

EDGE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**



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MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING
DECEMBER 31, 2017

The accompanying financial statements and all other information contained in this annual report are the responsibility of the management of Edge Mutual Insurance Company. The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards including the accounting requirements of the Financial Services Commission of Ontario and have been approved by the Board of Directors.

Preparation of financial information is an integral part of management's broader responsibilities for the ongoing operations of Edge Mutual Insurance Company, which includes adherence by all employees to the company's Code of Conduct. Management maintains a system of internal accounting controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are accurately recorded on a timely basis, are properly approved and result in reliable financial information. Such information also includes data based on management's best estimates and judgements.

The annual financial statements are reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors. In addition, the Audit Committee meets periodically with financial officers of Edge Mutual Insurance Company and the external auditors, and reports to the Board of Directors thereon.

The accompanying financial statements have been audited by Graham Mathew Professional Corporation, authorized to practise public accounting by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario, who are engaged by the Board of Directors and whose appointment was ratified at the annual meeting of the policyholders. The auditors have access to the Audit Committee, without management present, to discuss the results of their work. Their report dated January 26, 2018 expresses their unqualified opinion on the Company's 2017 financial statements.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carlos Rodrigues".

Carlos Rodrigues, MBA, CPA, CMA, FCIP
President/CEO

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Fortuna".

Mike Fortuna
Treasurer/CFO

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Policyholders of
Edge Mutual Insurance Company

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Edge Mutual Insurance Company**, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2017, and the statements of comprehensive income, policyholders' equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **Edge Mutual Insurance Company** as at December 31, 2017, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.



Cambridge, Ontario
January 26, 2018

Chartered Professional Accountants, authorized to practise public
accounting by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario



**FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Cash and investments (notes 3 and 4)	35,838,949	36,131,253
Due from policyholders	6,993,486	6,498,412
Due from Facility Association	333,258	336,656
Investment income accrued (note 3)	119,464	136,599
Due from reinsurer (note 7)	156,698	8,449
Reinsurer's share of provision for unpaid claims (note 7)	5,546,883	12,608,350
Income taxes recoverable	181,071	
Deferred policy acquisition expenses (note 7)	2,306,931	2,167,017
Deferred income taxes	91,800	92,900
Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (note 5)	3,739,956	4,054,324
	55,308,496	62,033,960
LIABILITIES		
Provision for unpaid claims (note 7)	16,270,624	24,392,849
Unearned premiums (note 7)	12,859,761	12,159,828
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	884,207	513,910
Income taxes payable		224,513
Payable to Facility Association	217,658	220,985
	30,232,250	37,512,085
POLICYHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Policyholders' equity (page 4)	25,076,246	24,521,875
	55,308,496	62,033,960

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

Arnold Rumph, Chair

Derek Moore, First Vice-Chair

The explanatory financial notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Gross premiums written	25,621,456	24,334,319
Deduct		
Reinsurance premiums	4,730,888	3,981,841
Increase in reserve for unearned premiums	699,932	396,598
	5,430,820	4,378,439
Net premiums earned	20,190,636	19,955,880
Service charge revenue	207,075	231,853
Net underwriting revenue	20,397,711	20,187,733
Direct losses incurred		
Gross claims and adjusting expenses (note 9)	9,603,629	14,441,534
Reinsurer's share of claims and adjusting expenses	2,547,263	(2,529,337)
	12,150,892	11,912,197
Expenses		
Fees, commissions and other acquisition expenses	4,955,219	4,624,876
Other operating and administrative expenses (note 10)	3,778,448	3,701,657
	8,733,667	8,326,533
Underwriting loss	(486,848)	(50,997)
Investment income (note 11)	1,150,562	1,469,373
Income before income taxes	663,714	1,418,376
Income tax expense (note 8)		
Current expense	(108,243)	(289,313)
Deferred expense (reduction)	(1,100)	44,120
	(109,343)	(245,193)
Net income, being total comprehensive income for year	554,371	1,173,183

**STATEMENT OF POLICYHOLDERS' EQUITY
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

Balance at beginning of year	24,521,875	23,348,692
Net income, being total comprehensive income for year	554,371	1,173,183
Balance at end of year	25,076,246	24,521,875

The explanatory financial notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income, being total comprehensive income for year	554,371	1,173,183
Items not involving cash:		
Amortization of bond discounts	136,175	146,091
Depreciation and amortization	328,996	386,854
Deferred income taxes	1,100	(44,120)
Losses (gains) on disposal of investments	(281,015)	302,169
Unrealized gains on investments	(43,737)	(1,035,184)
	695,890	928,993
Net change in non-cash working capital balances relating to operations:		
Amounts receivable	(622,790)	96,238
Reinsurer's share of provision for unpaid claims	7,061,467	7,918,054
Deferred policy acquisition expenses	(139,914)	(67,766)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	370,297	(322,294)
Payable to Facility Association	(3,327)	(57)
Income taxes recoverable	(405,584)	263,312
Provision for unpaid claims	(8,122,225)	(6,167,721)
Unearned premiums	699,933	396,598
	(466,253)	3,045,357
Cash flows from investment activities:		
Sale of investments	5,715,410	7,685,674
Purchase of investments	(4,916,317)	(8,607,359)
Net additions to property plant and equipment and intangible assets	(14,628)	(376,923)
	784,465	(1,298,608)
Net increase in cash	318,212	1,746,749
Cash position, beginning of year	4,174,354	2,427,605
Cash position, end of year (note 3)	4,492,566	4,174,354

The explanatory financial notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

**EXPLANATORY FINANCIAL NOTES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

1. Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Reporting entity

Edge Mutual Insurance Company (the Company) is incorporated under the laws of Ontario and is subject to the Ontario Insurance Act. It is licensed to write property, liability, automobile and farmers' accident insurance in Ontario. The Company's head office is located at 103 Wellington Street South, Drayton, Ontario.

The Company is subject to rate regulation in the automobile business that it writes. Before automobile insurance rates can be changed, a rate filing is prepared as a combined filing for most Ontario Farm Mutuals. The rate filing must include actuarial justification for rate increases or decreases. All rate filings are approved or denied by the Financial Services Commission of Ontario. Rate regulation may affect the automobile revenues that are earned by the Company. The actual impact of rate regulation would depend on the competitive environment at the time.

These financial statements have been authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on January 26, 2018.

(b) Basis of presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (the IASB).

These financial statements were prepared on a historical cost basis except for those financial assets and financial liabilities that have been measured at fair value.

The Company's functional and presentation currency is the Canadian dollar. The financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with IFRS requires management to make certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the Company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 2.

(c) Insurance contracts

In accordance with IFRS 4, Insurance Contracts, the Company has continued to apply the accounting policies it applied in accordance with pre-changeover Canadian GAAP.

Balances arising from insurance contracts primarily include unearned premiums, provisions for unpaid claims and adjustment expenses, the reinsurer's share of unpaid claims and adjustment expenses, deferred policy acquisition expenses, and salvage and subrogation recoverable.

(i) Premiums and unearned premiums

Premiums written comprise the premiums on contracts incepting in the financial year. Premiums written are stated gross of commissions payable to brokers and exclusive of taxes levied on premiums. The Company earns premium income evenly over the term of the insurance policy generally using the pro rata method. The portion of the premium related to the unexpired portion of the policy at the end of the fiscal year is reflected in unearned premiums.



EXPLANATORY FINANCIAL NOTES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

1. Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(c) Insurance contracts (continued)

(ii) Deferred policy acquisition expenses

Acquisition costs are comprised primarily of brokers' commissions. These costs are deferred and amortized over the terms of the related policies to the extent that they are considered to be recoverable from unearned premiums, after considering the related anticipated claims and expenses.

(iii) Provisions for unpaid claims and adjustment expenses

Individual loss estimates are provided on each claim reported. In addition, provisions are made for adjustment expenses, changes in reported claims and for claims incurred but not reported, based on past experience and business in force. The estimates are regularly reviewed and updated, and any resulting adjustments are included in current income.

Claim liabilities are carried on an undiscounted basis.

(iv) Liability adequacy test

As required, the Company performs a liability adequacy test on its insurance liabilities less deferred policy acquisition expenses to ensure the carrying value is adequate, using current estimates of future cash flows, taking into account the relevant investment return. If that assessment shows that the carrying amount of the liabilities is inadequate, any deficiency is recognized as an expense to the statement of comprehensive income initially by writing off the deferred policy acquisition expense and subsequently by recognizing an additional claims liability for claims provisions.

(v) Reinsurer's share of provisions for unpaid claims and adjustment expenses

The Company enters into reinsurance contracts in the normal course of business in order to limit potential losses arising from certain exposures. Reinsurance liabilities, comprised of premiums payable for the purchase of reinsurance contracts, are included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities and are recognized as an expense when due.

Expected reinsurance recoveries on unpaid claims and adjustment expenses are recognized as assets at the same time and using principles consistent with the Company's method for establishing the related liability.

Reinsurance premiums ceded and reinsurance recoveries on losses incurred are recorded as reductions of the respective income and expense accounts. A contingent liability exists with respect to reinsurance ceded which could become a liability of the Company in the event that the reinsurer might be unable to meet its obligation under the reinsurance agreements. The Company ascertained that no provision is necessary at December 31 for doubtful collection of reinsurance recoveries.

**EXPLANATORY FINANCIAL NOTES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

1. Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(c) Insurance contracts (continued)

(vi) Salvage and subrogation recoverable

In the normal course of business, the Company obtains the ownership of damaged property, which they resell to various salvage operations. Unsold property is valued at its estimated net realizable value.

Where the Company indemnifies policyholders against a liability claim, it acquires rights to subrogate its claim against other parties. These claims are reflected at amounts expected to be received from the subrogated parties net of related costs.

(vii) Refund from premium

Under the discretion of the Board of Directors, the Company may declare a refund to its policyholders based on the premiums paid in the fiscal period. This refund is recognized as a reduction of revenue in the period for which it is declared. No refund was declared in fiscal 2017 or 2016.

(d) Structured settlements, Fire Mutuals Guarantee Fund and financial guarantee contracts

The Company enters into annuity agreements with various life insurance companies to provide for fixed and recurring payments to claimants. Under such arrangements, the Company's liability to its claimants is substantially transferred, although the Company remains exposed to the credit risk that life insurers fail to fulfill their obligations.

The Company is a member of the Fire Mutuals Guarantee Fund ("the Fund"). The Fund was established to provide payment of outstanding policyholders' claims if a member company becomes insolvent. As a result, the Company may be required to contribute assets to their proportionate share in meeting this objective.

These exposures represent financial guarantee contracts. The Company accounts for financial guarantee contracts in accordance with IFRS 4, Insurance Contracts.

(e) Financial instruments

The Company classifies its financial instruments into one of the following categories based on the purpose for which the asset was acquired or liability incurred. All transactions related to financial instruments are recorded on a trade date basis. The Company's accounting policy for each category is as follows:

(i) Held-to-maturity financial assets

If the Company has the positive intent and ability to hold debt securities to maturity, then such financial assets are classified as held-to-maturity. Held-to-maturity financial assets are recognized initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition held-to-maturity financial assets are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. Any sale or reclassification of a more than insignificant amount of held-to-maturity investments not close to their maturity would result in the reclassification of all held-to-maturity investments as fair value through profit and loss and prevent the Company from classifying investment securities as held-to-maturity for the current and the following two financial years.

**EXPLANATORY FINANCIAL NOTES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

1. Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(e) Financial instruments (continued)

(ii) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

A financial asset is classified as fair value through profit or loss if it is classified as held-for-trading or is designated as such upon initial recognition. Financial assets are designated as fair value through profit or loss if the Company manages such investments and makes purchase and sale decisions based on their fair value in accordance with the Company's documented risk management or investment strategy. Upon initial recognition attributable transaction costs are recognized in profit or loss as incurred. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value, and changes therein are recognized in profit or loss.

(iii) Loans and receivables

These assets are non-derivative financial assets resulting from the delivery of cash or other assets by a lender to a borrower in return for a promise to repay on a specified date or dates, or on demand. They are initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to their acquisition or issue and subsequently carried at amortized cost, using the effective interest rate method, less any impairment losses.

Impairment provisions are recognized when there is objective evidence (such as significant financial difficulties on the part of the counterparty or default or significant delay in payment) that the Company will be unable to collect all of the amounts due under the terms receivable, the amount of such a provision being the difference between the net carrying amount and the present value of the future expected cash flows associated with the impaired receivable. For amounts due from policyholders and reinsurer, which are reported net, such provisions are recorded in a separate allowance account with the loss being recognized in net income. On confirmation that the amounts receivable will not be collectable, the gross carrying value of the asset is written off against the associated provision.

(iv) Other financial liabilities

Other financial liabilities include all financial liabilities and comprise accounts payable, and other short-term monetary liabilities. These liabilities are initially recognized at fair value net of any transaction costs directly attributable to the issuance of the instrument and subsequently carried at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method, which ensures that any interest expense over the period to repayment is at a constant rate on the balance of the liability carried in the statement of financial position. Interest expense in this context includes initial transaction costs and premiums payable on redemption, as well as any interest or coupon payable while the liability is outstanding.

(f) Facility Association

As a member of the Facility Association, the Company records its proportionate share of the Association's revenue, expenses, unearned premiums and provision for unpaid claims.

(g) Income taxes

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Current tax and deferred tax are recognized in net income except to the extent that it relates to a business combination, or items recognized directly in policyholders' equity.

Current income taxes are recognized for the estimated income taxes payable or receivable on taxable income or loss for the current year and any adjustment to income taxes payable in respect of previous years. Current income taxes are determined using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year-end date.

**EXPLANATORY FINANCIAL NOTES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

1. Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(g) Income taxes (continued)

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized where the carrying amount of an asset or liability differs from its tax base. The amount is determined using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year-end date and are expected to apply when the liabilities / (assets) are settled / (recovered).

(h) Pension plan

The Company participates in a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan, however, sufficient information is not available to use defined benefit accounting. Therefore, the Company accounts for the plan as if it were a defined contribution plan, recognizing contributions as an expense in the year to which they relate.

(i) Leased assets

Where substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of a leased asset have been transferred to the Company (a "finance lease"), the asset is treated as if it had been purchased outright. The amount initially recognized as an asset is the lower of the fair value of the leased property and the present value of the minimum lease payments payable over the term of the lease. The corresponding lease commitment is shown as a liability. Lease payments are analyzed between capital and interest. The interest element is charged to the statement of comprehensive income over the period of the lease and is calculated so that it represents a constant proportion of the lease liability. The capital element reduces the balance owed to the lessor.

Where substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership are not transferred to the Company (an "operating lease"), the total rentals payable under the lease are charged to the statement of comprehensive income on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognized as a reduction of the rental expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis.

(j) Standards, amendments and interpretations not yet effective

Certain new standards, amendments and interpretations have been published that are mandatory for the Company's accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018 or later periods that the Company has decided not to early adopt.

- IFRS 16 Leases supersedes IAS 17 Leases, IFRIC 4 Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease, SIC-15 Operating Leases - Incentives and SIC-27 Evaluating the Substance of Transactions involving the Legal Form of a Lease. It eliminates the distinction between operating and finance leases from the perspective of the lessee. All contracts that meet the definition of a lease will be recorded in the statement of financial position with a "right of use" asset and a corresponding liability, with limited exception for certain short-term and low value leases. The asset is subsequently accounted for as property, plant and equipment and the liability is reduced as payments are made with interest accruing over the lease term. The effective date for IFRS 16 is January 1, 2019. The Company is currently assessing the impact of IFRS 16.

**EXPLANATORY FINANCIAL NOTES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

1. Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(j) Standards, amendments and interpretations not yet effective (continued)

- IFRS 9 Financial Instruments amends the requirements for classification and measurement of financial assets, impairment, and hedge accounting, IFRS 9 introduces an expected loss model of impairment and retains but simplifies the mixed measurement model and establishes three primary measurement categories for financial assets: amortized cost, fair value through profit or loss, and fair value through other comprehensive income (loss). The basis of classification depends on the entity's business model and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset. The effective date for IFRS 9 is January 1, 2018; however, insurance entities have been provided the option of deferring the adoption of IFRS 9 until January 1, 2021, which is the effective date of IFRS 17, Insurance Contracts. The Company does not plan to defer the effective date of IFRS 9 and therefore expects to adopt IFRS 9 on January 1, 2018.

The Company expects that its investments will continue to be classified at fair value through profit or loss based on the business model assessment, therefore, the adoption of IFRS 9 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial position or performance.

- IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts supersedes IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts. IFRS 17 fundamentally changes how entities account for insurance contracts, introducing a default "building block approach", which disaggregates the cash flows in an insurance contract and provides a different measurement basis for each component, and a simplified "premium allocation approach" for certain short-term contracts. Assumptions used in measuring insurance assets and liabilities such as cash flows, discount rates and risk adjustment will be updated at each reporting period. The discount rate will reflect the characteristics of the insurance liabilities and the estimated future cash flows to settle claims incurred will be discounted unless the period of time between claim occurrence and settlement is less than one year. Presentation changes include 'insurance revenue' replacing the current reporting of 'written premiums' and 'earned premiums' and insurance contract assets and liabilities will not be netted. Under this standard, premiums receivable, unearned premiums and claims payable may no longer be presented separately from other insurance assets and liabilities. The effective date for IFRS 17 is January 1, 2021 with mandatory restatement of comparative periods. The Company is currently assessing the impact of IFRS 17.

2. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make certain critical estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the Company's accounting policies. The areas involving critical judgements and estimates in applying accounting policies that have the most significant risk of causing material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities recognized in the financial statements within the next financial year include primarily the calculation and determination of unpaid claims and the related reinsurer's share (note 7).



EXPLANATORY FINANCIAL NOTES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

3. Financial Instrument Classification

The carrying amount of the Company's financial instruments by classification is as follows:

	Fair value through profit and loss	Held to Maturity	Loans and receivables	Other financial liabilities	Total
December 31, 2017	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Cash	4,492,566				4,492,566
Investments (note 4)	12,830,878	18,515,505			31,346,383
Due from policyholders and reinsurer			7,150,184		7,150,184
Investment income accrued			119,464		119,464
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities				(884,207)	(884,207)
	17,323,444	18,515,505	7,269,648	(884,207)	42,224,390
December 31, 2016					
Cash	4,174,354				4,174,354
Investments (note 4)	12,200,514	19,756,385			31,956,899
Due from policyholders and reinsurer			6,506,861		6,506,861
Investment income accrued			136,599		136,599
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities				(513,910)	(513,910)
	16,374,868	19,756,385	6,643,460	(513,910)	42,260,803

All fair value through profit and loss investments are classified as held for trading.

4. Investment Information

The estimated fair values of cash and investments as at December 31 were as follows:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Cash	4,492,566	4,174,354
Bonds, debentures, guaranteed investment certificates and Farm Mutual guarantee fund	18,515,505	19,756,385
Equities	3,402,917	3,233,450
Mutual funds	9,427,961	8,967,064
	35,838,949	36,131,253



EXPLANATORY FINANCIAL NOTES
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4. Investment Information (Continued)

Maturity profile of bonds, debentures and guaranteed investment certificates held is as follows:

	Within 1 year	2 to 5 years	6 to 10 years	Over 10 years	Fair value
December 31, 2017	5,196,571	13,318,934	NIL	NIL	18,515,505
Percent of Total	28 %	72 %	0 %	0 %	
December 31, 2016	2,752,641	17,003,744	NIL	NIL	19,756,385
Percent of Total	14 %	86 %	0 %	0 %	

The effective investment yield for the year is 3.67% (4.60% for 2016).

The following table provides an analysis of the investments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value, grouped into Levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the fair value is observable:

- Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and
- Level 3 fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

On December 31, 2017 the company held only Level 1 and 2 investments.

	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
December 31, 2017				
Guaranteed investment certificates	4,465,276			4,465,276
Bonds	13,993,981			13,993,981
Equities	3,402,917			3,402,917
Mutual funds	9,427,961			9,427,961
Other investments		56,248		56,248
Total assets measured at fair value	31,290,135	56,248	NIL	31,346,383

	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
December 31, 2016				
Guaranteed investment certificates	4,995,276			4,995,276
Bonds	14,704,861			14,704,861
Equities	3,233,450			3,233,450
Mutual funds	8,967,064			8,967,064
Other investments		56,248		56,248
Total assets measured at fair value	31,900,651	56,248	NIL	31,956,899



EXPLANATORY FINANCIAL NOTES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

4. Investment Information (Continued)

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

The following table provides cost and fair value information of investments by type of security and issuer. The maximum exposure to credit risk would be the fair value as shown below.

	2017		2016	
	Cost	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value
Guaranteed Investment				
Certificates	4,465,276	4,465,276	4,995,276	4,995,276
Bonds issued by				
Provincial	4,200,581	4,200,581	4,032,511	4,032,511
Municipal	2,745,804	2,745,804	3,695,824	3,695,824
Corporate A or better	7,047,596	7,047,596	6,976,526	6,976,526
	13,993,981	13,993,981	14,704,861	14,704,861
Equity investments				
Canadian	2,139,008	2,663,720	2,076,116	2,531,453
United States	492,615	739,197	469,845	701,997
	2,631,623	3,402,917	2,545,961	3,233,450
Industrial Alliance Investments				
Canadian fixed income	6,151,757	6,053,811	5,923,416	5,885,272
Canadian and United States equity	3,046,755	3,374,150	2,779,177	3,081,792
	9,198,512	9,427,961	8,702,593	8,967,064
Other investments				
Fire Mutuals guarantee fund	56,248	56,248	56,248	56,248
	30,345,640	31,346,383	31,004,939	31,956,899



EXPLANATORY FINANCIAL NOTES
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5. Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible Assets

Property, plant and equipment is initially recorded at cost and subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, with the exception of land which is not depreciated. Depreciation is recognized in net income and is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets using the straight-line method (years) or declining-balance method (percentage).

Intangible assets consist of computer software which are not integral to the computer hardware owned by the company. Software is initially recorded at cost and subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses. The amortization expense is included within the other operating and administrative expenses in the statement of comprehensive income and is provided over the estimated useful life of the asset.

		2017		
	Depreciation rate	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value
Land		110,000		110,000
Buildings	5%	4,181,277	851,346	3,329,931
Sign	20%	53,020	39,121	13,899
Computer hardware	3 years	120,413	112,685	7,728
Furniture and fixtures	20%	491,171	296,863	194,308
Vehicles	40-50%	32,186	26,151	6,035
Computer software	5 years	1,028,864	950,809	78,055
		6,016,931	2,276,975	3,739,956

		2016		
	Depreciation rate	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value
Land		110,000		110,000
Buildings	5%	4,181,277	676,086	3,505,191
Sign	20%	53,020	35,646	17,374
Computer hardware	3 years	116,464	102,333	14,131
Furniture and fixtures	20%	491,171	248,286	242,885
Vehicles	40-50%	65,134	47,370	17,764
Computer software	5 years	1,008,185	861,206	146,979
		6,025,251	1,970,927	4,054,324

The unamortized cost of capital assets available to reduce net income for income tax purposes amounts to approximately \$3,488,000 (\$3,755,000 in 2016).



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6. Operating Lease Commitment

The Company has entered into an operating lease agreement whereby it is obligated to rent computer hardware equipment for 48 months at a monthly cost of \$9,344 beginning December 2015.

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
7. Insurance Contracts		
Due From Reinsurer		
Balance, beginning of year	8,449	60,408
Submitted to reinsurer	2,909,361	9,831,580
Received from reinsurer	(2,761,112)	(9,883,539)
Balance, end of year	156,698	8,449

All of the above amounts are expected to be settled within one year. At year-end, the company reviewed the amounts owing from its reinsurer and determined that no allowance is necessary.

Reinsurer's Share of Provision For Unpaid Claims

Balance, beginning of year	12,608,350	20,526,404
New claims reserve	1,832,110	3,958,374
Change in prior years reserve	(11,802,938)	(21,708,008)
Submitted to reinsurer	2,909,361	9,831,580
Balance, end of year	5,546,883	12,608,350
Expected settlement		
Within one year	575,761	771,106
More than one year	4,971,122	11,837,244
	5,546,883	12,608,350

Deferred Policy Acquisition Expenses

Balance, beginning of year	2,167,017	2,099,251
Acquisition costs incurred	4,635,988	4,374,772
Expense recognized as a result of liability adequacy tests	NIL	NIL
Expensed during the year	(4,496,074)	(4,307,006)
Balance, end of year	2,306,931	2,167,017

Deferred policy acquisition expenses will be recognized as an expense within one year.



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7. Insurance Contracts (Continued)	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Unearned Premiums (UEP)		
Balance, beginning of year	12,159,828	11,763,230
Premiums written	25,621,456	24,334,319
Premiums earned during year	(24,921,524)	(23,937,721)
Changes in UEP recognized in income	699,932	396,598
Balance, end of year	12,859,761	12,159,828

Insurance Contract Provisions and Related Reinsurance Assets

The following is a summary of the insurance contract provisions and related reinsurance assets:

December 31, 2017	Gross	Re-insurance	Net
	\$	\$	\$
Outstanding claims provision			
Long settlement term	8,171,957	3,644,122	4,527,835
Short settlement term	3,431,072	575,761	2,855,311
Facility Association and other residual pools	400,595		400,595
	12,003,624	4,219,883	7,783,741
Provisions for claims incurred but not reported	4,267,000	1,327,000	2,940,000
Balance, end of year	16,270,624	5,546,883	10,723,741

December 31, 2016

Outstanding claims provision			
Long settlement term	11,434,227	6,360,722	5,073,505
Short settlement term	3,203,156	771,106	2,432,050
Facility Association and other residual pools	384,944		384,944
	15,022,327	7,131,828	7,890,499
Provisions for claims incurred but not reported, net	9,370,522	5,476,522	3,894,000
Balance, end of year	24,392,849	12,608,350	11,784,499

Comments and Assumptions For Specific Claims Categories

The ultimate cost of long settlement general liability claims are difficult to predict for several reasons. Claims may not be reported until many years after a policy expires. Changes in the legal environment have created further complications. Court decisions and federal and provincial legislation may dramatically increase the liability between the time a policy is written and associated claims are ultimately resolved. For example, liability for exposure to toxic substances and environmental impairment, which did not appear likely or even exist when the policies were written, has been imposed by legislators and judicial interpretation. Tort liability has been expanded by some jurisdictions to cover defective workmanship. Provisions for such difficult-to-estimate liabilities are established by examining the facts of tendered claims and adjusted in the aggregate for ultimate loss expectations based upon historical experience patterns and current socioeconomic trends.



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7. Insurance Contracts (Continued)

Comments and Assumptions For Specific Claims Categories (Continued)

The Company must participate in industry automobile residual pools of business, and recognize a share of this business based on its automobile market share. The Company records its share of the liabilities provided by the actuaries of the pools.

Claims and Adjustment Expenses

Changes in claim liabilities recorded in the statement of financial position for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 and their impact on claims and adjustment expenses for the two years are as follows:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Unpaid claim liabilities, beginning of year, net of reinsurance	11,784,499	10,034,166
Increase (decrease) in estimated losses and expenses, for losses occurring in prior years	(2,258,998)	(205,284)
Provision for losses and expenses on claims occurring in the current year	14,409,892	12,117,481
Payment on claims:		
Current year	(9,508,640)	(6,859,519)
Prior years	(3,703,012)	(3,302,345)
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Unpaid claim liabilities, end of year, net of reinsurance	10,723,741	11,784,499
Reinsurer's share and subrogation recoverable	5,546,883	12,608,350
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Unpaid gross claims, end of year	16,270,624	24,392,849

The change in estimate of losses occurring in prior years is due to changes arising from new information received.

Claim Development

The estimation of claim development involves assessing the future behaviour of claims, taking into consideration the consistency of the Company's claim handling procedures, the amount of information available, the characteristics of the line of business from which the claim arises and historical delays in reporting claims. In general, the longer the term required for the settlement of a group of claims the more variable the estimates. Short settlement term claims are those which are expected to be substantially paid within a year of being reported.

The tables that follow present the development of claims payments and the estimated ultimate cost of claims for the claim years 2008 to 2017. The upper half of the tables show the cumulative amounts paid or estimated to be paid during successive years related to each claim year. The original estimates will be increased or decreased, as more information becomes known about the original claims and overall claim frequency and severity.



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7. Insurance Contracts (Continued)

Gross Claims	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gross estimate of cumulative claims cost											
At the end year of claim	17,457,526	7,892,233	8,908,469	12,672,107	10,831,491	13,744,615	21,747,867	15,701,144	15,953,391	17,069,682	
One year later	16,879,742	7,947,679	8,331,383	10,456,314	9,348,586	12,856,032	20,797,274	14,917,550	13,238,642		
Two years later	20,162,101	7,603,007	8,675,240	9,749,761	8,628,472	12,809,359	21,030,698	11,368,062			
Three years later	19,935,100	8,219,141	8,362,040	10,009,052	8,156,808	11,978,422	20,081,614				
Four years later	20,635,928	8,282,214	7,875,041	9,960,423	7,886,193	10,837,789					
Five years later	20,653,275	8,728,974	7,883,291	10,093,312	7,857,821						
Six years later	21,247,491	7,517,898	7,799,914	10,063,067							
Seven years later	21,062,418	7,398,211	7,797,628								
Eight years later	21,105,935	7,316,817									
Nine years later	21,081,135										
Current estimate of cumulative claims cost	21,081,135	7,316,817	7,797,628	10,063,067	7,857,821	10,837,789	20,081,614	11,368,062	13,238,642	17,069,682	
Cumulative payments	19,073,077	7,290,482	7,763,083	9,912,664	7,409,832	10,693,569	18,181,901	9,520,143	9,628,636	10,968,246	
Outstanding claims	2,008,058	26,335	34,545	150,403	447,989	144,220	1,899,713	1,847,919	3,610,006	6,101,436	16,270,624
Outstanding claims 2007 and prior											NIL
Total gross outstanding claims and claims handling expenses											16,270,624



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7. Insurance Contracts (Continued)

Net Claims	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net estimate of cumulative claims cost											
At the end year of claim	9,449,651	6,825,150	7,819,135	9,000,645	8,384,421	10,107,411	13,508,628	11,495,793	12,117,479	14,316,448	
One year later	8,903,150	6,583,839	7,426,478	8,274,415	7,544,315	9,245,621	13,773,983	11,323,685	11,579,756		
Two years later	8,849,829	6,490,637	7,318,178	7,988,297	7,114,708	9,276,502	14,031,847	10,205,497			
Three years later	8,598,960	6,501,963	7,173,682	7,756,368	6,998,021	8,774,155	13,930,443				
Four years later	8,463,303	6,602,062	6,915,752	7,741,073	7,072,878	8,471,562					
Five years later	8,441,610	6,616,100	6,901,941	7,723,476	7,075,212						
Six years later	8,283,550	6,581,844	6,792,043	7,716,888							
Seven years later	8,288,088	6,124,343	6,785,455								
Eight years later	8,867,902	6,058,270									
Nine years later	9,170,027										
Current estimate of cumulative claims cost	9,170,027	6,058,270	6,785,455	7,716,888	7,075,212	8,471,562	13,930,443	10,205,497	11,579,756	14,316,448	
Cumulative payments	8,995,922	6,031,937	6,766,920	7,566,485	6,649,999	8,327,341	13,280,412	8,876,395	8,675,213	9,415,193	
Outstanding claims	174,105	26,333	18,535	150,403	425,213	144,221	650,031	1,329,102	2,904,543	4,901,255	10,723,741
Outstanding claims 2007 and prior											NIL
Total net outstanding claims and claims handling expenses											10,723,741



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8. Income Taxes

The Company is subject to income taxes on the portion of its income derived from insuring non-farm related risks.

Reasons for the difference between tax expense for the year and the expected income taxes based on the statutory tax rate of 26.5% (26.5% in 2016) are as follows:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Income before income taxes	663,714	1,418,376
Expected taxes based on the statutory rate of 26.5% (26.5% in 2016)	175,884	375,870
Income from insuring farm related risks	(36,081)	(96,438)
Claims reserves timing differences	(13,748)	23,192
Other non deductible expenses	1,785	2,277
Depreciation in excess of capital cost allowance	12,530	17,943
Other non taxable income	(32,127)	(33,531)
Total income tax expense	108,243	289,313

9. Gross Claims and Adjustment Expense

Included in claims expenses were wage costs of \$276,686 (\$261,867 in 2016).

10. Other Operating and Administrative Expenses

Salaries and employee benefits (note 12)	2,103,548	2,028,167
Directors' remuneration	67,600	63,200
Professional fees	103,977	59,297
Occupancy	263,123	269,075
Information technology (note 6)	566,760	546,718
Inspections and investigations	39,673	31,605
Membership fees	61,295	55,709
Office overhead	155,967	181,899
Regulatory assessments	108,224	115,113
Advertising and promotion	121,065	159,273
Travel and education	88,418	96,919
Premium tax	76,111	72,332
Other	22,687	22,350
	3,778,448	3,701,657

Depreciation and amortization expense of \$328,996 (\$386,854 in 2016) is included in the above amounts.



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11. Investment Income

	Fair value through profit and loss \$	Held to maturity \$	Loans and receivable \$	Other \$	2017 Total \$
Interest income		399,170		1,500	400,670
Dividend and other income	487,930				487,930
Investment expense	(62,790)				(62,790)
Net realized gains	281,015				281,015
Unrealized gains	43,737				43,737
	749,892	399,170	NIL	1,500	1,150,562

	Fair value through profit and loss \$	Held to maturity \$	Loans and receivable \$	Other \$	2016 Total \$
Interest income		432,078		1,500	433,578
Dividend and other income	357,568				357,568
Investment expense	(54,788)				(54,788)
Net realized losses	(302,169)				(302,169)
Unrealized gains	1,035,184				1,035,184
	1,035,795	432,078	NIL	1,500	1,469,373

12. Related Party Transactions

The Company entered into the following transactions with key management personnel, which are defined by IAS 24, Related Party Disclosures, as those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, including directors and management:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Compensation		
Salaries, benefits and director's fees	380,128	383,562
Total pension and other post-employment benefits	34,422	34,503
	414,550	418,065
Premiums	84,549	82,609
Claims paid	246	16,165

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13. Capital Management

The Company's objectives with respect to capital management are to maintain a capital base that is structured to exceed regulatory requirements and to best utilize capital allocations.

The regulators measure the financial strength of property and casualty insurers using a minimum capital test (MCT). The regulators generally expect property and casualty companies to comply with capital adequacy requirements. This test compares a Company's capital against the risk profile of the organization. The risk-based capital adequacy framework assesses the risk of assets, policy liabilities and other exposures by applying various factors. The regulator indicates that the Company should produce a minimum MCT of 150%. During the year, the Company has consistently exceeded this minimum. The regulator has the authority to request more extensive reporting and can place restrictions on the Company's operations if the Company falls below this requirement and if deemed necessary. The MCT for the company at December 31, 2017 was 528% (505% at December 31, 2016).

For the purpose of capital management, the Company has defined capital as policyholders' equity.

14. Financial Instrument and Insurance Risk Management

Insurance risk management

The principal risk the Company faces under insurance contracts is that the actual claims and benefit payments, or the timing thereof, differ from expectations. This is influenced by the frequency of claims, severity of claims, actual benefits paid and subsequent development of long-term claims. Therefore, the objective of the Company is to ensure that sufficient reserves are available to cover these liabilities.

The above risk exposure is mitigated by diversification across a large portfolio of insurance. The variability of risks is also improved by careful selection and implementation of underwriting strategy guidelines, as well as the use of reinsurance arrangements.

The Company purchases reinsurance as part of its risk mitigation program. Retention limits for the excess-of-loss reinsurance vary by product line.

Amounts recoverable from the reinsurer are estimated in a manner consistent with the outstanding claims provision and are in accordance with the reinsurance contracts. Although the Company has reinsurance arrangements, it is not relieved of its direct obligations to its policyholders and thus a credit exposure exists with respect to ceded insurance, to the extent that any reinsurer is unable to meet its obligations assumed under such reinsurance agreements.

The Company writes insurance primarily over a twelve month duration. The most significant risks arise through high severity, low frequency events such as natural disasters or catastrophes. A concentration of risk may arise from insurance contracts issued in a specific geographic location since all insurance contracts are written in Ontario.

The Company manages this risk via its underwriting and reinsurance strategy within an overall risk management framework. Exposures are limited by having documented underwriting limits and criteria. Pricing of property and liability policies are based on assumptions in regard to trends and past experience, in an attempt to correctly match policy revenue with exposed risk. Automobile premiums are subject to approval by the Financial Services Commission of Ontario and therefore may result in a delay in adjusting the pricing to exposed risk; in this case the Company has policies regarding renewal and new business accepted. Reinsurance is purchased to mitigate the effect of the potential loss to the Company.



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14. Financial Instrument and Insurance Risk Management (Continued)

The Company follows a policy of underwriting and reinsuring contracts of insurance which, in the main, limit the liability of the Company to an amount on any one claim of \$350,000 in the event of a property claim and an amount of \$400,000 in the event of an automobile or liability claim. The Company also obtained reinsurance which limits the Company's liability to \$1,050,000 in the event of a series of claims arising out of a single occurrence. In addition, the Company has obtained stop loss reinsurance which limits the liability of all claims in a specific year to 80% of net earned premiums.

The Company is exposed to a pricing risk to the extent that unearned premiums are insufficient to meet the related future policy costs. Evaluation is performed regularly to estimate future claims costs, related expenses and expected profit in relation to unearned premiums. There was no premium deficiency at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

The risks associated with insurance contracts are complex and subject to a number of variables which complicate quantitative sensitivity analysis. The Company uses various techniques based on past claims development experience to quantify these sensitivities. This includes indicators such as average claim cost, amount of claims occurrence, expected loss ratios and claims development as described in note 7.

The table below sets out the concentration of unpaid claims and adjustment expenses by class of insurance:

	December 31, 2017			December 31, 2016		
	Gross Claims \$	Reinsurance Of Claims \$	Net Claims \$	Gross Claims \$	Reinsurance Of Claims \$	Net Claims \$
Property	3,064,607	656,844	2,407,763	3,666,427	1,447,087	2,219,340
Liability	3,442,118	1,132,588	2,309,530	6,447,473	3,085,243	3,362,230
Automobile	9,763,899	3,757,451	6,006,448	14,278,949	8,076,020	6,202,929
	16,270,624	5,546,883	10,723,741	24,392,849	12,608,350	11,784,499

Results of sensitivity testing based on expected loss ratios are as follows, shown gross and net of reinsurance as impact on pre-tax income:

	Property claims		Auto claims		Liability claims	
	2017 \$	2016 \$	2017 \$	2016 \$	2017 \$	2016 \$
5% increase in loss ratios						
Gross	(792,500)	(736,400)	(381,000)	(378,550)	(107,400)	(101,650)
Net	(702,650)	(653,150)	(262,700)	(292,900)	(79,150)	(71,450)
5% decrease in loss ratios						
Gross	792,500	736,400	381,000	378,550	107,400	101,650
Net	702,650	653,150	262,700	292,900	79,150	71,450

There have been no significant changes from the previous year in the exposure to risk or policies, procedures and methods used to measure the risk.

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14. Financial Instrument and Insurance Risk Management (Continued)

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a debtor fails to make payments of interest and principal when due. The Company is exposed to this risk relating to its debt holdings in its investment portfolio and the reliance on reinsurers to make payment when certain loss conditions are met.

The Company's investment policy puts limits on the bond portfolio including portfolio composition limits, issuer type limits, bond quality limits, aggregate issuer limits and corporate sector limits. The bond portfolio remains very high quality with 100% of the bonds rated A or better. All fixed income portfolios are measured for performance on a quarterly basis and monitored by management on a monthly basis.

Reinsurance is placed with Farm Mutual Re, a Canadian registered reinsurer. Management monitors the credit-worthiness of Farm Mutual Re by reviewing their annual financial statements and through ongoing communications. Reinsurance treaties are reviewed annually by management prior to renewal of the reinsurance contract.

Amounts receivable are short-term in nature and are not subject to material credit risk.

The maximum exposure to credit risk and concentration of this risk is outlined in note 4.

There have been no significant changes from the previous period in the exposure to risk or policies, procedures and methods used to measure the risk.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of market factors. Market factors include three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and equity risk.

The Company's investment policy operates within the guidelines of the Ontario Insurance Act. An investment policy is in place and its application is monitored by management and the Board of Directors. Diversification techniques are utilized to minimize risk. The policy limits the investment in any one corporate issuer to a maximum of 5% of the company's total assets.

a) **Currency risk**

Currency risk relates to the company operating in different currencies and converting non-Canadian earnings at different points in time at different foreign exchange levels when adverse changes in foreign currency exchange rates occur.

The Company's foreign exchange risk is related to its stock holdings. The Company limits its holdings in foreign equity to 20% of the equity portfolio in accordance with its investment policy. A 1% change in the value of the United States dollar would affect the fair value of these equities by approximately \$7,400, which would be reflected in the statement of comprehensive income.

There have been no significant changes from the previous period in the exposure to risk or policies, procedures and methods used to measure the risk.

b) **Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the potential for financial loss caused by fluctuations in fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments because of changes in market interest rates.

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14. Financial Instrument and Insurance Risk Management (Continued)

Market risk (continued)

b) Interest rate risk (continued)

The Company is exposed to this risk through its interest bearing investments, which include treasury bills, guaranteed investment certificates and bonds.

Historical data and current information is used to profile the ultimate claims settlement pattern by class of insurance, which is then used in a broad sense to develop an investment policy and strategy. However, because a significant portion of the Company's assets relate to its capital rather than liabilities, the value of its interest rate based assets exceeds its interest rate based liabilities. As a result, generally, the Company's investment income will move with interest rates over the medium to long-term with short-term interest rate fluctuations creating unrealized gains or losses in net income. There are no occurrences where interest would be charged on liabilities; therefore, little protection is needed to ensure the fair market value of assets will be offset by a similar change in liabilities due to an interest rate change.

The objective, policies and procedures for managing interest rate risk is to diversify the bond and guaranteed investment portfolio in such a way that this portfolio is laddered over a period of five years. This protects the Company from fluctuations in interest rates.

Had prevailing interest rates of the Greystone Fixed Income Fund increased or decreased by 1.0%, assuming a parallel shift in the yield curve and all other variables held constant, the market value of the Fund's fixed income holdings would have decreased or increased by approximately 7.0%. The fixed income holdings' sensitivity to interest rate fluctuations was estimated using the weighted average duration of the fixed income holdings. In practice, actual results may differ from this sensitivity analysis and the difference could be material.

There have been no significant changes from the previous period in the exposure to risk, nor any significant changes to policies, procedures and methods used to measure the risk.

c) Equity risk

Equity risk is the uncertainty associated with the valuation of assets arising from changes in equity markets. The Company is exposed to this risk through its equity holdings within its investment portfolio.

The company's portfolio includes Canadian stocks with fair values that move with the Toronto Stock Exchange Composite Index and U.S. stocks, with fair values that move with the S&P 500 Index. A 10% movement in the Canadian stock markets, with all other variables held constant, would have an estimated effect on the fair values of the company's Canadian common stocks of approximately \$523,000. A 10% movement in the U.S. stock markets, with all other variables held constant, would have an estimated effect on the fair values of the company's U.S. stocks of approximately \$154,000. These changes would be recognized in other comprehensive income or net income depending on the classification of the instruments.

There have been no significant changes from the previous period in the exposure to risk, nor any changes to the investment policies, procedures and processes for managing equity risk.

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14. Financial Instrument and Insurance Risk Management (Continued)

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet all cash outflow obligations as they come due. The Company mitigates this risk by monitoring cash activities and expected outflows. The Company's current liabilities arise as claims are made. The Company does not have material liabilities that can be called unexpectedly at the demand of a lender or client, nor does it have material commitments for capital expenditures and there is no need for such expenditures in the normal course of business. Claim payments are funded by current operating cash flow including investment income.

The company is a participating member of Farm Mutual Re and, as such, may become obligated to fund a capital call request from Farm Mutual Re which would be recorded as a subordinated loan in the company's accounts. Policies and procedures are in place to measure and control the risk to the company should this capital call occur.

There have been no significant changes from the previous period in the exposure to risk, nor significant changes in policies, procedures and methods used to measure the risk.

15. Retirement Benefits

The Company makes contributions on behalf of its employees to "the Retirement Annuity Plan for Employees of the Ontario Mutual Insurance Association and Member Companies", which is a multi-employer plan. Eligible employees participate in the defined benefit plan. The defined benefit plan specifies the amount of the retirement benefit to be received by the employee based on the number of years the employee has contributed and his/her final average earnings.

The Company matches the employee contributions and funds the excess defined benefit based on the Company's percentage of pensionable earnings as calculated by the Pension Plan actuaries. The Pension Plan agreement states that the Company is responsible for its share of any deficit as a result of any actuarial valuation or cost certificate. In the event of a wind-up, voluntary withdrawal or bankruptcy, either by the Company or the group as a whole, the Company is responsible for its portion of all expenses and deficit related to such.

During 2017, the amount contributed to the plan for current service was \$209,886 (\$178,830 in 2016) and the amount contributed to the solvency funded status deficit was \$257,058 (\$369,666 in 2016). These amounts have been recognized in comprehensive income. The Company had a 3.6% share of the total contributions to the Plan in 2017. The expected normal contribution to the Plan for 2018 is \$230,000.

An actuarial valuation of the Pension Plan as of December 31, 2016 determined that the Plan was in a going-concern surplus position on that date. The next actuarial valuation to be filed under the Pension Benefit Act will be as of December 31, 2019.