

# **Andrew Peller Limited**

## **Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements**

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**September 30, 2019**

**ANDREW PELLER LIMITED**  
**Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**

Unaudited

These financial statements have not been reviewed by our auditors

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)	September 30 2019 \$	March 31 2019 \$
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Accounts receivable	34,879	29,801
Inventory	153,808	160,537
Biological assets	3,897	1,736
Prepaid expenses and other assets	5,021	4,626
Income taxes receivable	202	-
Assets held for sale (note 4)	1,275	-
	199,082	196,700
<b>Property, plant, and equipment (note 2)</b>	<b>221,814</b>	<b>199,749</b>
<b>Intangible assets</b>	<b>16,151</b>	<b>16,932</b>
<b>Goodwill</b>	<b>53,638</b>	<b>53,638</b>
	490,685	467,019
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Bank indebtedness	38,216	38,175
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	44,993	47,451
Dividends payable	2,320	2,212
Income taxes payable	-	1,477
Current portion of lease obligations (note 2)	3,851	-
Current portion of derivative financial instruments (note 8)	429	339
Current portion of long-term debt	9,741	9,741
	99,550	99,395
<b>Long-term debt</b>	<b>102,064</b>	<b>106,879</b>
<b>Long-term derivative financial instruments (note 8)</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>1,008</b>
<b>Lease obligations (note 2)</b>	<b>15,744</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Post-employment benefit obligations</b>	<b>6,123</b>	<b>4,657</b>
<b>Deferred income taxes</b>	<b>19,863</b>	<b>20,329</b>
	244,330	232,268
<b>Shareholders' Equity</b>		
<b>Capital stock</b>	<b>26,445</b>	<b>26,330</b>
<b>Contributed surplus</b>	<b>3,642</b>	<b>2,737</b>
<b>Retained earnings</b>	<b>221,619</b>	<b>209,825</b>
<b>Accumulated other comprehensive loss</b>	<b>(5,351)</b>	<b>(4,141)</b>
	246,355	234,751
	490,685	467,019

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed interim consolidated financial statements.

**ANDREW PELLER LIMITED**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Earnings**  
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(in thousands of Canadian dollars)	September 30, 2019 \$	September 30, 2018 \$	September 30, 2019 \$	September 30, 2018 \$
<b>Sales</b>	<b>103,375</b>	103,323	<b>198,591</b>	198,864
Cost of goods sold (note 5)	<b>57,064</b>	59,039	<b>109,860</b>	113,299
Amortization of plant and equipment used in production	<b>1,894</b>	1,925	<b>3,761</b>	3,765
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>44,417</b>	42,359	<b>84,970</b>	81,800
Selling and administration (note 5)	<b>28,976</b>	28,124	<b>53,047</b>	53,597
Amortization of plant, equipment, and intangibles used in selling and administration	<b>2,212</b>	1,168	<b>4,335</b>	2,558
Interest	<b>2,222</b>	1,943	<b>4,450</b>	3,897
Net unrealized (gains) losses on derivative financial instruments (note 8)	<b>(497)</b>	(749)	<b>68</b>	(967)
Other expense	<b>1,106</b>	92	<b>1,190</b>	367
<b>Earnings before income taxes</b>	<b>10,398</b>	11,781	<b>21,880</b>	22,348
<b>Provision for (recovery of) income taxes</b>				
Current	<b>2,698</b>	2,847	<b>5,486</b>	6,099
Deferred	<b>57</b>	40	<b>(41)</b>	(193)
	<b>2,755</b>	2,887	<b>5,445</b>	5,906
<b>Net earnings for the period</b>	<b>7,643</b>	8,894	<b>16,435</b>	16,442
<b>Net earnings per share</b>				
Basic				
Class A shares	<b>0.18</b>	0.21	<b>0.38</b>	0.38
Class B shares	<b>0.15</b>	0.18	<b>0.33</b>	0.33
Diluted				
Class A shares	<b>0.18</b>	0.21	<b>0.38</b>	0.38
Class B shares	<b>0.15</b>	0.18	<b>0.33</b>	0.33

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## Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

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These financial statements have not been reviewed by our auditors	months ended	months ended	months ended	months ended
	September 30, 2019	September 30, 2018	September 30, 2019	September 30, 2018
(in thousands of Canadian dollars)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net earnings for the period	7,643	8,894	16,435	16,442
<b>Items that are never reclassified to net earnings</b>				
Net actuarial (losses) gains on post-employment benefit plans	(649)	219	(1,635)	809
Deferred income taxes	168	(56)	425	(210)
<b>Other comprehensive (loss) income for the year</b>	<b>(481)</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>(1,210)</b>	<b>599</b>
<b>Net comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>7,162</b>	<b>9,057</b>	<b>15,225</b>	<b>17,041</b>

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**ANDREW PELLER LIMITED**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity**  
**For the six months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018**

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(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Capital stock	Contributed surplus	Retained earnings	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Total shareholders' equity
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at April 1, 2018</b>	26,097	1,673	196,713	(4,237)	220,246
Net earnings for the period	-	-	16,442	-	16,442
Net actuarial gains (net of deferred tax provision)	-	-	-	599	599
Net comprehensive income for the period	-	-	16,442	599	17,041
Issuance of class A non-voting shares	163	-	-	-	163
Share-based compensation (note 9)	-	328	-	-	328
Dividends (Class A \$0.0513 per share, Class B \$0.0446 per share)	-	-	(4,422)	-	(4,422)
<b>Balance at September 30, 2018</b>	26,260	2,001	208,733	(3,638)	233,356
<b>Balance at April 1, 2019</b>	26,330	2,737	209,825	(4,141)	234,751
Net earnings for the period	-	-	16,435	-	16,435
Net actuarial losses (net of deferred tax recovery)	-	-	-	(1,210)	(1,210)
Net comprehensive income for the period	-	-	16,435	(1,210)	15,225
Issuance of class A non-voting shares (note 9)	115	(115)	-	-	-
Share-based compensation (note 9)	-	1,020	-	-	1,020
Dividends (Class A \$0.0538 per share, Class B \$0.0468 per share)	-	-	(4,641)	-	(4,641)
<b>Balance at September 30, 2019</b>	26,445	3,642	221,619	(5,351)	246,355

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**ANDREW PELLER LIMITED**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

Unaudited

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<b>(in thousands of Canadian dollars)</b>	<b>For the six months ended September 30, 2019</b>	<b>For the six months ended September 30, 2018</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Cash provided by (used in)</b>		
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Net earnings for the period	16,435	16,442
Adjustments for:		
Loss on disposal of intangible assets	215	-
Amortization of plant, equipment, and intangible assets	8,096	6,323
Interest expense	4,450	3,897
Provision for income taxes	5,445	5,906
Post-employment benefits	(169)	(308)
Net unrealized loss (gain) on derivative financial instruments	68	(967)
Share-based compensation	759	428
Interest paid	(4,341)	(3,688)
Income taxes paid	(7,165)	(5,970)
	<u>23,793</u>	<u>22,063</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital items related to operations (note 6)	<u>(2,566)</u>	<u>7,284</u>
	<u>21,227</u>	<u>29,347</u>
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(10,206)	(12,917)
Purchase of intangibles	(216)	(445)
	<u>(10,422)</u>	<u>(13,362)</u>
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Issue of class A non-voting shares	-	63
Decrease (increase) in bank indebtedness	41	(8,690)
Principal payments on lease obligations	(1,389)	-
Repayment of long-term debt	(4,924)	(3,212)
Dividends paid	(4,533)	(4,146)
	<u>(10,805)</u>	<u>(15,985)</u>
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash during the period</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash, beginning of period</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash, end of period</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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**1 Nature of operations**

Andrew Peller Limited (the “Company”) produces and markets wine, spirits and wine related products. The Company’s products are produced and sold predominantly in Canada. The Company is incorporated under the Canada Business Corporations Act and is domiciled in Canada. The address of its head office is 697 South Service Road, Grimsby, Ontario, L3M 4E8.

**2 Significant accounting policies**

**(A) Basis of presentation**

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) applicable to the preparation of condensed interim financial statements, including International Accounting Standard (“IAS”) 34 – Interim Financial Reporting. The condensed interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual consolidated financial statements for the years ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB.

The note disclosures for these condensed interim consolidated financial statements only present material changes to the disclosure found in the Company’s audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended March 31, 2019 and 2018. Changes to the Company’s accounting policies from those disclosed in its consolidated financial statements for the years ended March 31, 2019 and March 31, 2018 are described in note 2 (B), recently adopted accounting pronouncements.

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Company’s functional currency and dollar amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousand, except per share amounts.

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on November 6, 2019.

**(B) Recently adopted accounting pronouncements**

*IFRS 16, Leases*

The IASB issued IFRS 16, Leases, which replaces IAS 17, Leases and Related Interpretations. On April 1, 2019, the Company adopted the new accounting standard using the modified retrospective method and therefore, comparative figures have not been restated, as permitted under the specific transitional provisions in the standard. Under this method, the standard is applied retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initially applying the standard recognized in operating retained earnings at April 1, 2019.

In applying IFRS 16 for the first time, the Company has used the following practical expedients permitted by the standard:

- The use of a single discount rate to a portfolio of leases with reasonably similar characteristics;
- Reliance on previous assessment on whether leases are onerous;
- The accounting for operating leases with a remaining lease term of less than 12 months as at April 1, 2019 as short term leases;

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- The exclusion of initial direct costs for the measurement of the right-of-use asset at the date of initial application; and
- The use of hindsight in determining the lease term where the contract contains options to extend or terminate the lease.

The Company has also elected not to reassess whether a contract is, or contains, a lease at the date of initial application. Instead, for contracts entered into before the transition date, the Company relied on its assessment made applying IAS 17 and IFRIC 4, Determining whether an Arrangement Contains a Lease.

The Company leases various vineyards, retail stores, offices, warehouses, equipment and vehicles. Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants.

Where the Company is a lessee, IFRS 16 resulted in recognition of most of its leases that were considered operating leases under IAS 17. This resulted in recognition of a right-of-use asset and a lease liability for the present value of the remaining future lease payments, discounted using the incremental borrowing rate at the date of initial application. The weighted average lessee's incremental borrowing rate applied to the lease liabilities on April 1, 2019 was 5.01%.

Depreciation expense on the right-of-use asset and interest expense on the lease liability replaced the previously recognized operating lease expense. The impact of adopting this standard on the condensed interim consolidated statement of cash flow will be to present the principal repayment of lease liabilities in financing activities under IFRS 16, whereas previously payments for operating leases were presented in operating activities.

The adoption of this standard resulted in the recognition of right-of-use assets, in property, plant and equipment and lease liabilities amounting to \$17,880 as of April 1, 2019. The difference between the undiscounted operating lease commitments of the Company as of March 31, 2019 and the discounted lease obligation of the Company as of April 1, 2019 is as follows:

	<b>2019</b>
	<b>\$</b>
Operating lease and royalty commitments disclosed as at March 31, 2019	37,072
Less: Royalties	(9,615)
Less: Leases with variable consideration	(4,181)
Less: Short term leases	(62)
Less: Low value leases	(189)
Undiscounted lease liability	<u>23,025</u>
Discounted using the lessee's incremental borrowing rate	17,880
<b>Lease liability recognized as at April 1, 2019</b>	<b>17,880</b>

Leases are recognized as a right-of-use asset in property, plant and equipment and a corresponding lease liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use by the Company. Each lease payment is allocated between the repayment of the principal portion of lease liability and the interest portion. The interest expense is charged to the condensed interim consolidated statement of earnings over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.



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Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of the following lease payments:

- Fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments, less any lease incentives receivable;
- Variable lease payments that are based on an index or a rate;
- Amounts expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees;
- The exercise price of a purchase option if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise that option; and
- Payment of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the lessee exercising that option.

The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. If that rate cannot be determined, the lessee's incremental borrowing rate is used, being the rate that the lessee would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value in a similar economic environment with similar terms and conditions. Payments associated with variable lease payments not based on an index or a rate, short-term leases and leases of low value assets are recognized on a straight-line basis as an expense in the condensed interim consolidated statement of earnings.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost comprising the following:

- The amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability;
- Any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, less any lease incentives received;
- Any initial direct costs; and
- Restoration costs.

The right-of-use assets are depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis. Right-of-use assets are subject to impairment.

Leases are included as follows in the condensed interim consolidated balance sheet as at September 30, 2019:

	<b>Vineyard land</b>	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Machinery and equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
At April 1, 2019	\$ 7,237	\$ 9,170	\$ 1,473	\$ 17,880
Six months ended September 30, 2019				
Additions	-	3,104	-	3,104
Amortization	(259)	(1,140)	(194)	(1,593)
Closing net carrying amount	<u>\$ 6,978</u>	<u>\$ 11,134</u>	<u>\$ 1,279</u>	<u>\$ 19,391</u>

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The lease obligation transactions during the six months were as follows:

<b>Lease obligation</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>\$</b>
As at April 1, 2019	17,880
Additions	3,104
Repayments	(1,801)
Interest	412
<b>As at September 30, 2019</b>	<b>19,595</b>
<b>Less: current portion of lease obligation</b>	<b>3,851</b>
<b>Lease obligation</b>	<b>15,744</b>

The expense related to leases with variable consideration, short term leases and low value leases amounted to \$549 for the three months ended September 30, 2019 and \$1,358 for the six months ended September 30, 2019. The total cash outflows relating to leases during the three month period ended September 30, 2019 were \$1,515 and six month period ended September 30, 2019 were \$3,159.

Some property leases contain variable payment terms that are linked to sales generated from a store. For individual stores, up to 100% of lease payments are on the basis of variable payment terms. Variable lease payments are recognized in the condensed interim consolidated statement of earnings in the period in which the condition that triggers those payments occurs. A 1% increase in sales across all stores with such variable lease contracts would not result in a material change to the total lease payments.

Critical accounting estimates were made in determining the lease term and incremental borrowing rate. In determining the lease term, management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option. Extension options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not terminated). The assessment is reviewed if a significant event or a significant change in circumstances occurs which affects this assessment and that is within the control of the lessee.

In determining the carrying amount of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities, the Company is required to estimate the incremental borrowing rate specific to each leased asset or portfolio of leased assets if the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determined. Management determines the incremental borrowing rate of each leased asset or portfolio of leased assets by using the companies specific risk portfolio, the security, term and value of the underlying leased asset, and the economic environment in which the leased asset operates in. The incremental borrowing rates are subject to change mainly due to macroeconomic changes in the environment.

*IAS 19, Employee Benefits*

This standard has been amended to modify the guidance in connection with defined benefit plans and accounting for plan amendments, settlements, or curtailments. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019. The adoption of these amendments did not have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

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*IFRS 9, Financial Instruments*

This standard has been amended to enable companies to measure at amortized cost some prepayable financial assets with negative compensation. The assets affected, that include some loans and debt securities, would otherwise have been measured at fair value through profit or loss. Financial assets that would otherwise have contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest but do not meet that condition only as a result of a prepayment feature with negative compensation, may be measured at amortized cost or at fair value through other comprehensive income when eligibility conditions are met. The amendment to IFRS 9 also clarifies how to account for the modification of a financial liability. Most modifications of financial liabilities will result in immediate recognition of a gain or loss. The amendment is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019. The adoption of these amendments did not have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

*IFRIC Interpretation 23, Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments*

An interpretation has been issued to clarify how to apply the recognition and measurement requirements in IAS 12, Income Taxes, when there is uncertainty over income tax treatments. Application of the standard is mandatory for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019. The adoption of this interpretation did not have any material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

**(C) Recently issued accounting pronouncements**

*IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements; IAS 8, Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*

These standards have been amended to use a consistent definition of materiality throughout all accounting standards, clarify the explanation of the definition of material and incorporate some of the guidance in IAS 1 about immaterial information. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2020. The Company has not yet assessed the impact of the amendment on the consolidated financial statements.

*IFRS 3, Business Combinations*

This standard has been amended to improve the definition of a business. The amendments will help companies determine whether an acquisition made is of a business or a group of assets. To be considered a business, an acquisition would have to include an input and a substantive process that together significantly contribute to the ability to create outputs. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2020. The Company has not yet assessed the impact of the amendment on the consolidated financial statements.

**3 Seasonality**

The third quarter of each fiscal year is historically the strongest in terms of sales and net earnings due to increased consumer purchasing of the Company's products during the holiday season.

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**4 Asset held for sale**

During the year, the Company has listed for sale plant assets in Port Coquitlam, BC with a net book value of \$1,275. This is a result of the consolidation of production assets, the Company intends to close the transaction in the first quarter of 2021 after operations have ceased.

**5 Expenses**

The nature of the expenses included in selling and administration and cost of goods sold are as follows:

	<b>For the three months ended September 30, 2019</b>	<b>For the three months ended September 30, 2018</b>	<b>For the six months ended September 30, 2019</b>	<b>For the six months ended September 30, 2018</b>
Raw materials and consumables	\$ 47,912	\$ 47,803	\$ 88,427	\$ 91,334
Employee compensation and benefits	20,858	20,071	39,696	38,456
Advertising, promotion and distribution	7,523	8,593	14,122	16,344
Occupancy	1,245	3,032	5,320	6,064
Repairs and maintenance	2,340	1,877	4,082	3,404
Other external charges	6,162	5,787	11,260	11,294
	<u>\$ 86,040</u>	<u>\$ 87,163</u>	<u>\$ 162,907</u>	<u>\$ 166,896</u>

**6 Non-cash working capital items**

The change in non-cash working capital items related to operations is comprised of the change in the following items:

	<b>For the six months ended September 30, 2019</b>	<b>For the six months ended September 30, 2018</b>
Accounts receivable	\$ (5,078)	\$ (3,793)
Inventory	6,729	6,142
Biological assets	(2,161)	(2,793)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(395)	(635)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(1,661)	8,363
	<u>\$ (2,566)</u>	<u>\$ 7,284</u>

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**7 Related parties and management compensation**

The compensation expense recorded for directors and members of the Executive Management Team of the Company was \$1,541 (2018 - \$1,478) for the three months ended September 30, 2019 and \$3,320 (2018 - \$2,986) for the six months ended September 30, 2019. The compensation expense consists of amounts that will primarily be settled within twelve months of being earned.

**8 Financial instruments**

**Fair value**

The fair value of accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and dividends payable approximates their carrying values because of the short-term maturity of these instruments.

The fair value of bank indebtedness and long-term debt is equivalent to its carrying value because the variable interest rate is comparable to market rates. The fair value of the interest rate swaps used to fix the interest rate on long-term debt is included in the current and long-term derivative financial instruments in the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The fair value of foreign exchange forward contracts is determined based on the difference between the contract rate and the forward rate at the date of valuation and is included in the current portion of derivative financial instruments in the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The fair value of interest rate swaps is determined based on the difference between the fixed interest rate in the contract that will be paid by the Company and the forward curve of the floating interest rates that are expected to be paid by the counterparty. The fair values of foreign exchange forward contracts and the interest rate swaps are adjusted to reflect any changes in the Company's or the counterparty's credit risk.

Fair value estimates are made at a specific point in time, using available information about the instrument. These estimates are subjective in nature and often cannot be determined with precision.

The net unrealized gains on derivative financial instruments are comprised of:

	<b>For the three months ended September 30, 2019</b>	<b>For the three months ended September 30, 2018</b>	<b>For the six months ended September 30, 2019</b>	<b>For the six months ended September 30, 2018</b>
Unrealized (gains) losses on interest rate swaps	\$ (354)	\$ (891)	\$ (5)	\$ (1,175)
Unrealized (gains) losses on foreign exchange forward contracts	(143)	142	73	208
	<u>\$ (497)</u>	<u>\$ (749)</u>	<u>\$ 68</u>	<u>\$ (967)</u>

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The fair value measurements of the Company's financial instruments are classified in the hierarchy below according to the significance of the inputs used in making the fair value measurements.

	<b>September 30, 2019</b>		
	<b>Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)</b>	<b>Significant observable inputs other than quoted prices (Level 2)</b>	<b>Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)</b>
Interest rate swap liability	\$ -	\$ 1,346	\$ -
Foreign exchange forward contracts liability	-	69	-
			<b>March 31, 2019</b>
	<b>Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)</b>	<b>Significant observable inputs other than quoted prices (Level 2)</b>	<b>Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)</b>
Interest rate swap liability	\$ -	\$ 1,351	\$ -
Foreign exchange forward contracts asset	-	4	-

There were no transfers of financial instruments between levels during the quarter.

## 9 Share based compensation

On September 13, 2017, the Company established a new share based compensation plan comprised of stock options, performance share units (PSUs) and deferred share units (DSUs). The impact of the share based compensation expense recorded for the six months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018 is summarized as follows:

	<b>For the six months ended September 30, 2019</b>	<b>For the six months ended September 30, 2018</b>
770,200 stock options (March 31, 2019 – 436,467) (a)	\$ 438	\$ 277
221,216 performance share units (March 31, 2019 – 137,546) (b)	321	151
72,459 deferred share units (March 31, 2019 – 61,819) (c)	-	-
	<u>\$ 759</u>	<u>\$ 428</u>

The stock options, PSUs and DSUs are equity settled and as such, the expense associated with these instruments is recorded as share based compensation expense through the condensed consolidated statements of earnings with a corresponding entry made to contributed surplus on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

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The maximum number of shares that may be issued under all share based compensation arrangements implemented by the Company, including the stock option plan, the PSU plan and the DSU plan, may not exceed 10% of the total number of Class A non-voting common shares issued and outstanding from time to time. As at September 30, 2019, the Company had 3,338,023 Class A non-voting common shares reserved for issuance under the share based compensation arrangements.

a) Stock options

The Company has a stock option plan under which options to purchase Class A non-voting common shares may be granted to officers and employees of the Company. Options granted under the plan have an exercise price of not less than the volume weighted average trading price of the Class A non-voting common shares where they are listed for the five trading days prior to the date of the grant. Options granted vest in tranches, equally over a three-year period on each anniversary of the grant date, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.

	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price per share \$
Balance – April 1, 2019	436,467	14.25
Options granted	354,800	14.14
Options forfeited	(21,067)	(14.40)
	770,200	14.19

The vested number of options outstanding as at September 30, 2019 is 203,088 (March 31, 2019 – 73,897).

For options granted during the three and six months ended September 30, 2019, the fair value was estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes fair value option pricing model using the following weighted average assumptions:

Weighted average fair value per share option	\$3.97
Expected volatility <sup>(1)</sup>	23.34%
Dividend yield	1.34%
Risk-free interest rate	2.25%
Weighted average expected life in years	10

(1) Expected volatility was determined using historical volatility

b) PSU plan

The Company has established a PSU plan for employees and officers of the Company. PSUs represent the right to receive Class A non-voting common shares settled by the issuance of treasury shares or shares purchased on the open market. PSUs vest in full at the end of the third fiscal year after the grant date. The number of units that will vest is determined based on the achievement of certain performance conditions (i.e. financial targets) established by the Board of Directors and are adjusted by a factor, which ranges from 0.5 to 2.0, depending on

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the achievement of the targets established. Therefore, the number of units that will vest and are exchanged for Class A non-voting common shares may be higher or lower than the number of units originally granted to a participant.

	<b>Number of units</b>	<b>Grant date fair value per unit</b>
		<b>\$</b>
Balance – April 1, 2019	137,546	14.29
Units granted	87,980	14.14
Units forfeited	(4,310)	(14.92)
	<u>221,216</u>	<u>14.22</u>

No PSUs granted under the share based compensation plan have vested or been exercised as at September 30, 2019.

c) DSU plan

The Company has established a DSU plan for employees, officers and Directors of the Company. DSUs represent the right to receive Class A non-voting common shares settled by the issuance of treasury shares or shares purchased on the open market. DSUs vest immediately but are only exercisable when the participant's employment with the Company ceases, or when the participant is no longer a Director of the Company.

During the year, the Board of Directors were offered director fees in the form of DSUs which resulted in a reclassification from accounts payable to contributed surplus.

	<b>Number of units</b>	<b>Grant date fair value per unit</b>
		<b>\$</b>
Balance – April 1, 2019	61,819	18.26
Units exercised	(6,320)	(18.22)
Units issued	16,960	13.75
	<u>72,459</u>	<u>17.21</u>