# ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "CROWN") AS REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER SERVICES

- AND -

THE ONTARIO MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY COUNCIL,
A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, WITHOUT SHARE CAPITAL
INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF ONTARIO (HEREINAFTER REFERRED
TO AS THE "ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY")

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# SCHEDULES

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#### Recitals

WHEREAS the Minister and the Administrative Authority are required to enter into an Administrative Agreement pursuant to the *Safety and Consumer Statutes Administration Act, 1996* ("SCSAA") as amended, to include all matters that the Minister considers necessary for delegating the administration of the delegated legislation, in this case, the *Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002* ("the Act");

AND WHEREAS the Minister is accountable to the people of Ontario as a member of the Legislative Assembly and to the Legislative Assembly as a Minister of the Crown in right of Ontario:

AND WHEREAS the Administrative Authority is accountable to the Minister and the government for its administration of the delegated legislation;

AND WHEREAS the Administrative Authority administers the Act on behalf of the Minister and as a trusted advisor provides valuable information to the government regarding the operational effectiveness of the Act and that both parties acting in the public interest are dependent on a collaborative relationship;

AND WHEREAS the Minister and the Administrative Authority recognize the benefit of building on a history of a strong collaborative relationship and the need to resolve any disagreements as amicably and expeditiously as possible;

AND WHEREAS the Administrative Authority is not funded by the government and is not self-regulating;

AND WHEREAS the Minister is responsible for recommending legislative and regulatory changes to the Lieutenant Governor in Council;

AND WHEREAS the Minister and the Administrative Authority intend to exercise their powers and duties under the SCSAA and the Act in such a manner as to protect, enhance and improve consumer protection and carry out and perform this Agreement in a manner consistent with the objective and principle of ensuring a fair, safe and informed marketplace that supports a competitive economy;

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the promises and the mutual covenants contained in this Agreement and subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the parties hereby enter into this Administrative Agreement.

#### 1. Definitions

- (1) In this Administrative Agreement,
  - (a) "Act" means the legislation designated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council being the *Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002,* and the regulations under that Act, as amended from time to time;

- (b) "Administrative Authority" means the Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council or such other administrative authority designated under the SCSAA to administer the Act;
- (c) "Agreement" means the Administrative Agreement, all attached schedules and any agreement or schedule in writing supplementing or amending this Administrative Agreement or any of its schedules;
- (d) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Administrative Authority;
- (e) "Chair" means the Chair of the Board;
- (f) "Crown" means Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario:
- (g) "Minister" means the Minister responsible for the administration of the Act, or of the Safety and Consumer Statutes Administration Act, 1996, as the case may be, acting for and on behalf of the Crown;
- (h) "SCSAA" "means the *Safety and Consumer Statutes Administration Act*, 1996, and the regulations under it;
- (i) "Statutory Mandate" means the exercise of the authority delegated to the Administrative Authority pursuant to the SCSAA, excluding non-regulatory business ventures.
- (j) "Termination" means the Lieutenant Governor in Council regulation revoking the designation of the Administrative Authority to administer the Act, pursuant to section 6 of the SCSAA.

# 2. Purpose of the Agreement

This Administrative Agreement between the Minister and the Administrative Authority:

- (1) Sets out all matters that the Minister considers necessary for delegating the administration of the Act to the Administrative Authority in accordance with the SCSAA.
- (2) Clarifies the roles, duties and responsibilities of the Minister and the Administrative Authority in relation to the administration of the Act and the administrative matters as set out under the Act and the SCSAA.
- (3) Clarifies the administrative, financial, auditing, accountability, legislative and regulatory development, and working and reporting relationships between the parties.

# 3. Designations and Delegated Administration

- (1) The parties acknowledge that the administration of all the provisions of the Act, except those specifically exempted in the designation, are delegated to the Administrative Authority. For greater certainty, a copy of the regulation designating the Act and the Administrative Authority is attached as Schedule "A" to this Agreement.
- (2) The Administrative Authority has assumed responsibility for the administration of all provisions in the Act except those specifically exempted in the designation.
- (3) The Statutory Mandate of the Administrative Authority is established by the Act and the SCSAA.

# 4. Accountability Relationships

- (1) The Minister is accountable to the Legislative Assembly for the fulfilment of the Statutory Mandate by the Administrative Authority and for reporting to the Legislative Assembly on the affairs of the Administrative Authority.
- (2) The Board is accountable to the Minister through the Chair, for the performance of the Administrative Authority.

# 5. Roles and Responsibilities of the Parties

#### The Minister

- (1) The Minister is responsible for the Administrative Authority's fulfilment of its Statutory Mandate. The SCSAA requires the Minister to report publicly on the Administrative Authority's activities. For this purpose, the Minister requires timely access to information from the Administrative Authority as set out in the Information Sharing Protocol, attached as Schedule "H".
- (2) The Minister is responsible for bringing forward proposed changes to the Act and the SCSAA to the Lieutenant Governor in Council and the Legislative Assembly.
- (3) The Minister may, where the Minister deems appropriate, conduct policy, legislative and regulatory reviews.
- (4) The Minister shall make reasonable efforts to consult with the Administrative Authority in respect of current and proposed government legislation or policy which will directly impact upon the Administrative Authority's administration of the Act.
- (5) The Minister may engage the Administrative Authority:
  - Throughout the policy development process;

- In coordinating public and stakeholder communications regarding any proposed legislative, regulatory or policy changes, and
- In the development of communication strategies for critical and/or on-going issues.
- (6) The Minister may, where the Minister deems appropriate, delegate, make or assign to the Administrative Authority such additional authority, appointments or consents as are within the Minister's control, if the Administrative Authority requires such additional authority, appointments, or consents to carry out its delegated authority.
- (7) The Minister may, where the Minister deems appropriate, assist the Administrative Authority in obtaining any additional authorities, appointments or consents which cannot be granted by the Minister.
- (8) The Minister may, where the Minister deems appropriate, assist the Administrative Authority in working with other ministries to facilitate agreements and relationships with the Administrative Authority.
- (9) The Minister may conduct performance, governance, accountability or financial reviews of the Administrative Authority after giving reasonable notice if feasible, and may recommend changes as a result.
- (10) If the Minister agrees with the recommendations of the Administrative Authority for legislative or regulatory change to the Act, the Minister shall make reasonable efforts to support the recommendations through the legislative or regulatory process.
- (11) The Minister may refer to the Board any matter relating to the SCSAA or to the administration of the Act.
- (12) The Minister shall not interfere with the independent exercise of the statutory functions fulfilled by the Administrative Authority's registrar or deputy registrars, inspectors, investigators, statutory director or deputy directors, and other officers exercising statutory and regulatory duties.
- (13) The Minister shall make best efforts to meet with the Chair from time to time.

# The Administrative Authority

- (14) In accordance with subsection 7(1) of the SCSAA, the Administrative Authority shall administer its designated legislation in accordance with the law, the SCSAA, the Act and this agreement, with the purpose of protecting the public interest and advancing the principle of ensuring a fair, safe and informed marketplace that supports a competitive economy.
- (15) The Administrative Authority is responsible for ensuring that it has adequate resources, including financial resources, to comply with the Administrative Agreement, the SCSAA, the Act, and other relevant law, and in accordance with

- the business plan that it has provided to the Minister under clause 6(1)(a) of this Administrative Agreement.
- (16) The Administrative Authority is responsible for maintaining an up-to-date written policies and procedure manual for each functional area of its business.
- (17) The Administrative Authority is responsible for maintaining an up-to-date written procurement policy and procedure in keeping with the spirit of the most recent Ontario Public Service *Procurement Directive* to ensure that goods and services, including consulting services and information technology are acquired through a process that is fair, open, transparent, geographically neutral, competitive and accessible to qualified vendors.
- (18) The Administrative Authority is responsible for maintaining an up-to-date written travel, meal and hospitality expenses policy and procedure in keeping with the spirit of the most recent Ontario Public Service *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive* in order to set out results and principles for the reimbursement of expenses to ensure fair and reasonable practices, and to provide a framework of accountability to guide the effective oversight of resources in the reimbursement of expenses.
- (19) The Administrative Authority is responsible for maintaining appropriate performance measurements, governance, and financial management processes with sound internal controls to conduct the Administrative Authority's operations effectively and efficiently. In addition, the Administrative Authority shall maintain an effective system for responding to and assisting in the resolution of consumer and other complaints received by the Administrative Authority related to its administration of the Act.
- (20) The Administrative Authority is responsible for providing the Minister with timely information in relation to any matter requested by the Minister and shall also provide the information prescribed in the Information Sharing Protocol attached as Schedule "H".
- (21) When able and appropriate, the Administrative Authority shall coordinate its enforcement activities in relation to the investigation of serious incidents with the enforcement activities of other provincial and federal enforcement authorities.
- (22) When engaged by the Minister, in accordance with subsection (5), the Administrative Authority shall participate in:
  - The policy development process;
  - Coordinating public and stakeholder communications regarding any proposed legislative, regulatory or policy changes, and
  - The development of communication strategies for critical and/or on-going issues.
- (23) The Administrative Authority shall provide timely information to the Minister of any arising issues or concerns related to the administration of the Act that may require legislative, regulatory or policy changes to resolve.

# 6. Corporate Reporting: Business Plan and Annual Report

- (1) The Administrative Authority shall:
  - (a) provide the Minister each year, not later than one hundred and twenty (120) days after the end of its fiscal year, a business plan for the forthcoming year (as described in Schedule "B") in a format acceptable to the Minister;
  - (b) provide the Minister each year, not later than one hundred and twenty (120) days after the end of its fiscal year, an annual report for the preceding year (as described in Schedule "B") in a format acceptable to the Minister;
  - (c) enable the Minister to review and comment on the business plan referred to in clause (a) within a reasonable time period, estimated to be approximately two weeks from the receipt of the document, under normal circumstances, and prior to final approval of the Board;
  - (d) enable the Minister to review and comment on the annual report referred to in clause (b) within a reasonable time period, estimated to be approximately two weeks from the receipt of the document, under normal circumstances, and prior to final approval of the Board;
  - (e) make all publications referred to in clauses (a) and (b) available to the public, including posting on the Administrative Authority's web-site.
- (2) The Administrative Authority shall have a risk management framework and risk management plan for managing risks that the Administrative Authority may encounter in meeting its program and service delivery objectives as described in Schedule "B".
- (3) The Administrative Authority's business plan shall set out the means by which services related to the administration of the Act are provided in French and the Administrative Authority's annual report shall account for how these French language services were provided.
- (4) The Administrative Authority's business plan shall set out the means by which complaints related to the administration of the Act are responded to and resolved and the Administrative Authority's annual report shall account for how these complaints were responded to and resolved.
- (5) The Administrative Authority shall conduct a client satisfaction/value survey of all or a sampling of its clients, consumer stakeholders and registrants at least once every two years. The client satisfaction/value survey may be facilitated by an independent third party or by in-house staff. The Administrative Authority shall share a summary of the survey results with the Minister. The Administrative Authority's annual report and website shall also include a synopsis of the results of the client satisfaction/value survey, as conducted.

(6) The Administrative Authority and the Minister shall agree upon performance measures regarding the administration of the Act, and the Administrative Authority shall provide the Minister such performance measures on a quarterly basis each year, as well as provide the Minister with outcome measures on an annual basis. These measures will be based on a stable set of performance metrics that will reflect the regulated sector and enable a year to year comparison. Where a year to year comparison is not possible because of a change in performance metrics, the Administrative Authority shall give the Ministry sufficient information to enable a comparison.

# 7. Membership

The Administrative Authority shall provide the Minister with a copy of any by-laws, as amended from time to time, respecting qualifications, terms and conditions of registration or membership and the conduct of persons required to be registered under the Act.

# 8. Board and Statutory Appointments

### **Board**

- (1) The composition of the Board, the selection criteria and process and term of office of its members, other than Ministerial appointees, shall, in the discretion of the Board, be established either by by-law, that is with the approval of the membership, or by resolution of the Board alone. The Administrative Authority shall provide such by-laws or resolutions to the Minister for review and approval prior to submitting them to the Board or membership as the case may be.
  - (a) No one may sit as a member of the Board while he or she is an employee of a trade association representing the interests of the regulated industry. The by-laws shall not grant to any person who is not a director, the right to notice of meetings of the Board or the right to attend meetings of the Board.
  - (b) The Administrative Authority shall obtain the Minister's prior agreement to any change in the by-laws or resolutions respecting Board composition, the selection criteria and process and term of office of its members.
  - (c) Any motion from the floor that affects the Board composition or selection criteria or process and terms of office of its members shall not be entertained or put to the vote of the membership unless the motion has been reviewed and approved by the Minister.
- (2) The Administrative Authority shall maintain and periodically update a skills profile of current Board members, including a gap assessment of the kinds of skills that would be needed on the Board. Upon completion, the selection criteria may be made available to the public upon request.

- (a) The Board shall include members who may be appointed by the Minister in accordance with section 8 of the SCSAA. The Board shall provide the Board skills profile and selection criteria described in this subsection to the Minister who shall use the skills profile and selection criteria to assist with his or her appointment decisions.
- (b) The Board selection criteria and process shall be inclusive and shall require reasonable efforts to include industry members who reflect a variety of perspectives.
- (c) The Board recognizes that members appointed by the Minister in accordance with the SCSAA may include representatives of consumer groups, business, government organizations or such other interests as the Minister determines.
- (d) The Minister shall endeavour to make appointments to the Board in a timely manner.
- (e) Board members appointed by the Minister shall be paid by the Administrative Authority in an amount and on a basis that is equivalent to all other Board members. If a Board member is employed by the Crown, the member shall not receive any remuneration.
- (3) The annual meeting, where the Board shall present its annual report and audited financial statements, and report to the members of the Administrative Authority on the affairs of the Administrative Authority for the immediately preceding year, shall be open to the general public and the Board shall make reasonable efforts to inform the general public of such meeting.
- (4) The Board shall adopt a binding code of conduct for its Board members to prevent the possibility of any Board member advancing his or her personal or business interests or the interests of another organization, ahead of the interests of the Administrative Authority. The code of conduct for Board members is subject to the approval of the Minister. Upon approval by the Minister, such code shall be attached to this Agreement as Schedule "C".
- (5) The Board shall establish an advisory process for direct input to the Board on issues of importance to consumers. The terms of reference of such a process will be made public and a report on the activities and advice provided by this process will be included in the annual report.
- (6) The Board shall conduct an evaluation for each individual Board member or for all board members as a group no less than once every two years. A summary of the review shall be provided to the Minister.

# **Statutory Appointments**

(7) As stated in subsection 2(1) of the Act, the Board shall appoint a director and may appoint a maximum of two deputy directors.

- (a) The director or deputy director(s) shall not:
  - (i) be a member of the Board unless the Board has approved guidelines providing for the independent exercise of the director's statutory duties
  - (ii) be a registrar or deputy registrar under the Act
  - (iii) hold a position in the Administrative Authority that is subordinate to the registrar or deputy registrar
  - (iv) be an employee of a trade association representing the interests of the regulated industry
  - (v) be a registrant under the Act.
- (8) As stated in subsection 3(1) of the Act, the Board shall appoint a registrar under the Act and may appoint a maximum of two deputy registrars.
  - (a) The registrar and deputy registrar(s) shall be employees of the Administrative Authority and they shall not be:
    - (i) a member of the Board
    - (ii) a director or deputy director under the Act
    - (iii) an employee of a trade association representing the interests of the regulated industry
    - (iv) a registrant under the Act.
- (9) The Administrative Authority acknowledges that the director and registrar under the Act and any deputy or deputies thereof exercise statutory duties which require independent decision-making and, for that purpose, the Administrative Authority agrees that the Board shall not interfere with the independent exercise of these statutory responsibilities but may review the manner in which those responsibilities are carried out, consistent with the Board's corporate and regulatory governance responsibilities.

# 9. Regulatory Governance

- (1) The Board shall be responsible for carrying out the following regulatory governance functions:
  - a) Reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of the Administrative Authority's consumer protection framework to ensure compliance with the Act;
  - b) Reviewing implementation of and reporting on the consumer protection framework; and
  - Providing strategic advice to the Minister on potential or proposed legislative / regulatory changes.

# 10. Financial Arrangements

- (1) The Administrative Authority shall ensure that it has adequate resources to comply with this Agreement, the Act, and the SCSAA in accordance with the business plan that it has provided to the Minister under clause 6(1)(a) of this Agreement.
- (2) The Administrative Authority acknowledges it cannot collect or retain as revenue any fines imposed by a court further to proceedings taken by the Administrative Authority under the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.33 as amended.
- (3) The Administrative Authority may develop fees, subject to any limitations on the amount imposed by the Act and by the SCSAA, costs or other charges related to its delegated administration in accordance with the process and criteria approved by the Minister, as set out in the attached Schedule "D".
- (4) The Administrative Authority agrees to pay to the Minister such amounts as set out in the attached Schedule "E".
- (5) Any payments by the Administrative Authority to the Minister shall be made by cheques payable to the Minister of Finance drawn on the account of the Administrative Authority on a timely basis and on the terms as set out in the attached Schedule "E".
- (6) The Minister will charge interest on any late payments on the terms set out in the attached Schedule "E".
- (7) The Administrative Authority shall report to the Minister at the earliest opportunity if there is any reason for concern about the financial state of the Administrative Authority.

## 11 Records and Access

- (1) All records obtained from any source, created, or maintained by the Administrative Authority in the course of carrying out its delegated administration are the property of the Administrative Authority and the Administrative Authority is the sole owner and custodian of such records and information and may use them for its legitimate purposes in the administration of the Act.
- (2) All records that are the property of the Administrative Authority shall be maintained, in keeping with the records retention and destruction schedules established by the Administrative Authority.
- (3) The Administrative Authority shall have an access and privacy code addressing issues of access to public and personal information, protection of personal information, and effective procedural remedies. This code shall protect privacy and provide access in accordance with the principles of applicable privacy and access

- legislation, and provide effective procedural remedies in support of these principles. This code shall follow the principles set out in the Model Access and Privacy Code attached as Schedule "F".
- (4) The Administrative Authority shall comply with the access and privacy code referred to in subsection (3), and will make the code available to the public, including posting on the Administrative Authority's web-site.
- (5) The Administrative Authority will provide the Minister with notice of, and a copy of, any changes to the access and privacy code.

# 12. Litigation

- (1) The following provisions address any litigation arising after and/or as a result of the Administrative Authority's designation under the SCSAA.
- (2) Civil and administrative litigation, including inquests, related to the Act in which the Crown is a defendant or an interested party, which was commenced prior to the date of designation of the Administrative Authority or which was commenced after that date but which relates in whole or in part to any event, act or omission, or to any alleged event, act or omission occurring prior to that date, shall be defended or otherwise carried out by the Crown unless the parties expressly agree otherwise, and the Crown shall be responsible for all costs of the litigation and for the payment of any settlement costs agreed to and payable, and any damages awarded against it, as a result of any act, omission or fault of the Crown subject to order of the court or agreement of the parties otherwise. The parties agree that the Administrative Authority reserves the right to defend or otherwise carry out any such litigation on its own behalf and at its own cost where it determines that is has an independent interest in the litigation.
- (3) The Administrative Authority shall cooperate with the Crown for the purpose of the Crown's defence or other participation in the litigation referred to in subsection 12(2) of this Administrative Agreement including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, providing documentation or information and providing witnesses in such litigation, where appropriate.
- (4) Civil and administrative litigation, including inquests, related to the Act in which the Crown is a defendant or an interested party, as a result of any alleged act or omission of the Administrative Authority in its administration of the Act and which was commenced after the date of designation of the Administrative Authority, shall be defended or otherwise carried out by the Administrative Authority (with full right and power to choose legal counsel and with full right and power to reach a settlement which binds the Administrative Authority and, with the Crown's consent, binds the Crown), unless the parties expressly agree otherwise. The Administrative Authority shall be responsible for all costs of the litigation and for the payment of any settlement costs agreed to and payable by it and any damages awarded against it, as a result of any act, omission or fault of the Administrative Authority

- subject to order of the court or agreement of the parties otherwise. The parties agree that the Crown reserves the right to defend or otherwise carry out any such litigation on its own behalf and at its own cost where it determines that it has an independent interest in the litigation.
- (5) Any proceedings, and any civil, criminal or administrative litigation, including inquests, not related to the Administrative Authority's administration of the Act, in which the Crown is a defendant or an interested party, arising from or in any way connected with any activity undertaken by, or alleged act or omission of the Administrative Authority, shall be defended or otherwise carried out by the Administrative Authority. The Administrative Authority shall be responsible for all costs of the proceedings or litigation and for the payment of any settlement costs agreed to and payable by it and any damages awarded against it. The parties agree that the Crown reserves its right to defend or otherwise carry out any such proceedings or litigation on its own behalf and at its own cost where it determines that it has an independent interest in the proceedings or litigation.
- (6) The Minister or the Crown shall cooperate with the Administrative Authority for the purpose of the Administrative Authority's defence or other participation in the litigation referred to in subsections 12(4) and 12(5) including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, providing documentation or information and providing witnesses in such litigation, where appropriate.
- (7) For greater certainty, the Administrative Authority shall have authority to and may carry out all prosecutions related to the Act on behalf of and in the name of the Crown, all in accordance with, pursuant to and in furtherance of the obligations of the Administrative Authority.
- (8) The Minister shall keep the Administrative Authority informed of any litigation by or against the Crown or in which the Crown is an interested party that may affect the interests of the Administrative Authority.
- (9) The Administrative Authority shall keep the Minister informed of any litigation by or against the Administrative Authority or in which the Administrative Authority is an interested party that may affect the interests of the Crown.

# 13. Wind-Up or Other Termination of Administrative Authority's Administration

(1) Without limiting the powers of the Crown under the SCSAA or otherwise, the termination of the Administrative Authority's authority to administer the Act may result from a decision of the Administrative Authority to wind-up or dissolve or cease to operate as an administrative authority, the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Administrative Authority, the failure of the Administrative Authority to comply with the SCSAA, the Act or the Administrative Agreement, or may occur if the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers it advisable in the public interest to revoke the Administrative Authority's designation.

- (2) The Administrative Authority may request the Lieutenant Governor in Council to revoke its designation and in that case the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall by regulation, revoke the designation on the terms it considers advisable in the public interest.
- (3) If the Administrative Authority fails to comply with the SCSAA, the Act or the Administrative Agreement, the Minister shall allow the Administrative Authority the opportunity of remedying its failure within the time period that the Minister considers reasonable in the circumstances.
- (4) The Minister shall advise the Lieutenant Governor in Council whether or not the Administrative Authority remedies its failure within the time period that the Minister specifies.
- (5) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall not revoke the designation of the Administrative Authority if it remedies its failure within the time period that the Minister specifies.
- (6) If a decision is made to terminate the designation of the Administrative Authority, the Minister may appoint a person(s) on an interim basis to ensure the continued effective administration of the Act, including the administration of the Motor Vehicle Dealers Compensation Fund, pending resolution of financial and legal issues relating to the termination.
- (7) If the termination is due to the wind-up, bankruptcy, or insolvency of the Administrative Authority, the Minister may appoint a person to liaise with the persons(s) appointed by the Administrative Authority or by a secured creditor(s) or court to oversee the wind-up, bankruptcy, or insolvency of the Administrative Authority to ensure the continued effective administration of the Act.
- (8) The parties shall use their best efforts to resolve financial and other issues, resulting from the termination of designation that impact the Crown or the Administrative Authority, in keeping with the principle of fairness in light of the nature of the termination. This will include consideration of issues relating to the administration of the Motor Vehicle Dealers Compensation Fund, including industry input on how the Fund should be used, taking into account the source of the funds, in keeping with the Act and the enhancement and improvement of consumer protection in the motor vehicle dealer industry.
- (9) Any agreement under subsection 13(8) that may increase, directly or indirectly, the indebtedness or contingent liabilities of the Crown will require the prior written approval of the Minister of Finance, in accordance with section 28 of the *Financial Administration Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. F.12 and will be subject to approval by Treasury Board. The Minister will make best efforts to obtain this and any other necessary approvals.
- (10) The Administrative Authority or its appointee shall keep the Minister and any person appointed in accordance with subsections 13(6) and (7) of this Agreement informed to ensure the effective ongoing administration of the Act during the wind-up or other termination of the Administrative Authority.

# 14. Indemnity and Release

The indemnification in subsection 11(4) of the SCSAA survives termination of this Administrative Agreement for the maximum period permitted by law or contract and the Administrative Authority shall be required to have insurance and/or bonding for this purpose and shall provide the Minister with proof of same.

#### 15. Insurance

- (1) The Administrative Authority shall at all times maintain adequate insurance against liability arising out of the Administrative Authority's carrying out the administration of the Act, its duties under the Act, and this Administrative Agreement.
- (2) The Administrative Authority shall arrange for the completion and submission of a certificate of liability insurance which shall include a provision requiring the insurer to give prior notice to the Minister in the manner set forth in the policy conditions in the event that the policy is changed or cancelled.
- (3) The Administrative Authority shall take all reasonable steps to protect itself from and against all claims which might arise from the carrying out of the administration of and carrying out of duties under the Act by the Administrative Authority, its directors, appointees, officers, employees and agents where bodily injury (including personal injury), death or property damage is caused and for this purpose shall, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, maintain comprehensive general liability insurance acceptable to the Minister and subject to limits of not less than \$10 million inclusive per occurrence of bodily injury (including personal injury), death and damage to property including loss of the use thereof, and automobile liability insurance (owned and non-owned or hired units).
- (4) The policies of liability insurance shall include as an additional insured Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister but only in respect of and during the performance of the Administrative Authority of its administration of the Act or its duties under the Act and not in respect of any act or omission of the Crown including its directors, appointees, officers, employees or agents. In addition, the policy of liability insurance shall contain a cross-liability clause or endorsement. The parties recognize that the requirement for the Crown to be named as an additional named insured does not apply to a policy of insurance in respect of errors and omissions.
- (5) If the Crown imposes an obligation on the Administrative Authority by obtaining the enactment of legislation, making a regulatory change or otherwise, which gives rise to exposure to liability on the part of the Administrative Authority for which the Administrative Authority cannot reasonably obtain appropriate liability insurance, the Administrative Authority shall provide immediate notice to the Minister in writing of the uninsured risk and subject to government approvals that may be required, if any, the Administrative Authority and the Minister shall identify appropriate measures to resolve the issue to the satisfaction of both parties. Where government approval is required, the Minister will make best efforts to obtain the necessary approvals.

# 16. Non-Regulatory Business

- (1) The Administrative Authority shall only enter into new business ventures that promote and enhance consumer protection. For this purpose, the Administrative Authority shall comply with the principles set out in the Non-Regulatory Business Policy set out in Schedule "G".
- (2) For each new non-regulatory business venture, the Administrative Authority shall submit to the Minister a statement confirming that such new non-regulatory business venture will not negatively impact the Administrative Authority's regulatory business. The form and content of the statement shall be as detailed in Schedule "G".
- (3) The statement shall be provided to the Minister prior to the Administrative Authority entering into a business venture for the new non-regulatory business.

# 17. Code of Conduct for Compliance Personnel

From time to time, the government may develop new policies governing the conduct of compliance personnel. As new policies emerge, the Minister shall provide the Administrative Authority with any government directives regarding the conduct of compliance officers. The Administrative Authority shall develop its own code of conduct in accordance with the principles set out in the government directives and shall provide them to the Minister and make them available to the public and posted on the Administrative Authority's web-site.

# 18. Dispute Resolution

The parties agree to use reasonable efforts to resolve any disputes that may arise out of or in connection with this Agreement, or the administration of the Act. In the event of any such dispute, the parties may each identify an administrator for the purpose of dispute resolution. If the administrators are unable to do so within a reasonable time, the parties may agree to refer the dispute to a single mediator or to a three-member panel jointly selected by the parties. In the case of a three-member panel, each of the parties shall select one member and the third member shall be a neutral member jointly selected by the parties. Any recommendation of the mediator(s) for resolution of the dispute will not be binding on the party without its consent. If the parties do not accept the recommendation of the mediator(s), and the parties are unable to resolve the dispute, the parties may agree to resolve the dispute by arbitration.

## 19. Communications

(1) Each of the parties shall designate an individual who will be the primary contact for all issues and communications related to this Agreement, the SCSAA and the administration of the Act.

(2) The parties shall develop procedures for the sharing of information and the resolution of issues that may arise during the course of delegation. Upon approval by the Minister, such procedures shall be added to the Agreement as Schedule "H".

# 20. Entire Agreement

- (1) The Minister and the Administrative Authority agree that this Agreement and any schedules hereto, as amended from time to time in accordance with section 23 of this Agreement or subsection 4(3) of the SCSAA, form the entire Agreement between the parties and supersede any prior understanding or agreement, collateral, oral or otherwise, existing between the parties at the date of execution of this Agreement.
- (2) Neither the Administrative Authority nor the Minister shall assign this Agreement in whole or in part without the express written prior consent of the other.

## 21. Jurisdiction

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

# 22. Conflict

In the event of a conflict between the provisions of the Administrative Agreement and the Act or the SCSAA, the Act and the SCSAA prevail, and in the event of a conflict between the SCSAA and any other Act, the SCSAA prevails.

#### 23. Amendments

- (1) Subject to subsection 4(3) of the SCSAA, the terms of this Agreement may only be added to, deleted, varied or amended with the consent of both parties. Such amendments shall be in writing, dated, and signed by both parties and attached to this Agreement.
- (2) The parties shall amend this Agreement as required to accommodate any changes to the Act or to the SCSAA. Pursuant to subsection 4(3) of the SCSAA, prior to any Minister's amendments or insertions of terms in this Agreement, the Minister shall give such notice to the Administrative Authority as the Minister considers reasonable in the circumstances. The Minister shall provide the Administrative Authority with a time period that the Minister considers reasonable for the Administrative Authority to comply with the amended or inserted terms.

(3) The parties shall conduct a review of the Administrative Agreement every five years. Despite the foregoing, either party may initiate a review of the Administrative Agreement when advisable in the public interest upon giving notice to the other.

# 24. Public Document

The parties agree that this Agreement, including the Schedules hereto, and any amendments, shall be made available to the public by either party upon request to that party by any member of the public, and that each party shall post the Agreement, Schedules and any amendments to that party's web-site.

# 25. Effective Date

This Agreement comes into effect on the later date of execution by the parties and upon that date shall replace and supersede the prior Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council

Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario

Chair of the Board

Minister of Consumer Services

Date: Jan 24/13

Date: Jan. 23, 2013

# SCHEDULE "A" REGULATION 187/09 (PART) ONTARIO MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

Safety and Consumer Statutes Administration Act, 1996
Loi de 1996 sur l'application de certaines lois traitant de sécurité et de services aux consommateurs

# ONTARIO REGULATION 187/09, in part PART I ADMINISTRATION OF VARIOUS ACTS

**DESIGNATED LEGISLATION** 

#### **Designated legislation**

1. The provisions that are specified in Column 2 of the following Table and that are provisions of the Act or regulations specified opposite in Column 1 are designated as designated legislation for the purposes of subsection 3 (1) of the Act:

Column 1	Column 2
Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002	all provisions
the regulations made under the <i>Motor Vehicle</i> Dealers Act, 2002	all provisions
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#### **DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES**

Motor Vehicle Dealers Act

3. For the purposes of subsection 3(2) of the Act, the Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council, that is incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario by letters patent dated October 8, 1996 and with which the Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations has entered into an administrative agreement dated January 6, 1997 for the purposes of section 4 of the Act, is designated as the sole administrative authority for the purpose of administering the provisions of the *Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002* and the regulations made under that Act that are designated legislation under section 1.

Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council

Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario

Chair of the Board

Minister of Consumer Services

Date: Jan 24/13

Date: Jon. 23, 2013

# SCHEDULE "B" CORPORATE PLANNING AND REPORTING ONTARIO MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

The Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council's (OMVIC's) corporate planning and reporting documents are essential communications vehicles for demonstrating responsible stewardship of regulatory authority in the achievement of consumer protection. As such, OMVIC will strive to continuously improve and strengthen linkages between strategic planning, business planning, operational planning and reporting.

Recognizing that corporate planning and reporting documents have a broad audience that includes government, industry stakeholders and the public, OMVIC will use plain language so that the objectives and performance of OMVIC are clear and easy for the average reader to understand.

The corporate planning and reporting documents should easily allow for comparisons between them. For example, the commitments in the business plan and the outcomes contained in the annual report, over the course of the Administrative Authority's administration of the delegated statute, should be comparable.

OMVIC's corporate planning and reporting documents will support the accountability framework as laid out in the Administrative Agreement between the Minister and OMVIC.

In addition to the requirements specified directly in the Administrative Agreement, OMVIC's corporate planning and reporting documents shall include the following information, but shall not be limited to these requirements.

#### 1. BUSINESS PLAN REQUIREMENTS

OMVIC will draft a business plan annually that identifies a coordinated set of activities to achieve OMVIC's strategic objectives for the next three year period. The business plan will state the specific activities that will be undertaken in the fiscal year, as well as identify resources to achieve OMVIC's strategic objectives and successfully deliver consumer protection services. The business plan shall include the following information, but shall not be limited to these requirements.

#### **Corporate Overview**

A general overview of OMVIC, including its mandate, mission, vision and values. It will also describe OMVIC's structure, services, regulated sector/industry and include a description of the nature and scope of the relationship between OMVIC, the government and the Ministry of Consumer Services.

## **Business Planning Overview**

An explanation of the connection/linkages between strategic planning, the business plan and the annual report.

## **Objectives**

In this section, OMVIC will make clear its strategic objectives for the next three year period, including those aimed at enhancing protections for consumers and the professionalism of registrants. Should OMVIC's business objectives for the planning period change at any point during a given year, OMVIC will notify the Ministry prior to the start of the next fiscal year so that the Ministry is informed.

#### OMVIC will list the following:

- Objectives / Priorities (key goals or outcomes that OMVIC proposes to achieve);
- Strategies (approaches that will be employed to achieve the objectives); and
- Activities (actions that will support the execution of the strategies to achieve the objectives).

Key outcomes or outputs shall include, but are not limited to:

- Compliance activities such as a minimum number of inspections to be performed over the period;
- Turnaround time for registrations;
- · Complaint numbers and goals for mediation;
- Outcome measures such as planned client and consumer education initiatives, surveys, or other engagement;
- · Anticipated service levels provided to consumers and registrants;
- · Financial goals.

This section will also include the means used by OMVIC for handling complaints and for providing French language services to registrants, clients and consumers.

OMVIC shall also note that the following is available on OMVIC's web-site:

- Information on any industry or consumer advisory councils; and
- Information on performance reporting including compliance; and consumer protection, consumer awareness, and client/customer satisfaction outcomes.

This section should set out quantifiable/measurable targets that OMVIC will adopt to achieve the objectives set in administering the delegated responsibilities over the next three-year period. The plan will detail how the targets will be measured. The measures selected will be clearly linked to the objectives proposed for the period and indicate the statistics and outcomes to be reported in the annual report.

Measures should demonstrate OMVIC's effectiveness (in terms of both consumer protection outcomes and organizational effectiveness), efficiency and level of customer value/satisfaction. These measures will be based on a stable set of performance metrics that will enable a year to year comparison. Where a year to year comparison is not possible because of a change in performance metrics, OMVIC shall provide sufficient information to enable a comparison.

#### **Resources Needed To Meet Objectives**

Assess the adequacy of financial, human and other resources required by OMVIC to meet its objectives over the planning horizon. Provide a forecast of anticipated revenues (derived from regulatory and non-regulatory business) and planned expenditures for the next three—year period.

#### 2. ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENTS

OMVIC will report annually on its performance. The following items will be included in OMVIC's annual report. An explanation of the items is given for clarity where necessary. The annual report shall include the following information, but shall not be limited to these requirements.

## **Organizational Overview**

- Introduction
- Mandate, mission, vision, values
- Overview of the organization
- Message from the Chair
- Message from the Executive Director and Registrar

#### Report on Performance

OMVIC shall report on how successful it has been at meeting its target performance outcomes for the planning/reporting period as set out in the business plan. OMVIC shall indicate if the target has been met. If the target has not been met, OMVIC shall explain why achievement was not possible in that fiscal year.

#### a) Performance Statistics:

Statistical reports should be clearly set out in chart form and compared against the objectives and performance measures set out in the business plan and previous year's performance. OMVIC may include any statistics it considers relevant to its administration of the Act in this section, however, statistics should include:

- compliance measures such as registration, complaint resolutions, inspections, investigations, prosecutions, etc.;
- efficiency measures such as turnaround times for complaints, registrations, inspections, discipline, etc.; and
- outcome measures such as education and awareness, complaints against the industry, etc.

#### b) Review of Regulation, By-Law and Policy Changes:

Outline any changes made to the *Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002* and regulations, by-laws or policies during the fiscal year.

## c) French Language Services:

Report on the provision of services in the French language including how those with need for services in French were provided for, how many inquiries were received in the French language during the reporting period, any other statistics that OMVIC deems relevant.

# d) Complaint Handling Process:

Review of the complaint handling and dispute resolution processes provided by OMVIC including appeal procedures and outcomes. This is intended to include information on how to register complaints against industry members and against the Administrative Authority.

#### **Corporate Governance**

OMVIC shall provide a summary of how it is governed. It will also provide the following information, which may alternatively be posted on its web-site:

- Role of the Board
- Election/appointment process
- Basic qualifications
- · Committees of the Board
- · Code of Conduct for Directors
- Board of Directors (including biographies)
- Directors' terms of appointment
- Officers (including biographies)
- Organization chart
- OMVIC contact information

## **Management Discussion and Analysis**

A discussion and analysis intended to assist with an understanding of the material financial changes in OMVIC's operations over the past fiscal year, to be read along with the financial statements and accompanying notes. This discussion shall include a breakdown of regulatory and non-regulatory business.

#### **Financial Statements and Notes**

The audited financial statements and notes to the financial statements shall be published in the annual report.

# 3. RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK AND RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN REQUIREMENTS

The Administrative Authority will conduct a risk assessment and develop a risk management plan that will:

- 1) State the Administrative Authority's objectives;
- 2) Identify and assess risks to the achievement of objectives;

- 3) Identify a risk mitigation strategy;
- 4) Establish and maintain a system of internal controls to minimize risk; and
- 5) Document policies and procedures to manage risk.

A summary of the risk management plan shall be provided to the Ministry annually for review.

Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council

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Date: Jan 24/13

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## SCHEDULE "C" - CODE OF CONDUCT FOR DIRECTORS

#### THE ONTARIO MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

## **Purpose**

The OMVIC Board of Directors (the "Board") is committed to achieving the highest standards of public trust and integrity in its governance of OMVIC. The purpose of this policy is to set and maintain this standard.

# **Application**

Every director must comply with the Code of Conduct (the "Code) and its commentary.

## **Policy**

Directors agree that in order to exercise their fiduciary responsibilities as OMVIC directors, they must:

- 1. Review materials provided for Board and committee meetings.
- 2. Arrive prepared to discuss issues, ask questions and challenge staff.

All directors must devote the time and effort necessary to regularly attend meetings and engage in constructive discussion. This involves preparing appropriately for meetings and proceedings and participating meaningfully in them. Directors must participate in performance evaluations, orientation and ongoing education relating to their role.

3. Maintain confidentiality.

Directors must respect the confidentiality of information they obtain through exercising their duties on behalf of OMVIC and during any discussions held with others (stakeholders) about OMVIC matters. A director shall not use information obtained as a result of his or her involvement on the Board for his or her personal benefit. Each director shall avoid activities which may create appearances that he or she has benefited from confidential information received during the course of his or her duties as a director. Directors must comply with OMVIC by-laws and policies relating to confidentiality and the confidentiality obligations in the *Motor Vehicle Dealers Act*, 2002. A director must not speak on behalf of OMVIC unless she or he has authorization from the Board or the Chair of the Board.

- 4. Provide informed viewpoints.
- 5. Encourage fellow directors to participate.

- 6. Respect the views of fellow directors even if those views vary significantly from their own.
- 7. Respect the officers of OMVIC and adhere to rules of decorum to ensure productive meetings.

Board discussions and debate will take place in an atmosphere of mutual respect and civility. A director's behaviour must be consistent with this principle. In support of this principle, a director must refrain from any conduct or communication that would reasonably be viewed as verbal, physical or sexual abuse or harassment. Board members must respect the authority of the Chair of the Board or the presiding Chair.

8. Make decisions that support OMVIC's objects and priorities.

The Board speaks with one voice. Directors must support all Board decisions. A director who has abstained or voted against a motion or decision must still adhere to and support the decision of the majority regardless of the degree of his or her disagreement with the decision.

- 9. Demonstrate respect for human rights, at all times.
- 10. Make decisions which serve the best interests of OMVIC rather than their own or any particular group or association.

Directors stand in a fiduciary relationship to OMVIC. Directors must act honestly, in good faith, and in the best interests of OMVIC, consistent with its mandate to promote the protection of the public interest and maintain a fair, safe and informed marketplace. Directors who consider themselves as being elected or appointed by a particular interest group must act in OMVIC's best interest, even if this conflicts with the interests of that group.

11. Avoid and declare actual or perceived conflict of interest.

As fiduciaries, directors must avoid situations where their personal or financial interests conflict with their duties to OMVIC. They must avoid situations where the duties they owe to OMVIC may conflict with duties that they owe to other organizations or individuals. Directors must take steps to avoid and resolve these types of conflict and must comply with OMVIC by-laws and policies relating to conflict of interest.

Directors must declare actual or perceived conflicts of interest pursuant to the process outlined in the Conflict of Interest Policy.

- 12. Act in accordance with applicable law, this Code, and the Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Policies.
  - Directors must comply with all OMVIC by-laws, policies and processes that apply to the exercise of their duties.
- 13. Act in a manner that brings credibility and goodwill to OMVIC and respects principles of fairness, transparency and due process.
- 14. Act in a manner that demonstrates due diligence and dedication in preparation for, and attendance at, meetings, special events and all other activities on behalf of OMVIC.
- 15. Act in a manner that demonstrates good faith, prudent judgement, honesty, transparency and openness in his or her activities performed on behalf of OMVIC.
- 16. Conduct their businesses in accordance with the *Motor Vehicle Dealers Act*, 2002, and other laws which apply to their business, if applicable.
- 17. Comply with the laws, regulations and ethical and professional standards relevant to their profession or professional designation.
- 18. Ensure sound fiscal management of OMVIC.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the public has confidence in the integrity of Board decision-making. Directors have a duty to ensure that they and other directors are free from conflict in their deliberations and decisions. This policy sets out director obligations with respect to avoiding and addressing conflict of interest.

#### **Application**

Every director must comply with this policy.

## **Policy**

Directors have a fiduciary duty to act solely in the best interests of OMVIC. Each director must act scrupulously to avoid actual, perceived, and potential conflicts of interest.

Directors must make best efforts to avoid situations that the public or other stakeholders might perceive as a conflict of interest, even if there is no actual conflict of interest. OMVIC's by-laws contain provisions with respect to conflict of interest, and directors must comply with them.

#### **Definition of Conflict**

Conflicts may arise where a director's personal, professional, or business interests conflict with OMVIC's best interests.

An actual conflict of interest arises when the director derives or is in a position to derive a personal, professional or business benefit from his or her position as a director.

A perceived conflict arises when there is the perception that the director could derive a benefit from his or her position.

A potential conflict exists solely if there is a perception that the director could derive a benefit from his or her position.

An actual, perceived, or potential conflict of interest also exists if a reasonable person would conclude that a director's personal, professional, or financial interest or relationship may affect his or her judgement or the discharge of his or her duties.

Full disclosure in itself does not remove a conflict of interest.

# **Examples of Conflicts of Interest**

A conflict of interest might arise in a variety of situations, and it is impossible to make an exhaustive list. Generally, in the governance context, a conflict will arise in the following circumstances:

- 1. Any circumstance that may result in a personal or financial benefit to a director or his or her family, business associate or friend. This includes, but is not limited to, accepting any payment for services rendered to OMVIC other than payment for services of a director as permitted in this Code, including contracted work or honoraria; or accessing financial or other resources for personal use, i.e., transportation, training costs, supplies, equipment, etc.
- 2. Personal interests which conflict with the interests of stakeholders of OMVIC or are otherwise adverse to the interests of OMVIC.
- 3. Seeking, accepting, or receiving any personal benefit from a supplier, vendor or any individual or organization doing or seeking business with OMVIC.
- 4. Being a member of the Board or staff of another organization that might have material interests that conflict with the interests of OMVIC or its stakeholders and dealing with matters on one Board which might materially affect the other Board.

5. Any involvement in the hiring, supervision, grievance, evaluation, promotion, remuneration or firing of a family member, business associate, or friend of the director.

#### **Process for Disclosure**

1. If a director believes that an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest may exist, the director must immediately disclose the conflict and the nature of the conflict to the Board.

A director who is in a position of conflict or potential conflict shall immediately disclose such conflict to the Board by notification to the Chair of the Board in writing or by disclosure that is entered in the minutes. The disclosure shall be sufficient to disclose the nature and extent of the director's interest. Disclosure shall be made at the earliest possible time and before any discussion and vote on the matter.

It is the responsibility of other directors who are aware of an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest on the part of a fellow director to raise the issue for clarification, first with the director in question and, if still unresolved, with the Chair of the Board.

- 2. Following the disclosure of the conflict of interest, the director with the declared conflict shall not be involved in any Board discussion regarding the circumstances giving rise to the conflict and the director with the declared conflict must abstain from any vote of the directors on the issue and will not be counted in the quorum concerning any resolution or vote relating to the matter. The director will not be involved in any way in negotiations or other discussions on behalf of OMVIC concerning the matter.
- 3. In the director's best interests, as well as those of OMVIC, the director with the declared conflict should excuse himself or herself from the Board meeting during any discussion of the issue giving rise to the conflict.
- 4. If following the disclosure by the director of a conflict, the majority of the other directors believe that it is in the best interests of OMVIC for the director with the declared conflict to leave the Board meeting during any discussion of the issue giving rise to the conflict, the director with the declared conflict shall leave the meeting.

- 5. If a director is unsure of whether he or she has a conflict of interest on an issue, the director may wish to obtain independent legal advice on the matter, or he or she may wish to put the matter before the Board for its consideration. If the Board believes that the director has an actual or perceived conflict of interest, the Board will request that the director declare a conflict of interest.
- 6. Every declaration of a conflict of interest at a meeting of the Board, or committee of the Board, will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

## Gifts and Hospitality

Directors shall not directly or indirectly offer or accept cash payments, gifts, gratuities, privileges or other personal rewards which are intended to influence the activities or affairs of OMVIC. Directors may, however, give or receive modest gifts or hospitality as a matter of general and accepted business practice, provided the foregoing does not include cash or other negotiable instruments and provided that proper accounting of any such expenses is made.

#### CONFIDENTIALITY AND AUTHORIZED SPOKESPERSON

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that confidential matters are only disclosed in the manner approved by the Board.

# **Application**

Every director must comply with this policy, which applies to all Board and committee activities.

# **Policy**

As part of their fiduciary duties, directors must, both during and after his or her tenure as a director, treat as confidential all information regarding the policies, internal operations, systems, business and affairs of OMVIC obtained by reason of this or her status as a director and not generally available to the public. A director must not disclose confidential information unless OMVIC has authorized disclosure. This policy is not intended to prevent disclosure where disclosure is required by law.

Directors are also subject to a duty of confidentiality under section 36 of the *Motor Vehicle Dealers Act*, 2002.

#### **Board Spokespersons**

The CEO and the Chair of the Board, or their delegates, are the authorized spokespersons for OMVIC and the Board. Media contact and responses, and public discussion of OMVIC's affairs, shall only be made through the Board's authorized spokespersons. A director must not make any statement to the media or the public in his or her capacity as a director except with the permission of the Chair of the Board or the approval of the Board.

#### Board Materials and Notes

Board materials are confidential and remain the property of OMVIC. Directors must maintain the confidentiality of Board materials under their custody and control. Upon the request of OMVIC, any confidential information it has furnished to the director will be promptly returned (accompanied by all copies thereof made by the director) and, to the extent reasonably practicable, deleted from all retrieval systems and databases by the director. With the consent of OMVIC, any confidential information that would otherwise be returned to OMVIC may instead be destroyed by the director. The director will deliver to OMVIC a certificate by the director of such return (or destruction) and deletion.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF A DIRECTOR**

## **Purpose**

OMVIC is committed to achieving excellence in governance and has adopted this policy to describe the duties and expectations of directors.

# **Application**

Every director must comply with this policy.

## **Policy**

Directors must review and agree to the duties and expectations set out below and sign an undertaking indicating their agreement.

#### Undertaking

By accepting my election to the OMVIC Board of Directors, I agree to adhere to certain standards outlined below. I understand it is my responsibility to:

- Remain well-informed about the work of OMVIC and its stated objectives.
- 2. Understand the role of OMVIC, its goals, and its services.
- 3. Be thoughtful and objective in all deliberations.
- 4. Make decisions in consideration of OMVIC and its stated objectives.

## As a Board Member, I Hereby Agree To:

- 5. Place regulation of the motor vehicle industry and protection of the public above any special interest, geographic or personal constituency.
- 6. Attend and participate in, at minimum, three-quarters of the Board meetings, committee meetings and subcommittees (if applicable). I understand that failure to consistently attend meetings will result in a request for my resignation.
- 7. Complete tasks and projects assigned and accepted.
- 8. Be prepared to accept at least one Board committee assignment and actively participate in the committee meetings.
- 9. Inform the Board of the needs and concerns of stakeholders.
- 10. Self-evaluate my performance as a director each year.
- 11. Understand that my role is to set policy. Recognize the role of the Registrar/CEO and OMVIC staff and refrain from involving myself in administrative decision-making or program implementation.
- 12. Acknowledge that as a director, I must respect and comply with OMVIC by-laws, this Code, and other policies applicable to the Board and its members, and I undertake to do so.
- 13. Not be influenced by self-interest, outside pressure, expectation of reward or fear of criticism.
- 14. Voice, clearly and explicitly, at the time a decision is being taken, any opposition to a decision being considered by the Board.
- 15. Ask other directors to review a decision if I have reasonable grounds to believe that the Board has acted without full information or in a manner inconsistent with its fiduciary obligations and duty of care.

As a Board Member, I Hereby Agree NOT To:

- 16. Authorize the use of, or use for the benefit or advantage of, any person, the name, emblem, endorsement, services, or property of OMVIC except in conformance with OMVIC policy.
- 17. Accept, or seek on behalf of myself or any related parties, any financial advantage or gain of other than nominal value offered as a result of my affiliation with OMVIC.
- 18. Utilize any OMVIC affiliation in connection with the promotion of partisan politics, religious matters, or positions on any issue not in conformity with the position of OMVIC.
- 19. Disclose any information available to me solely because of my Board membership to any person not authorized by law or the by-laws of OMVIC to receive such information.
- 20. Knowingly take any action, or make any statement intended to influence the conduct of OMVIC in such a way as to confer any financial benefit on myself or any corporation or entity in which I have a significant interest or affiliation.
- 21. Operate in any manner that is contrary to the best interests of OMVIC or the public.
- 22. Make public statements about OMVIC and its policies, the Board or other Board members or about OMVIC or Board administrative matters without the express authorization of OMVIC.

I furthermore understand and agree to support the following major functions of the Board:

- 23. Maintain and perpetuate OMVIC as a viable, relevant, effective and legal entity by working with other directors in overseeing and reviewing the conduct and operation of OMVIC.
- 24. Act as a trustee of stakeholder interests and recognize my fiduciary duty to OMVIC.
- 25. Review and approve plans and financial objectives for OMVIC's future role and scope of activities.

- 26. Ensure that the financial affairs of the corporation are conducted in a responsible and transparent manner with due regard for his or her fiduciary responsibilities and public trusteeship.
- 27. Measure progress towards stated goals (consumer protection and education, industry regulation, and customer service) and review management input on resource allocation.
- 28. Assess the performance and results of management and OMVIC, including the Board of Directors.
- 29. Exercise due diligence.
- 30. Along with other directors, act as a steward of OMVIC's assets.

#### COMPLAINTS AND DISPUTES INVOLVING DIRECTORS

## **Purpose**

This policy sets out a process for addressing complaints or concerns about the conduct of a director and for resolving any disputes that might arise between or among directors.

## **Application**

Every director must comply with this policy, which applies to all Board and committee activities.

## **Policy**

The Board will follow the process and procedures set out in this policy to address and resolve complaints about directors and conflicts between or among directors.

Directors who suspect or become aware that a fellow director acted or is acting in violation of OMVIC's by-laws or Board or corporate policies that apply to directors should notify the Chair of the Board. If appropriate in the circumstances, a director should raise the issue with the director in question for clarification, and if unresolved, notify the Chair of the Board.

#### **Process**

- 1. The Board, in a meeting duly called for the purpose, shall review any complaints that a director has violated any provision of OMVIC's By-laws or policies that apply to Board members, in particular the Code.
- 2. The Board shall similarly review disputes between directors that interfere with the ability of the Board to perform its duties.
- 3. Complaints may be referred to an independent arbiter by resolution of the Board.

- 4. Allegations of illegal activity shall be immediately referred to appropriate authorities for investigation. Any director against whom such allegations are made shall take a leave of absence from the Board pending completion of the investigation.
- 5. The review of such complaints or disputes shall include an opportunity for the director concerned to present his or her position.
- 6. The Board may make such determination as it sees fit, including, but not limited to:
  - A. Dismissal of the complaint.
  - B. Letter of reprimand to the director from the Board.
  - C. Oral censure of the director in question before the Board.
  - D. Removal of an elected director from the Board by the members of the corporation; or such other outcomes as the Board determines is appropriate having regard to the facts and the gravity of the violation.

Each director shall sign the OMVIC Board of Directors Declaration Form annually and adhere to this Code and other policies that apply to the Board. If a director is deemed to have breached the Code (see process above), he or she agrees to resign from the Board. However, if the individual involved is a Ministerial appointee, OMVIC will inform the Minister of the Board's concerns, and the Minister will determine how to address the situation.

The Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council

His Majesty the King in right of Ontario

Chair of the Board

Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery

Date: May 1, 2023 Date: May 11, 2023

# SCHEDULE "D" FEE SETTING PROCESS AND CRITERIA ONTARIO MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

### **Application**

This Schedule applies exclusively to fees, costs or other charges ("fees") set by the Administrative Authority in accordance with clause 12(1)(b) of the Safety and Consumer Statutes Administration Act, 1996 (SCSAA) except for fines imposed by a Discipline and/or Appeals Committee, and incidental administrative fees such as non-sufficient funds charges.

### **Statement of Purpose**

This Schedule has the following objectives:

- To comply with clause 12(1)(b) of the SCSAA in order to empower the Administrative Authority to set and collect fees relating to the administration of the Act;
- To ensure the development of fees which are consistent with the Administrative Authority's
  operating principles and obligations under this Agreement, including the obligation to ensure
  that the Administrative Authority has adequate resources to comply with the Agreement, the
  Act, and the SCSAA;
- To achieve full recovery of all delivery costs with respect to fees as defined, consistent with the ongoing viability of the Administrative Authority as a not-for-profit corporation and at the same time provide service delivery value for stakeholders; and
- To ensure that the Board of Directors considers the impact of a new fee or a fee change on consumers.
- To ensure that, in the case of new fees or fee changes in excess of the cost of inflation, stakeholders have input into the fee setting process.

### **Process**

Where the Board of the Administrative Authority has approved a fee change no greater than the cost of inflation, the Administrative Authority shall provide the Minister with 30 days advance written notice following which, 60 days written notice will be provided to registrants. The Fee Review Analysis including the Consultation and Criteria described below is not required. The Ministry may waive this 90 day written notice provision if the Board provides evidence satisfactory to the Minister that this notice would result in the Administrative Authority not having the resources needed to comply with the Agreement, the Act, and the SCSAA.

Every proposal to establish a fee change involving a new fee, or a fee change in excess of the cost of inflation, shall be subject to a Fee Review Analysis conducted by the Administrative Authority in accordance with the process set out below.

The Board shall not approve a fee change until the steps outlined in this Schedule have been completed. The Ministry may waive this process, or steps in this process, if the Board provides evidence satisfactory to the Minister that the requirement to undertake any or all of these steps

would result in the Administrative Authority not having the resources needed to comply with the Agreement, the Act, and the SCSAA.

### Fee Review Analysis

The Fee Review Analysis shall be in the form of a business case consisting of a written analysis for the fee change that shall include:

- A scan of trends that may be occurring in the industry or beyond that could impact the Administrative Authority;
- Estimated costs for new or expanded programs as outlined in the Administrative Authority's business plan;
- Estimated costs associated with new or amended legislation;
- A rationale based on the Administrative Authority's historical, actual and projected revenues and expenses as well as impact on standards of service;
- A summary of stakeholder comments solicited in accordance with the Consultation and Notice process set out below; and
- An indication of compliance with the Criteria set out below.

The Administrative Authority will inform the Ministry of the fee change proposal 45 days in advance of soliciting comments from registrants and industry stakeholder groups or the fee change proposal otherwise becoming public. The Fee Review Analysis (not including the summary of stakeholder comments) shall be submitted to the Minister at this time.

### **Consultation and Notice**

Comments from registrants and industry stakeholder groups on the proposed fee change will be solicited by the DAA for a period of 30 days in advance of the written Notice described below. A summary of the comments, once received, shall be forwarded to the Minister for information, and shall complete the Fee Review Analysis. The Administrative Authority will also provide the Ministry with a copy of the draft Notice at this time.

Concurrent written Notice will be given to the Ministry and the Administrative Authority registrants 60 days prior to the fee change taking effect.

#### Criteria

In developing a proposed fee change, the Administrative Authority will give appropriate consideration to the Administrative Authority's Business Plan and to the potential impact of the fee or fee change on consumers. In addition, the following criteria will be considered and addressed:

• Fees will be set on a cost recovery basis and designed to cover all the Administrative Authority's costs including those which cannot be directly attributable to the payees, including but not limited to, complaint handling, inspection, investigation, prosecution,

consumer awareness campaigns, web-site development and maintenance, governance programs, government oversight and reporting, and general administration.

- The relative fees charged for different services/registration types will reflect:
  - the comparative costs to the Administrative Authority for processing the application or providing the services;
  - o the period during which a registration will be effective; and
  - o uniformity of application regardless of geographic location.
- All fees will be payable when an application is due / made or when a service is requested. A partial refund may be made (after deducting the Administrative Authority's costs) for cancelled applications/requests. Notwithstanding the above, no refund will be issued for cancellations received after an application has been processed or a service has been delivered.
- A reasonable fee may be charged for applications which are received late. Where applicable, standard business practices will be followed (e.g. interest charged on overdue accounts, etc.). Late fees are not subject to the Fee Setting Process and Criteria outlined in this Schedule.
- In establishing or revising a fee appropriate consideration will be given to deterring breaches of the Act.

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### SCHEDULE "E" PAYMENTS BY THE ONTARIO MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

OMVIC agrees to pay to the Minister for each Provincial fiscal year (April 1 to March 31), on the following terms:

- 1. An annual amount ("the payment") as determined by the Minister. The purpose of the oversight fee the Minister charges to the authority is to recoup the costs of the regulatory regime in its entirety. This includes the cost to government of oversight of OMVIC, oversight and development of legislation and regulations administered by OMVIC, and advice to the Minister in the execution of his or her duties in respect of the consumer protection regulatory regime within his or her mandate. The Ministry will share with OMVIC the detailed information regarding the calculation of the cost of regulatory oversight upon request.
- 2. For the 2011-12 to 2014-15 fiscal years, OMVIC agrees to pay to the Minister the following amounts:

2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
\$149,241	\$198,707	\$198,707	\$198,707

- 3. For 2015-16 and subsequent fiscal years, the Minister shall determine the payment for each year and will notify OMVIC at least 18 months in advance of the payment being due. If during the fiscal year, the costs of regulatory oversight as determined by the Minister exceed the payment amount, the Minister may, after reasonable notice and prior consultation with OMVIC, increase the payment amount accordingly.
- 4. The payment for each fiscal year ending March 31 will be remitted to the Ministry by way of cheque payable to the Minister of Finance within 30 days of the date of the invoice sent by the Ministry each year.
- 5. Late payments will be subject to interest charged at the interest rate for unpaid debts to the Crown as fixed from time to time by the Lieutenant Governor in Council in accordance with subsection 10(4) of the *Financial Administration Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. F.12.

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# SCHEDULE "F" MODEL ACCESS AND PRIVACY CODE ONTARIO MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

### 1. In this Code:

- (a) "Personal information" means any information about an identifiable individual that is recorded in any form.
- (b) "Council" means the Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council.
- 2. The Council shall develop and implement policies and practices which:
  - (a) provide public access to information held by the Council unless the release of information would:
    - (i) violate an individual's right to privacy;
    - (ii) violate a legally recognized privilege; or
    - (iii) impair the ability of OMVIC to ensure a fair, safe and informed marketplace that supports a competitive economy;
  - (b) provide for protection of personal information collected by the Council in the performance of its duties;
  - (c) establish an effective procedure including time frames to deal with inquiries regarding information held by the Council;
  - (d) establish a mechanism to deal with complaints regarding the release of information or the refusal to release information to an inquirer; and
  - (e) inform staff about the Council's policies regarding the collection and dissemination of information and provide adequate training to enable staff to properly handle requests for such information.
- 3.(1) Personal information about registrants shall at all times be collected by lawful means directly from the individual to whom it relates whenever possible and be compiled only where there is a demonstrable need for this information in order for the Council to administer the *Motor Vehicle Dealers Act*, 2002.
- 3.(2) The reasons for which personal information is required shall be made available to the individual who is the subject of the information at or before the time the information is compiled.
- 4.(1) While a number of Council staff members may be responsible for collecting and processing information, a designated member of the Council's staff shall have responsibility for overseeing the Council's compliance with this Code.

- 4.(2) The identity of the individual responsible for overseeing the Council's compliance shall be made known upon request.
- 5. Council staff involved in the collection of personal information shall communicate the reasons such information is required at the request of the individual to whom the information pertains.
- 6. An individual's written consent must be obtained before personal information may be collected or disclosed to third parties except for purposes related to the investigation of alleged wrongdoing and enforcement of such wrongdoing.
- 7. Personal information shall not be used or disclosed for purposes other than those for which it was collected, except with the consent of the individual to whom the information applies.
- 8.(1) Personal information shall be kept on record only as long as is necessary to fulfill the purposes the information was collected and used for.
- 8.(2) Guidelines shall be developed to govern the period of time personal information is retained by the Council.
- 8.(3) Personal information that is no longer required to fulfill the identified purposes should be destroyed, erased or made anonymous. Guidelines shall be developed and procedures implemented to govern the destruction of personal information.
- 9.(1) Personal information held by the Council shall be kept accurate and up to date based upon information provided by the registrants.
- 9.(2) Amendments to personal information received from registrants shall be recorded by the Council as soon as practically possible.
- 10.(1) Personal information shall be made available to third parties only where it can be demonstrated that these parties have put in place means to provide protection comparable to that provided for by the Council.
- 10.(2) Where personal information is made available to third parties on an ongoing basis, amendments to such information shall regularly be provided to them.
- 11.(1) In order to prevent unauthorized disclosure, copying, use or modification of personal information held by the Council, access to such information shall be restricted by the use of recognized security mechanisms such as passwords and other safeguards as determined by the Council.
- 11.(2) Council staff shall be made aware of the importance of maintaining the confidentiality of personal information.
- 12.(1) The Council shall publish information regarding its policies and practices relating to the management of personal information.
- 12.(2) The information referred to in subsection (1) shall include:

- (a) the name of the person responsible for the Council's policies and practices in this area;
- (b) the name of the person to whom complaints about the management of personal information should be directed;
- (c) the form such complaints should take;
- (d) the means of gaining access to personal information held by the Council;
- (e) a description of the type of personal information held by the Council; and
- (f) brochures or other documentation describing the Council's policies, standards and codes.
- 13.(1) Upon request, the Council shall provide an individual with information concerning the existence, use and disclosure of his or her personal information and, subject to Section 15, provide to the individual the applicable personal information.
- 13.(2) Personal information shall be made available to inquiries at reasonable or no cost and shall be provided in a form that is easily understandable.
- 14. Where an individual disagrees with the accuracy of personal information about himself or herself, the individual has the right to challenge its accuracy and have it amended as appropriate. Where a correction was requested but not made a statement of disagreement must be attached to the information and transmitted to any third parties having access to the information.
- 15. Personal information shall not be made available to an individual to whom it applies where releasing personal information would:
  - (a) violate another individual's right to privacy, unless that individual consents to the information's release;
  - (b) violate a legally recognized privilege; or
  - (c) compromise security or commercial proprietary concerns.
- 16. The Council shall develop a mechanism to address all complaints about the handling of personal information and if a complaint is found to be justified, shall take appropriate measures to rectify the problem, including where necessary, amending its policies and practices.
- 17. No person shall wilfully use, disclose or retain personal information obtained under the authority of an administrative agreement entered into in accordance section 4 of the *Safety and Consumer Statutes Administration Act*, 1996, S.O. 1996 Chapter 19 in contravention of the provisions of this Schedule.

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# SCHEDULE "G" NON-REGULATORY BUSINESS POLICY ONTARIO MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

#### **AUTHORITY**

The Safety and Consumer Statutes Administration Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 19, s. 7 (2) states, "Nothing in this Act restricts a designated administrative authority from carrying out other activities in accordance with its objects."

This authorizes the Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council to undertake non-regulatory business, that is, business in addition to its Statutory Mandate.

#### **POLICY**

The Administrative Authority will only enter into non-regulatory business arrangements that promote and enhance consumer protection and are consistent with its vision and mission. It will operate in compliance with the principles outlined in this Policy. The Administrative Authority will ensure that all of its employees are aware of and act in accordance with this policy.

### **POLICY PRINCIPLES**

- Commitment to Core Responsibilities and Regulatory Integrity: The Administrative Authority
  will continue at all times to conduct itself in a manner that maintains its ability to effectively,
  with high standards of integrity and in a non-conflicted manner, deliver its Statutory
  Mandate.
- <u>Fair Business Practices:</u> The Administrative Authority will not use its authority as a regulator to create an unfair business advantage.
- <u>Fair Competition</u>: The Administrative Authority shall ensure that all contracts, agreements or understandings are consistent with competition law.
- <u>Financial Independence:</u> The Administrative Authority will deliver non-regulatory business services that enhance consumer protection and revenues generally to the benefit but never to the detriment of its regulatory responsibilities. The Administrative Authority will ensure independent financial reporting of non-regulatory business services.

### **COMPLIANCE**

The Administrative Authority will submit to the Minister a statement for each non-regulatory business arrangement confirming that it will not negatively impact its Statutory Mandate and is consistent with this policy. This statement shall be provided to the Minister within ten (10) business days of the earlier of entering into or bidding on a legally binding contract. The statement shall contain the duration and parties of each contract, and the nature of the work. The Administrative Authority will communicate its Non-Regulatory Business Policy to its stakeholders to ensure a broad base of understanding. The Administrative Authority will monitor its business development activities to ensure this policy is being consistently applied. The Administrative Authority will implement this policy so as to ensure appropriate treatment of

confidential information, proper disclosure of the Administrative Authority's role, and decision-making that is fair and sound.

Upon request of the Minister, the Administrative Authority will engage a third party to conduct review of compliance with this Policy. In addition, a summary of findings of the review will be made available to the public, including posting on the Administrative Authority's web-site.

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# SCHEDULE "H" INFORMATION SHARING PROTOCOL ONTARIO MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

This Schedule outlines information sharing protocols recognizing that the Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council (OMVIC) shall respond in an expeditious manner to all requests made by the Minister including:

- (a) the governance of the OMVIC:
- (b) the administration of the Act by OMVIC;
- (c) the Administrative Agreement.

This Schedule outlines information sharing protocols not already specified in the Administrative Agreement or other Schedules to the Administrative Agreement (e.g. Corporate Planning and Reporting, Fee Setting Process and Criteria).

When making information requests of OMVIC, the Ministry of Consumer Services ("Ministry") shall respect the requirements of OMVIC's Access and Privacy Code and section 36 of the *Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002*, and shall inform OMVIC of the timeframe in which the information is needed, unless specifically outlined in this Schedule.

To facilitate information sharing OMVIC and the Ministry will seek to achieve a "one-window" policy with OMVIC and the Ministry's DAA Policy and Oversight Unit being the access points.

In addition, OMVIC and the Ministry's DAA Policy and Oversight Unit shall make reasonable efforts to meet quarterly to discuss current issues, needs and other matters necessary for the proper administration of Schedule H.

Description	Responsibility		
Description	Ministry	OMVIC	
Information requests made by the Ministry of OMVIC	The Ministry shall make best efforts to share with OMVIC the context in which the request for information is being made.	OMVIC shall respond in an expeditious manner to all requests made by the Minister.	
Cabinet Submissions			
All Issues	DAA Policy and Oversight Unit develops Cabinet submission in cooperation with other Ministry branches.	OMVIC is consulted where appropriate.	
Correspondence	•	J	
The Ministry and OMVIC w respecting the requirement within five (5) business day	ill work together to draft responses who for the DAA Policy and Oversight Unit s.	enever possible, in a timely fashion, to respond to all correspondence	
On all subjects directed to the Minister or Ministry  Actioned to DAA Policy and Oversight Unit which:  1. actions to OMVIC; or 2. drafts reply indicating referral to OMVIC for direct response; or 3. drafts reply.		Responds directly under OMVIC's signature and copies DAA Policy and Oversight Unit as appropriate, or, supplies DAA Policy and Oversight Unit with information required for Ministry to reply.	

Briefing Notes		
For Minister or Ministry meetings with OMVIC's stakeholders	DAA Policy and Oversight Unit coordinates preparation of meeting materials, makes reasonable effort to notify OMVIC of meeting and discusses with OMVIC.	Provides DAA Policy and Oversight Unit with relevant information on stakeholders/issues.
For OMVIC's meetings with Ministry stakeholders (e.g. other ministries or agencies)		OMVIC makes reasonable efforts to notify DAA Policy and Oversight Unit of meeting, discusses outcome with DAA Policy and Oversight Unit, and provides a briefing note upon request.
Issue Notes		
requirement for the Ministry	ill work together to issue responses in a to respond to all requests for Issue No side of regular business hours).	a timely fashion respecting the otes within specific timeframes (i.e.
On any subject (Designed for use in the Legislature)	DAA Policy and Oversight Unit prepares issue note and provide sit to the Ministry's Communications Branch.	OMVIC provides information to DAA Policy and Oversight Unit within timeframe specified.
	Requests for information made to OMVIC to develop issue note will be accompanied by a timeline for response.	
Issues Management		
Emergencies, accidents and fatalities	When the Ministry is informed by OMVIC or through media reports, the DAA Policy and Oversight Unit provides the Ministry's Communications Branch with key information as quickly as possible and monitors for updates.	OMVIC informs DAA Policy and Oversight Unit and provides relevant details, key messages and response strategy.
Other possible contentious issues (e.g. stakeholder grievances/concerns, corporate restructuring, etc.)	DAA Policy and Oversight Unit informs the Ministry's Communications Branch.	OMVIC informs DAA Policy and Oversight Unit and provides relevant details, key messages and response strategy.
Media Relations		
Requests made to the Ministry for interviews and background material on OMVIC operational issues	Ministry's Communications Branch notifies DAA Policy and Oversight Unit which, as appropriate, refers request to OMVIC or obtains required information from OMVIC.	OMVIC provides the required information or responds directly and advises the DAA Policy and Oversight Unit of the outcome from the media engagement.
Media releases issued by OMVIC	DAA Policy and Oversight Unit shares a copy of OMVIC's media release with the Ministry's Communications Branch for information and review.	OMVIC prepares and shares a copy of its media release to the DAA Policy and Oversight Unit at its earliest opportunity and before the release is issued to media.

Marketing and Public Re	lations Events and Public Education	Campaigns	
Collaboration on Marketing and Public Relations Events and Public Education	The Ministry's DAA Policy and Oversight Unit and Communications Branch will work collaboratively with OMVIC to:	OMVIC will work collaboratively with the Ministry's DAA Policy and Oversight Unit and Communications Branch to:	
Campaigns	plan and develop joint     Ministry/OMVIC marketing and     public relations events; and	<ul> <li>plan and develop joint</li> <li>OMVIC/Ministry marketing and public relations events; and</li> </ul>	
	obtain information on OMVIC specific events, public education campaigns, industry events to be attended by OMVIC, communications research and best practices.	<ul> <li>provide information on OMVIC specific events, public education campaigns, industry events to be attended by OMVIC, communications research and best practices.</li> </ul>	
	The DAA Policy and Oversight Unit will be the lead in contacting OMVIC about communications activities, respecting the one window approach, however, the Communications Branch may follow up directly with OMVIC while keeping the DAA Policy and Oversight Unit fully informed of discussions and planned activities.	OMVIC will initially contact the DAA Policy and Oversight Unit about communications activities, respecting the one window approach, however, OMVIC may subsequently follow up directly with the Ministry's Communications Branch while keeping the DAA Policy and Oversight Unit fully informed of discussions and planned activities.	
Speeches/Speaking Note	S		
All Ministry speeches/speaking notes (any topic)	Ministry's Communications Branch prepares and the DAA Policy and Oversight Unit advises OMVIC.	Supplies DAA Policy and Oversight Unit with information.	
Performance Measures			
Metrics and performance measure results	DAA Policy and Oversight Unit will request metrics and performance measure results from OMVIC from time to time to facilitate oversight function and the publication of performance measures.	Supplies DAA Policy and Oversight Unit with metrics and performance measure results, as available, at the time of request.	
Other			
Information concerning Board member competencies	DAA Policy and Oversight Unit will make requests for information as and when required.	OMVIC shall provide, at least once annually, and as requested, the Board Skills Profile.	
Information concerning communications campaigns/activities undertaken by OMVIC	DAA Policy and Oversight Unit makes request of OMVIC for information regarding planned communications campaigns/activities.	OMVIC provides information on key communication activities to DAA Policy and Oversight Unit on a quarterly basis and on request.	

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