

**ALTERNA SAVINGS RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN  
DECLARATION OF TRUST**

We, Concentra Trust, declare that we accept the trust created between us and the Annuitant when the application was signed. The following are the terms of this trust:

**1. Definitions**

The following definitions apply:

"Agent" – Alterna Savings and Credit Union Limited.

"Annuitant", "you" and "your" - The individual applicant of the Plan and shall have the meaning of the term "annuitant" as set out in subsection 146(1) of the *Income Tax Act*.

"Contribution" - Any amount paid or eligible equity deposited into your Plan.

"Contributor" - The individual, either you or your Spouse, who made a Contribution to the Plan.

"*Income Tax Act*" - The *Income Tax Act* (Canada), and regulations thereto, as amended from time to time.

"Plan" - The Alterna Savings Retirement Savings Plan consisting of the application and this Declaration of Trust and the addendum or addenda thereto, where applicable.

"Plan Maturity" - The date you eventually select for commencement of retirement income from the Plan. (This date must not be later than the maturity date provided in the *Income Tax Act*.)

"Prohibited Investment" - Shall have the meaning of the term "prohibited investment" as set out in subsection 207.01(1) of the *Income Tax Act*.

"Qualified Investment" - Any investment which is a qualified investment for purposes of registered retirement savings plans as set out in the *Income Tax Act*.

"Spouse" - As recognized in the *Income Tax Act* for the purposes of registered retirement savings plans and, where applicable, incorporates the meaning of the term "common-law partner" as set out in subsection 248(1) of the *Income Tax Act*.

"Trustee", "we", "our" and "us" - Concentra Trust.

**2. Registration**

We will apply for registration of your Plan as required by the *Income Tax Act*.

**3. Contributions**

We will hold all contributions made to your Plan, and any income earned on these Contributions, as outlined in this Declaration and as required by the *Income Tax Act*. No Contributions may be made after the Plan Maturity.

**4. Record Keeping**

We will record the details of all Contributions and transactions relating to your Plan. We will supply you with a statement of these details at least annually.

**5. Income Tax Receipts**

We will provide the Contributor with a receipt or receipts, suitable for income tax filing purposes, for all eligible Contributions.

**6. Refund of Contributions**

Upon receipt of your written application, and the written application of your Spouse if your spouse was the Contributor to your Plan we will refund to the Contributor the amount determined in accordance with Paragraph 146(2)(c.1) of the *Income Tax Act*.

**7. Investment**

All Contributions and other amounts properly transferred into your Plan will be deposited or invested with the Agent in eligible deposits or equity accounts, in accordance with the *Income Tax Act*, as directed by you in your application.

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. In the event a Qualified Investment becomes a non-Qualified Investment, we will notify you and the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) of details of that investment and you will be liable for payment of taxes owing under Part XI.01 of the *Income Tax Act*.

You are responsible for ensuring that any investment under the Plan is not and continues to not be a Prohibited Investment. In the event a Qualified Investment or a non-Qualified Investment is deemed to be a Prohibited Investment, you are responsible for reporting details of that Prohibited Investment to the CRA and for the payment of taxes under Part XI.01 of the *Income Tax Act*.

**8. Retirement Income**

You must advise us in writing, at least 90 days prior to your Plan Maturity, of the type of retirement income you elect to receive from the proceeds of your Plan. You may choose to receive income from any one of, or any combination of, a life annuity, a fixed term annuity providing benefits for a term of years equal to 90 minus your age in whole years at the maturity of the plan (or your Spouse if your Spouse is younger and you so elect to use your Spouse's age), a registered retirement income fund or other retirement income option that may be provided for in the *Income Tax Act*. If the retirement income you choose is an annuity, it must meet the following conditions:

- a. It must be paid out in a single lump sum if it becomes payable to someone other than your Spouse upon or after your death.
- b. It must be paid in equal annual or more frequent periodic payments until such time as you fully or partially commute this retirement income and, where such commutation is partial, equal annual or more frequent periodic payments thereafter.
- c. It must not provide for any increase in the amount of the periodic payments as a result of your death where payments are to continue to your Spouse following your death.
- d. It may not be assigned in whole or in part.

If you have not advised us in writing at least 90 days (or such shorter notice as we may in our sole discretion permit) prior to the maturity date provided in the *Income Tax Act* of your selection of a retirement income, we will at our sole discretion, prior to the end of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which your Plan is required to mature, either:

- a) transfer the property to a Retirement Income Fund for you, trustee by us. We will apply for registration of your Retirement Income Fund under the *Income Tax Act*. For purposes of the Retirement Income Fund you will be:
  - i. deemed not to have elected to have your Spouse to continue to receive payments on your death;
  - ii. deemed not to have made any designation of beneficiary to receive the proceeds of your Retirement Income Fund on your death;
  - iii. deemed to have elected to use your age for purposes of calculating the minimum amount under the *Income Tax Act*; and
  - iv. bound by the terms of the Declaration of Trust made under the Retirement Income Fund.

Or

- b) On or after December 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which your Plan is required to mature, but before the end of December 31<sup>st</sup> of that year, we will at our sole discretion:
  - i. sell all the assets within the Plan and pay you the proceeds as a withdrawal from your Plan; and/or
  - ii. transfer the assets within the Plan *in specie* to you as a withdrawal from your Plan.

## 9. Beneficiary Designation

You may designate a beneficiary, in those provinces where the law so permits, to receive the proceeds of your Plan in the event of your death prior to your Plan Maturity. Details of our requirements for making, changing or revoking such a designation are available from the offices of our Agent.

## 10. Death

In the event of your death prior to the Plan Maturity we will, once we have received the documentation we require, pay or transfer the Plan proceeds as a single payment, less required income tax deductions, to your designated beneficiary and notify your estate representative of any resulting tax liability. Where you have designated a trustee as your beneficiary, upon payment to the trustee we are fully discharged from any obligation to see to the due execution of any trust imposed on such trustee. In instances where you have not designated a beneficiary as provided for in Clause 9 of this Declaration or in instances where your designated beneficiary has predeceased you, the proceeds of your Plan will be paid or transferred as a single payment, less required income tax deductions, to your estate. When we have made the payment of the Plan proceeds to your designated beneficiary or to your estate, we will be considered as fully discharged from any further liability with respect to your Plan.

## 11. Your Responsibilities

It is your responsibility to:

- a. Keep us advised, in writing, at all times of any changes in your address.
- b. Ensure that your birthdate and Social Insurance Number as recorded on your application are accurate.
- c. Eventually elect, as spelled out by Clause 8 of this Declaration, the type of retirement income you choose to receive.
- d. Ensure that the Contributions to your Plan do not exceed the allowable maximum under the *Income Tax Act*.

## 12. No Advantage

No advantage, as defined in subsection 207.01(1) of the *Income Tax Act*, that is conditional in any way on the existence of the Plan may be extended to you or to any person with whom you do not deal at arm's length other than those advantages and benefits which may be permitted from time to time under the *Income Tax Act*.

## 13. Amendments

We may from time to time amend your Plan and will advise you of such amendment in writing. Any amendment cannot, however, be contrary to the provisions of the *Income Tax Act*.

In the event of changes to the *Income Tax Act* or any pension legislation governing your Plan, the terms of your Plan and any addendum thereto may be amended without notice to you to ensure that your Plan continues to comply with all applicable legislation.

## 14. Notices

Any notices given to us by you under this Plan shall be sufficiently given if mailed, postage prepaid by you, to any of our offices and shall be deemed to have been given on the day that such notice is received by us. Any notices given by us to you shall be sufficiently given if mailed, postage prepaid by us, to you at your last address supplied by you and shall be deemed to have been given on the day of mailing.

## 15. Limits of Our Liability

We shall not be responsible for any loss or damage suffered or incurred by your Plan, by you or by any beneficiary designated by you, unless caused by or resulting from our dishonesty, negligence, wilful misconduct or lack of good faith.

## 16. Withdrawals

You may make withdrawals from your Plan, subject to the following conditions:

- a. We will withhold taxes from any withdrawals in such amounts as required by the *Income Tax Act* from time to time.
- b. Withdrawals must be declared by you as income for the taxation year of receipt.

- c. We may, at our discretion, require six months written notice from you to carry out any redemption of any investments held in your Plan, unless the withdrawal is required to avoid application of Part X.1 tax.
- d. You may be required to await expiry of the investment term of a fixed rate deposit prior to being able to finalize a withdrawal.

## 17. Transfers

The Plan may permit the payment or transfer, on your behalf, of any funds as allowed by the *Income Tax Act*. We may, at our discretion, charge a fee for each transfer out of the Plan. You may be required to await expiry of the investment term of a fixed-rate deposit prior to being able to finalize a transfer.

## 18. Resignation or Removal of Trustee

The Trustee may resign as trustee or the Agent may remove the Trustee as trustee by providing such written notice as may be required under the terms of an agreement entered into between the Trustee and the Agent. If the Trustee resigns or is removed, the Trustee will provide the Annuitant with 30 days written notice of such resignation or removal. In the event of the resignation or removal of the Trustee, the Agent shall appoint a successor trustee or trustees who shall be acceptable to the Trustee. The Trustee shall deliver the property comprised of the investments within the Plan and the records relating thereto, and shall execute such deeds and assurances and do such things as may be requisite in order to ensure the continued uninterrupted operation of the Plan. The Trustee will give the successor trustee or trustees all the information necessary for the continued administration of the Plan. Should the Agent neglect or refuse to appoint a successor trustee or trustees who shall be acceptable to the Trustee, we reserve the right to appoint a successor trustee on your behalf, or transfer assets *in specie* to you as a withdrawal from your Plan.

## 19. Other Conditions

Neither the Plan nor the assets of the Plan may be used as security for a loan.

If applicable, the Trustee shall provide the Annuitant with a copy of the fee schedule in effect from time to time. The Trustee shall be entitled to such fees and to reimbursement for all expenses reasonably incurred by it in administering the Plan as may be provided for in any fee schedule in effect at that time. The fees payable to the Trustee are subject to change provided that the Annuitant shall be given at least 60 days notice prior to any change in such fees becoming effective. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, the Trustee shall be entitled to additional fees for extraordinary services performed by it from time to time commensurate with the time and responsibility involved. The Trustee shall not be entitled to recover from the Plan penalties and/or taxes imposed under the *Income Tax Act* that are attributable to the Trustee. The Trustee is fully authorized by the Annuitant to sell investments of the Plan in order to realize sufficient monies for the payment of the above fees and expenses and to withdraw payment from the assets of the Plan without seeking the prior approval or instruction of the Annuitant.

## 20. Ultimate Responsibility

We have entered into an Agency Agreement with the Agent, for the purposes of administration of this Plan. However, we are ultimately responsible for the administration of the Plan.

## 21. Application for Advice and Direction

If there is a disagreement over entitlement to the Plan proceeds on your death or upon relationship breakdown with your Spouse or former Spouse, and where the applicable law permits, we reserve the right to, and may at our sole discretion apply to court for advice and direction. We are entitled to recover all of our legal fees and disbursements that we incur in this regard from the Plan.