

CI FINANCIAL CORP.

AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

As of February 16, 2017

1. Introduction

The Audit Committee (the “**Committee**” or the “**Audit Committee**”) of CI Financial Corp. (the “**Company**”) is a committee of the Board of Directors (the “**Board**”). The Committee shall oversee the accounting and financial reporting practices of the Company and the audits of the Company’s financial statements, as well as exercise the responsibilities and duties set out in this Charter.

2. Membership

Number of Members

The Committee shall be appointed by the Board and shall be comprised of at least three members of the Board. The Lead Director of the Board shall be an ex officio member of the Audit Committee.

Independence of Members

Each member of the Committee must be independent. “**Independent**” shall have the meaning, as the context requires, given to it in National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees* (the “**Instrument**”), as may be amended from time to time.

Chair

At the time of the annual appointment of the members of the Audit Committee, the Board shall appoint a Chair of the Audit Committee. The Chair shall be a member of the Audit Committee, preside over all Audit Committee meetings, coordinate the Audit Committee’s compliance with this Charter, work with management to develop the Audit Committee’s annual work-plan and provide reports of the Audit Committee to the Board.

Financial Literacy of Members

At the time of his or her appointment to the Committee, each member of the Committee shall have, or shall acquire within a reasonable time following appointment to the Committee, the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company’s financial statements, or shall otherwise meet the financial literacy requirements of the Instrument.

Term of Members

The members of the Committee shall be appointed annually by the Board. Each member of the Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Board until the member resigns, is removed, or ceases to be a member of the Board. If the Chair is not elected by the Board, the members of the Committee may designate a Chair by majority vote of the full Committee membership.

3. Meetings

Number of Meetings

The Committee shall meet at least quarterly and otherwise may meet as many times per year as necessary to carry out its responsibilities.

Quorum

No business may be transacted by the Committee at a meeting unless a quorum of the Committee is present. A majority of members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Calling of Meetings

The Chair, any member of the Audit Committee, the external auditors, the Executive Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, President or the Chief Financial Officer may call a meeting of the Audit Committee by notifying the Company's Corporate Secretary who will notify the members of the Audit Committee. The Chair shall chair all Audit Committee meetings that he or she attends, and in the absence of the Chair, the members of the Audit Committee present may appoint a chair from their number for a meeting.

Minutes; Reporting to the Board

The Committee shall maintain minutes or other records of meetings and activities of the Committee in sufficient detail to convey the substance of all discussions held. Upon approval of the minutes by the Committee, the minutes shall be available to the other members of the Board. However, the Chair shall report orally to the Board on any matter in his or her view requiring the immediate attention of the Board.

Attendance of Non-Members

The external auditors are entitled to attend and be heard at each meeting of the Audit Committee. Other Board members are also entitled to attend meetings of the Audit Committee, with notice to the Chair. In addition, the Committee may invite to a meeting any officers or employees of the Company, legal counsel, advisors and other persons whose attendance it considers necessary or desirable in order to carry out its responsibilities. At least once per year, the Committee shall meet with the internal auditor and management in separate sessions to discuss any matters that the Committee or such individuals consider appropriate.

Meetings without Management

The Committee shall hold meetings, or portions of meetings, at which management is not present.

The Committee shall meet at least quarterly with the auditors without the presence of management.

Access to Management

The Committee shall have unrestricted access to the Company's management and employees and the books and records of the Company.

Consultation

The Audit Committee shall have the authority to retain external legal counsel, consultants or other advisors to assist it in fulfilling its responsibilities and to set and pay the respective compensation for these advisors without consulting or obtaining the approval of the Board or any Company officer. The Company shall provide appropriate funding, as determined by the Committee, for the services of these advisors. The Committee shall also be permitted to communicate directly with the internal audit staff of the Company and entities controlled by the Company (together, the "**Company Group**") (if any) and the auditors.

4. Duties and Responsibilities

The Committee shall have the functions and responsibilities set out below as well as any other functions that are specifically delegated to the Committee by the Board and that the Board is authorized to delegate by applicable laws and regulations. In addition to these functions and responsibilities, the Committee shall perform the duties required of an audit committee by (i) any exchange upon which securities of the Company are traded, or (ii) any governmental or regulatory body exercising authority over the Company, in each case, as are in effect from time to time (collectively, the "**Applicable Requirements**") including the functions and responsibilities set out in the Instrument.

Financial Executives

The Committee shall review and discuss with management and the Board the appointment and/or removal of the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Internal Auditor and recommend qualified candidates to the Board, as appropriate.

Financial Reports

(a) General

Management is responsible for the preparation, presentation and integrity of the Company's financial statements and financial disclosures and for the appropriateness of the accounting principles and the reporting policies used by the Company. The auditors are responsible for auditing the Company's annual consolidated financial statements and for reviewing the

Company's unaudited interim financial statements. The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the Company's financial statements and financial disclosures.

(b) Review of Annual Financial Reports

Prior to public release, the Audit Committee shall review the annual consolidated audited financial statements of the Company, the auditors' report thereon and the related management's discussion and analysis of the Company's financial condition and results of operation ("MD&A"). At the Committee meeting at which the Company's annual statements are to be reviewed, the Committee shall meet, in person, with representatives of the auditors and with the Company management to obtain information regarding the annual statements and the results of the audit including, but not limited to information concerning:

1. the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and the Company's internal control over financial reporting;
2. accounting policies, judgments and estimates used by management;
3. areas of audit emphasis;
4. applicable regulatory compliance; and
5. independence of auditors.

After completing its review, if advisable, the Audit Committee shall approve, and recommend for Board approval, the annual financial statements and the related MD&A.

(c) Review of Interim Financial Reports

The Audit Committee shall review the interim consolidated financial statements of the Company, the auditors' review report thereon and the related MD&A. After completing its review, if advisable, the Audit Committee shall approve and recommend for Board approval the interim financial statements and the related MD&A. The review by the Committee shall be completed prior to the issuance of a press release respecting the interim financial results. The Committee shall meet, in person, with representatives of the auditors and with the Company management to obtain information regarding the interim statements and to discuss the results of their preparation and review. At each meeting, the Committee will request that the auditors communicate to the Committee their findings based on the interim procedures performed by the auditors. In addition, the Committee will request that the auditors communicate any findings which would modify or change the report provided by the auditors to the Committee in connection with the Company's last annual statements.

(d) Review Considerations

In addition to the procedures referred to above, when conducting its review of the annual financial statements or the interim financial statements, the Audit Committee may:

- (i) receive a report from internal legal counsel, as requested, regarding any litigation claim or other contingency that could have a material effect on the financial statements;
- (ii) review the status of accounting policies followed and critical accounting and other significant estimates and judgements underlying the financial statements as presented by management;
- (iii) review any material effects of regulatory accounting initiatives or off-balance sheet structures on the financial statements as presented by management, including requirements relating to complex or unusual transactions, significant changes to accounting principles and alternative treatments under International Financial Reporting Standards;
- (iv) review any material changes in accounting policies and any significant changes or developments in accounting practices, independence standards and reporting practices and their impact on the financial statements as presented by management;
- (v) review with management and the auditors any significant financial reporting issues discussed during the fiscal period and the method of resolution;
- (vi) receive and review a report from management or internal audit on the effectiveness of financial disclosure procedures and internal controls over financial reporting;
- (vii) review any problems experienced by the auditors in performing the annual audit or quarterly procedures, including any restrictions imposed by management or significant accounting issues on which there was a disagreement with management;
- (viii) obtain an explanation from management of all significant variances between comparative reporting periods;
- (ix) review the post-audit or management letter, containing the recommendations of the auditors, and management's response and subsequent follow up to matters raised by the auditors;
- (x) review "whistleblowing" complaints received by Lead Director;
- (xi) review any other matters, related to the financial statements, that are brought forward by the auditors or management or which are required to be communicated to the Audit Committee under accounting policies, auditing standards or Applicable Requirements; and
- (xii) review interim and annual chief executive officer and chief financial officer certifications on financial statements and controls required by the Instrument.

(e) **Approval of Other Financial Disclosures**

Prior to public release, the Audit Committee shall review and, if advisable, approve and recommend for Board approval financial disclosure in a prospectus or other securities offering document of the Company, press releases disclosing, or based upon, financial results of the Company and any other material financial disclosure, publicly disseminated, other than press releases regarding monthly sales.

Other

The Audit Committee or the Chair shall be available to review with management and the auditors any material accounting and financial issues affecting the Company not dealt with in annual and quarterly reviews.

Managing the Relationship with the Auditors

(a) **Appointment and Compensation**

The Audit Committee shall select and recommend to the Board for shareholder approval the appointment of the auditors. The Audit Committee shall have ultimate authority to approve all audit engagement terms and fees, including the auditors' audit plan.

(b) **Resolution of Disagreements**

The Audit Committee shall resolve any disagreements between management of the Company and the auditors as to financial reporting matters brought to its attention.

(c) **Discussions with Auditors**

At least annually, the Audit Committee shall discuss with the auditors such matters as are required by applicable auditing standards to be discussed by the auditors with the Audit Committee. The Committee shall ensure that the Company requires and instructs the auditors to report directly to the Committee.

(d) **Audit Plan**

At least annually, and prior to the commencement of each audit, the Audit Committee shall review a summary of the auditors' annual audit plan. The Audit Committee shall consider and review with the auditors any material changes to the scope of the plan.

(e) **Quarterly Review Report**

The Audit Committee shall review a report prepared by the auditors in respect of each of the interim financial statements of the Company.

(f) **Independence of Auditors**

At least annually, and before the auditors issue their report on the annual financial statements, the Audit Committee shall obtain from the auditors a formal written statement describing all

relationships between the auditors and the Company; discuss with the auditors any disclosed relationships or services that may affect the objectivity and independence of the auditors; and obtain written confirmation from the auditors that they are objective and independent within the meaning of the applicable Rules of Professional Conduct/Code of Ethics adopted by the provincial institute or order of chartered accountants to which the auditors belong and other Applicable Requirements.

(g) Evaluation and Rotation of Lead Partner

At least annually, the Audit Committee shall review the qualifications and performance of the lead partner(s) of the auditors and discuss, if necessary any abridgment or acceleration of the current policy of rotating lead partners of the external auditors.

(h) Requirement for Pre-Approval of Non-Audit Services

The Audit Committee shall approve in advance any retainer of the auditors to perform any non-audit service to the Company that it deems advisable in accordance with Applicable Requirements and Board approved policies and procedures. The Audit Committee may delegate pre-approval authority to a member of the Audit Committee. The decisions of any member of the Audit Committee to whom this authority has been delegated must be presented to the full Audit Committee at its next scheduled Audit Committee meeting.

(i) Approval of Hiring Policies

The Audit Committee shall review and approve the Company's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditors of the Company and the mutual funds managed by the Company or its affiliates.

(j) Communication with Internal Auditor

The internal auditor shall report regularly to the Committee. The Committee shall review with the internal auditor any problem or difficulty the internal auditor may have encountered including, without limitation, any restrictions on the scope of activities or access to required information, and any significant reports to management prepared by the internal auditing department and management's responses thereto.

The Committee shall review and approve on an annual basis the mandate and annual internal audit plan of the internal audit department and discuss with management the internal audit budget and staffing. The Committee shall direct management to make changes it deems advisable in respect of the internal audit function.

The Committee shall review the appointment, performance and replacement of the senior internal auditing executive and the activities, reporting responsibilities and qualifications of the persons responsible for the internal audit function.

Internal Controls

(a) General

The Audit Committee shall review the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting.

(b) Establishment, Review and Approval

The Audit Committee shall oversee management's design, implementation and maintenance of appropriate systems of internal controls in accordance with Applicable Requirements, including internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures, and review, evaluate and approve these procedures. At least annually, the Audit Committee shall consider and review with management and the auditors:

- (i) the effectiveness of, or weaknesses or deficiencies in: the design or operation of the Company's internal controls (including computerized information system controls and security); the overall control environment for managing business risks; accounting, financial and disclosure controls (including, without limitation, controls over financial reporting), non-financial controls; and legal and regulatory controls and the impact of any identified weaknesses in internal controls on management's conclusions;
- (ii) any significant changes in internal controls over financial reporting that are disclosed, or considered for disclosure, including those in the Company's periodic regulatory filings;
- (iii) the Company's fraud prevention and detection procedure, including deficiencies in internal controls that may impact the integrity of financial information, or may expose the Company to other significant internal or external fraud losses and the extent of those losses and any disciplinary action in respect of fraud taken against management or other employees who have a significant role in financial reporting; and
- (iv) any related significant issues and recommendations of the auditors together with management's responses thereto, including the timetable for implementation of recommendations to correct weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures.

Audit Committee Whistleblower Procedures

The Audit Committee shall establish procedures for (a) the receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters and (b) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters. The details of such whistleblower procedures will be described in the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and available on the employee website.

Audit Committee Disclosure

The Audit Committee shall approve any audit committee disclosures required by Applicable Requirements to be included in the Company's disclosure documents.

Delegation

The Audit Committee may, to the extent permissible by Applicable Requirements, designate a sub-committee to review any matter within this Charter as the Audit Committee deems appropriate.

5. Charter Review

The Committee shall review and update this Charter annually and present it to the Board for approval.

6. No Rights Created

This Charter is a statement of broad policies and is intended as a component of the governance framework within which the Committee assists the Board in directing the affairs of the Company. While it should be interpreted in the context of all applicable laws, regulations and listing requirements, as well as in the context of the Company's Articles and By-laws, it is not intended to establish any legally binding obligations.