



## **Investment Application**

Use this application to open one of the following:

- cash account
- retirement savings account
- retirement income account

## STEP 1 – Type of Account Opening

CASH ACCOUNTS	RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	RETIREMENT INCOME ACCOUNTS
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate/Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Joint <input type="checkbox"/> In Trust For	<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Savings Plan (RSP) <input type="checkbox"/> Locked-in RSP (LRSP) <input type="checkbox"/> Locked-in Retirement Account (LIRA) <input type="checkbox"/> Spousal RSP (SRSP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Income Fund (RIF) <input type="checkbox"/> Spousal RIF (SRIF) <input type="checkbox"/> Locked-in RIF (LRIF) <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed RIF (PRIF) <input type="checkbox"/> Life Income Fund (LIF)
Governing pension legislation for locked-in accounts:		

Is this a change to an existing Portland account?  No  Yes      Portland Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## STEP 2 – Annuitant Information

COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR ALL NEW ACCOUNTS

Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Dr

Last Name		First Name		Initials
OR Corporation/Trust (attach corporate resolution or trust document)		Business/Trust Number		
Address		City	Province	Postal Code
Home Telephone	Business Telephone	E-Mail		
Date of Birth (YYYY/MM/DD)	Social Insurance Number (Required by law)			

Are you a United States (U.S.) resident for U.S. tax purposes or a U.S. Citizen?  Yes – Provide your U.S. TIN/U.S. GIN (as applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 No

### COMMUNICATION PREFERENCES

**Preferred Language:**  English  French

If you are a Quebec resident, by checking English you are asking us to give you this application form and all related documents in English. Si vous êtes un résident du Québec, en cochant « anglais » vous exigez expressément que cette demande ainsi que tous les documents s'y rattachant soient rédigés en anglais.

**Would you like to receive your documents electronically?**  No  Yes

By checking yes, you are agreeing to receive documents electronically when the service is available and permitted by law. You are also agreeing to tell us if your e-mail address changes. Please provide e-mail address above.

### DEALER INFORMATION

Dealer Name	Dealer Code	Dealer Account Number
Representative Name	Representative Code	Telephone Number
Email	Fax Number	

COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS: JOINT, IN TRUST FOR, SPOUSAL, LOCKED-IN

### JOINT ACCOUNTS (CASH ACCOUNTS ONLY)

Are you a United States (U.S.) resident for U.S. tax purposes or a U.S. Citizen?:

Yes – Provide your U.S. TIN/U.S. GIN (as applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 No

Last Name of Your Co-Applicant	
First Name	Initials
Date of Birth (YYYY/MM/DD)	Social Insurance Number

- Joint with Spouse – Quebec Only  
 Joint with Non-Spouse – Quebec Only  
 Joint tenants with rights of survivorship  
      all joint owners must sign  
      one joint owner can sign  
 Tenants in Common

*All joint accounts are set up as joint tenancy with rights of survivorship unless you tell us otherwise.*

### IN TRUST FOR ACCOUNTS (CASH ACCOUNTS ONLY)

Last Name of the investor the account is in trust for	
First Name	Initials
Date of Birth (YYYY/MM/DD)	Social Insurance Number (SIN)

Check here if you want us to use the SIN of the person the account is in trust for, for reporting the income earned on investments in this account.

### SPOUSAL PLANS AND LOCKED-IN ACCOUNTS

Last Name of Your Spouse	
First Name	Initials
Date of Birth (YYYY/MM/DD)	Social Insurance Number
Address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as yours, OR	
Street	
City	Province
Postal Code	

## STEP 3 – Investment Selection

### 3A. COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR CASH ACCOUNTS

Fund Number	Name	Initial Investment		Sales Charge Front End (%)	Wire Order Number	PAC (\$)	SWP <input type="checkbox"/> Gross <input type="checkbox"/> Net <input type="checkbox"/> \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Units
		<input type="checkbox"/> \$ <input type="checkbox"/> %					
TOTALS							

#### DISTRIBUTIONS

- Reinvest them **OR**  
 Pay them in cash

- Deposit directly to your bank account - complete Step 6  
 Mail you a cheque

for these funds only:

\_\_\_\_\_

If this is for your own personal investment, your debit will be considered a Personal Pre-Authorized Debit by Canadian Payments Association definition. If this investment is for business purposes, it will be considered a Business Pre-Authorized Debit.

#### SYSTEMATIC INVESTMENT AND WITHDRAWAL PLANS (PAC AND SWP)

When should we make the first investment or withdrawal? \_\_\_\_\_  
 YYYY / MM / DD

##### How often should we invest or withdraw?

- weekly  monthly  quarterly  
 every two weeks  every two months  semi-annually  annually

##### If you're setting up a pre-authorized chequing plan (PAC),

we will transfer money directly from your bank account — complete Step 6

##### If you're setting up a systematic withdrawal plan (SWP), how should we send you the money?

- deposit directly to your bank account — complete Step 6  
 mail you a cheque

You have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with this agreement. For example, you have the right to receive reimbursement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with the PAD agreement. To obtain more information on your recourse rights, you may contact your financial institution or visit [www.cdnpay.ca](http://www.cdnpay.ca).

### 3B. COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

**PAYMENT TRANSFER**  cheque attached  transfer money from another Portland Fund account

Transfer from Portland Account	Portland Fund Number	Amount <input type="checkbox"/> \$ <input type="checkbox"/> % <input type="checkbox"/> Shares/Units	Switch Fee (%)	Transfer to Portland Account	Portland Fund Number	TRANSFER MONEY FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: <input type="checkbox"/> a severance payment/retiring allowance <input type="checkbox"/> another RSP* <input type="checkbox"/> a registered pension plan or deferred profit sharing plan <input type="checkbox"/> a locked-in plan* <input type="checkbox"/> a RLIF* *Complete a transfer form

#### INVESTMENT SELECTION

Fund Number	Name	Initial Investment		Sales Charge Front End (%)	Wire Order Number	PAC (\$)	SWP <input type="checkbox"/> Gross <input type="checkbox"/> Net <input type="checkbox"/> \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Units
		<input type="checkbox"/> \$ <input type="checkbox"/> %					
TOTALS							

#### SYSTEMATIC INVESTMENT AND WITHDRAWAL PLANS (PAC AND SWP)

##### First investment or withdrawal date:

(YYYY/MM/DD)

##### How often should we invest or withdraw?

- weekly  monthly  quarterly  semi-annually  annually  
 every two weeks  every two months

If this is for your own personal investment, your debit will be considered a Personal PAD by Canadian Payments Association definition.

**If you're setting up a systematic investment plan (PAC),** we will transfer money directly from your account — complete Step 6

##### **If you're setting up a systematic withdrawal plan (SWP):**

- deposit directly to your bank account — complete Step 6  
 mail you a cheque

You have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with this agreement. For example, you have the right to receive reimbursement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with the PAD agreement. To obtain more information on your recourse rights, you may contact your financial institution or visit [www.cdnpay.ca](http://www.cdnpay.ca).

**3C. COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR RETIREMENT INCOME ACCOUNTS**

**PAYMENT TRANSFER**  cheque attached  transfer money from another Portland account

Transfer from Portland Account	Portland Fund Number	Amount <input type="checkbox"/> \$ <input type="checkbox"/> % <input type="checkbox"/> Shares/Units	Switch Fee (%)	Transfer to Portland Account	Portland Fund Number	<b>TRANSFER MONEY FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> a severance payment/retiring allowance <input type="checkbox"/> another RSP, RIF, LIF, LRIF or RLIF* <input type="checkbox"/> a registered pension plan or deferred profit sharing plan <input type="checkbox"/> a locked-in plan*  <i>*Complete a transfer form</i>

**INVESTMENT SELECTION**

Fund Number	Name	Initial Investment <input type="checkbox"/> \$ <input type="checkbox"/> %	Sales Charge Front End (%)	Withdraw Method <input type="checkbox"/> \$ <input type="checkbox"/> %	<i>A deferred sales charge may apply to securities we use to make your payments.</i>	
TOTAL						

**WITHDRAWING INCOME FROM YOUR PLAN/FUND**

**What payment option would you like?**  
 You will pay withholding tax on payments over the minimum.  
 minimum amount  maximum amount (for LIFs, RLIFs and LRIFs)  
 other amount \$

**Is the minimum amount based on your age or your Spouse's age?**  
 You can't change this choice after the first payment has been made under the account, even if your Spouse dies or you separate.  
 Your age  
 Your Spouse's age Spouse's date of birth:

**First Payment**  
 (YYYY/MM/DD) Date must be before December 31st of next year.

**Payment frequency?**  
 You can change this frequency by telling us in writing five days ahead.  
 weekly  every two months  semi-annually  
 every two weeks  quarterly  monthly  
 annually

**Payment method?**  
 deposit directly to your bank account — complete Step 6  
 mail you a cheque

**STEP 4 – Choose a Beneficiary**

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR REGISTERED ACCOUNTS**

**WHO DO YOU WANT TO BE THE BENEFICIARY FOR YOUR PLAN/FUND?**

Your beneficiary will receive the value of your plan when you die. This designation will revoke any previous designations made for this account, subject to the laws that apply. You can change your beneficiary at any time. If you get married or separated, your beneficiary may not change automatically. It is your responsibility to make sure your beneficiary is legally valid and up to date.

*Choosing a beneficiary is optional, and in some provinces you can only make this designation in your will.*

**Your Spouse**

- as beneficiary (We will pay the value of your plan in a lump sum)
- as successor annuitant (We will continue to make income payments to your Spouse after you die – not available for locked-in accounts)

*If you don't designate a beneficiary, the value of your plan will go to your estate or automatically to your Spouse, depending on where you live.*

Spouse's Last Name	First Name	Social Insurance Number	Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd)

**The following people**

Last Name	First Name	Relationship to you	Social Insurance Number	Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd)	Allocation %

## STEP 5 – Set up automatic Switching between Portland Funds

**NOT AVAILABLE FOR RETIREMENT INCOME ACCOUNTS. FUNDS MUST BE IN THE SAME SERIES AND HAVE THE SAME SALES CHARGE.**

**Dollar Cost Averaging Plan (DCA)**

When should we make the first transfer?

(YYYY/MM/DD)

**(DCA) How often should we transfer?**

- weekly  quarterly  monthly  
 every two months  semi-annually  annually

**Automatically Transfer From**

Transfer from Portland Account	Portland Fund Number	Amount DCA(\$) <input type="checkbox"/> gross <input type="checkbox"/> net	Switch Fee %	Transfer to Portland Account	Portland Fund Number

## STEP 6 – Banking Information

**YOUR BANKING INFORMATION - YOU MAY REVOKE OR CANCEL YOUR AUTHORIZATION AT ANY TIME IN WRITING OR BY PHONE.**

**Complete if you want us to transfer money to and from your bank account**

Name of Institution	Address	
Transit Number	Bank Code	Account Number

Payments and withdrawals will be made to and from this account. **Please attach a cheque marked void to your application.**

## STEP 7 – Special Instructions

## STEP 8 – Read and Sign Here

**WHEN YOU SIGN THIS APPLICATION YOU CONFIRM THAT:**

- any pre-notification requirements as specified by the sections 15(a) and (b) of the Canadian Payments Association Rule H1 with regards to pre-authorized debits be waived
  - you have received a copy of the current Portland Mutual Fund simplified prospectus and financial statements, and/or Portland offering memorandum, the declaration of trust for your plan and any related documents
  - you have read and agree to the terms and conditions in these documents, and understand that all transactions in your account are carried out according to the terms set out in the prospectus and/or Portland offering memorandum
  - all information you and your Spouse have provided for this application is true and correct.
  - you are of legal age and capacity to provide trade instructions and purchase securities
  - you direct the trustee to subscribe for units of Portland funds as indicated on this application form
  - you will provide, on request, proof of age for yourself and, if applicable, your Spouse and such further information as may be required in connection with registration and administration of your account
  - you authorize Portland to act as your agent with respect to the plan as set out in this application, the Declaration of Trust and any applicable addendum.
  - you acknowledge that if funds are being transferred to a LIRA, LIF, LRIF or LRSP, they will be locked-in and subject to the terms of the applicable addendum and provisions of the applicable pension legislation
  - you will advise Portland or the trustee when you are not resident in Canada.
- you understand that:**
- we can reject your application within two business days of receiving it, and will return your money to you if we do
  - your plan is subject to the terms and conditions set out in the application form, the declaration of trust and any addendum to the plan provided to you, as amended from time to time, and you agree to be bound by these terms and conditions
  - you may have to pay income tax on any amount you receive from your registered plan
  - you are responsible for determining how much you are allowed to contribute to your RSP and the suitability of its investments by obtaining advice from an investment advisor, broker or dealer.
  - Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with investment funds. Please read the prospectus and/or Portland offering memorandum, which contains detailed investment information, before investing. Investment funds are not covered by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation or by any other government deposit insurer and are not guaranteed or insured by Portland. Their values change frequently. There can be no assurances that a money market fund will be able to maintain its net asset value per unit at a constant amount or that the full amount of your investment will be returned to you. Past performance may not be repeated.
- you authorize us to:**
- disclose any information we have about you to any consumer credit reporting agency, any person authorized by law, any financial institution, your investment advisor and authorized dealer
  - collect, use and share your personal information within Portland and with third-party service providers, which may provide services outside Canada, as necessary to service your account, and as the law requires or allows us to, following our policy for privacy and protection

- keep this information on file at our offices or our service providers offices in Canada. You can review this information at any time by sending us a written request, or receive a copy by paying the current administration fee.

**if you're opening a retirement savings account or retirement income account, you authorize the trustee to:**

- apply for a Portland Investment Counsel Inc. retirement savings plan (the "Plan") or a Portland Investment Counsel Inc. retirement income fund (the "Fund") and request that CIBC Mellon Trust Company apply for registration of the Plan or Fund as a registered retirement savings plan or a registered retirement income fund under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

**Accepted by the trustee**



Authorized signature of CIBC Mellon Trust Company  
 1 York Street, Suite 900, Toronto, ON M5J 0B6 Canada

**USING INFORMATION ABOUT YOU**

In this section the word *information* means your personal information. It includes information you provide to us, including through the products and services you use, and that we obtain from others with your consent.

**You agree that:**

- we can use this information to establish and serve you as our customer, to determine whether you qualify for any Portland products or services and offer them to you, or as required or permitted by law
- we can use your social insurance number and the birthdate you gave us to keep your information separate from other customers with similar names. Whenever we ask you for a social insurance number, we're required to do so by law
- we can share this information within Portland and with our service providers, who may have processing locations outside Canada
- you can withdraw your consent at any time. If you withdraw your consent from being contacted about Portland products and services, we won't contact you. We will, however, continue to share your information within Portland, or with third party service providers, where reasonably necessary to service your Portland account.

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**Please sign here**

Annuitant's signature	Date (YYYY / MM / DD)
Co-applicant's signature (joint accounts)	Date (YYYY / MM / DD)

# Declaration of Trust Retirement Savings Plan

## 1. Terms we use in this declaration of trust

*You and your* mean the annuitant of the Portland Investment Counsel Inc. Retirement Savings Plan (“Portland RSP”) named on the application and as defined in the Act.

*We, us, our and the trustee* mean CIBC Mellon Trust Company. .

*Affiliate* means affiliated companies within the meaning of the Business Corporations Act (Ontario) (“OBCA”); and with respect to the Trustee includes Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company and The Bank of New York Mellon and each of their affiliates within the meaning of the OBCA.

*Portland* means Portland Investment Counsel Inc.

*RRSP* means Registered Retirement Savings Plan.

*RRIF* means Registered Retirement Income Fund.

*LIRA* means Locked-in Retirement Account, Locked-in Retirement Savings Plan, or Restricted Locked-in Savings Plan.

*Plan* means your Portland RSP. Under the tax laws, we are the issuer of the Plan and you are the person for whom we have agreed to provide retirement income.

*Act* means the Income Tax Act (Canada). *Tax laws* mean the Act and applicable income tax legislation of the province or territory in which you live.

*Spouse*, in this declaration of trust and in the application and any additional terms and conditions, means only a person recognized as a Spouse or common-law partner for purposes of the provisions of the tax laws relating to RRSPs.

## 2. Declaration of trust

We agree to be the trustee for you under the Plan according to the conditions set out here. For greater certainty, this arrangement is a trust for purposes of the tax laws.

## 3. Our agent is Portland

Portland is our agent and will provide investment applications for (or will arrange to provide) the Plan for us. However, we’re ultimately responsible for administering the Plan.

## 4. Governing law

The Plan will be governed by, interpreted and administered according to the laws of Ontario (or in the case of a LIRA, the laws of the applicable province) and Canada. Any action arising out of or relating to this Declaration of Trust or the Plan will be filed only in a Canadian court.

## 5. Registration

When we receive your completed application, we’ll apply to register the Plan under the relevant provisions of the tax laws.

## 6. Proof of Age

The statement of your date of birth on the application constitutes a certification by you and an undertaking to provide such other evidence of proof of age as is required.

## 7. Social Insurance Number and Address of Annuitant

The trustee shall be entitled to rely upon Portland’s records as to your social insurance number and current address as establishing your residency and domicile for the operation of the Plan and its devolution on your death subject to any written notice to the contrary respecting your domicile on death.

## 8. Your contributions to the Plan

We’ll hold in trust for you:

- all contributions you (or your Spouse) make to the Plan
- all transfers from other registered plans
- all income and capital gains generated by the investment of these contributions.

You (or your Spouse) are solely responsible for determining the maximum amount that may be contributed to the Plan each year under the tax laws and

how much is deductible. If you (or your Spouse) contribute more than the maximum amount, we’ll return the overcontribution to you (or your Spouse) when you (or your Spouse) send us a written request to reduce the amount of the overcontribution. We can liquidate assets for this purpose. The Plan provides for payment to a taxpayer to reduce tax otherwise payable under Part X.1 of the Act. Neither the trustee nor Portland is responsible for any taxes payable as a result of an overcontribution to the Plan. The assets in the Plan cannot be pledged, assigned or in any way alienated as security for a loan or for any purpose other than those set out here.

## 9. Transfers from other plans

You may transfer assets to the Plan from:

- other RRSPs
- registered pension plans
- other sources allowed under the tax laws.

In addition to the terms and conditions of this declaration of trust, you agree to be bound by, and the Plan will be subject to, any additional terms and conditions required to complete the transfer of assets to the Plan in accordance with applicable law, including terms that require amounts to be “locked-in”. The additional terms and conditions will be part of the terms and conditions of the Plan when the applicable amounts are transferred. Where there are inconsistencies, these additional terms and conditions will take precedence over the terms and conditions of this declaration of trust, unless the tax laws provide otherwise.

## 10. Transfers to other plans

You may transfer all or part of the assets of the Plan, or their equivalent value, to:

- other RRSPs
- registered pension plans
- RRIFs
- other vehicles allowed under the tax laws

by telling us in writing. If you transfer part of the Plan, you must tell us which investments to transfer or sell. If you don’t tell us, we’ll have complete discretion to decide which investments to transfer or sell. When we receive your instructions, we’ll:

- deduct any applicable fees and charges or any other unpaid fees or charges from the assets being transferred
- transfer all information that the other trustee will need to continue the Plan.

We’ll complete the transfer in accordance with applicable laws and within a reasonable time after you request the transfer and have completed all the necessary forms. Once we’ve completed the transfer, we’ll have no further responsibility or liability for the value of the Plan transferred. Transfers can also be made to an RRSP or RRIF in your Spouse’s (or former Spouse’s) name under a decree, order or judgment from a court or a written separation agreement relating to the breakdown of your marriage or common-law partnership.

## 11. How we invest your contributions

We’ll invest the assets in the Plan in the investment products we make available for investment by the Plan, according to your (or your Spouse’s) instructions. If you don’t tell us how to invest the assets, we’ll return your money to you without interest. You can change the investments in the Plan at any time by telling us. You’re responsible for ensuring that the investments in the Plan are not non-qualified or prohibited investments for RRSPs under the tax laws, however, we will exercise the care, diligence and skill of a reasonably prudent person to minimize the possibility that the Plan holds a non-qualified investment. We, in our sole discretion, may require you to provide such documentation in respect of any investment or proposed investment as we deem necessary in the circumstances. We reserve the right to decline to make any particular investment if the proposed investment and related documentation do not comply with our requirements at the time or, in our opinion, our obligations under the tax laws.

You shall have the right to appoint us as your agent for the purpose of giving investment directions as provided in this Section 11.

## 12. Maturity date of the Plan

We’ll invest and use the assets of the Plan to provide you with a retirement

income on maturity of the Plan. The maturity date of your RRSP is the date the assets in the Plan must be used to start providing you with retirement income. The maturity date of the Plan can't be later than what is required under the Act. At least 90 days before the maturity date, you must tell us in writing the maturity date you'd like for the Plan.

### 13. Choices for your retirement income

Unless you tell us otherwise in writing at least 90 days before your maturity date, we'll use the assets in the Plan, less fees, to buy a Portland RIF in your name on your maturity date. We'll act as trustee for your Portland RIF. You have several other choices for retirement income. Within 90 days before the maturity date, you may tell us in writing to use the assets in the Plan, less fees, to buy any of the following from another company:

- RRIF
- life annuity
- fixed term annuity
- combination of life and fixed term annuities
- any form of retirement income allowed from time to time under the tax laws.

We'll liquidate the assets in the Plan to buy an annuity.

We may require further proof of your age (or your Spouse's age) to provide any of these choices.

Payments for retirement income may not be assigned in whole or in part.

If you choose a RRIF, you'll be required to withdraw a minimum amount each year following the year the RRIF is set up in accordance with the tax laws governing RRIFs.

If you choose an annuity, equal payments will be made at least yearly, except if the annuity is a variable annuity. If payments continue to your Spouse when you die, the total annuity payments to your Spouse in any year after your death will not be more than the total annuity payments made to you in any year before your death. You may integrate your annuity with the Old Age Security Pension, and you may elect to index the annuity according to the Consumer Price Index, up to 4% yearly.

If you cash in your annuity in full, payments will stop. If you cash in only part of the annuity, equal payments will continue on an annual or more frequent basis. If an annuity becomes payable to anyone other than you or your Spouse, the annuity must be cashed in.

If you choose a life annuity, retirement income starts on the maturity date of the Plan and continues for your life. You can arrange for payments to be made to your Spouse for the rest of his or her life after you die. The annuity may have a guaranteed term which must be 90 minus either:

- your age at the maturity date, or
- if you choose, your Spouse's age at the maturity date, if your Spouse is younger than you.

If you choose a fixed term annuity, retirement income starts on the maturity date of the Plan and continues for a fixed term. You can arrange for payments to be made to your Spouse for the remainder of the term after you die. The term of the annuity must be 90 years minus either:

- your age at the maturity date, or
- if you choose, your Spouse's age at the maturity date, if your Spouse is younger than you.

Your age in whole years is used for these calculations.

### 14. Right of Offset

We and Portland shall have no right of offset with respect to the assets in the Plan in connection with any obligation or debt owed by you to the trustee or Portland, other than the fees, expenses and taxes payable by the terms of this Declaration of Trust.

### 15. Payments before the maturity date

You may request a payment from the Plan at any time before the maturity date of the Plan. When we receive your written request, we'll liquidate assets in the Plan according to your instructions and pay the proceeds to you, less any fees or taxes we are required to withhold. If you don't tell us which assets to liquidate, we'll use our own discretion.

### 16. If you die before the maturity date

If you die before the maturity date of the Plan, we'll liquidate the assets in the Plan and, subject to any additional legal requirements, pay the proceeds to

your personal representatives in a lump sum, less any fees and taxes. If you have designated one or more beneficiaries for the Plan who are alive at the time of your death, we'll pay these proceeds to your beneficiaries, less any fees and taxes. We'll need satisfactory proof of your death, and may require other documents from your legal representatives, before we can make the payment. Where allowed by law, you can designate a beneficiary on the application or by written notice. You're solely responsible for making sure your beneficiary designation is legally valid. You can change the beneficiary or beneficiaries by completing a form we provide or by giving us written notice. The form or notice must adequately identify the Plan and be delivered to us before we make any payments from the Plan. If you've given us more than one form or notice, we'll act on the one with the most recent date. The trustee and Portland will be fully discharged by such payment or transfer, even though any beneficiary designation made by you may be invalid as a testamentary instrument.

### 17. Delegation by Trustee

The performance of the following duties and obligations of the trustee under the Plan may be delegated by the trustee as follows:

(1) to an Affiliate:

- a) receiving contributions to the Plan;
- b) receiving transfers of property to the Plan;
- c) investing and reinvesting the assets in the Plan as directed by you;
- d) registering and holding the assets in the Plan in the trustee's name, Portland's name, in the name of their respective nominees, your name or in bearer form as determined by the trustee from time to time;
- e) maintaining records of the Plan, including information concerning your Spouse and the designation of beneficiaries, where applicable;
- f) providing to you statements of account, at least annually;
- g) preparing all government filings and forms;
- h) making distributions from the Plan in accordance with the terms hereof; and
- i) such other duties and obligations of the trustee under the Plan as the trustee, in its sole discretion may from time to time determine.

(2) to Portland:

- a) receiving and forwarding to us your instructions relating to payments out of your Plan pursuant to the provisions provided herein;
- b) receiving and forwarding to us your instructions relating to investing and reinvesting the assets in the Plan.

### 18. Account statements

We'll keep the account records of the Plan. Every year we'll send you a statement showing:

- contributions, transfers and earnings
- payments from the Plan and any taxes that apply
- fees or expenses
- the total value of the Plan.

If some of the assets of the Plan are held through a LIRA or other locked-in arrangement, we'll keep a separate account for those assets and send you a separate statement.

### 19. Cash Balances

We may retain any cash balance in the Plan in our deposit department or in the deposit department of one of our Affiliates and we and our Affiliates shall not be liable to account for any profit to any person other than at a rate, if any, established from time to time by us or our Affiliates.

### 20. Income tax receipts

By March 31 each year, we'll provide you with income tax receipts for your contributions to the Plan during the preceding calendar year and in the first 60 days of the current year. If you have a spousal Plan, we'll provide the receipts to your Spouse.

### 21. No Advantage

We cannot provide any advantage (as defined under the Act) that is conditional in any way on the existence of the Plan, other than those permitted under the Act, to:

- you

- the Plan
- members of your immediate family, or
- anyone else with whom you are not dealing at arm's length.

## 22. Release of Information

The trustee and Portland each are authorized to release any information about the Plan and the assets in the Plan, less any expenses, taxes and fees, after your death, to either your personal representatives or the designated beneficiary, or both, as we deem advisable.

## 23. Payment into Court

If there is a dispute about who is legally authorized to apply for and accept receipt of the assets of the Plan, less any expenses, taxes and fees, on your death, the trustee and Portland are entitled to either apply to the court for directions or pay the assets of the Plan, less any expenses, taxes and fees into court and, in either case, fully recover any legal costs the trustee or Portland incurs in this regard as expenses from the Plan.

## 24. Self-Dealing

Our services are not exclusive and, subject to the limitations otherwise provided in this Declaration on the powers of the trustee, we may, for any purpose, and are hereby expressly authorized from time to time in our sole discretion to, appoint, employ, invest in, contract or deal with any individual, firm, partnership, association, trust or body corporate, with which we may be directly or indirectly interested or affiliated, whether on our own account or on the account of another (in a fiduciary capacity or otherwise), and to profit therefrom, without being liable to account therefore and without being in breach of this Declaration of Trust.

## 25. Sale of Assets

The trustee and Portland may sell the assets in the Plan in their respective sole discretion for the purposes of paying expenses, taxes and fees, provided such sale is permitted under the Act.

## 26. Fees

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1 York Street  
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Toronto, ON  
M5J 0B6  
Canada

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Canada Revenue Agency. We will send you notice of any changes to the Plan by the later of: (a) 30 days following approval of the changes and (b) the date we mail our annual account statements to you.

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## 32. Heirs, Representatives and Assigns

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- la demande
- cette déclaration de fiducie (et toute autre modalité)
- tous les avis
- tous les états de compte



# Declaration of Trust

## Retirement Income Fund

### 1. Terms we use in this declaration of trust

*You and your* mean the annuitant of the Portland Investment Counsel Inc. Retirement Income Fund (“Portland RIF”) named on the application and as defined in the Act.

*We, us, our and the trustee* mean CIBC Mellon Trust Company.

*Affiliate* means affiliated companies within the meaning of the Business Corporations Act (Ontario) (“OBCA”); and with respect to the Trustee includes Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company and The Bank of New York Mellon and each of their affiliates within the meaning of the OBCA.

*Portland* means Portland Investment Counsel Inc.

*RRSP* means Registered Retirement Savings Fund.

*RRIF* means Registered Retirement Income Fund.

*LIRA* means Locked-in Retirement Account, Locked-in Retirement Savings Fund or Restricted Locked-in Savings Fund.

*LIF* means Life Income Fund and Locked-in Retirement Income Fund.

*Fund* means your Portland RIF. Under the tax laws, we are the carrier of the Fund and you are the person for whom we have agreed to make payments.

*Act* means the Income Tax Act (Canada). *Tax laws* mean the Act and applicable income tax legislation of the province in which you live.

*Spouse*, in this declaration of trust and in the application and any additional terms and conditions, means only a person recognized as a Spouse or common-law partner for purposes of the provisions of the tax laws relating to RRIFs.

### 2. Declaration of trust

We agree to be the trustee for you under the Fund according to the conditions set out here. For greater certainty, this arrangement is a trust for purposes of the tax laws.

### 3. Our agent is Portland

Portland is our agent and will provide investment applications for (or will arrange to provide) the Fund for us. However, we’re ultimately responsible for administering the Fund.

### 4. Governing law

The Fund will be governed by, interpreted and administered according to the laws of Ontario (or, in the case of a LIF, the laws of the applicable province and territory) and Canada. Any action arising out of or relating to this Declaration of Trust or the Fund will be filed only in a Canadian court.

### 5. Registration

When we receive your completed application, we’ll apply to register the Fund under the relevant provisions of the tax laws.

### 6. Proof of Age

The statement of your date of birth on the application constitutes a certification by you and an undertaking to provide such other evidence of proof of age as is required.

### 7. Social Insurance Number and Address of Annuitant

The trustee shall be entitled to rely upon Portland’s records as to your social insurance number and current address as establishing your residency and domicile for the operation of the Fund and its devolution on your death subject to any written notice to the contrary respecting your domicile on death.

### 8. Transfers to the Fund

We’ll hold in trust and invest and reinvest for you in accordance with the Fund all amounts transferred to the Fund along with all income and capital gains generated by the investment of those amounts. Transfers may be made to the Fund only from one or a combination of:

- an RRSP in your name
- a registered pension plan of which you are a member
- a LIRA in your name
- another RRIF in your name
- a RRIF or an RRSP in your Spouse’s (or former Spouse’s) name, under a

decree, order or judgment from a court, or a written separation agreement relating to the breakdown of your marriage

- you, if you transfer a refund of premiums (as defined in the Act) from your RRSP in accordance with the tax laws
- other sources permitted by the tax laws.

In addition to the terms and conditions of this declaration of trust, you agree to be bound by, and the Fund will be subject to, any additional terms and conditions required to complete the transfer of assets to the Fund in accordance with applicable law, including terms and conditions that require amounts to be “locked in”.

The additional terms and conditions will be part of the terms and conditions of the Fund when the applicable amounts are transferred. Where there are inconsistencies, these additional terms and conditions will take precedence over the terms and conditions of this declaration of trust unless the tax laws provide otherwise.

### 9. How we invest the assets of the Fund

We’ll invest the assets of the Fund in the investment products we make available for investment by the Fund, according to your or your Spouse’s instructions. If you don’t tell us how to invest the assets, we’ll return the money to you without interest. In making investments under the Fund, we are not restricted to investments specifically authorized by law for trustees to make. We may authorize investments in any mutual funds or other forms of pooled investment products, even though these kinds of investments may not be authorized by law for other trustees. We won’t be liable for any loss on any such investments we have authorized in good faith. You can change the investments in the Fund at any time by telling us. You’re responsible for ensuring that the investments in the Fund are not non-qualified investments or prohibited investments for RRIFs under the tax laws, however, we will exercise the care, diligence and skill of a reasonably prudent person to minimize the possibility that the Fund holds a non-qualified investment. We, in our sole discretion, may require you to provide such documentation in respect of any investment or proposed investment as we deem necessary in the circumstances. We reserve the right to decline to make any particular investment if the proposed investment and related documentation do not comply with our requirements at the time or, in our opinion, our obligations under the tax laws.

The assets in the Fund cannot be pledged, assigned or in any way alienated as security for a loan or for any purpose other than those set out here.

You shall have the right to appoint us as your agent for the purpose of giving investment directions as provided in this Section 9.

### 10. How we distribute your retirement income

We’ll make payments to you from the Fund as long as there are assets in it. We’ll start making these payments by the first calendar year after the year the Fund is established. We may ask for proof of your age, or if necessary, proof of your Spouse’s age.

If you’ve told us to make your Spouse your successor annuitant if you die, we’ll make payments to your Spouse from the Fund as long there are assets in it. Payments for retirement income may not be assigned in whole or in part.

There is no minimum amount to be paid out of the Fund in the year the Fund is set up. For each following year except where the Act otherwise provides, a minimum amount must be paid out of the Fund equal to the value of the assets in the Fund multiplied by a certain factor as set out in the Act. You may elect to base the minimum amount to be paid out of the Fund on your age or the age of your Spouse. An election to base the minimum amount on your Spouse’s age is binding and cannot be changed after we make the first payment out of the Fund, even if your Spouse dies or you cease to be married.

No payment can exceed the total value of the assets in the Fund immediately before the scheduled payment.

You decide how much, and how often, you would like to be paid, by telling us on the application, or using a form we’ll provide. You can choose to receive the payments yearly or more frequently. If you don’t tell us how much to pay you, or if you tell us to pay you less than the minimum amount, we’ll pay you the minimum amount. If you tell us to pay you more than the maximum amount, we’ll pay you the maximum amount. If you want to change the amount and frequency of your payments, you may tell us in writing or use a form we provide.

We’ll send you a statement showing you the value of the assets in the Fund, and how much money we need in order to provide you with the payments. You may tell us which assets of the Fund you would like us to liquidate in order to provide you with your specified payments. If you haven’t told us within 30 days after we have sent you the statement, we’ll use our own discretion in liquidating assets.

Unless we permit otherwise, payments are made only in cash. We'll consider that we have made a payment to you when we:

- mail you a cheque to the last address you have given us, or
- deposit the payment electronically to the bank account you have last given us.

We won't make any payments from the Fund other than those described in the conditions set out here.

### 11. Valuation of the Fund

We calculate the market value of the Fund at least once per year. Our valuation of the Fund is final. For the purposes of calculating the minimum amount for a year, the value of the Fund at the beginning of a year will be equal to the value of the Fund as at the close of business on the last business day in the immediately preceding year.

### 12. If you die before the final payment

You can, where allowed by law, name your Spouse as the successor annuitant. Or, where allowed by law, you can designate a beneficiary on the application or by written notice. You're solely responsible for making sure your designation is legally valid. You can change the designation by completing a form we provide or by giving us written notice. The form or notice must adequately identify the Fund and be delivered to us before we make any payments from your RRIF. If you've given us more than one form or notice, we'll act on the one with the most recent date. The trustee and Portland will be fully discharged by such payment or transfer, even though any beneficiary designation made by you may be invalid as a testamentary instrument.

If you die before we make the final payment to you, and you have named your Spouse as the successor annuitant, we'll continue making payments to your Spouse.

If you have not named your Spouse as the successor annuitant, or if your Spouse predeceases you, we'll liquidate the assets in the Fund and pay the proceeds to your personal representatives in a lump sum, less any fees and taxes. If you have designated one or more beneficiaries for the Fund, we'll pay these proceeds to your beneficiaries, less any fees and taxes. We'll need satisfactory proof of your death, and may require other documents from your legal representatives, before we can make the payment.

### 13. Transfers to other plans

You may transfer all or part of the assets of the Fund, or their equivalent value, to another RRIF, RRSP, registered pension plan or other vehicle permitted under the tax laws set up in your name by telling us in writing. If you transfer part of the Fund, you must tell us which investments to transfer or sell. If you don't tell us, we'll have complete discretion to decide which investments to transfer or sell. When we receive your instructions, we'll:

- make sure enough money is left in your Portland RRIF to pay the minimum amount under the tax laws for the current year
- deduct any applicable fees and charges or any other unpaid fees or charges from the assets being transferred
- transfer all information that the other trustee will need to continue the Fund.

We'll complete the transfer in accordance with applicable laws and within a reasonable time after you request the transfer and have completed all the necessary forms. Once we've completed the transfer, we'll have no further responsibility or liability for the value of the Fund transferred. Transfers can also be made to an RRSP or RRIF in your Spouse's (or former Spouse's) name under a decree, order or judgment from a court or a written separation agreement relating to the breakdown of your marriage or common-law partnership.

### 14. Right of Offset

We and Portland shall have no right of offset with respect to the assets in the Fund in connection with any obligation or debt owed by you to the trustee or Portland, other than the fees, expenses and taxes payable by the terms of this Declaration of Trust.

### 15. Account statements

We'll keep the account records of the Fund. Every year we'll send you (or your Spouse) a statement showing:

- contributions, transfers and earnings

- payments from the Fund and any taxes that apply
- fees or expenses
- the total value of the Fund.

If some of the assets of the Fund are held through a LIF or other locked-in arrangement, we'll keep a separate account for these assets and send you a separate statement.

### 16. Cash Balances

We may retain any cash balance in the Fund in our deposit department or in the deposit department of one of our Affiliates and we and our Affiliates shall not be liable to account for any profit to any person other than at a rate, if any, established from time to time by us or our Affiliates.

### 17. Income tax receipts

We'll provide you with income tax receipts for:

- transfers to the Fund
- payments from the Fund
- any other activities for which we're required to issue tax receipts under the tax laws.

### 18. Delegation by Trustee

The performance of the following duties and obligations of the trustee under the Fund may be delegated by the trustees as follows:

(1) to an Affiliate

- a) receiving contributions to the Fund;
- b) receiving transfers of property to the Fund;
- c) investing and reinvesting the assets of the Fund as directed by you;
- d) registering and holding the assets of the Fund in the trustee's name, Portland's name, in the name of their respective nominees, your name or in bearer form as determined by the trustee from time to time;
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- f) providing to you statements of account, at least annually;
- g) preparing all government filings and forms;
- h) making distributions from the Fund in accordance with the terms hereof; and
- i) such other duties and obligations of the trustee under the Fund as the trustee, in its sole discretion may from time to time determine.

(2) to Portland

- a) receiving and forwarding your instructions to us relating to payments out of your Fund pursuant to the provisions provided herein;
- b) receiving and forwarding to us your instructions relating to investing and reinvesting the assets of the Fund.

### 19. No Advantage

We cannot provide any advantage (as defined under the Act) that is conditional in any way on the existence of the Fund, other than those permitted under the Act, to:

- you
- the Fund
- members of your immediate family
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If there is a dispute about who is legally authorized to apply for and accept receipt of the assets of the Fund, less any expenses, taxes and fees, on your death, the trustee and Portland are entitled to either apply to the court for directions or pay the assets of the Fund, less any expenses, taxes and fees, into court and, in either case, fully recover any legal costs the trustee or Portland incurs in this regard as expenses from the Fund.

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Our services are not exclusive and, subject to the limitations otherwise provided in this Declaration on the powers of the trustee, we may, for any purpose, and are hereby expressly authorized from time to time in our sole discretion to, appoint, employ, invest in, contract or deal with any individual, firm, partnership, association, trust or body corporate, with which we may be directly or indirectly interested or affiliated, whether on our own account or on the account of another (in a fiduciary capacity or otherwise), and to profit therefrom, without being liable to account therefore and without being in breach of this Declaration of Trust.

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