

# BERKLEY RENEWABLES INC.

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# NOTICE OF MEETING AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR

for the

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF

# **BERKLEY RENEWABLES INC.**

to be held on

May 17, 2024

DATED AS OF APRIL 12, 2024



## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of Berkley Renewables Inc. (hereinafter called the "Company") will be held at Suite 900 – 570 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 3P1 on **Friday, May 17, 2024** at **10:30 a.m.** (Pacific Standard Time) for the following purposes:

- 1) to receive the Report of the Directors;
- 2) to appoint Auditors for the ensuing year and to authorize the Directors to fix their remuneration;
- 3) to determine the number of directors and to elect directors;
- 4) to ratify the 10% Rolling Stock Option Plan, as more particularly set out in the Information Circular; and
- 5) to transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

The accompanying Information Circular provides additional information relating to the matters to be dealt with at the Meeting and is supplemental to, and expressly made a part of, this Notice of Meeting.

The Board of Directors of the Company has fixed April 12, 2024, as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Meeting and at any adjournment or postponement thereof. Each registered shareholder at the close of business on that date is entitled to such notice and to vote at the Meeting in the circumstances set out in the accompanying Information Circular.

To proactively deal with the unprecedented public health impact of the coronavirus, also known as COVID-19 ("COVID-19") and Provincial and Federal guidance regarding public gatherings, shareholders and proxyholders are strongly encouraged NOT to attend the Meeting in person. The COVID-19 virus continues to cause unprecedented social and economic disruption and we want to ensure that no one is unnecessarily exposed to any risks. Furthermore, so that the Company can mitigate potential risks to the health and safety of shareholders and the community, and in compliance with the current Public Officer Order in effect as at the date hereof, <u>all Meeting participants will be required to wear a suitable face mask</u>, and there will be strict limitations on the number of persons permitted entry to the Meeting and anyone who is not a registered shareholder or proxyholder will not be permitted entry.

The Company urges all shareholders to <u>vote by proxy in advance of the Meeting</u> in accordance with the instructions set out below. The COVID-19 situation is dynamic and continues to evolve. If events arise that require us to make changes to the date, time and/or location of the Meeting we will promptly notify shareholders and communicate any changes through a press release. The Company intends to resume holding unrestricted in-person shareholder's meetings in future years.

If you are a registered shareholder of the Company and unable to attend the Meeting in person, please complete, date and sign the accompanying form of proxy and deposit it with the Company's transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc., Proxy Department, 100 University Avenue, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1, or at the head office of the Company at Suite 900 – 570 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3P1at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays recognized in the Province of British Columbia) before the time and date of the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement

thereof. If you receive more than one form of proxy because you own common shares registered in different names or addresses, each form of proxy should be completed and returned.

The form of proxy confers discretionary authority with respect to: (i) amendments or variations to the matters of business to be considered at the Meeting; and (ii) other matters that may properly come before the Meeting. As of the date hereof, management of the Company knows of no amendments, variations or other matters to come before the Meeting other than the matters set forth in this Notice of Meeting. Shareholders who are planning on returning the applicable accompanying form of proxy are encouraged to review the Information Circular carefully before submitting the proxy form. It is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed applicable form of proxy, if not expressly directed to the contrary in such form of proxy, to vote IN FAVOUR of the resolutions proposed by management as set forth under "Particulars of Matters to be Acted Upon" in the accompanying Information Circular.

If you are a non-registered shareholder of the Company and received this Notice of Meeting and accompanying materials through a broker, a financial institution, a participant, a trustee or administrator of a self-administered retirement savings plan, retirement income fund, education savings plan or other similar self-administered savings or investment plan registered under the Income Tax Act (Canada), or a nominee of any of the foregoing that holds your securities on your behalf (each, an "Intermediary"), please complete and return the materials in accordance with the instructions provided to you by your Intermediary.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

#### BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"Matt Wayrynen"

Matt Wayrynen President & Chief Executive Officer

# **BERKLEY RENEWABLES INC.**

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#### **INFORMATION CIRCULAR**

#### AS AT AND DATED APRIL 12, 2024

This information circular ("**Information Circular**") is provided in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the management of **Berkley Renewables Inc.** (the "**Company**") for use at the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the Company (the "Meeting") to be held on Friday, May 17, 2024, at Suite 900 – 570 Granville Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 3P1 at 10:30 a.m. (Vancouver Time) and at any adjournments thereof for the purposes set forth in the enclosed Notice of Annual General Meeting ("Notice of Meeting").

The solicitation of proxies is made on behalf of the management of the Company. Such solicitation will be primarily by mail but may also be made by telephone or other electronic means of communication or in person by the directors and officers of the Company. The costs incurred in the preparation and mailing of the form of proxy, Notice of Meeting and this Information Circular will be borne by the Company. The cost of the solicitation will be borne by the Company.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF MEETING MATERIALS

This Information Circular and related Meeting materials are being sent to both registered and non-registered holders of common shares of the Company.

If you are a non-registered holder and the Company or its agent has sent these materials directly to you, your name and address and information about your holdings of common shares, have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the Intermediary holding common shares on your behalf. "Intermediary" means a broker, a financial institution, an investment firm, a trustee or administrator of a self-administered retirement savings plan, retirement income fund, education savings plan or other similar self-administered savings or investment plan registered under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), or a nominee of any of the foregoing that holds securities on behalf of a non-registered shareholder.

A shareholder may receive multiple packages of Meeting materials if the shareholder holds common shares through more than one Intermediary, or if the shareholder is both a registered shareholder and a non-registered shareholder for different shareholdings. Any such shareholder should repeat the steps to vote through a proxy, appoint a proxyholder or attend the Meeting, if desired, separately for each shareholding to ensure that all the common shares from the various shareholdings are represented and voted at the Meeting. Please return your voting instructions as specified in the appropriate voting information form.

#### **PROXY INFORMATION**

### Appointment of Proxyholder

A duly completed form of proxy for the Company will constitute the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy as the shareholder's proxyholder. The individuals whose names are printed in the enclosed form of proxy for the Meeting are directors and/or officers of the Company (the "**Management Proxyholders**"). The persons named in the enclosed form of proxy as Management Proxyholders have indicated their willingness to represent, as proxyholders, the shareholders who appoint them.

A shareholder has the right to appoint a person other than the Management Proxyholders to represent the shareholder at the Meeting by striking out the names of the Management Proxyholders and by inserting the desired person's name in the blank space provided or by executing a proxy in a form similar to the enclosed form. A proxyholder need not be a shareholder of the Company. Such a shareholder should notify the nominee of his or her appointment, obtain his or her consent to act as proxy and instruct him or her on how the shareholder's shares are to be voted.

## Voting Of Proxies

Each shareholder may instruct its proxyholder how to vote its shares by completing the blanks in the enclosed proxy form. Shares represented by properly executed proxy forms will be voted or withheld from voting on any poll in accordance with instructions made on the proxy forms, and, if a shareholder specifies a choice as to any matters to be acted on, such shareholder's shares shall be voted accordingly.

If no choice is specified and one of the Management Proxyholders is appointed by a shareholder as proxyholder, it is intended that such person will vote in favour of the matters to be voted on at the Meeting.

The enclosed form of proxy confers discretionary authority upon the persons named therein as proxyholder with respect to amendments or variations to matters identified in the Notice of Meeting and with respect to any other matters which may properly come before the Meeting. At the date of this Information Circular, management of the Company knows of no such amendments, variations or other matters to come before the Meeting.

## COMPLETION AND RETURN OF PROXY

Each proxy must be dated and executed by the shareholder or its attorney authorized in writing or by an Intermediary acting on behalf of a shareholder (see "*Voting by Non-Registered Shareholders*" below). In the case of a corporation, the proxy must be dated and executed under its corporate seal or signed by a duly authorized officer or attorney for the corporation.

A proxy will not be valid for the Meeting or any adjournment thereof unless the completed, signed and dated form of proxy is delivered to the office of the Company's registrar and transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc., Proxy Department, 100 University Avenue, 9th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1, or at the head office of the Company at Suite 900 – 570 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3P1, or as otherwise indicated in the instructions contained in the form of proxy (including, where applicable, through the transfer agent's internet and telephone proxy voting services). All proxies in respect of the Meeting must be completed and received not later than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) prior to the commencement of the Meeting, unless the chairman of the Meeting elects to exercise his or her discretion to accept proxies received subsequently.

# The information in this section is important to many shareholders as a substantial number of shareholders do not hold their shares in their own name.

Shareholders who hold common shares through Intermediaries (such shareholders being collectively called "**Beneficial Shareholders**") should note that only registered holders of common shares or the persons they appoint as their proxyholders are permitted to vote at the Meeting.

If common shares are shown on an account statement provided to a Beneficial Shareholder by a broker or other Intermediary, then in almost all cases the name of such Beneficial Shareholder will not appear on the central securities register of the Company. Such common shares will most likely be registered in the name of the broker or an agent of the broker or other Intermediary. In Canada, the vast majority of such common shares will be registered in the name of "CDS & Co.", the registration name of The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited, which acts as a nominee for many brokerage firms. Such common shares can only be voted by the Intermediary and can only be voted by them in accordance with instructions received from Beneficial Shareholders. As a result, Beneficial Shareholders should carefully review the voting instructions provided by their broker or other Intermediary with this Information Circular and ensure that they direct the voting of their common shares in accordance with those instructions.

Applicable regulatory policies require brokers and other Intermediaries to seek voting instructions from Beneficial Shareholders in advance of shareholders' meetings. In accordance with the requirements of National Instrument 54-101, the Company will distribute the Meeting materials to Intermediaries and clearing agencies for onward distribution to non-registered holders. The Company does not intend to pay Intermediaries to forward the Meeting materials if the non-registered holders have provided instructions to their Intermediary that they object to the Intermediary disclosing ownership information about the non-registered holders. In this case, such non-registered holder will not receive the Meeting materials if the Intermediary does not assume the cost of delivery. Each Intermediary has its own mailing procedures and provides its own return instructions to clients.

Intermediaries are required to forward the Meeting materials to non-registered holders unless a nonregistered holder has waived the right to receive Meeting materials. Generally, non-registered holders who have not waived the right to receive Meeting materials will be sent a voting instruction form which must be completed, signed and returned by the non-registered holder in accordance with the Intermediary's directions on the voting instruction form. Intermediaries often use service companies to forward the Meeting materials to non-registered holders. Most brokers now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from clients to Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge"). Broadridge typically supplies a voting instruction form, mails those forms to Beneficial Shareholders and asks those Beneficial Shareholders to return the forms to Broadridge or follow specific telephone or other voting Broadridge then tabulates the results of all instructions received by it and provides procedures. appropriate instructions respecting the voting of common shares at the Meeting. **A** Beneficial Shareholder receiving a voting instruction form from Broadridge cannot use that form to vote common shares directly at the Meeting. Instead, the voting instruction form must be returned to Broadridge or the alternate voting procedures must be completed well in advance of the Meeting in order to ensure that such common shares are voted.

In some cases, Beneficial Shareholders will instead be given a proxy which has already been signed by the Intermediary (typically by a facsimile, stamped signature) which is restricted as to the number of common shares beneficially owned by the Beneficial Shareholder but which is otherwise not completed. This form of proxy does not need to be signed by the Beneficial Shareholder, but, to be used at the Meeting, needs to be properly completed and deposited with Computershare Investor Services Inc. as described under "*Completion and Return of Proxy*" above.

The purpose of these procedures is to permit non-registered holders to direct the voting of the common shares that they beneficially own. Should a Beneficial Shareholder wish to attend and vote at the Meeting in person (or have another person attend and vote on behalf of the Beneficial Shareholder), the Beneficial Shareholder should strike out the names of the persons named in the Proxy and insert the Beneficial Shareholder's (or such other person's) name in the blank space provided or, in the case of a voting instruction form, follow the corresponding instructions on the form.

## **Revocation of Proxies**

A proxy may be revoked at any time prior to the exercise thereof. If a registered shareholder who has given a proxy attends personally at the Meeting at which such proxy is to be voted, such shareholder may revoke the proxy and vote in person. In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, a registered shareholder who has given a proxy may revoke it, any time before it is exercised, by instrument in writing executed by the registered shareholder or by his/her attorney authorized in writing or, if the registered shareholder is a corporation, under its corporate seal or by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized. The instrument revoking the proxy must be deposited to the office of the Company's registrar and transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc., Proxy Department, 100 University Avenue, 9th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1, or at the head office of the Company at Suite 900 – 570 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3P1, at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the date of the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof, or with the chairman of the Meeting on the day of such Meeting. **Only registered shareholders have the right to revoke a proxy. Non-registered shareholders (Beneficial Shareholders) who wish to change their vote must arrange for their respective Intermediaries to revoke the proxy on their behalf well in advance of the Meeting.** 

## **RECORD DATE AND VOTING SECURITIES**

The directors of the Company have set the close of business on April 12, 2024, as the record date (the "**Record Date**") for the Meeting.

Only common shareholders of record as at the Record Date are entitled to receive notice of the Meeting and to vote those shares included in the list of shareholders entitled to vote at the Meeting prepared as at the Record Date, unless any such shareholders transfer shares after the Record Date and the transferee of those shares, having produced properly endorsed certificates evidencing such shares or having otherwise established ownership of such shares, requests not later than 10 days before the Meeting, that the transferee's name be included in the list of shareholders entitled to vote at the Meeting, in which case such transferee will be entitled to vote such shares at the Meeting.

Voting at the Meeting will be by show of hands, with each shareholder present having one vote, unless a poll is requested or required, whereupon each shareholder or proxyholder present is entitled to one vote for each common share held.

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares without par value of which 15,811,451 common shares are issued and outstanding as at the Record Date. The Company has no other class of voting securities.

## QUORUM

The Articles of the Company provide that a quorum for the transaction of business at the Meeting shall be two persons who are, or who represent by proxy, shareholders who are entitled to vote at the Meeting.

## VOTING SHARES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF VOTING SHARES

To the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company, and based on the Company's review of the records maintained by Computershare Trust Company., electronic filings with the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) and insider reports filed with System for Electronic Disclosure by Insiders (SEDI), the following shareholders beneficially own, directly or indirectly, or exercise control or direction over more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding shares of the Company as at the Record Date:

Name	Number of Voting Securities	Percentage
CDS & Co. <sup>(1)</sup>	8,645,499	55%
Toronto, ON		

Notes:

(1) These shareholders are clearing agencies.

## INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

Other than as set forth in this Information Circular, management of the Company is not aware of any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, of any director or executive officer of the Company, any nominee for election as a director of the Company or any associate or affiliate of any such person, in any matter to be acted upon at the Meeting other than the election of directors.

For the purpose of this disclosure, "**associate**" of a person means: (a) an issuer of which the person beneficially owns or controls, directly or indirectly, voting securities entitling the person to more than 10% of the voting rights attached to outstanding securities of the issuer; (b) any partner of the person; (c) any trust or estate in which the person has a substantial beneficial interest or in respect of which a person serves as trustee or similar capacity; and (d) a relative of that person if the relative has the same home as that person.

## DIRECTOR AND EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Company is a "venture issuer" as defined under National Instrument 51-102 – Continuous Disclosure Obligations and is disclosing its director and executive compensation in accordance with Form 51-102F6V – Statement of Executive Compensation-Venture Issuers ("Form 51-102F6V").

# Definitions

In this Information Circular:

- **"Board**" means the board of directors of the Company.
- Chief Executive Officer" or "CEO" means an individual who served as chief executive officer of the Company, or performed functions similar to a chief executive officer, for any part of the most recently completed financial year.
- Chief Financial Officer" or "CFO" means an individual who served as chief financial officer of the Company, or performed functions similar to a chief financial officer, for any part of the most recently completed financial year.
- **"Exchange**" means the Canadian Securities Exchange.
- "Named Executive Officer" or "NEO" means each of the following individuals:
  - (i) a CEO;
  - (ii) a CFO;
  - (iii) in respect of the Company and its subsidiaries, the most highly compensated executive officer other than the CEO and CFO at the end of the most recently completed financial year whose total compensation was more than \$150,000, as determined in accordance with subsection 1.3(5) of Form 51-102F6V for that financial year; and
  - (iv) each individual who would be an NEO under paragraph (iii) but for the fact that the individual was neither an executive officer of the Company, nor acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year.

## Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation, Excluding Compensation Securities

The following table sets out a summary of compensation (excluding compensation securities) paid, awarded to or earned by the Named Executive Officers and any non-NEO directors of the Company for the periods noted therein:

Name and principal position	Year	Salary (\$)	Share- based awards (\$)(1)	Option- based awards (\$) (*)(**)(2)	ince	on-equity entive plan opensation (\$)(3)	Pension value (\$)(3)	All other compensation (\$)	Total compensation (\$)
Matt Wayrynen President, CEO and Director	2023 2022	\$120,000 \$120,000	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	\$120,000 \$120,000
Pamela Saulnier CFO and Corporate Secretary	2023 2022	\$25,000 \$7,500	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	\$25,000 \$7,500
Simon Ma Former CFO	2023 2022	Nil \$9,750	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil \$9,750

#### Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities

No stock options were outstanding during the financial year ended December 31, 2023.

#### **External Management Companies**

During the year ended December 31, 2023, no management functions of the Company were to any substantial degree performed by a person other than the directors or Named Executive Officers of the Company.

#### **Oversight and Description of Director and NEO Compensation**

#### **Director Compensation**

The Company has no standard arrangements pursuant to which directors are compensated by the Company for their services in their capacity as directors, except for the granting from time to time of incentive stock options in accordance with the Stock Option Plan and the policies of the Exchange and ad hoc awards of director fees from time to time. Currently, no formalized fee structure has been implemented with respect to the payment of fees to directors for serving as directors of the Company. From time to time, the Board as a whole determines the compensation payable to the non-NEO directors of the Company, taking into consideration the Company's financial circumstances and general industry standards for companies similar to the Company and the time and efforts provided to the Company by each non-NEO director.

The Board believes that the granting of incentive stock options provides a reward to directors for achieving results that improve Company performance and thereby increase shareholder value, where such improvement is reflected in an increase in the Company's share price. In making a determination as to whether a grant of long-term incentive stock options is appropriate and if so, the number of options that should be granted, the Board considers: the number and terms of outstanding incentive stock options held by each director; the aggregate value in securities of the Company that the Board intends to award as compensation; the potential dilution to shareholders; general industry standards and the limits imposed by the terms of the Stock Option Plan and Exchange policies. The granting of incentive stock options allows the Company to use cash from its treasury. The terms and conditions of the Company's stock option grants, including vesting provisions and exercise prices, are governed by the terms of the Stock Option Plan, which are described under "Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities" above and "Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans" below.

The directors may be reimbursed for actual expenses reasonably incurred in connection with the performance of their duties as directors.

#### Named Executive Officer Compensation

The Company is a junior exploration-stage resource company listed on the Exchange. The Company has, as of yet, no significant revenues from operations and from time to time operates with limited financial resources to ensure that funds are available to complete scheduled programs, if any. As a result, the directors of the Company have to consider not only the financial situation of the Company at the time of the determination of executive compensation, but also the estimated financial situation of the Company in the mid and long term.

The general objectives of the Company's compensation strategy are to (a) compensate management in a manner that encourages and rewards a high level of performance and outstanding results with a view to increasing long-term shareholder value; (b) align management's interests with the long-term interests of

shareholders; (c) provide a compensation package that enables the Company to attract and retain talent; and (d) ensure that the total compensation package is designed in a manner that takes into account the financial constraints that the Company is under by virtue of the fact that it is an advanced exploration-stage resource company without a history of earnings.

All consulting or other compensation arrangements between the Company and its NEOs are considered and approved by the independent members of the Board. In considering the compensation of its NEOs, the independent Board members consider how the Company can best balance the interests of the Company and provide competitive compensation to attract and retain officers who will contribute to the success of the Company, while mindful of the financial constraints of the Company. The independent Board members take into account the types of compensation and the amounts paid to directors and officers of comparable publicly traded Canadian companies.

An important element of executive compensation is that of stock options, which do not require cash disbursements by the Company. The Board believes that the granting of incentive stock options provides a reward to NEOs for achieving results that improve Company performance and thereby increase shareholder value, where such improvement is reflected in an increase in the Company's share price. In making a determination as to whether a grant of long-term incentive stock options is appropriate and if so, the number of options that should be granted, the Board considers: the number and terms of outstanding incentive stock options held by each NEO; the aggregate value in securities of the Company that the Board intends to award as compensation; the potential dilution to shareholders; general industry standards and the limits imposed by the terms of the Stock Option Plan and Exchange policies. The granting of incentive stock options allows the Company to reward NEOs for their efforts to increase value for shareholders without requiring the Company to use cash from its treasury. The terms and conditions of the Company's stock option plan, which are described under "Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities" above and "Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans" below.

Other than as described above, there are no other perquisites provided to the NEOs. The Company does not use specific benchmark groups in determining compensation or any element of compensation.

See "Statement of Executive Compensation – Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements" above for a description of the Company's consulting arrangements involving Matt Wayrynen, CEO & President of the Company and Pamela Saulnier, CFO of the Company.

## **Pension Disclosure**

No pension is provided to a director or Named Executive Officer of the Company.

### SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The following table sets forth details of the Company's stock option plan (the "**Stock Option Plan**"), being the Company's only equity compensation plan, as of April 12, 2024. The Stock Option Plan was most recently approved by the Company's shareholders at its last annual general meeting on May 5, 2023.

Plan Category	Number of common shares to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options (a)	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options (b)	Number of common shares remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders	Nil	N/A	1,581,145
Equity compensation plans not approved by shareholders	Nil	N/A	N/A
TOTAL:	Nil		1,581,145

## Description of the Stock Option Plan

The key terms of the Stock Option Plan are as follows:

- The aggregate number of optioned shares that may be issued upon the exercise of stock options granted under the Stock Option Plan may not exceed 10% of the number of issued and outstanding common shares of the Company at the time of granting of options.
- No more than 5% of the common shares outstanding at the time of grant may be reserved for issuance to any one individual in any 12 month period (unless disinterested shareholder approval is obtained where permitted by applicable regulators).
- If required by applicable regulators, no more than 2% of the common shares outstanding at the time of grant may be reserved for issuance to any consultant in any 12 month period.
- No more than an aggregate of 1% of the common shares outstanding at the time of grant may be reserved for issuance to all employees conducting investor relations activities in any 12 month period (which percentage interest may be increased if permitted by applicable regulators).
- ♦ Where permitted by applicable regulators, vesting provisions are at the sole discretion of the Board except that options granted to consultants performing investor relations activities shall vest over a minimum of 12 months with no more than 1/4 of such options vesting in any 3 month period.
- The number of common shares that may be reserved for issuance to the insiders of the Company (i) at the time of grant; or (ii) within a one year period, may not exceed 10% of the outstanding common shares calculated at the time of the grant, unless disinterested shareholder approval has been obtained.
- The exercise price of a stock option shall be fixed by the Board; however, the minimum exercise price of a stock option cannot be less than the closing price of the Company's common shares on the trading day immediately prior to the date of grant less allowable discounts if permitted under applicable exchange policies.

- Options may have a maximum exercise period of ten (10) years.
- Options are non-assignable and non-transferable.

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- Where required by exchange policies, any reduction in exercise price of an option previously granted to an insider requires disinterested shareholder approval. All other terms of an option may only be amended in compliance with applicable exchange policies in effect at the time of the proposed amendment.
- ♦ If an optionee ceases to be an eligible recipient of options by reason of death, an optionee's heirs or administrators shall have until the earlier of (i) one year from the date of death of the optionee; and (ii) the expiry date of the options, in which to exercise any portion of the vested options outstanding at the time of death of the optionee.
- Options granted to an optionee may be exercised in whole or in part by the optionee within a reasonable period of time following the date the optionee ceases to be employed with or provide services to the Company as determined by the Board, in its sole discretion, on the date of such termination, which date will be no later than the earlier of one year and the expiry date otherwise applicable to such options, but only to the extent that such options are vested at the date the optionee ceases to be so employed or provide services to the Company.
- In the case of an optionee dismissed from employment/service for cause, such options, whether vested or not, will immediately terminate without right to exercise same.
- The Stock Option Plan contains provisions for adjustment in the number of common shares or other property issuable on exercise of a stock option in the event of a share consolidation, split, reclassification or other capital reorganization, or a stock dividend, amalgamation, merger or other relevant corporate transaction, or any other relevant change in or event affecting the Company's common shares.
- The Company has the authority to deduct and withhold, or require an optionee to remit to the Company, the amount of any taxes or other required source deductions which the Company is required by law or regulation of any governmental authority whatsoever to remit in connection with any issuance of shares upon the exercise of options.

A copy of the Stock Option Plan is available for review upon request (refer to "Additional Information" below).

As the Stock Option Plan is a "rolling" stock option plan, it must receive approval of the Company's shareholders yearly at the Company's annual general meeting. Refer to "*Particulars of Matters to be Acted Upon – 5. Re -Approval of the Stock Option Plan*" below.

## INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

No (a) director; (b) executive officer; (c) proposed nominee for election as a director; (d) associate of a director, executive officer or proposed nominee for election as a director; (e) employee; or (f) former director, executive officer or employee of the Company, is, as at the Record Date, or was at any time during the Company's last completed financial year, indebted to the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

## INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

Other than transactions carried out in the normal course of business of the Company or any of its affiliates, no informed person and none of the proposed directors of the Company or any associate or affiliate of any informed person or proposed director had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

Applicable securities legislation defines "**informed person**" to mean any of the following: (a) a director or executive officer of a reporting issuer; (b) a director or executive officer of a person or company that is itself an informed person or subsidiary of a reporting issuer; (c) any person or company who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, voting securities of a reporting issuer or who exercises control or direction over voting securities of a reporting issuer or a combination of both carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding voting securities of the reporting issuer other than voting securities held by the person or company as underwriter in the course of a distribution; and (d) a reporting issuer that has purchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired any of its securities, for so long as it holds any of its securities.

## MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

During year ended December 31, 2023, no management functions of the Company were to any substantial degree performed by a person other than the directors or executive officers of the Company.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURE

Corporate governance relates to activities of the Board, the members of which are elected by and are accountable to the shareholders, and takes into account the role of the individual members of management who are appointed by the Board and who are charged with the day-to-day management of the Company. The Board is committed to sound corporate governance practices, which are both in the interest of its shareholders and contribute to effective and efficient decision making.

National Instrument 58-101 – *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* ("**NI 58-101**") requires that each reporting company disclose its corporate governance practices on an annual basis. The Company's general approach to corporate governance is summarized below.

## **Board of Directors**

#### Independence

The Company's Board is comprised of three (3) directors: Matt Wayrynen, Tyrone Docherty and Lindsay Gorrill.

Section 1.4 of National Instrument 52-110 - Audit Committees ("**NI 52-110**") sets out the standard for director independence. Under NI 52-110, a director is independent if he has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company. A material relationship is a relationship which could, in the view of the Board, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of a director's independent judgment. NI 52-110 also sets out certain situations where a director will automatically be considered to have a material relationship to the Company.

Applying the definition set out in section 1.4 of NI 52-110, two of the three members of the Board are independent. The members who are independent are Tyrone Docherty and Lindsay Gorrill. Matt Wayrynen is not independent by virtue of the fact that he is an executive officer of the Company (President & CEO).

In order to facilitate its exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of the Board, the Board ensures that the independent directors attend all Board meetings.

### **Other Directorships**

Certain directors of the Company serve as directors of one or more other reporting issuers or reporting issuer equivalents, as follows:

Name of Director	Reporting Issuer(s) or Equivalent(s)		
Matt Wayrynen	First Tellurium Corp. (CSE: FTEL) WestKam Gold Corp. (TSX-V: WKG)		
Tyrone Docherty	First Tellurium Corp (CSE: FTEL)		

## **Orientation and Continuing Education**

The Company has not adopted a formalized process of orientation for new Board members. Orientation of new directors has been and will be conducted on an ad hoc basis through discussions and meetings with other directors, officers and employees where a thorough description of the Company's business, assets, operations and strategic plans and objectives are discussed. New Board members receive an orientation packages which includes reports on operations and results and public disclosure filings made by the Company. Orientation activities have been and will be tailored to the particular needs and experiences of each director and the overall needs of the Board.

The Board does not take any formal measures to provide continuing education for the directors. The current directors are all mining professionals with prior public company experience. Directors are kept informed as to matters impacting, or which may impact, the Company's operations through reports and presentations at the Board meetings. Directors are also provided the opportunity to meet with senior management, advisors and other directors who can answer any questions that may arise.

At this stage in the Company's development, and having regard to the background and experience of its directors, the Board does not feel it necessary to have such policies or programs in place.

## Ethical Business Conduct

The Board has not adopted a formal written Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. In recruiting new Board members, the Board considers only persons with a demonstrated record of ethical business conduct.

The Board has concluded that fiduciary duties placed on individual directors by the Company's governing corporate legislation and the common law, in addition to the applicable corporate legislation restrictions placed on an individual director's participation in decisions of the Board in which the director has an interest, have been sufficient to ensure that the Board operates independently of management and in the best interests of the Company.

## Nomination of Directors

The Board considers its size each year when it considers the number of directors to recommend to the shareholders for election at the annual meeting of shareholders, taking into account the number required to carry out the Board's duties effectively and to maintain a diversity of view and experience. The Board does not have a nominating committee, and these functions are currently performed by the Board as a whole. However, if there is a change in the number of directors required by the Company, this policy will be reviewed.

The Board has not adopted a written mandate or formal procedure with respect to the nomination of directors. Nominees have historically been recruited by the efforts of existing Board members, and the recruitment process has involved both formal and informal discussions among committee and Board members. New nominees must have at track record in general business management, special expertise in an area of strategic interest to the Company, the ability to devote the required time, show support for the Company's mission and strategic objectives and have a willingness to serve.

#### **Compensation**

The Board has not adopted a written mandate or formal procedure with respect to determining compensation for the directors and NEOs. Refer to "*Oversight and Description of Director and NEO Compensation*" above for a detailed description of the Company's compensation policies.

#### **Other Board Committees**

At the present time, the Company's only standing committee is the audit committee (the "Audit Committee")(see "Audit Committee") below).

#### Assessments

The Board regularly monitors the adequacy of information given to directors, communications between the Board and management and the strategic direction and processes of the Board and its committees. The Board monitors, but does not formally assess, the performance of individual Board members and their contributions. The Board does not, at present, have a formal process in place for assessing the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, its committees or individual directors, but will consider implementing one in the future should circumstances warrant. Based on the Company's size, its stage of development and the limited number of individuals on the Board, the Board considers a formal assessment process to be inappropriate at this time.

## Audit Committee

NI 52-110 requires the Company's Audit Committee to meet certain requirements. It also requires the Company to disclose in this Information Circular certain information regarding the Audit Committee. That information is disclosed below.

#### Overview

The Audit Committee's mandate includes reviewing: (i) the financial statements, reports and other financially-based information provided to shareholders, regulators and others; (ii) the internal controls that management and the Board have established; and (iii) the audit, accounting and financial reporting processes generally. In meeting these responsibilities, the Audit Committee monitors the financial reporting process and internal control system, reviews and appraises the work of the external auditors, and provides an open avenue of communication between the external auditors, senior management and the Board.

#### The Audit Committee Charter

The Company's Board has adopted an Audit Committee Charter which sets out the Audit Committee's mandate, organization, powers and responsibilities. A copy of the Audit Committee Charter is attached hereto as Schedule "A".

## Composition of the Audit Committee

The Company's Audit Committee is comprised of three directors consisting of Tyrone Docherty, Matt Wayrynen and Lindsay Gorrill. The following table sets out the names of the members of the Audit Committee and whether they are 'independent' and 'financially literate' for the purposes of NI 52-110.

Name of Member	Independent <sup>(1)</sup>	Financially Literate <sup>(2)</sup>
Tyrone Docherty	Yes	Yes
Matt Wayrynen	No	Yes
Lindsay Gorrill	Yes	Yes

- Notes:
- (1) To be independent, a member of the Audit Committee must not have any direct or indirect 'material relationship' with the Company. A material relationship is a relationship which could, in the view of the Board, reasonably interfere with the exercise of a member's independent judgment. Accordingly, an executive officer of the Company is not independent, nor is a director that is paid consulting fees for non-director services provided to the Company.
- (2) To be considered financially literate, a member of the Audit Committee must have 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.

## Relevant Education and Experience

The education and experience of each member of the Audit Committee that is relevant to the performance of his responsibilities as an Audit Committee member and, in particular, any education or experience that would provide the member with:

- (a) an understanding of the accounting principles used by the Company to prepare its financial statements;
- (b) the ability to assess the general application of such accounting principles in connection with the accounting for estimates, accruals and reserves;
- (c) experience preparing, auditing, analyzing or evaluating financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements, or experience actively supervising one or more persons engaged in such activities; and
- (d) an understanding of internal controls and procedures for financial reporting, are as follows:

Member	Education/Experience
Tyrone Docherty	Mr. Docherty has over 35 years of experience as a business executive with publicly-traded entities and is a former minority owner in a Canadian-based brokerage firm. Mr. Docherty is the former President and CEO of Quinto Technology from July 1997 to June 2008, which was acquired by Consolidated Thompson Iron Mines.
Lindsay Gorrill	Mr. Gorrill is a Chartered Accountant with over 35 years business experience and has served as a director and/or officer of several publicly-traded companies.
Matt Wayrynen	Mr. Wayrynen is a former stock broker and has extensive experience in venture capital management; start up financing and mergers and acquisitions. Mr. Wayrynen is currently involved as: President and CEO of Solar Flow Through Funds (since December 2012; President and Chief Executive Officer of Berkley Renewables Inc. (since May 2007) and a director of WestKam Gold Corp. (since October 2011), a publicly-traded resource company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange.

## Audit Committee Oversight

Since the commencement of the Company's most recent financial year, there has not been a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor which was not adopted by the Board.

## Reliance on Exemptions in NI 52-110 – Audit Committee Composition & Reporting Obligations

Since the Company is a "venture issuer" (as such term is defined in NI 52-110), it is relying on the exemption contained in section 6.1 of NI 52-110 from the requirements of Part 3 Composition of the Audit Committee (as described in "Composition of the Audit Committee" above) and Part 5 Reporting Obligations of NI 52-110 (which requires certain prescribed disclosure about an audit committee in the Company's Annual Information Form, if any, and this Information Circular).

## Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The Audit Committee has adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services as described in the Audit Committee Charter, attached hereto as Schedule "A".

## External Auditor Service Fees (By Category)

The following table discloses the fees billed to the Company by its external auditor during the last two financial years.

Financial Year Ending	Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	Audit Related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	Tax Fees <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	All Other Fees <sup>(5)</sup>
December 31, 2023	\$40,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	Nil <sup>(1)</sup>	\$3,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	Nil <sup>(1)</sup>
December 31, 2022	\$40,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	Nil <sup>(1)</sup>	\$3,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	Nil <sup>(1)</sup>

Notes:

(1) Estimated for financial years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

# PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

# 1. Re-Appointment of Auditors

Shareholders of the Company will be asked to vote for the re-appointment of Mao and Yang LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, of Vancouver, British Columbia, as the Company's auditors, to hold office until the next annual general meeting of the shareholders, at a remuneration to be fixed by the directors.

Management recommends a vote "FOR" the approval of the foregoing resolution. In the absence of a contrary instruction, the persons designated by management of the Company in the enclosed form of proxy intend to vote FOR the approval of the foregoing resolution.

# 2. Set Number of Directors

Management of the Company intends to propose a resolution to set the number of directors at three (3).

Management recommends a vote "FOR" the approval of the foregoing resolution. In the absence of a contrary instruction, the persons designated by management of the Company in the enclosed form of proxy intend to vote FOR the approval of the foregoing resolution.

# 3. Election of Directors

It is proposed that the below-stated nominees be elected at the Meeting as directors of the Company for the ensuing year. The persons designated in the enclosed form of proxy, unless instructed otherwise, intend to vote FOR the election of the nominees listed below to the Board. Each director elected will hold office until the close of the next annual general meeting or until his successor is duly elected or appointed, unless his office is earlier vacated.

The following table sets out the names of management's nominees for election as directors, all offices in the Company each now holds, each nominee's current principal occupation, business or employment, the period of time during which each has been a director of the Company and the number of common shares of the Company beneficially owned by each, directly or indirectly, or over which each exercised control or direction, as at the Record Date. Management of the Company does not contemplate that any of the nominees will be unable to serve as a director but, if that should occur for any reason prior to the Meeting, the persons designated in the enclosed form of proxy reserve the right to vote for other nominees in their discretion.

NAME AND PRESENT OFFICE HELD	DIRECTOR SINCE	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned, Directly or Indirectly, or over which Control or Direction is Exercised at the Date of this Information Circular	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION AND IF NOT AT PRESENT AN ELECTED DIRECTOR, OCCUPATION DURING THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS <sup>(1)</sup>
TYRONE DOCHERTY <sup>(2)</sup>	August 17, 2006	386,300	Director; President, CEO and Director of First Tellurium
Delta, BC Director			Corp.
LINDSAY GORRILL <sup>(2)</sup>	July 29, 2004	7,800	Director; CEO, KORE Power,
Coeur d'Alene, ID			Inc.
Director			
MATT WAYRYNEN	June 20, 2002	574,430	President & CEO; Corporate
West Vancouver, BC			Executive; Officer and/or
Executive Chairman,			Director of several reporting issuers
President, CEO &			1550015
Director			

<sup>(1)</sup> This information has been furnished by the respective directors.

<sup>(2)</sup> Member of Audit Committee

All of the nominees are residents of Canada, except Lindsay Gorrill, who resides in the United States. The Company has an audit committee, the members of which are set out above.

## **Corporate Cease Trade Orders or Bankruptcies**

To the knowledge of the Company, no proposed director:

- (a) is, as at the date of this Information Circular, or has been, within 10 years before the date of this Information Circular, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Company) that:
  - (i) was subject to an order that was issued while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or
  - (ii) was subject to an order that was issued after the proposed director ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer;

except that:

- on May 7, 2018, a Cease Trade Order for failure to file audited and interim financial statements was issued by the British Columbia Securities Commission ("BCSC") against the Company. Mr. Wayrynen was at the time and remains President, CEO and a Director. Mr. Docherty was at the time and remains a Director. The cease-trade order is still in effect; and
- ♦ on January 30, 2017, a Cease Trade Order for failure to file audited and interim financial statements was issued by the British Columbia Securities Commission ("BCSC") against First Tellurium Corp. (formerly Deer Horn Capital Inc.) Messrs. Wayrynen and Docherty were at the time and remain Directors. A full revocation of the Cease Trade Order was issued by the BCSC on January 25, 2018.

- (b) is, as at the date of this Information Circular, or has been within 10 years before the date of this Information Circular, a director or executive officer of any company (including the Company) that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets; or
- (c) has, within the 10 years before the date of this Information Circular, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the proposed director.

## **Penalties and Sanctions**

To the knowledge of the Company, no proposed director:

- (a) has been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or
- (b) has been subject to any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable securityholder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

No proposed director is to be elected under any arrangement or understanding between the proposed director and any other person or company.

## 5. Re-Approval of Stock Option Plan

During the past year, the Company maintained a 10% rolling stock option plan which was approved by the shareholders of the Company at the last annual general meeting on May 5, 2023. As the Stock Option Plan is a "rolling" stock option plan, it must receive approval of the Company's shareholders yearly at the Company's annual general meeting. Therefore, shareholders will be asked at the Meeting to consider, and if thought fit, to approve the following ordinary resolution ratifying and re-approving the Company's existing Stock Option Plan.

"BE IT RESOLVED, as an ordinary resolution, that, subject to regulatory approval:

- 1. the stock option plan (the "**Plan**") of Berkley Renewables Inc. (the "**Company**"), details of which are set forth in the Company's Information Circular dated April 12, 2024, including the reservation for issuance under the Plan at any time of a maximum of 10% of the issued common shares of the Company, be, and is hereby re-approved and confirmed for continuation until the next annual general meeting of the Company or until the board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**") sooner terminates such Plan, in its sole discretion;
- 2. the Board be, and is hereby authorized in its absolute discretion, to administer the Plan and to make such amendments or modifications to the Plan from time to time as the Board may, in its discretion, consider appropriate, provided that such amendments will be subject to the approval of all applicable regulatory authorities and, if required, the shareholders;
- 3. the Board, or any committee of the Board created to administer the Plan, be and is hereby

authorized in its absolute discretion to grant stock options under the Plan; and

4. any one director or officer of the Company be and is hereby authorized and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute and deliver, under the corporate seal of the Company or otherwise, all such deeds, documents, instruments and assurances as in his or her opinion may be necessary or desirable to give effect to the foregoing resolutions, including, without limitation, making any changes to the Plan required by applicable regulatory authorities and to complete all transactions in connection with the implementation of the Plan."

Management recommends a vote "FOR" the approval of the foregoing resolution. In the absence of a contrary instruction, the persons designated by management of the Company in the enclosed form of proxy intend to vote FOR the approval of the foregoing resolution.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to the Company concerning the Company and its operations is available on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u>. Financial information concerning the Company is provided in its comparative financial statements and management's discussion and analysis for the Company's most recently completed financial year. Copies of this information are available either on SEDAR or by contacting the Company at its offices located at 900 – 570 Granville Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 3P1; Att: President; Phone: (604) 682-3701.

## OTHER MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

Management of the Company is not aware of any matter to come before the Meeting other than the matters referred to in the Notice of the Meeting. However, if any other matter properly comes before the Meeting, the accompanying form of proxy confers discretionary authority to vote with respect to amendments or variations to matters identified in the Notice of the Meeting and with respect to other matters that properly may come before the Meeting.

## **BOARD APPROVAL**

The contents of this Information Circular have been approved and its mailing has been authorized by the Board.

## BERKLEY RENEWABLES INC.

"Matt Wayrynen"

Matt Wayrynen, President & CEO

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### Schedule "A" to Information Circular of Berkley Renewables Inc. (April 12, 2024)

## AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER Berkley Renewables Inc.

(Dated for Reference April 12, 2024)

### **1. Purpose of the Committee**

1.1 The purpose of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board in its oversight of the integrity of the Company's financial statements and other relevant public disclosures, the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements relating to financial reporting, the external auditors' qualifications and independence and the performance of the internal audit function and the external auditors.

## 2. Members of the Audit Committee

- 2.1 At least one Member must be "financially literate" as defined under NI 52-110, having sufficient accounting or related financial management expertise to read and understand a set of financial statements, including the related notes, 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.
- 2.2 The Audit Committee shall consist of no less than three Directors.
- 2.2 At least one Member of the Audit Committee must be "independent" as defined under NI 52-110, while the Company is in the developmental stage of its business.

## 3. Relationship with External Auditors

- 3.1 The external auditors are the independent representatives of the shareholders, but the external auditors are also accountable to the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee.
- 3.2 The external auditors must be able to complete their audit procedures and reviews with professional independence, free from any undue interference from the management or directors.
- 3.2 The Audit Committee must direct and ensure that the management fully co-operates with the external auditors in the course of carrying out their professional duties.
- 3.3 The Audit Committee will have direct communications access at all times with the external auditors.

#### 4. Non-Audit Services

4.1 The external auditors are prohibited from providing any non-audit services to the Company, without the express written consent of the Audit Committee. In determining whether the external auditors will be granted permission to provide non-audit services to the Company, the Audit Committee must consider that the benefits to the Company from the provision of such services, outweighs the risk of any compromise to or loss of the independence of the external auditors in carrying out their auditing mandate.

- 4.2 Notwithstanding section 4.1, the external auditors are prohibited at all times from carrying out any of the following services, while they are appointed the external auditors of the Company:
  - (i) acting as an agent of the Company for the sale of all or substantially all of the undertaking of the Company; and
  - (ii) performing any non-audit consulting work for any director or senior officer of the Company in their personal capacity, but not as a director, officer or insider of any other entity not associated or related to the Company.

## 5. Appointment of Auditors

- 5.1 The Company's auditors, Mao & Ying LLP, Chartered Accountants were appointed effective June 20, 2022.
- 5.2 The external auditors will be appointed each year by the shareholders of the Company at the annual general meeting of the shareholders.
- 5.3 The Audit Committee will nominate the external auditors for appointment, such nomination to be approved by the Board of Directors.

## 6. Evaluation of Auditors

6.1 The Audit Committee will review the performance of the external auditors on at least an annual basis, and notify the Board and the external auditors in writing of any concerns in regards to the performance of the external auditors, or the accounting or auditing methods, procedures, standards, or principles applied by the external auditors, or any other accounting or auditing issues which come to the attention of the Audit Committee.

## 7. Remuneration of the Auditors

- 7.1 The remuneration of the external auditors will be determined by the Board of Directors, upon the annual authorization of the shareholders at each general meeting of the shareholders.
- 7.2 The remuneration of the external auditors will be determined based on the time required to complete the audit and preparation of the audited financial statements, and the difficulty of the audit and performance of the standard auditing procedures under generally accepted auditing standards and generally accepted accounting principles of Canada.

## 8. Termination of the Auditors

8.1 The Audit Committee has the power to terminate the services of the external auditors, with or without the approval of the Board of Directors, acting reasonably.

## 9. Funding of Auditing and Consulting Services

9.1 Auditing expenses will be funded by the Company. The auditors must not perform any other consulting services for the Company, which could impair or interfere with their role as the independent auditors of the Company.

## 10. Role and Responsibilities of the Internal Auditor

10.1 At this time, due to the Company's size and limited financial resources, the Corporate Secretary, of the Company shall be responsible for implementing internal controls and performing the role as the internal auditor to ensure that such controls are adequate.

## **11.** Oversight of Internal Controls

11.1 The Audit Committee will have the oversight responsibility for ensuring that the internal controls are implemented and monitored, and that such internal controls are effective.

## 12. Continuous Disclosure Requirements

12.1 At this time, due to the Company's size and limited financial resources, the Corporate Secretary of the Company is responsible for ensuring that the Company's continuous reporting requirements are met and in compliance with applicable regulatory requirements.

## **13.** Other Auditing Matters

- 13.1 The Audit Committee may meet with the Auditors independently of the management of the Company at any time, acting reasonably.
- 13.2 The Auditors are authorized and directed to respond to all enquiries from the Audit Committee in a thorough and timely fashion, without reporting these enquiries or actions to the Board of Directors or the management of the Company.

## 14. Annual Review

14.1 The Audit Committee Charter will be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee to assess the adequacy of this Charter.

## 15. Independent Advisers

15.1 The Audit Committee shall have the power to retain legal, accounting or other advisors to assist the Committee.