

### DREAM RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

# GOVERNANCE, COMPENSATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE CHARTER

### **DEFINITIONS**

In this Charter, the following terms have the meanings set out below:

- "Annual Meeting" means the annual meeting of unitholders of the Trust;
- "Board" means the Board of Trustees of the Trust;
- "Board Interlock" means when Trustees of the Trust sit together on the board of directors of another company;
- "Chair" means the chair of the Board;
- "Charter" means this Governance, Compensation and Environmental Committee Charter;
- "Chief Executive Officer" means the Chief Executive Officer and/or President of the Trust;
- "Committee" means the Governance, Compensation and Environmental Committee established by the Board;
- "Committee Interlock" means when a Board Interlock exists and the relevant Trustees also sit together on a board committee of the Trust;
- "Declaration of Trust" means the declaration of the trust for the Trust, as amended and restated from time to time;
- "Independent Trustee" means any Trustee who is independent for purposes of National Instrument 58-101 Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices;
- "Person" includes an individual, sole proprietorship, company, partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, association, trust, trustee, unincorporated organization, limited liability company, société à responsabilité limitée, or government or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or any other entity recognized by law;
- "Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person, a Person who is a "subsidiary" of that first mentioned Person as that term is defined in National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus and Registration Exemptions*;
- "Trust" means Dream Residential Real Estate Investment Trust; and
- "Trustee" means, as of any particular time, a trustee of the Trust.

#### **PURPOSE**

The Committee is a standing committee appointed by the Board. The Committee is responsible for overseeing and assessing the functioning of the Trust, the Board and the committees of the Board and, unless otherwise specifically delegated to another committee of the Board, for developing, recommending, implementing and assessing the Trust's approach to environmental, social, governance and impact investing matters ("ESG and Impact Matters"). ESG and Impact Matters include:

- (a) Environment & sustainability, including low carbon and climate change impacts, GHG emissions, air and water quality, ecological impacts, monitoring and reviewing the environmental state of the Trust's properties, and reviewing the environmental risk exposure and management practices of the Trust, and assessing impact investing matters;
- (b) Corporate governance, including development of appropriate structures to permit the Board to effectively discharge its duties and responsibilities, and business ethics, including supplier management, political contributions, anti-corruption, anti-bribery; and
- (c) Social capital and contribution, including community engagement, social investment, social impact, engagement with women, Indigenous people, minorities/visible minorities, members of the LGBTQ community, people with disabilities, veterans and service disabled veterans and members of other diverse, under-served and under-represented communities, human rights, and privacy.

The Committee's responsibilities also include identifying candidates for Trustees and recommending that the Board select qualified Trustee candidates for election at the Annual Meeting. Furthermore, the Committee shall assist the Board in discharging its oversight responsibilities relating to the retention of Trustees and the compensation of Trustees and the officers of the Trust not employed by the asset managers of the Trust (the "Asset Managers").

## PROCEDURES, POWERS AND DUTIES

The Committee shall have the following procedures, powers and duties:

## General

- (a) Composition The Committee shall consist of at least three members, all of whom shall be Independent Trustees and the majority of whom shall be resident Canadians.
- (b) Professional Assistance The Committee may retain special legal, accounting, financial or other consultants to advise the Committee at the Trust's expense, including sole authority to retain and terminate any search firm to be used to identify Trustee candidates and to approve any such firm's fees and other retention terms.
- (c) Reliance The Committee shall be entitled to rely, without independent verification, on the integrity of those persons and organizations within and outside the Trust from whom the Committee receives information or advice and on the

- accuracy and completeness of the financial and other information provided to the Committee by or on behalf of such persons or organizations, absent actual knowledge to the contrary, which shall be reported to the Board.
- (d) Reporting to the Board Following each Committee meeting, the chair of the Committee will report to the Board, on behalf of the Committee, on matters considered by the Committee and the Committee's activities and compliance with this Charter.
- (e) Procedure The Committee meetings shall be conducted as follows: (i) questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes cast; (ii) decisions may be taken by written consent signed by all members of the Committee; (iii) meetings may be called by any member of the Committee upon not less than 48 hours' notice, unless such notice requirement is waived by Committee members; and (iv) if any member is disqualified from voting on or participating in a decision, any other independent and disinterested Trustee who is a resident Canadian not already a member of the Committee may be designated by the Trustees to act as an alternate.

# **Appointment and Replacement of Committee Members**

1. Any member of the Committee may be removed or replaced at any time by the Board and shall automatically cease to be a member of the Committee upon ceasing to be a Trustee. The Board shall fill any vacancy if the membership of the Committee is less than three Trustees. Whenever there is a vacancy on the Committee, the remaining members may exercise its powers as long as a quorum remains in office. Subject to the foregoing, the members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board annually and each member of the Committee shall remain on the Committee until his or her successor shall be duly appointed and qualified or his or her earlier resignation or removal.

## **Committee Chair**

2. Unless a chair of the Committee is designated by the full Board, the members of the Committee may designate a chair of the Committee by majority vote of the full Committee. The chair of the Committee shall be responsible for leadership of the Committee and reporting to the Board. If the chair of the Committee is not present at any meeting of the Committee, one of the other members of the Committee who is present shall be chosen by the Committee to preside at the meeting. The Committee will report through chair of the Committee to the Board following meetings of the Committee on matters considered by the Committee, its activities and compliance with this Charter.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

3. If a Committee member faces a potential or actual conflict of interest relating to a matter before the Committee, other than matters relating to the compensation of Trustees, that member shall be responsible for alerting the chair of the Committee. If the chair of the Committee faces a potential or actual conflict of interest, the chair of the Committee shall advise the Chair. If the chair of the Committee, or the Chair, as the case may be, concurs

that a potential or actual conflict of interest exists, the member faced with such conflict shall disclose to the Committee the member's interest and shall not vote on the matter.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

## **Board Composition and Trustee Nominations**

- 4. The Committee shall:
  - review, from time to time, the size of the Board, including any change in the number of Trustees comprising the Board;
  - (b) develop and review, periodically, standards to be applied in making determinations as to the presence or absence of material relationships between the Trust and a Trustee;
  - (c) annually review the competencies, skills and personal qualities required of a Trustee in order to add value to the Trust, in light of:
    - (i) the opportunities and risks facing the Trust and the Trust's proposed strategy; and
    - (ii) the Trust's corporate governance guidelines and Board policies with respect to tenure, retirement and succession of the Trustee's and the number of boards on which a Trustee may sit.
  - (d) review periodically the competencies, skills and personal qualities of each of the existing Trustees, the contributions made by each of the Trustees to the effective operation of the Board and any significant change in the primary occupation of any Trustee; and
  - (e) in light of (a), (b), (c) and (d) above, make recommendations to the Board with respect to the composition of the Board.
- 5. The Committee shall recruit and consider candidates for Trustee, including any candidates recommended by Unitholders, having regard to the background, employment, diversity, residency and qualifications of possible candidates. The Committee shall:
  - (a) consider whether the candidate's competencies, skills and personal qualities are aligned with the Trust's needs and any criteria for selecting new Trustees established by the Board; and
  - (b) educate the candidate regarding the demands and expectations of a Trustee.
- 6. The Committee shall annually evaluate any Board Interlock or Committee Interlock.

## **ESG** and Impact Matters

7. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the Trust's approach to ESG and Impact Matters. The Committee will oversee management in setting the tone and reinforcing the

culture within the Trust regarding ESG and Impact Matters, promote open discussion and integrate the management of ESG and Impact Matters into the Trust's processes and goals. Specifically, the Committee will assist and oversee the management of the Trust in connection with:

- (a) setting the general strategy and direction with respect to ESG and Impact Matters, including the identification, assessment and prioritization of material and strategically significant goals, initiatives and commitments and with respect to the creation of environmental awareness, the implementation of an environmental management approach, regular reporting on environmental issues and consultation with stakeholders on environmental issues;
- (b) developing metrics, systems and procedures, as deemed necessary and appropriate, to monitor and track performance of the Trust in relation to its ESG related goals, initiatives and commitments, including tracking of greenhouse gas emissions data;
- (c) the development of policies, practices, approaches and disclosures relating to ESG and Impact Matters;
- (d) identifying and managing risks and opportunities related to ESG and Impact Matters:
- (e) internal and external communications with employees, investors, customers and other stakeholders regarding the Trust's position on or approach to ESG and Impact Matters, including the Trust's sustainability reports, as applicable;
- (f) assessing any unitholder proposals to be included in the proxy circular prepared in connection with the Annual Meeting and making appropriate recommendations to the Board;
- (g) reviewing the results of any significant examination or external verification agents concerning ESG and Impact Matters and reviewing the engagement and approach of any external verification agents retained by the Trust related to ESG and Impact Matters; and
- (h) perform such other duties, tasks, and responsibilities relevant to ESG and Impact Matters as may from time to time be requested by the Board.
- 8. The Committee shall establish policies to enable individual Trustees to engage outside advisors at the Trust's expense with respect to ESG and Impact Matters with the approval of the Committee.

### **Insider Trading**

9. The Committee shall prepare and revise as necessary a policy on insider trading in respect of the Trust's securities. Such policy shall impose mandatory black-out periods during which Trustees and senior management of the Trust are prohibited from trading in securities of the Trust.

10. The Committee shall periodically review management's systems and practices for ensuring that all Trustees and all officers of the Trust who are required to do so file insider reports in connection with any trade of securities of the Trust or any derivative transaction that results in the effective disposition of the individual's economic interest in a security of the Trust within the shortest period of time in which such reports are required to be filed.

## **Trustee Orientation and Continuing Education**

The Committee shall oversee an orientation program to familiarize new Trustees with the Trust's activities, including the Trust's reporting structure, strategic plans, management, external auditors and significant financial, accounting and risk issues and compliance programs and policies. The Committee shall also oversee ongoing educational opportunities for all Trustees.

#### **Trustee Protection**

12. The Committee shall assess the need for an insurance policy of the Trust for Trustees and officers of the Trust and make recommendations with respect to any such policy, including its renewal or amendment or the replacement of the insurer.

## **Board Evaluations**

- 13. The Committee shall annually review and make recommendations to the Board for changes to the mandate for the Board and the position descriptions for the Chair and the lead trustee of the Board, if applicable.
- 14. The Committee shall conduct annual surveys of Trustees with respect to their views on the effectiveness of the Board, the Chair, the lead trustee of the Board, if applicable, each committee of the Board and their respective chairs and the contribution of individual Trustees.
- 15. The Committee shall evaluate the performance of the Chair, the lead trustee of the Board, if applicable, the chair of each committee and the performance and contribution of individual Trustees, having regard for the position descriptions for the Chair and the chair of each committee, the responsibility of each committee chair set out in each committee's charter, the results of annual surveys of the Trustees and interviews with Trustees, attendance at Board and Board committee meetings and overall contribution, competencies and skills each individual Trustee is expected to bring to the Board.
- 16. The Committee shall also annually assess the effectiveness of the Board as a whole and each committee of the Board, including this Committee and shall make recommendations to the Board.

## **Operations of the Board**

- 17. The Committee shall assess the needs of the Board and make recommendations with respect to rules and guidelines governing and regulating the affairs of the Board, including:
  - (a) the frequency and location of Board and committee meetings;

- (b) procedures for establishing meeting agendas and the conduct of meetings; and
- (c) the availability, relevance and timeliness of discussion papers, reports and other information required by the Board.

### **Board Committees**

- 18. At the first meeting of the Board following each Annual Meeting, the Committee shall recommend to the Board the allocation of Trustees to each of the Board committees. Thereafter, when a vacancy occurs at any time in the membership of any Board committee, the Committee shall recommend a particular Trustee to the Board to fill such vacancy.
- 19. The Committee shall review from time to time, and at least annually, the charters of the committees of the Board and make recommendations regarding the charters to the Board and recommend timely changes in the role, size, composition and structure of Board committees.

# **Board Independence**

20. The Committee shall monitor and assess the relationship between the Board and management, defining the limits to management's responsibilities and making such recommendations as it may deem necessary with a view to ensuring that the Board is able to function independently of management.

## **Reporting and Disclosure Requirements**

21. The Committee shall annually prepare, review and approve the governance report to be made in the management information circular prepared in connection with the Annual Meeting. The governance report shall describe the governance practices of the Trust and disclose the number of Board and committee meetings held during the preceding calendar year and attendance of individual Trustees at all meetings.

#### **Environmental Review**

- 22. The Committee shall review all of the Trust's disclosure with respect to ESG and Impact Matters and shall oversee that such disclosure is made in accordance with the appropriate standards.
- 23. The Committee shall establish formal policies and procedures to review and monitor ongoing environmental exposure of the Trust and its Subsidiaries, which may include:
  - (a) reviewing environmental liability risk assessments;
  - (b) reviewing environmental incident reports;
  - (c) inspecting and monitoring any ongoing environmental control measures, including the process for gathering and externally validating the Trust's greenhouse gases emission data;
  - (d) reviewing compliance with local jurisdictional regulations and orders; and

- (e) reviewing the Trust's hazardous substance management plan.
- 24. The Committee shall review and approve the annual report submitted to the Committee which, amongst other items, sets out the environmental state of real property owned by the Trust, its Subsidiaries and DRR Holdings LLC and the Committee shall consult with the Chief Executive Officer with respect to the report and any material variations from such report subsequently disclosed by the Chief Executive Officer to the Committee.

## **Trustee Compensation and Protection**

- 25. The Committee shall review and recommend to the Board the terms upon which Trustees shall be compensated (including the level and nature of such compensation). The Committee shall recommend terms for compensation that adequately reflect the responsibilities the Trustees are assuming.
- 26. Subject to applicable law and the Declaration of Trust, the Committee is responsible for administering all human resources and compensation policies and practices of the Trust, including policies and practices with respect to the indemnification by the Trust of Trustees and officers of the Trust, and for approving all payments made pursuant to such policies and practices.

## **Compensation Policies**

- 27. The Committee shall administer the Trust's unit incentive plans, options plans and purchase plans in accordance with the terms of such plans and any other applicable agreements entered into by the Trust that provide for the issuance of units pursuant to such plans. The Committee shall make recommendations respecting grants of deferred units to Trustees, officers and such other employees, consultants of the Trust and other individuals as may be identified by the Committee to the Board, which shall include recommending who should receive grants of deferred units and the terms of such grants, the overall level of outstanding deferred units and changes to the Trust's unit incentive plans. In making such recommendations, the Committee shall consider the achievement of any applicable ESG related goals.
- 28. The Committee shall review the compensation paid by the Trust, if any, to the Trust's officers, advisers and consultants (other than the Trust's external auditor).

### **Code of Conduct**

- 29. The Committee shall, at least annually, review the Code of Conduct, and following consideration of the recommendations of the Audit Committee, recommend any changes to the Board for approval.
- 30. The Committee shall be responsible for in exceptional circumstances granting waivers from the Code of Conduct to Trustees and executive officers of the Trust.

### **Reporting Requirements**

- 31. The Committee shall review the disclosure on executive compensation included in the management information circular prepared in connection with the Trust's annual meeting of Unitholders.
- 32. The Committee shall review and approve any annual report submitted to the Committee by the Asset Managers which, among other items, may set out the compensation to be provided to senior management of the Trust.

## **Succession Planning and Talent Development**

- 33. The Committee shall periodically review with the Chair, the Chief Executive Officer and the Asset Managers, the succession plans relating to the position of the Chief Executive Officer and other senior positions to ensure that qualified personnel, reflecting a diverse population, will be available for succession to senior management positions, and make recommendations to the Board with respect to the selection of individuals to occupy these positions. The Committee shall review plans in respect of an unexpected incapacitation of the Chief Executive Officer.
- 34. The Committee shall review with the Asset Managers talent strategy and plans, including career development and training plans for high potential employees, and workforce plans, goals and objectives.

## **Culture Practices**

35. The Committee shall periodically review with the Chief Executive Officer and the Asset Managers the Trust's practices, both formal and informal, that promote the culture of the Trust and encourage a working culture that motivates employees to belong to the organization, perform at the highest level and to want to continue with the organization for reasons beyond compensation. The Committee shall review the Trust's workplace diversity and inclusion plans.

## **Other Initiatives**

36. The Committee shall undertake on behalf of the Board such other governance, compensation, environmental, and impact investing review initiatives, consistent with the Trust's sole undertaking being the investment of its funds, as may be necessary or desirable to enable the Board to provide effective governance for the Trust and contribute to the success of the Trust.

# GOVERNANCE, COMPENSATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE CHARTER

## Governance, Compensation and Environmental Charter

37. The Committee shall review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter at least annually and otherwise as it deems appropriate and recommend changes to the Board. The performance of the Committee shall be evaluated annually with reference to this Charter.

38. The Committee shall ensure that this Charter, or a summary of it that has been approved by the Committee, is disclosed in accordance with all applicable securities laws or regulatory requirements in the annual management information circular of the Trust.