

## AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MANDATE

### OUR MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES:

- oversee reliable, accurate and clear policies and practices for the preparation of financial reports to shareholders
- oversee the design, implementation and review of internal controls - the necessary checks and balances must be in place
- recommend to the Board the appointment of the external auditor, based on an evaluation of the qualifications, independence and oversight of the auditors' work - the shareholders' auditors report directly to the Audit and Risk Committee (the "Committee")
- meet with Rogers Communications Inc.'s (the "Company") external and internal auditors and evaluate the effectiveness and independence of each
- oversee the establishment and maintenance of processes and controls that ensure the Company is in compliance with both the laws and regulations that apply to it as it relates to financial reporting and risk management
- review the annual strategic risk assessment, including management's implementation of risk policies and actions to monitor and control major risk exposures
- review the Company's business continuity and disaster recovery plans
- receive reports on, and approve, if appropriate, certain transactions with related parties

### PURPOSE OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

The Committee shall assist the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Company in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities in the following principal areas:

- (i) financial reporting processes and the integrity of financial statements provided by the Company to the public;
- (ii) recommend to the Board the appointment of the external auditor, based on an evaluation of the qualifications, independence and oversight of the auditor's work;
- (iii) the qualifications and performance of internal auditors;
- (iv) the Company's accounting systems, financial controls and disclosure controls;
- (v) compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements; and
- (vi) the implementation of appropriate risk assessment systems to identify and manage principal risks of the Company's business.

In addition to the responsibilities specifically enumerated in this Mandate, the Board may refer to the Committee as it sees fit, on matters and questions relating to the financial position of the Company and its subsidiaries.

### INDEPENDENCE

The Committee is composed entirely of independent directors within the meaning of applicable securities laws and the Company's Director Material Relationship Standards.

The members meet regularly without management present.

The members have the authority to engage independent advisors, paid for by the Company, to help the Committee make the best possible decisions on the financial reporting, accounting and risk management policies and practices, disclosure practices and internal controls of the Company.

### MEMBERSHIP

The Committee shall be comprised of not less than three members of the Board, each of whom shall be independent of management in accordance with applicable securities laws and based on the Company's Director Material Relationship Standards.

The Chief Executive Officer may attend each meeting of the Committee at the invitation of the Chair of the Committee (the "Chair").

The members shall be selected based upon the following, in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations:

- (a) **Independence.** Each member shall be independent in accordance with applicable securities laws and based on the Company's Director Material Relationship Standards and in such regard shall have no direct or

indirect material relationship with the Company that, in the view of the Board, could reasonably interfere with the exercise of a member's independent judgment.

- (b) **Financially Literate.** Each member shall be financially literate or must become financially literate within a reasonable period of time after his or her appointment to the Committee. For these purposes, an individual is financially literate if he or she has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements. In addition, at least one member must be a financial expert as defined in accordance with applicable securities laws.
- (c) **Commitment.** In addition to being a member of the Committee and of any audit committee of any affiliate of the Company, if a member of the Committee is also on the audit committee of more than two additional public companies, the Board or the Nominating Committee shall determine that such simultaneous service does not impair the ability of such member to serve effectively on the Committee.

## **CHAIR AND SECRETARY**

The Chair shall be chosen by the Board and shall serve in that capacity until the next Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company or until his or her earlier resignation or removal by resolution of the Board. The Secretary of the Company shall be the Secretary of the Committee, provided that if the Secretary is not present, the Chair of the meeting may appoint a secretary for the meeting with the consent of the Committee members who are present.

## **MEETINGS**

The times and locations of meetings of the Committee and the calling of and procedures at such meetings, shall be determined from time to time by the Committee, in consultation with management when necessary, provided that there shall be a minimum of four meetings per year. Subject to the notice provisions of the Articles of the Company, written notice shall be provided no later than 48 hours prior to meetings, unless waived by all members of the Committee. Notice of every meeting shall be given to the external and internal auditors of the Company.

Agendas for meetings of the Committee shall be prepared by the Chair, in consultation with management and the corporate secretary, and shall be circulated to Committee members prior to Committee meetings. A quorum for meetings of the Committee shall be a majority of members.

A member of the Committee may be designated as the liaison member to report on the deliberations of the Committee to the Board.

## **REMUNERATION**

The members of the Committee shall be entitled to receive such remuneration for acting as members of the Committee as the Board may determine from time to time.

## **RESOURCES AND AUTHORITY**

The Committee shall have the resources and the authority to discharge its responsibilities, including the authority to engage, at the expense of the Company, outside consultants, independent legal counsel and other advisors and experts as it determines necessary to carry out its duties, without seeking approval of the Board or management.

The Committee shall have the authority to conduct any investigation necessary and appropriate to fulfill its responsibilities and has direct access to and the authority to communicate directly with the external auditors, internal auditors, the Chief Legal and Regulatory Officer of the Company and other officers and employees of the Company.

The members of the Committee shall have the right to inspect all the books and records of the Company and its subsidiaries and to discuss such accounts and records and any matters relating to the financial position, risk management and internal controls of the Company with the officers and external and internal auditors of the Company and its subsidiaries for the purpose of performing their duties. Any member of the Committee may require the external or internal auditors to attend any or every meeting of the Committee.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Company's management is responsible for the preparation of the Company's financial statements and the external auditors are responsible for auditing those financial statements, in accordance with applicable standards.

The Committee is responsible for overseeing the conduct of those activities by the Company's management and external auditors and overseeing the activities of the internal auditors. The Company's external auditors are accountable to the Committee.

It is recognized that members of the Committee are not full-time employees of the Company and do not represent themselves as accountants or auditors by profession or experts in the fields of accounting, auditing or the preparation of financial statements. It is not the duty or responsibility of the Committee or its members to conduct "field work" or other types of auditing or accounting reviews or procedures. Each member of the Committee shall be entitled to rely on (i) the integrity of those persons and organizations within and outside the Company from whom it receives information, and (ii) the accuracy of the financial and other information provided to the Committee by such persons or organizations absent actual knowledge to the contrary.

The specific responsibilities of the Committee shall include those listed below. The enumerated responsibilities are not intended to restrict the Committee from reviewing and making recommendations regarding any matters related to its purpose.

### **1. Financial Reporting Process and Financial Statements**

- (a) in consultation with the external auditors and the internal auditors, review the integrity of the Company's financial reporting process, both internal and external, and any material issues as to the adequacy of the internal controls and any special audit steps adopted in light of material control deficiencies identified to it by the external or internal auditors or of which the Committee otherwise becomes aware;
- (b) review all material transactions and material contracts entered into by the Company and its subsidiaries with any insider or related party of the Company, other than officer or employee compensation arrangements approved or recommended by the Human Resources Committee or director remuneration approved or recommended by the Corporate Governance Committee;
- (c) review and discuss with management and the external auditors the Company's annual audited consolidated financial statements and its interim unaudited consolidated financial statements, and discuss with the external auditors the matters required to be discussed by generally accepted auditing standards in Canada and/or the United States, as applicable, as may be modified or supplemented, and for such purpose, receive and review the year-end report by the external auditors describing: (i) all critical accounting policies and practices used by the Company, (ii) all material alternative accounting treatments of financial information within International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and/or non GAAP measures that have been discussed with management, including the ramifications of the use of such alternative treatments and disclosures and the treatment preferred by the external auditors, and (iii) other material written communications between the external auditors and management, and discuss such annual report with the external auditors;
- (d) following completion of the annual audit, review with each of management, the external auditors and the internal auditors any significant issues, concerns or difficulties encountered during the course of the audit;
- (e) resolve disagreements between management and the external auditors regarding financial reporting;
- (f) review the interim quarterly and annual financial statements and press releases prior to the release of earnings information;
- (g) review emerging accounting issues and their potential impact on the Company's financial reporting;
- (h) review and be satisfied that adequate procedures are in place for the review and timely disclosure of any public disclosure of financial information by the Company extracted or derived from the Company's financial statements, other than the disclosure referred to in (f), and periodically assess the adequacy of those procedures;
- (i) meet separately, periodically, with management, with the internal auditors and with the external auditors; and
- (j) the interim consolidated financial statements, the Company's disclosure under "Management's Discussion and Analysis" for interim periods and interim earnings press releases may be approved by the Committee on behalf of the Board, provided that such approval is subsequently reported to the Board at its next meeting.

### **2. External Auditors**

- (a) require the external auditors to report directly to the Committee;
- (b) be directly responsible for the selection, nomination, retention, termination and oversight of the work of the Company's external auditors engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attestation services for the Company, and in such regard recommend to the Board the external auditors to be nominated for approval by the shareholders. A formal review of the

qualifications, expertise, resources and the overall performance of the external auditors is conducted annually. A comprehensive review of the external auditors is conducted at least every five years and findings are presented to the Board;

- (c) recommend to the Board the compensation of the external auditors;
- (d) pre-approve all audit engagements and the provision by the external auditors of all non-audit services, including fees and terms for all audit engagements and non-audit engagements, and in such regard the Committee may establish the types of non-audit services the external auditors shall be prohibited from providing and shall establish the types of audit, audit-related and non-audit services for which the Committee will retain the external auditors. The Committee may delegate to one or more of its members the authority to pre-approve non-audit services, provided that any such delegated pre-approval shall be exercised in accordance with the types of particular non-audit services authorized by the Committee to be provided by the external auditor and the exercise of such delegated pre-approvals shall be presented to the full Committee at its next scheduled meeting following such pre-approval;
- (e) review and approve the Company's policies for the hiring of partners and employees and former partners and employees of the external auditors;
- (f) review the annual audit plan with the external auditors;
- (g) consider, assess and report to the Board with regard to the independence, objectivity, professional skepticism, and performance of the external auditors, at least annually, including an evaluation of the lead partner and consideration of rotation of such lead partner and the audit firm itself; and
- (h) request and review a report by the external auditors, to be submitted at least annually, regarding the auditing firm's relationships with the Company, internal quality control procedures, any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality control review, or peer review, of the auditing firm, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the external auditors, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues.

### **3. Internal Auditors**

- (a) review and approve the internal audit charter annually;
- (b) approve the annual internal audit plan and discuss internal audit's mandate with the Chief Audit Executive, including the staffing, responsibilities and budgets;
- (c) obtain periodic reports from the Chief Audit Executive regarding internal audit findings and the Company's progress in remedying any significant audit findings;
- (d) review the scope, responsibilities and effectiveness of the internal audit team, including its independence from management, credentials, resources and working relationship with the external auditors; and
- (e) review and recommend for approval the appointment and dismissal of the Chief Audit Executive.

### **4. Accounting Systems, Internal Controls and Disclosure Controls**

- (a) oversee management's design and implementation of and reporting on internal controls; receive and review reports from management, the internal auditors and the external auditors with regard to the reliability and effective operation of the Company's accounting system and internal controls;
- (b) review with senior management the controls and procedures adopted by the Company to confirm that material information about the Company and its subsidiaries that is required to be disclosed under applicable law or stock exchange rules is disclosed within the required time periods;
- (c) review and discuss with management, the external auditors and internal audit compliance with the Company's Disclosure Policy by Directors, Officers and other management personnel;
- (d) review with senior management and the Chief Audit Executive the adequacy of the internal controls adopted by the Company to safeguard assets from loss and unauthorized use, to prevent, deter and detect fraud, and to verify the accuracy of the financial records and review any special audit steps adopted in light of material weaknesses or significant deficiencies; and
- (e) review disclosures made to the Committee by the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer during their certification process for applicable securities law filings about any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of the Company's internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under U.S. federal securities law or applicable Canadian federal and provincial legislation and regulations within the required time periods, and any fraud, whether or not material,

involving management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

#### **5. Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

- (a) receive and review timely analysis by management of significant issues relating to public disclosure and reporting;
- (b) review, prior to finalization, periodic public disclosure documents containing financial information, including Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Annual Information Form;
- (c) review disclosures related to the Committee required to be included in the Company's continuous disclosure filings;
- (d) review with the Company's Chief Legal and Regulatory Officer legal compliance matters, significant litigation and other legal matters that could have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements; and
- (e) assist the Board in the oversight of compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

#### **6. Risk Management**

The Committee will review the Company's:

- (a) annual strategic risk assessment identifying principal risks and their potential impact on the Company's ability to achieve its business objectives;
- (b) processes for identifying, assessing and managing risks;
- (c) major risk exposures and trends from all areas (e.g. information and cyber security, financial, data, privacy, physical security, environmental impact, new business initiatives) and management's implementation of risk policies and procedures to monitor and control such exposures;
- (d) business continuity plans and disaster recovery plans;
- (e) insurance coverage maintained by the Company at least annually; and
- (f) other risk management matters from time to time as the Committee may consider appropriate or as the Board may specifically direct.

#### **7. Additional Responsibilities**

- (a) establish procedures and policies for:
  - (i) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, and
  - (ii) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters;
- (a) prepare and review with the Board an annual performance evaluation of the Committee;
- (b) review the adequacy of staffing of key financial functions and management's plans for improvements;
- (c) review earnings guidance provided to stakeholders, including analysts and rating agencies;
- (d) periodically review with senior management the status of significant taxation matters;
- (e) report regularly to the Board, including matters such as the quality or integrity of the Company's financial statements, compliance with legal or regulatory requirements, the performance of the internal audit function, the performance of the risk management process and the performance and independence of the external auditors; and
- (f) review and reassess the adequacy of the Committee's Mandate on an annual basis.

All prior mandates of the Board relating to the Committee or any predecessor thereof are hereby repealed without prejudice to any action taken thereunder.