

	<b>BOARD CODE OF CONDUCT</b>		Revision No. 1
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## 1. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Corporation's essential objective is to uphold ethical standards in all of its corporate activities. The purpose of the Board Code of Conduct ("**Board Code**") is to foster a climate of honest, truthfulness and integrity. No code, however, can replace the thoughtful behaviour of an ethical director.

The Corporation's Governance Committee is responsible for setting the standards of business conduct contained in the Board Code and updating these standards as it deems appropriate to reflect changes in the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the Corporation, the business practices within the Corporation's industry, the Corporation's own business practices, and the prevailing ethical standards of the communities in which the Corporation operates. While the Corporation's Governance Committee will oversee and monitor compliance with the Board Code, it is the individual responsibility of each director of the Corporation to comply with the Board Code.

## 2. OBLIGATIONS

Every director of the Corporation in exercising his or her powers and in discharging his or her duties shall:

- comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations in all matters in accordance with the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta) and the common law;
- act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interest of the Corporation;
- exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances;
- exercise his or her director's powers for the purpose for which they were intended;
- ensure that the director's personal interest and his or her duty to the Corporation are not brought into conflict; and
- ensure that the director does not obtain or receive, directly or indirectly, a personal profit, gain or benefit as a result of his or her relationship with the Corporation, other than compensation paid to such director by the Corporation.

Every director shall endeavor to deal fairly with the Corporation's security holders, customers, suppliers, competitors and employees. No director shall take unfair advantage of any such person through manipulation, concealment, abuse of privileged information, misrepresentation of facts of any other unfair or unlawful dealing practice.



Every director has a duty to preserve and protect confidential information of the Corporation and its subsidiaries. This duty of confidentiality continues even after the director no longer serves on the board of the Corporation. Confidential information of the Corporation and its subsidiaries includes all information about the Corporation's and its subsidiaries business, including marketing plans, agreements, customer lists, databases, trade secrets, intellectual property as well as information about competitive and strategic matters, and undisclosed materials information.

Directors must take all reasonable steps to protect confidential information, including the following:

- controlling access to confidential information;
- discussing confidential information with others only in the necessary course of business (and then with due care);
- not discussing confidential information in public places, such as airplanes, elevators and restaurants;
- keeping documents containing confidential information secure so they cannot be lost, stolen or viewed by individuals without a need to know, and taking steps to secure sensitive information when it is unattended;
- safeguarding documents being taken away from the Corporation's premises;
- determining whether documents containing confidential information should be shredded or otherwise destroyed prior to disposal; and
- not sharing confidential information about the Corporation with companies they are, or may be, seeking to provide products or services to the Corporation, except as required in a bidding process after authorization from the Corporation.

In discharging the general duty of undivided loyalty to the Corporation every director who is:

- a party to a material contract or transaction or proposed material contract or transaction with the Corporation;
- a director or officer of any entity who is a party to a material contract or transaction or proposed material contract or transaction with the Corporation; or
- a person who has a material interest in any entity which is a party to a material contract or transaction or proposed material contract or transaction with the Corporation,

shall disclose the nature and extent of his or her interest in writing to the Corporation, or request to have that interest entered in the minutes of the meeting of directors at which the contract or transaction is first considered. In addition, such director shall retire from the meeting, if required by the Board of Directors, while the discussion on the material contract or transaction or proposed material contract under consideration, but this shall not prevent the Board of Directors from calling him or her into the meeting to answer any questions regarding the matter under discussion nor shall it release the director from his or her obligation to inform the Board of Directors of what he or she knows of the situation and of any concerns.



However, because it may be impractical for a director or officer who serves as a director or officer of another entity or who has a material interest in another entity to know that the entity is entering into a material contract or transaction with the Corporation (and therefore to give notice of every such material contract or transaction), it is sufficient for the director to deliver a general notice to the directors of the Corporation, declaring that he or she is a director or officer or has a material interest in an entity and is to be regarded as interested in any material contract or transaction made with the entity.

Every director of the Corporation shall comply in all respects with the Corporation's Corporate Policies, as developed, and as same may be amended, updated or replaced from time to time.

### **3. WAIVERS**

Any waiver from compliance with any of the terms of the Board Code shall require the prior approval of the Corporation's Governance Committee and shall be disclosed in the Corporation's next quarterly report.

### **4. VIOLATIONS**

Every director shall report, in person or in writing, any known or suspected violation of the Board Code or the Policy, including illegal or unethical behaviour, to the Corporation's Governance Committee. The Corporation shall not allow any retaliation against a director who acts in good faith in reporting any such violations.

The Corporation's Governance Committee shall cause an investigation of any reported violations and shall oversee an appropriate response, including corrective action and preventative measures. Any director who violates the Board Code shall face appropriate, case specific, disciplinary action.

### **5. AFFIRMATION**

Every director is expected to read and become familiar with the Board Code and the Corporation's Corporate Policies and may be required, from time to time, to affirm in writing his or her compliance with the Board Code and Corporate Policies.

