)	41,561	
Reserves and reserve funds	1,209,907	(209,457)	1,419,364	
	1,226,695	(350,062)	1,576,757	

6. Investments

Investments are authorized investments pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Act and consist primarily of government and corporate bonds and debentures and short term instruments of various financial institutions. The cost and market value of the investments reported on the Consolidated Balance Sheet are as follows:

Cost	1999 \$000	1998 \$000
Cost		
Unrestricted	595,438	583,728
Restricted	887,342	1,133,862
	1,482,780	1,717,590
Market Value		
Unrestricted	581,053	592,347
Restricted	865,904	1,150,605
	1,446,957	1,742,952

7. Net Long Term Liabilities

(a) Net long term liabilities reported on the Consolidated Balance Sheet comprise the following:

	1999 \$000	1998 \$000
Total long term liabilities incurred by the municipality, including those incurred on behalf of school boards and unconsolidated local boards and outstanding at the end of the year	1,707,076	1,915,678
Non-interest bearing loans payable to the Province of Ontario	200,000	101,289
Loan payable to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund	6,246	8,208
The outstanding principal amounts of these liabilities assumed by school boards and unconsolidated local boards		
Toronto Hydro	-	(76,716)
School Boards	(178,416)	(198,085)
The total value of sinking funds which have been accumulated to the end of the year to retire the		
outstanding long term liabilities included above	(652,649)	(684,358)
	1,082,257	1,066,016

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

7. Net Long Term Liabilities cont'd

(b) Principal payments relating to net long term liabilities of \$1,082,257,000 outstanding as at December 31, 1999 are summarized as follows:

	Princi	Principal Payable		
	2000 to 2004 \$000	2005 Onward \$000		
From general municipal revenues	1,025,452	643,871		
Anticipated future earnings of sinking funds	(485,475)	(101,591)		
	539,977	542,280		

- (c) The Municipal Act requires approval by the Ontario Board for debt issues only when debt repayment limits established by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing are exceeded. As at December 31, 1999, the annual principal and interest payments required to service the outstanding long term liabilities were within the prescribed annual debt repayment limit.
- (d) Translation of net long term liabilities payable in foreign currencies

Included in net long term liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheet and translated into Canadian funds at the rate of exchange prevailing at the end of the year is an amount of US \$Nil (1998 – US \$2,656,000), the translated value of which amounts to Cdn \$Nil (1998 – Cdn \$4,065,000).

(e) Long term liabilities incurred on behalf of others

The City is contingently liable for long term liabilities for which the responsibility for the payment of principal and interest has been assumed by School Boards (1998 – School Boards and Toronto Hydro). The total amount outstanding of \$178,416,000 (1998 – \$274,801,000) is not recorded on the Consolidated Balance Sheet.

8. Reserves and Reserve Funds

Details of reserves and reserve funds as at December 31 are as follows:

(a) Reserves	1999 \$000	1998 \$000	
Set aside for specific purposes by Council	.		
Water stabilization	191,509	93,902	
Working capital	82,218	82,218	
Vehicle and equipment replacement	25,550	74,875	
Homes for the Aged	12,896	6,482	
Arbitration and legal awards	3,813	3,902	
Waste management	2,472	2,472	
Road enhancement	1,845	1,345	
Police central sick pay	1,690	1,690	
Winter control stabilization	271	16,771	
Miscellaneous	301	300	
NYPACC stabilization		1,545	
Total reserves	322,565	285,502	

8. Reserves and Reserve Funds cont'd

	1999 \$000	1998 \$000
(b) Reserve Funds		
Set aside for specific purposes by Council		
Employee related		
Employee benefits	135,547	151,542
Sick leave	89,441	89,713
Workplace Safety and Insurance	17,829	17,545
Productivity improvement	27	1,924
Capital expenditure		
Transit	125,084	464,820
Land acquisition	39,550	25,259
Parking	36,823	44,906
Capital financing	34,119	30,147
Solid waste management	21,845	19,334
TEDCO environmental remediation	11,904	11,375
TDHC	6,544	-
Building maintenance	3,409	3,232
General government	2,270	5,003
Exhibition Place capital improvement	638	3,443
Water	-	12,277
Other		
Social Services	47,426	19,988
Insurance	33,731	41,836
TTC stabilization	9,182	1,203
General government	7,617	7,233
Capital revolving fund – affordable housing	6,741	-
Homeless Initiative	5,141	971
Social Housing	4,885	4,268
Election	4,049	1,967
Economic Development, Culture and Tourism	3,915	4,173
Client identification and benefits	3,311	3,324
Urban planning	3,056	2,944
NYPACC stabilization	2,029	_
Hummingbird stabilization	933	804
Zoo stabilization	516	630
Regent Park Residents' Association	151	144
	657,713	970,005

8. Reserves and Reserve Funds cont'd

	1999 \$000	1998 \$000
Set aside for specific purpose by legislation, regulation or agreement		
Development levies	60,022	57,908
Water pollution control	103,913	43,888
Subdividers' deposits	27,350	25,945
Parkland acquisitions	26,334	23,849
Third party agreements	11,358	11,654
Donated funds	652	613
	229,629	163,857
Total reserve funds	887,342	1,133,862

9. Trust Funds

Trust funds administered by the City amounting to \$58,448,000 (1998–\$57,957,000) have not been included in the Consolidated Balance Sheet nor have their operations been included in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

10. Liability for Vested Sick Leave Benefits

Under the City's sick leave benefit plans, unused sick leave can accumulate and employees may become entitled to a cash payment when they leave the municipality's employment.

As at December 31, 1999, the liability for these accumulated days, to the extent that they have vested and could be taken in cash by an employee on terminating, amounted to \$285,022,000 (1998 – \$241,754,000). An amount of \$13,968,000 (1998 – \$11,848,000) was paid to employees who left the municipality's employment during the year.

A reserve fund has been established to provide for this past service liability and is reported on the Consolidated Balance Sheet as a part of the Reserve Funds (Note 8(b)). As at December 31, 1999, the balance in this reserve fund amounted to \$89,441,000 (1998 – \$89,713,000). An amount of \$8,928,000 (1998 – \$27,381,000) has been provided for in the current year in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

11. Pension Obligations

Contributions are made to the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement Fund ("OMERS"), a multi-employer plan, and other pension plans on behalf of the permanent staff. The plans are defined benefit plans and specify the amount of the retirement benefit to be received by an employee based on length of service and rates of pay.

The present value of obligations for past service as at December 31, 1999 amounts to \$19,209,000 (1998 – \$23,173,000) and is being funded by annual payments of \$4,116,000 in 2000, \$3,681,000 in 2001, \$3,423,000 in 2002, \$2,034,000 from 2003 to 2005, \$754,000 in 2006, \$188,000 from 2007 to 2009 with the balance of \$567,000 over the four year period from 2010 to 2013. No provision has been made in the accounts for these obligations.

11. Pension Obligations cont'd

Contributions to these plans in 1999 amounted to \$32,019,000 (1998 – \$80,113,000) in respect of current service and \$3,938,223 (1998 – \$1,846,000) in respect of past service. The contributions paid for current and past service are included in the various categories of expenditures on the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

Contributions required from employees and employers in respect of current service in the OMERS plan have been suspended until December 31, 2001.

12. Post Retirement and Long Term Disability Benefits

The City provides various health, dental, life insurance and long term disability benefits to employees and retirees.

The present value of post retirement and long term disability benefits for employees and retirees as at December 31, 1998 as determined by actuarial valuation is \$763,589,000.

An employee benefits reserve fund and a workplace safety and insurance reserve fund have been established to provide for the future payment of payments and are reported on the Consolidated Balance Sheet as a part of reserve funds (Note 8(b)). As at December 31, 1999, the balances in these reserve funds amounted to \$135,547,000 (1998 – \$151,542,000) and \$17,829,000 (1998 – \$17,545,000) respectively.

13. Public Liability Insurance

Exposure on public liability claims are covered by a combination of self insurance and coverage with insurance carriers.

The insurance reserve fund as reported on the Consolidated Balance Sheet and as a part of reserve funds (Note 8(b)) is available to cover self insured exposures, including public liability claims. The provision during the year for insurance claims is included in the various categories on the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

14. Contingencies and Commitments

- (a) The City is subject to various legal claims arising in the normal course of its operations, the ultimate result of which cannot be determined at this time. The disposition of these claims is expected to approximate amounts which have been recorded in the accounts.
- (b) A class action was served on the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission as the representative of the Defendant Class of all municipal electrical utilities in Ontario which have applied late payment charges on overdue utility bills since 1981. The claim alleges that late payment penalties result in the receipt of interest at effective rates in excess of 60% per year, which is illegal under the Criminal Code. The claim against the Defendant Class is for \$500,000,000 in restitutionary payments plus accrued interest. The Municipal Electric Association, in co-operation with Toronto Hydro, is undertaking the defence of this claim. It is not possible to quantify the effect, if any, on these financial statements at this time.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

14. Contingencies and Commitments cont'd

- (c) Capital commitments outstanding as at December 31, 1999 include the purchase and delivery of 136 subway cars and 104 Wheel-Trans buses for which payments of \$114,500,000 are to be made.
- (d) As at December 31, 1999, the City is committed to minimum annual operating lease payments for premises and equipment as follows:

	\$000	
2000	40,615	
2001	34,813	
2002	32,640	
2003	23,989	
2004	19,845	
Thereafter	25,868	

15. Comparative Amounts

Certain comparative amounts have been restated to conform with the presentation adopted in these financial statements.