

AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

Statement of Policy

The purpose of the Audit Committee (the “Committee”) is to assist the Board of Directors (the “Board”) in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities by (i) overseeing the Corporation's accounting and financial reporting processes and the audits of the Corporation's financial statements, (ii) reviewing the financial reports and other financial information provided by the Corporation to the public; and (iii) developing and implementing the Corporation's internal controls and procedures designed to promote compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations. In particular, the Committee shall:

- serve as an independent party to monitor the Corporation's financial reporting processes and internal control system;
- discuss the audit conducted by the Corporation's outside auditor; and
- provide an open avenue of communication among the outside auditor, management and the Board.

While the Committee has the responsibilities and powers set forth in this Charter, it is not the duty of the Committee to plan or conduct the audits or to determine that the Corporation's financial statements are complete, accurate and in accordance with GAAP. This is the responsibility of management and the Corporation's outside auditor.

Composition

The Committee shall be composed of a minimum of three and a maximum of five directors, each of whom, in the determination of the Board, must (a) satisfy the independence and other requirements established by the TSX. In addition, the Committee shall at all time include at least one member who has past employment experience in finance or accounting, or any other comparable experience or background that results in his or her financial sophistication.

The members of the Committee shall be appointed and replaced by the Board. Unless a Chair is elected by the full Board, the members of the Committee may designate a Chair by majority vote of the full Committee membership.

Meetings

The Committee shall meet at such times and with such frequency as the Committee shall determine as appropriate to meet its responsibilities. The Committee shall hold separate meetings periodically, but not less often than quarterly, with management and the Corporation's outside auditor to discuss the quarterly review process and any other matters that the Committee or the other participants believe should be discussed. The Committee may ask members of management or others to attend meetings and provide pertinent information as necessary or desirable. The Committee may adopt such procedures as it deems appropriate and necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Committee. The Committee shall report to the Board from time to time, as requested by the Board, or as the Committee deems appropriate.

Responsibilities and Duties

The Committee shall have the following responsibilities and duties:

- The Committee shall be directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of any registered public accounting firm engaged (including resolution of disagreements between management and the Corporation's outside auditor regarding financial reporting) for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Corporation. Each such registered public accounting firm shall report directly to the Committee. The Corporation shall provide for appropriate funding, as determined by the Committee, for payment of
 - compensation to any registered public accounting firm engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Corporation;
 - compensation to any advisers employed by the Committee; and
 - ordinary administrative expenses of the Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties.
- The Committee shall, to the extent required by any applicable legal or regulatory requirement, pre-approve all auditing services and permitted non-audit services provided to the Corporation by its outside auditor. To the extent permitted by applicable laws, regulations and TSX rules, the Committee may delegate pre-approval of audit and non-audit services to one or more members of the Committee. Such member(s) must then report to the full Committee at its next scheduled meeting if such member(s) pre-approved any audit or permitted non-audit services.
- At least annually, the Committee shall receive from its outside auditor a formal written statement delineating all relationships between the auditor and the Corporation, consistent with CICA Handbook Section 5751, actively engage in a dialogue with the auditor with respect to any disclosed relationships or services that may impact the objectivity and independence of the auditor, and take, or recommend that the full Board take, appropriate action to oversee the independence of the outside auditor.
- The Committee shall oversee the Corporation's accounting and financial reporting processes and the audits of the Corporation's financial statements.
- The Committee shall review the Corporation's annual audited financial statements, including any certification, report or opinion rendered by the Corporation's outside auditor, and discuss the same with management and the auditor. The Committee shall recommend to the Board whether the annual financial statements should be included in the Corporation's Annual Report.
- The Committee shall discuss with the outside auditor the matters described in CICA Handbook Sections 5135, 5136, 5220 and 5751, including any difficulties the auditor encountered in the course of the audit work, any restrictions on the scope of the auditor's

activities or on access to requested information, and any significant disagreements with management.

- The Committee shall review any disclosures made by the Corporation's Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer (as such terms are defined by the TSX), as part of the process of preparing their certifications to be included in the Corporation's Annual Report and Quarterly Reports and as part of the CEO/CFO Certification requirements relating Multilateral Instrument 52-109.
- The Committee shall establish procedures for (i) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Corporation regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, and (ii) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Corporation of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters (Whistle Blower Policy).
- The Committee shall review and approve all related-party transactions that are brought to the Committee's attention.
- The Committee shall have the power to conduct or authorize investigations into any matters within the Committee's scope of responsibilities.
- The Committee shall have the authority to engage independent counsel and other advisors, as the Committee determines necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities.
- The Committee may consider such other matters in relation to the financial affairs of the Corporation and its accounts, and in relation to the internal and external audits of the Corporation, as the Committee may, in its discretion, determine to be advisable.
- The Committee shall annually report to the Corporation's stockholders on certain auditing matters, as required by the rules and regulations of the TSX, as they may be amended from time to time. Such report will be included in the Corporation's annual proxy statement and AIF form.
- The Committee shall review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter annually, and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for its approval.
- The Committee will conduct in Camera meetings with the external auditors in private sessions without management present.
- The Committee shall approve all engagements for accounting and tax advice provided by any audit firm other than the external auditors.

The Committee may diverge from the specific activities outlined throughout this Charter as appropriate if circumstances or regulatory requirements change. In addition to these activities, the Committee may perform such other functions as necessary or appropriate under applicable laws, regulations, TSX rules, the Corporation's certificate of incorporation and by-laws, and the resolutions and other directives of the Board.