

# MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following Management’s Discussion and Analysis (“MD&A”) provides an explanation of the financial position, operating results, performance and outlook of Mainstreet Equity Corp. (“Mainstreet” or the “Corporation”) as at and for the three months ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. This discussion should not be considered all-inclusive, as it excludes changes that may occur in general economic and political conditions. Additionally, other events may occur that could affect the Corporation in the future. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Corporation’s unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the three months ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and the MD&A and audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015. These unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”). This MD&A has been reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee and Board of Directors of the Corporation and is effective as of February 9, 2017. All amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars. Additional information regarding the Corporation including the Corporation’s annual information form is available under the Corporation’s profile at SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)).

Unless indicate otherwise, reference herein to 2017 and 2016 refers to the three month periods ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

## BUSINESS OVERVIEW

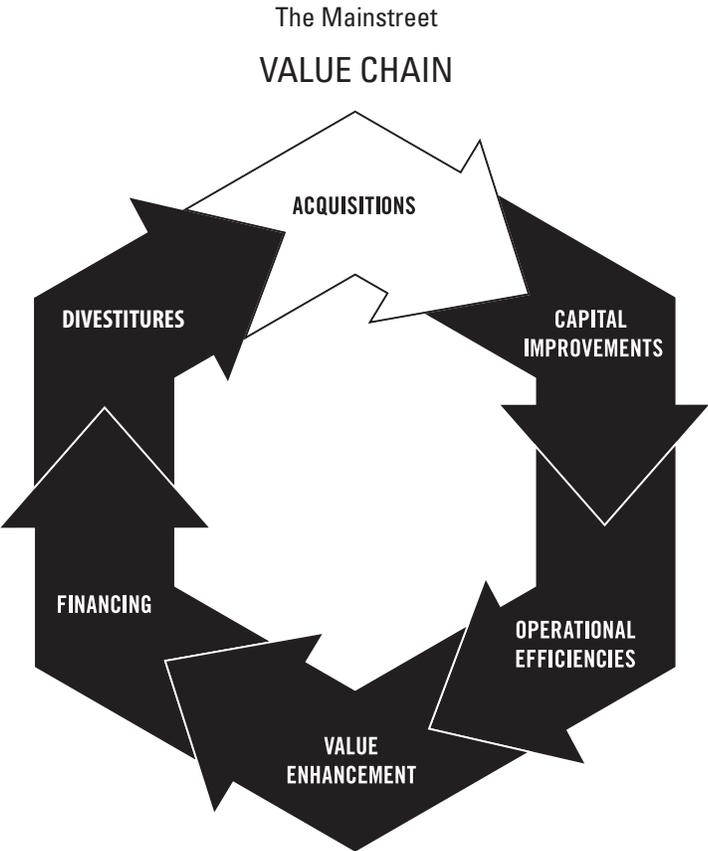
Based in Calgary, Alberta, Mainstreet is a Canadian real estate corporation focused on the acquisition, redevelopment, repositioning and management of mid-market rental apartment buildings in four major Canadian markets: Vancouver/ Lower Mainland, Calgary (including the City of Lethbridge and the Town of Cochrane), Edmonton (including the City of Fort Saskatchewan) and Saskatoon.

Mainstreet is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”) and its common shares are traded under the symbol “MEQ”.

## BUSINESS STRATEGY

Mainstreet’s goal is to become Canada’s leading provider of affordable mid-sized, mid-market rental accommodations – typically properties with fewer than 100 units. In pursuit of this goal, the Corporation adheres to its six-step “Value Chain” business model:

- **Acquisitions:** Identify and purchase underperforming rental units at prices well below replacement costs.
- **Capital improvements:** Increase the asset value of Mainstreet’s portfolio by renovating acquired properties.
- **Operational efficiencies:** Minimize operating costs through professional management, efficient technology and energy-saving equipment.
- **Value enhancement:** Reposition renovated properties in the market as Mainstreet branded products for higher rents, and build and sustain customer loyalty through high levels of service.
- **Financing:** Maintain a sound capital structure with access to low-cost, long-term Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (“CMHC”) insured mortgage loans.
- **Divestitures:** Occasionally sell mature real estate properties to redirect capital into newer, higher potential properties.



## INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

The condensed consolidated financial statements of the Corporation prepared in conjunction with this MD&A have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

### Investment properties

Investment properties are properties held to earn rental income and are initially measured at cost. Cost includes the initial purchase price and any direct attributable expenditure related to the acquisition and improvement of the properties. All costs associated with upgrading the quality and extending the economic life of the investment properties are capitalized as an additional cost of investment properties.

After initial recognition, the Corporation adopts the fair value model to account for the carrying value of investment properties in accordance with International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 40 Investment Property ("IAS 40").

### Method used in determining the Fair Value of investment properties

The fair value of investment properties held by the Corporation as of September 30, 2016, was determined by independent qualified real estate appraisers who are members of the Appraisal Institute of Canada and have appropriate qualifications and experience in the valuation of the Corporation's investment properties in relevant locations. The direct capitalization method was used to convert an estimate of a single year's income (net operating income) expectancy into an indication of value in one direct step by dividing the income (net operating income) estimated by an appropriate capitalization rate.

The appraisers also reviewed changes in market conditions affecting the underlying assumptions used for the fair value assessment during the period and management estimated the fair value of the investment properties based on the current market conditions at December 31, 2016 except for three properties acquired during the three months ended December 31, 2016 for which the cost of acquisition was used as the best estimate of the fair market value as of December 31, 2016.

The fair values are most sensitive to changes in net operating income and capitalization rates. Mainstreet's total portfolio is valued at \$1,463 million as of December 31, 2016 (\$1,460 million as of September 30, 2016). The following is the breakdown of market value by city and average capitalization rates used in determining the fair value of investment properties at December 31, 2016 and September 30, 2016, respectively.

| As of December 31, 2016     | Number of properties | Number of units | Market value (\$ million) | Average value per unit (\$000) | Average capitalization rate as at Dec. 31, 2016 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Surrey, BC                  | 10                   | 1,775           | \$ 272                    | \$ 153                         | 4.56%   |
| Abbotsford, BC              | 15                   | 975             | \$ 128                    | \$ 131                         | 5.13%   |
| Calgary, Alberta (Note 1)   | 34                   | 1,813           | \$ 389                    | \$ 215                         | 4.86%   |
| Edmonton, Alberta (Note 2)  | 123                  | 3,939           | \$ 507                    | \$ 129                         | 5.92%   |
| Saskatoon, Saskatchewan     | 46                   | 1,434           | \$ 167                    | \$ 116                         | 6.77%   |
| Total investment properties | 228                  | 9,936           | \$ 1,463                  | \$ 147                         | 5.41%   |

Note (1) – includes the City of Lethbridge and the Town of Cochrane

Note (2) – includes the City of Fort Saskatchewan

| As of September 30, 2016     | Number of properties | Number of units | Market value (\$ million) | Average value per unit (\$000) | Average capitalization rate as at Sep. 30, 2016 |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Surrey, British Columbia     | 10                   | 1,775           | \$ 272                    | \$ 153                         | 4.56%   |
| Abbotsford, British Columbia | 15                   | 975             | \$ 128                    | \$ 131                         | 5.13%   |
| Calgary, Alberta (Note 1)    | 34                   | 1,813           | \$ 390                    | \$ 215                         | 4.86%   |
| Edmonton, Alberta (Note 2)   | 120                  | 3,883           | \$ 503                    | \$ 130                         | 5.92%   |
| Saskatoon, Saskatchewan      | 46                   | 1,432           | \$ 167                    | \$ 117                         | 6.77%   |
| Total investment properties  | 225                  | 9,878           | \$ 1,460                  | \$ 148                         | 5.41%   |

Note (1) – includes the City of Lethbridge and the Town of Cochrane

Note (2) – includes the City of Fort Saskatchewan

## Acquisitions & Growth

(000s of dollars)

| Three months ended December 31, | 2016                 |       | 2015      |     |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-----|
|                                 | Edmonton & Saskatoon |       | Saskatoon |     |
| Number of rental units          | 58                   |       | 2         |     |
| Total costs                     | \$                   | 5,281 | \$        | 115 |
| Average price per unit (\$000)  | \$                   | 91    | \$        | 58  |

Employing a strict set of criteria, Mainstreet identifies and acquires underperforming rental properties in Western Canada that offer the potential to enhance the Corporation's asset value and its long-term revenues through increased rental rates. Due to current economic conditions in the Province of Alberta and Saskatchewan, management has adopted a fairly conservative approach in evaluation of all potential acquisitions in an anticipation of a possible drop in real estate value. In Q1 2017, Mainstreet acquired 56 residential units in Edmonton, Alberta and 2 additional residential units in one of its existing property in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan for a total consideration of \$5.3 million – an average purchase price of \$91,000 per residential unit. Subsequent to the quarter ended December 31, 2016, the Corporation acquired 15 residential units in Calgary, Alberta, 199 residential units in Edmonton, Alberta and 31 residential units in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan for a total consideration of \$23 million.

As of December 31, 2016, Mainstreet's portfolio included 9,936 residential units, including townhouses, garden-style apartments and concrete mid-rise and high-rise apartments. 90% of these residential units were rented, while 5% were being renovated and the remainder left vacant because of current unfavourable rental market conditions, primarily in the Province of Alberta and the Province of Saskatchewan.

Since 1997, the Corporation's portfolio has increased from 10 to 228 buildings, while the fair value of the investment properties within this portfolio has grown from approximately \$17 million to \$1,463 million as of December 31, 2016.

The following table sets forth the growth of the Corporation by region since the end of the previous financial year ended September 30, 2016.

|  | Number of units as at Oct. 1, 2016 | Acquisitions/ disposition three months ended Dec. 31, 2016 | Number of units as at Dec. 31, 2016 |
|--|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Surrey, British Columbia                       | 1,775                              | –  | 1,775                               |
| Abbotsford, British Columbia                   | 975                                | –  | 975                                 |
| Calgary and Southern Alberta, Alberta (Note 1) | 1,813                              | –  | 1,813                               |
| Edmonton, Alberta ( Note 2)                    | 3,883                              | 56   | 3,939                               |
| Saskatoon, Saskatchewan                        | 1,432                              | 2  | 1,434                               |
| Investment properties                          | 9,878                              | 58   | 9,936                               |

Note (1) – including the City of Lethbridge and the Town of Cochrane.

Note (2) – including the City of Fort Saskatchewan.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Mainstreet's "Value Chain" business philosophy focuses on creating value in capital assets by renovating newly-acquired properties and enhancing operating efficiencies. Every property and rental unit is upgraded to meet Mainstreet's branded standard, which creates an attractive product while reducing operating costs and enhancing long-term asset value. Capital investment also includes expenses incurred on turnover units.

In Q1 2017, the Corporation spent \$5.0 million (Q1 2016 – \$4.4 million), of which \$4.4 million was for upgrading stabilized properties and improving other holdings—specifically for exterior upgrades such as new roofs, new windows, new siding and insulation. These expenditures also covered mechanical interior upgrades such as new boilers, new flooring and paint, to address the balance of non-renovated units and to maintain the condition of properties in the current portfolio. Mainstreet plans to spend an estimated \$15 million on renovations in the remaining nine months of fiscal year 2017. These improvements are expected to be financed through existing cash balances, funds from operations and on-going refinancing of existing properties. Mainstreet expects to complete most of these renovations of existing properties

within the next 3 to 18 months. Revenue and income are expected to increase over time as more units are renovated and reintroduced to the market at anticipated higher rental rates.

Uncertainties affecting future revenue and income include the rate of turnover of existing tenants, availability of renovation workers and building materials, and increases in labour and material costs, all of which could have a material impact on the timing and cost of completing these renovations.

## REVIEW OF FINANCIAL & OPERATING RESULTS

### Summary of Financial Results

(000s of dollars except per share amounts)

| Three months ended December 31,             | 2016       | 2015       | % change |
|---|------------|------------|----------|
| Gross revenue                               | \$ 25,957  | \$ 25,426  | 2%       |
| Loss and comprehensive loss from operations | \$ (3,698) | \$ (8,484) | (56%)    |
| Fair value loss                             | 7,748      | 16,053     | (52%)    |
| Depreciation                                | 88         | 82         | 7%       |
| Deferred income tax expense                 | 156        | –          | 100%     |
| Funds from operations (Note 1)              | \$ 4,294   | \$ 7,651   | (44%)    |
| Interest income                             | \$ (114)   | \$ (34)    | 235%     |
| General and administrative expenses         | 2,398      | 2,169      | 11%      |
| Mortgage interest                           | 8,305      | 6,286      | 32%      |
| Financing cost                              | 807        | 562        | 44%      |
| Net operating income (Note 2)               | \$ 15,690  | \$ 16,634  | (6%)     |
| Operating margin from operations            | 61%        | 66%        |          |
| Loss per share                              |            |            |          |
| Basic                                       | \$ (0.42)  | \$ (0.83)  | (49%)    |
| Fully diluted                               | \$ (0.42)  | \$ (0.83)  | (49%)    |
| Funds from operations per share             |            |            |          |
| Basic                                       | \$ 0.48    | \$ 0.75    | (36%)    |
| Fully diluted                               | \$ 0.45    | \$ 0.71    | (37%)    |
| Weighted average number of shares           |            |            |          |
| Basic                                       | 8,883,333  | 10,171,744 |          |
| Fully diluted                               | 9,571,308  | 10,850,765 |          |

### December 31, 2016

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Total Assets                | \$ 1,520,845 |
| Total Long term liabilities | \$ 901,119   |

1. Funds from operations ("FFO") is calculated as profit before fair value gain (loss), depreciation of property, plant and equipment and deferred income taxes. FFO is a widely accepted supplemental measure of a Canadian real estate company's performance but is not a recognized measure under IFRS. The IFRS measurement most directly comparable to FFO is profit (for which reconciliation is provided above). FFO should not be construed as an alternative to profit or cash flow from operating activities, determined in accordance with IFRS, as an indicator of Mainstreet's performance. Readers are cautioned that FFO may differ from similar calculations used by other comparable entities.

2. Net operating income ("NOI") is rental revenue minus property operating expenses. While Mainstreet uses NOI to measure its operational performance, it is not a recognized measure under IFRS. The IFRS measure most directly comparable to NOI is profit. NOI should not be construed as an alternative to profit determined in accordance with IFRS. Readers are cautioned that NOI may differ from similar calculations used by other comparable entities. A reconciliation of profit to net operating income from continuing operations for the period is provided above.

## REVENUE

In Q1 2017, revenue was primarily comprised of rental and ancillary rental income totalling \$25.8 million (Q1 2016 – \$25.4 million) and interest income. The 2% increase in revenue over Q1 2016 is mainly due to increases in the rental and ancillary rental income from newly acquired properties, which is discussed and analysed in the session entitled “Rental Operations” below.

## LOSS

For the three months ended December 31, 2016, Mainstreet reported a loss from operations of \$3.7 million (\$0.42 per basic share) as compared to a loss of \$8.5 million (\$0.83 per basic share) in Q1 2016. The loss from operations in Q1 2017 included fair value loss of \$7.7 million (Q1 2016 – \$16.1 million). The fair value loss comprised an adjustment of \$2.7 million to the fair value of the Corporation’s Alberta and Saskatoon properties due to weakening of the local real estate market and the capital expenditure incurred in the quarter written off against the fair value of the properties in accordance with the IFRS. The loss from operations in Q1 2017 also included pay-out penalties of \$1.9 million incurred for refinancing of pre-maturity debts, comparing to pay-out penalties of \$173,000 in Q1 2016.

The losses in Q1 2017 and Q1 2016 will be further discussed and analysed in the following session entitled “Funds From Operations”.

## FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS

Management believes that FFO rather than profit, as defined in the preceding footnote, is a more meaningful performance measurement for a real estate company’s operating performance as FFO excludes these non-operating income and expenses namely fair value gain (loss), depreciation and deferred income taxes. Mainstreet generates FFO from three sources: rental revenue and ancillary rental income from investment properties, sale of properties acquired for resale purposes and the periodic sale of investment properties. Mainstreet generally reinvests the proceeds from the latter into investment properties with greater potential for long-term returns.

In Q1 2017, Mainstreet’s FFO decreased by 44% to \$4.3 million as compared to \$7.7 million in Q1 2016. The decrease in FFO was mainly attributable to the increased mortgage interest expenses of \$2.0 million (including pay-out penalties of \$1.9 million). Excluding these one-time pay-out penalties, FFO before pay-out penalties decreased by 20% to \$6.2 million in Q1 2017 from \$7.8 million in Q1 2016.

(000s of dollars)

| Three months ended December 31,                | 2016     | 2015     | % change |
|--|----------|----------|----------|
| Funds from operations                          | \$ 4,294 | \$ 7,651 | (44%)    |
| Pay-out penalties                              | 1,933    | 173      | 1,017%   |
| Funds from operations before pay-out penalties | \$ 6,227 | \$ 7,824 | (20%)    |

The net operating income decreased by \$0.9 million, which also attributed to the decreased FFO and will be discussed and analysed in the following session entitled “Rental Operations”.

FFO in Q1 2017 was further affected by increased G&A expenses of \$229,000 from Q1 2016, which will be discussed and analysed in the session entitled “General & Administrative (G&A) Expenses” below.

## GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE (G&A) EXPENSES

G&A expenses mainly include corporate costs such as office overheads, legal and professional fees and salaries. In Q1 2017, G&A expenses increased by 11% to \$2.4 million as compared to \$2.2 million in Q1 2016, mainly resulting from increase of salaries expenses. During this period of economic recession, the Corporation has taken opportunities from availability of labour to continue build up the senior and middle management team to support further growth of the company.

## MORTGAGE INTEREST

Mortgage interest expenses increased by \$2.0 million (32%) to \$8.3 million in Q1 2017 compared to \$6.3 million in Q1 2016. The rise is mainly attributable to pay-out penalties of \$1.9 million incurred for refinancing of pre-maturity debts. To take advantage of current low interest rates, Management decided to refinance all pre-maturity mortgages which would

become due prior to the end of the calendar year ending December 2017. During Q1 2017, the Corporation refinanced \$50.1 million of pre-maturity mortgages and incurred pay-out penalties in an aggregate amount of \$1.9 million. The refinancing reduced the average interest rate from 5.24% to 2.44% resulting in annualized interest savings of \$1.5 million and raised additional low cost capital of \$49.5 million after pay-out penalty for further growth of the Corporation.

Management believes that the reduction of the FFO in Q1 2017 resulting from the pay-out penalty is justified by a long-term gain in future savings in interest expense and reduction in the over interest risk exposure of the Corporation.

## RENTAL OPERATIONS

(000s of dollars except per unit data)

| 3 months ended December 31,                  | Total Portfolio |           |          | Same Asset |           |          | Acquisition |      |          |
|--|-----------------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|------|----------|
|  | 2016            | 2015      | % change | 2016       | 2015      | % change | 2016        | 2015 | % change |
| Rental revenue and ancillary rental income   | \$ 25,843       | \$ 25,392 | 2%       | \$ 24,725  | \$ 25,392 | (3%)     | \$ 1,118    | –    | –        |
| Operating expenses                           | 10,153          | 8,758     | 16%      | 9,642      | 8,758     | 10%      | 511         | –    | –        |
| Net operating income                         | \$ 15,690       | \$ 16,634 | (6%)     | \$ 15,083  | \$ 16,634 | (9%)     | \$ 607      | –    | –        |
| Operating margin                             | 61%             | 66%       |          | 61%        | 66%       |          | 54%         | –    | –        |
| Average vacancy rate                         | 9.7%            | 7.8%      | 24%      | 8.2%       | 7.8%      | 5%       | 34.1%       | –    | –        |
| Weighted average number of units             | 9,898           | 9,295     | 6%       | 9,295      | 9,295     | 0%       | 603         | –    | –        |
| Average rental rate per unit per month       | \$ 870          | \$ 911    | (4%)     | \$ 887     | \$ 911    | (3%)     | \$ 618      | –    | –        |
| Average operating expense per unit per month | \$ 342          | \$ 314    | 9%       | \$ 346     | \$ 314    | 10%      | \$ 282      | –    | –        |

Despite of the increase in the vacancy rate to 9.7% in Q1 2017 from 7.8% in Q1 2016 and a drop in the average monthly rental rate to \$870 per unit in Q1 2017 from \$911 per unit in Q1 2016, the overall rental revenue and ancillary rental income increased by 2% to \$25.8 million in Q1 2017 from \$25.4 million in Q1 2016. This was due to the continued growth of the Corporation's portfolio during the period of economic recession. The weighted average number of units increased by 6% to 9,898 units in Q1 2017 from 9,295 units in Q1 2016.

For the same asset properties, which refer to properties owned by the Corporation for the entire three month period ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the rental revenue dropped by 3% to \$24.7 million in Q1 2017 from \$25.4 million in Q1 2016. This was mainly due to the increased vacancy loss and rental incentive expenses in the Alberta portfolio. Overall, the average rental rate per unit per month decreased by 3% to \$887 in Q1 2017 from \$911 per unit in Q1 2016. The vacancy rate increased to 8.2% in Q1 2017 from 7.8% in Q1 2016.

Mainstreet's operating expenses have also increased substantially. The overall and same asset properties average operating cost per month per unit has increased by 9% and 10% over Q1 2016, respectively.

The increase in operating expenses was mainly due to increased property tax, repair and maintenance expenses. Mainstreet has also increased spending related to the upkeep of its properties in an attempt to remain competitive in the rental market.

In addition, substantial amounts of building improvement expenses have been incurred on improving the conditions of the properties that are ready for refinancing. Management intends to refinance all remaining outstanding mortgage loans maturing in 2017 at anticipated lower interest rates by the end of Q2 2017.

As a result, the net operating income decreased by 6% to \$15.7 million in Q1 2017 from \$16.6 million in Q1 2016 and the net operating margin dropped to 61% in Q1 2017 from 66% in Q1 2016.

For the same asset properties, the net operating income decreased by 9% to \$15.1 million in Q1 2017 from \$16.6 million in Q1 2016 and the net operating margin dropped to 61% in Q1 2017 from 66% in Q1 2016.

## RENTAL OPERATIONS BY PROVINCE

Mainstreet manages and tracks the performance of rental properties in each of its geographic markets.

### British Columbia

Mainstreet achieved a unit growth of 1% of its British Columbia portfolio in Q1 2017; the average number of rental units grew to 2,750 units compared to 2,712 units in Q1 2016. The average vacancy rate also improved significantly from 2.9% in Q1 2016 to 0.9% in Q1 2017 mainly due to an improved occupancy rate in both the Surrey and Abbotsford markets.

A better than average vacancy rate could also be attributed to overall economic performance in British Columbia, which is the strongest in economic performance among all provinces, according to Statistics Canada. Due to the strong economy and continuously improved vacancy rate, Mainstreet also increased market rent in its BC portfolio in Q1 2017. As a result, rental revenue per unit increased by 8% to \$887 per month in Q1 2017 from \$821 per month in Q1 2016.

The operating expense per unit increased from \$319 per month compared to \$282 per month in Q1 2016, due mainly to increased property taxes and repair and maintenance expenses aimed to improve conditions of the properties which are ready for refinancing. The unusual cold weather in Q1 2017 also incurred higher utilities and snow removal expenses. As a result, the net operating income increased by 7% and the net operating margin decreased to 64% as compared to 66% Q1 2016.

(000s of dollars except per unit data)

| Three months ended December 31,            | 2016     | 2015     | % change |
|--|----------|----------|----------|
| Rental revenue and ancillary rental income | \$ 7,321 | \$ 6,679 | 10%      |
| Operating expenses                         | 2,630    | 2,295    | 15%      |
| Net operating income                       | \$ 4,691 | \$ 4,384 | 7%       |
| Weighted average number of units           | 2,750    | 2,712    | 1%       |
| Average rent per unit per month            | \$ 887   | \$ 821   | 8%       |
| Operating cost per unit per month          | \$ 319   | \$ 282   | 13%      |
| Average vacancy rate                       | 0.9%     | 2.9%     |          |
| Operating margin                           | 64%      | 66%      |          |

## Alberta

Mainstreet achieved a unit growth of 4% in its Alberta portfolio in Q1 2017; the average number of rental units grew to 5,715 units, compared to 5,516 units in Q1 2016. The average vacancy rate increased to 12.4% in Q1 2017 from 8.3% in Q1 2016. The overall vacancy rate was negatively affected by the recent acquisitions of new properties with substantial vacancy rates. Excluding those newly acquired properties, the average same asset vacancy rate is 10.3% in Q1 2017. The increased vacancy rate from Q1 2016 is due to the weakened economic conditions in the province during 2016. Commodity prices have been volatile over the past two years, but in recent months have levelled off around \$50 per barrel. The oil and gas industry in Western Canada is showing early indications of improvement. The same asset vacancy rate in Alberta has improved from 12.1% in Q4 2016 to 10.3% in Q1 2017.

Rental revenue per unit decreased by 10% to \$891 per month in Q1 2017 from \$985 per month in Q1 2016 as a result of the increased vacancy rate, rental incentives and bad debts during the period.

The operating expense per unit increased by 9% to \$364 per month in Q1 2017 from \$333 per month in Q1 2016. The increase in operating expense was mainly due to increased repairs and maintenance expenses to improve conditions of the properties which are ready for refinancing, property tax expenses and utility expenses in the quarter. As a result, the net operating income dropped by 16% and the net operating margin decreased to 59% as compared to 66% in Q1 2016.

(000s of dollars except per unit data)

| Three months ended December 31,            | 2016      | 2015      | % change |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Rental revenue and ancillary rental income | \$ 15,278 | \$ 16,298 | (6%)     |
| Operating expenses                         | \$ 6,237  | \$ 5,503  | 13%      |
| Net operating income                       | \$ 9,041  | \$ 10,795 | (16%)    |
| Weighted average number of units           | 5,715     | 5,516     | 4%       |
| Average rent per unit per month            | \$ 891    | \$ 985    | (10%)    |
| Operating cost per unit per month          | \$ 364    | \$ 333    | 9%       |
| Average vacancy rate                       | 12.4%     | 8.3%      |          |
| Operating margin                           | 59%       | 66%       |          |

## Saskatchewan

Mainstreet achieved a 34% unit growth in the Saskatchewan portfolio in Q1 2017; the average number of rental units grew to 1,433 units, compared to 1,067 units in Q1 2016. The average vacancy rate decreased to 16.1% in Q1 2017 from 17.6% in Q1 2016.

As a result of the improved vacancy rate, which was partially offset by increased rental incentives, the rental revenue per unit averaged \$755 per month in Q1 2017 compared to \$754 per month in Q1 2016.

The operating expense per unit fairly maintained at \$299 per month in Q1 2017 from \$300 per month in Q1 2016. As a result, the net operating income increased by 35% and the net operating margin remained at 60% compared to Q1 2016.

(000s of dollars except per unit data)

| Three months ended December 31,            | 2016     | 2015     | % change |
|--|----------|----------|----------|
| Rental revenue and ancillary rental income | \$ 3,244 | \$ 2,415 | 34%      |
| Operating expenses                         | \$ 1,286 | \$ 960   | 34%      |
| Net operating income                       | \$ 1,958 | \$ 1,455 | 35%      |
| Weighted average number of units           | 1,433    | 1,067    | 34%      |
| Average rent per unit per month            | \$ 755   | \$ 754   | 0%       |
| Operating cost per unit per month          | \$ 299   | \$ 300   | 0%       |
| Average vacancy rate                       | 16.1%    | 17.6%    |          |
| Operating margin                           | 60%      | 60%      |          |

## POTENTIAL GROWTH IN RENTAL REVENUE UNDER OPTIMUM OPERATIONS

Management defines "optimum operations" to be when all rental units reach their respective market rates and the average vacancy rate is at 5%.

The Corporation is not currently operating under optimum operations, mainly due to weakening market conditions in the Province of Alberta and Saskatchewan, the stabilization and renovation of newly acquired properties and turnover suites.

The following table indicates the potential increase in rental revenue should the Corporation operate under the optimum operating conditions as defined in the preceding paragraph, as of the quarter-end dated December 31, 2016.

| City           | Stabilized properties |                            |  |                      | Unstabilized properties                     |                              |  |                      | Potential increase in rental revenue under the optimum operations |   |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------|---|------------------------------|--|----------------------|---|---|
|                | Total number of units | Number of stabilized units | Current net rent rate per unit per month | Current vacancy rate | Current market rent rate per unit per month | Number of unstabilized units | Current net rent rate per unit per month | Current vacancy rate |   | Current market rent rate per unit per month |
| Abbotsford, BC | 975                   | 773                        | \$ 811                                   | 0.78%                | \$ 867                                      | 202                          | \$ 796                                   | 1.49%                | \$ 870  | \$ 693                                      |
| Surrey, BC     | 1,775                 | 1,775                      | \$ 912                                   | 1.13%                | \$ 984                                      | –                            | \$ –                                     | –                    | \$ –  | \$ 1,515                                    |
| Calgary, AB    | 1,813                 | 1,813                      | \$ 1,082                                 | 10.37%               | \$ 1,215                                    | –                            | \$ –                                     | –                    | \$ –  | \$ 4,012                                    |
| Edmonton, AB   | 3,939                 | 3,705                      | \$ 948                                   | 10.45%               | \$ 1,032                                    | 234                          | \$ 862                                   | 72.65%               | \$ 1,006  | \$ 7,848                                    |
| Saskatoon, SK  | 1,434                 | 1,071                      | \$ 870                                   | 15.59%               | \$ 987                                      | 363                          | \$ 947                                   | 15.98%               | \$ 1,071  | \$ 3,578                                    |
|                | 9,936                 | 9,137                      | \$ 947                                   | 8.41%                | \$ 1,040                                    | 799                          | \$ 884                                   | 28.91%               | \$ 1,001  | \$17,646                                    |

## SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

(000s of dollars except per share amounts)

|  | Dec 31,<br>2016 | Sep 30,<br>2016 | Jun 30,<br>2016 | Mar 31,<br>2016 | Dec 31,<br>2015 | Sep 30,<br>2015 | Jun 30,<br>2015 | Mar 31,<br>2015 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Rental revenue                               | 25,499          | 24,761          | \$ 24,225       | \$ 24,828       | \$ 25,055       | \$ 49,602       | \$ 24,700       | 24,631          |
| Ancillary rental income                      | 344             | 341             | \$ 291          | 450             | 337             | 709             | 390             | 360             |
| Interest income                              | 114             | 32              | \$ 40           | 100             | 34              | 78              | 35              | 48              |
| Total revenue from operations                | 25,957          | 25,134          | \$ 24,556       | \$ 25,378       | 25,426          | 50,389          | 25,125          | 25,039          |
| Fair value (loss) gain                       | \$ (7,748)      | \$ 54,723       | \$ (5,273)      | \$ (36,432)     | \$ (16,053)     | \$ 72,112       | \$ (10,993)     | \$ (5,910)      |
| (Loss) profit from operations                | \$ (3,698)      | \$ 53,012       | \$ (259)        | \$ (27,098)     | \$ (8,484)      | \$ 76,825       | \$ (9,325)      | \$ (2,792)      |
| Net (loss) profit per share                  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| – Basic                                      | \$ (0.42)       | \$ 5.97         | \$ (0.03)       | \$ (2.67)       | \$ (0.83)       | \$ 7.19         | \$ (0.90)       | \$ (0.27)       |
| – Diluted                                    | \$ (0.42)       | \$ 5.54         | \$ (0.03)       | \$ (2.67)       | \$ (0.83)       | \$ 6.74         | \$ (0.90)       | \$ (0.27)       |
| Average vacancy rate                         | 9.74%           | 10.27%          | 9.20%           | 8.34%           | 7.77%           | 7.47%           | 8.00%           | 7.50%           |
| Net operating income                         | \$ 15,690       | \$ 15,868       | \$ 15,546       | \$ 15,975       | \$ 16,634       | \$ 34,247       | \$ 16,843       | \$ 16,232       |
| Same assets rent and ancillary rental income | \$ 24,725       | \$ 22,848       | \$ 23,012       | \$ 23,800       | \$ 24,026       | \$ 23,066       | \$ 23,125       | \$ 23,268       |
| Same assets net operating income             | \$ 15,083       | \$ 14,477       | \$ 14,683       | \$ 15,082       | \$ 15,722       | \$ 16,200       | \$ 15,805       | \$ 15,163       |
| Stabilized FFO                               | \$ 3,915        | \$ 5,236        | \$ 5,774        | \$ 5,973        | \$ 6,807        | \$ 8,739        | \$ 7,234        | \$ 5,885        |
| Funds from continuing operations             | \$ 4,294        | \$ 5,614        | \$ 6,207        | \$ 6,746        | \$ 7,651        | \$ 16,364       | \$ 7,549        | \$ 6,129        |
| Funds from operations per share              |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| – Basic                                      | \$ 0.48         | \$ 0.63         | \$ 0.68         | \$ 0.67         | \$ 0.75         | \$ 1.59         | \$ 0.73         | \$ 0.59         |
| – Diluted                                    | \$ 0.45         | \$ 0.59         | \$ 0.63         | \$ 0.62         | \$ 0.71         | \$ 1.49         | \$ 0.68         | \$ 0.55         |

Highlights of the Corporation's financial results for the first quarter ended December 31, 2016:

- In Q1 2017, rental income was \$25.5 million compared to \$24.8 million in Q4 2016 and \$25.1 million in Q1 2016.
- In Q1 2017, the average vacancy rate for the quarter was 9.7% compared to 10.3% in Q4 2016 and 7.8% in Q1 2016.
- Fair value loss for the quarter was \$7.7 million compared to a gain of \$54.7 million in Q4 2016 and a loss of \$16.1 million in Q1 2016.

## STABILIZED PROPERTIES

The Corporation focuses on the acquisition of underperforming properties, renovating them and repositioning the renovated properties in the market at current market rents. Underperforming properties have typically been poorly managed, with substantial deferred maintenance and rents that are often well below current market rental rates.

The Corporation refers to such underperforming properties acquired as “unstabilized properties”; and to the process of renovating and repositioning those acquired unstabilized properties as the “stabilization process”. After completion of the stabilization process, such properties are referred to as “stabilized properties”. The period of time required for the completion of renovations and repositioning of renovated properties at current market rents depends on the condition of the properties acquired, the amount of renovation work required to bring the property up to Mainstreet's standards and the applicability of rent control legislation to those properties, according to the provinces in which they are acquired.

Based upon the Corporation's past experience, the average period required for the stabilization process is approximately two years in provinces without statutory rent controls, such as the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. In British Columbia, due to applicable statutory rent controls, the allowable annual rent increase for existing tenants is determined by the Tenancy Board of the Province of British Columbia (thereby potentially decreasing tenant turnover rate and delaying of rent increases to current market levels). For that reason, past experience shows the average stabilization process in BC is approximately three years.

As of December 31, 2016, 214 properties (9,137 units) out of 228 properties (9,936 units) were stabilized. The following table summarizes the change of the Corporation's stabilized and unstabilized units since the beginning of fiscal year 2017.

|                    | October 1,<br>2016 | Up to current period<br>Acquisition | Disposition | Number of<br>units stabilized | Dec. 31,<br>2016 |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Stabilized units   | 8,714              | –                                   | –           | 423                           | 9,137            |
| Unstabilized units | 1,164              | 58                                  | –           | (423)                         | 799              |
| Total units        | 9,878              | 58                                  | –           | –                             | 9,936            |

The following table summarizes the progress of the Corporation's stabilization progress since the beginning of fiscal year 2017.

|  | Oct. 1, 2016 | No. of units<br>stabilized<br>during the period | No. of<br>unstabilized<br>units acquired/<br>disposed during<br>the period | Dec. 31, 2016 |
|--|--------------|---|--|---------------|
| Numbers of unstabilized units held for renovation    | 1,164        | (423)   | 58   | 799           |
| Numbers of unstabilized units held for redevelopment | –            | –   | –  | –             |
| Total no. of unstabilized units                      | 1,164        | (423)   | 58   | 799           |

#### Number of months

|  | Oct. 1, 2016 | No. of units<br>stabilized<br>during the period | No. of<br>unstabilized<br>units acquired/<br>disposed during<br>the period | Dec. 31, 2016 |
|--|--------------|---|--|---------------|
| Average time spent on stabilization        | 13           | 25  | 1  | 11            |
| Estimated remaining time for stabilization | 17           | –   | 23   | 16            |

During the three month period ended December 31, 2016, the Corporation acquired 58 unstabilized units in Edmonton, Alberta that required substantial renovation and with rents considered well below the market for stabilized units. The Corporation has stabilized 423 units with renovation work substantially completed, resulting in rent increases to or near current market levels.

## FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS OF STABILIZED PROPERTIES

For Q1 2017, FFO from operations of Mainstreet's stabilized property portfolio amounted to \$3.9 million (\$0.44 per basic share and \$0.41 per fully diluted share).

(000s of dollars except per share amounts)

| Three months ended December 31, 2016 | Stabilized<br>properties | Unstabilized<br>properties | Total     |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Rental and ancillary rental income   | \$ 24,267                | \$ 1,576                   | \$ 25,843 |
| Property operating expenses          | 9,470                    | 683                        | 10,153    |
| Net operating income                 | \$ 14,797                | \$ 893                     | \$ 15,690 |
| Operating margin                     | 61%                      | 57%                        | 61%       |
| Vacancy rate                         | 8.3%                     | 27.0%                      | 9.8%      |
| Interest income                      | \$ 105                   | \$ 9                       | \$ 114    |
| General & administrative expenses    | 2,207                    | 191                        | 2,398     |
| Mortgage interest                    | 8,050                    | 255                        | 8,305     |
| Financing cost                       | 730                      | 77                         | 807       |
| Funds from operations                | \$ 3,915                 | \$ 379                     | \$ 4,294  |
| Funds from operations per share      |                          |                            |           |
| – Basic                              | \$ 0.44                  | \$ 0.04                    | \$ 0.48   |
| – Diluted                            | \$ 0.41                  | \$ 0.04                    | \$ 0.45   |
| Weighted average number of shares    |                          |                            |           |
| – Basic                              | 8,883,333                |                            |           |
| – Diluted                            | 9,571,308                |                            |           |

In Q1 2017, FFO of the stabilized property portfolio decreased 42% to \$3.9 million as compared to \$6.8 million in Q1 2016, while the number of stabilized units increased by 11% to 9,137 units as of December 31, 2016 compared to 8,243 units as of December 31, 2015. Excluding the one time pay-out penalties of \$1.9 million, FFO of the stabilized portfolio decreased 12% to \$5.8 million as compared to \$6.6 in Q1 2016.

(000s of dollars)

| Three months ended December 31, | 2016     | 2015     | % change |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Stabilized FFO                  | \$ 3,915 | \$ 6,807 | (42%)    |
| Number of stabilized units      | 9,137    | 8,243    | 11%      |

## LIQUIDITY & CAPITAL RESOURCES

### *Working Capital Requirement*

Mainstreet requires sufficient working capital to cover day-to-day operating and mortgage expenses as well as income tax payments. In Q1 2017, after payments of all required expenses, the Corporation generated funds from operations of \$4.3 million.

Management expects funds generated from operations will continue to grow when more units are renovated and re-introduced to the market at higher rental rates and management believes that these funds should be sufficient to meet the Corporation's working capital requirements on a year-to-year basis going forward.

### *Other Capital Requirements*

Mainstreet also needs sufficient capital to finance continued growth and capital improvement. In Q1 2017, the Corporation spent approximately \$5.0 million on capital improvement. Management expects the following capital resources to be sufficient to meet the capital requirements on a year-to-year basis.

## Financing

Debt financing after property stabilization and maturity of initial loans is a cornerstone of Mainstreet's business strategy. Management believes this unlocks the value added through stabilization and liberates capital for future growth. Management also believes this mitigates the risk of anticipated interest rate hikes and minimizes the costs of borrowing. Mainstreet continually refinances as much floating and maturing debt as possible into long-term, primarily CMHC insured mortgages at lower interest rates.

In Q1 2017, Mainstreet refinanced \$50.1 million in pre-maturity debt with an average interest rate of 5.24% into mostly 10-year long-term CMHC-insured mortgage loans for \$101.5 million at an average interest rate of 2.44%. Mainstreet also refinanced four clear title assets with a 10-year long-term CMHC-insured mortgage loans for \$39.8 million at an interest rate of 2.34%. These financings resulted in an annualized interest savings of \$1.5 million and raised \$89 million in additional funds after pay-out penalties.

Mainstreet also takes advantage of current low interest rates by continuing to evaluate the financial viability of early refinancing on the remaining mortgages maturing in 2017 and 2018 taking into consideration pay-out penalties, should savings opportunities arise.

Subsequent to the quarter ended December 31, 2016, approval has been obtained from the CMHC to refinance \$10 million in pre-maturity mortgage loans with an average interest rate of 4.95% to long-term, 10-year CMHC insured mortgages for \$19 million at an average interest rate of 2.78%. These refinancings will raise \$9 million in additional funds after payment penalties of \$185,000, resulting in an annualized savings in interest expenses of approximately \$218,000.

Mainstreet also obtained approval of a \$28 million 10-year CMHC-insured mortgage on eight clear titled assets at an estimated average interest rate of 2.9%.

As of December 31, 2016, the Corporation owned title to the following 26 clear title properties and two development lots having an aggregate fair value of approximately \$127 million:

## Clear Title Asset List as of December 31, 2016

(000s of dollars except unit information)

| Property   | Number of units | Cost of Acquisition | Fair Value |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|------------|
| 11720,11730 – 127 St. / 12702,12706,12707,12710,<br>12714 – 117 Ave / 12711,12715 – 118 Ave., Edmonton, AB | 178             | \$ 13,350           | \$ 14,700  |
| 2929 to 2959 Tims St, Abbotsford, BC   | 108             | \$ 10,300           | \$ 14,150  |
| 3147 151 Avenue, Edmonton, AB  | 99              | \$ 10,000           | \$ 10,561  |
| 525,529,601,605 AVE X S / 2309 17th St W, Saskatoon, SK  | 68              | \$ 4,945            | \$ 8,400   |
| 3065 Clearbrook Road, Abbotsford, BC   | 56              | \$ 5,550            | \$ 7,450   |
| 1122 8 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB  | 50              | \$ 1,975            | \$ 12,225  |
| 32120 Peardonville Road, Abbotsford, BC  | 42              | \$ 4,400            | \$ 6,100   |
| 10625 & 10635 115 Street, Edmonton, AB   | 42              | \$ 4,568            | \$ 4,876   |
| 33361 Old Yale Road, Abbotsford, BC  | 38              | \$ 3,940            | \$ 5,100   |
| 1817 22nd Street W, Saskatoon, SK  | 30              | \$ 2,100            | \$ 2,100   |
| 1335 & 1339 10th Ave SE, Calgary, AB   | 29              | \$ 3,000            | \$ 6,237   |
| 14224 McQueen Road, Edmonton, AB   | 27              | \$ 950              | \$ 4,138   |
| 115 Avenue V N, Saskatoon, SK  | 27              | \$ 2,268            | \$ 2,942   |
| 11343 124 Street, Edmonton, AB   | 25              | \$ 624              | \$ 2,871   |
| 2024 22nd Street West, Saskatoon, SK   | 24              | \$ 2,190            | \$ 2,543   |
| 10625 113 Street NW, Edmonton, AB  | 22              | \$ 1,980            | \$ 1,980   |
| 10741 108 Street NW, Edmonton, AB  | 22              | \$ 1,980            | \$ 1,980   |
| 10203 156 Street, Edmonton, AB   | 18              | \$ 1,925            | \$ 2,244   |
| 13608 109A Avenue, Edmonton, AB  | 17              | \$ 574              | \$ 2,064   |
| 322 6th Avenue North, Saskatoon, SK  | 16              | \$ 1,644            | \$ 2,444   |
| 11940 82nd St, Edmonton, AB  | 15              | \$ 1,500            | \$ 1,485   |
| 1901 7th Street E, Saskatoon, SK   | 12              | \$ 1,140            | \$ 1,595   |
| 10435 156 Street NW, Edmonton, AB  | 12              | \$ 1,200            | \$ 1,200   |
| 1906 22nd Street W, Saskatoon, SK  | 11              | \$ 902              | \$ 1,197   |
| 336 to 338 18 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB   | 7               | \$ –                | \$ 3,293   |
| 322 18th Avenue SW, Calgary, AB  | 1               | \$ 1,275            | \$ 1,647   |
| Development lot, 10125 114 Street, Edmonton, AB  | –               | \$ 1,103            | \$ 450     |
| Development lot, 33283 Bourquin Cr. E, Abbotsford, BC  | –               | \$ 306              | \$ 1,070   |
| Total as of December 31, 2016  | 996             | \$ 85,689           | \$ 127,042 |

If required, Mainstreet believes it could raise additional capital funds through mortgage financing at competitive rates under which these clear title properties would be pledged as collateral security.

The Corporation's policy for capital risk management is to keep a debt-to-fair value of investment properties ratio of below 70%. The current ratio is approximately 52%, which Management believes will leave considerable room to raise additional funds from refinancing if the need arises.

### Banking Facility

The Corporation has a revolving banking facility for a maximum of \$85 million with a syndicate of Canadian chartered financial institutions. The facility is secured by a floating charge against the Corporation's assets and carries an interest rate of prime plus 1.25%. The facility requires monthly interest payments and matures on December 6, 2019. The facility is renewable every three years subject to the mutual agreement of the lenders and the Corporation. As at December 31, 2016, the Corporation has drawn \$Nil (September 30, 2016 – \$40.1 million) against this credit facility. The facility contains financial covenants to maintain an overall funded debt to gross book value ratio of not more than 65% and debt service ratio of not less than 1.2. As of December 31, 2016, the Corporation's overall funded debt to gross book value ratio and debt service coverage ratio are 55% and 1.32 respectively, which were calculated as follows:

## Overall funded debt to gross book value ratio

(000s of dollars)

As at December 31, 2016

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Total funded debt                             |              |
| Mortgages payable                             | \$ 803,477   |
| Bank indebtedness                             | —            |
|   | <hr/>        |
|   | \$ 803,477   |
| Gross book value of assets                    |              |
| Investment properties                         | \$ 1,462,665 |
| Property, plant and equipment                 | 4,840        |
|   | <hr/>        |
|   | \$ 1,467,505 |
| Overall funded debt to gross book value ratio | 55%          |

## Debt service coverage ratio

Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization

For 12 months ended December 31, 2016

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Net income                      | \$ 21,957 |
| Add (deduct):                   |           |
| Mortgage interest               | 28,052    |
| Income tax                      | 5,802     |
| Depreciation                    | 372       |
| Amortization of finance cost    | 2,624     |
| Fair value gain                 | (5,270)   |
|                                 | <hr/>     |
|                                 | \$ 53,537 |
| Principal and interest payments | \$ 40,582 |
| Debt service coverage ratio     | 1.32      |

## CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

As of December 31, 2016, the Corporation had the following contractual obligations, which are anticipated to be met using the existing revolving credit facility, funds from operations and proceeds from the refinancing of maturing and floating mortgage loans.

## PAYMENTS DUE BY PERIOD

Estimated principal payments required to retire the mortgage obligations as of December 31, 2016 are as follows:

| 12 months ending December 31, | Amount     |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| 2017                          | \$ 28,257  |
| 2018                          | 40,666     |
| 2019                          | 34,625     |
| 2020                          | 74,320     |
| 2021                          | 60,004     |
| Subsequent                    | 585,209    |
|                               | <hr/>      |
|                               | 823,081    |
| Deferred financing costs      | (19,604)   |
|                               | <hr/>      |
|                               | \$ 803,477 |

## LONG-TERM DEBT

(000s of dollars)

|                          | Amount      | % of debt | Average interest rate (%) |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| Fixed rate debt          |             |           |                           |
| – CMHC-insured           | \$ 795,534  | 97%       | 3.09%                     |
| – non-CMHC-insured       | \$ 27,547   | 3%        | 3.62%                     |
| Total fixed rate debt    | \$ 823,081  | 100%      | 3.10%                     |
| Deferred financing costs | \$ (19,604) |           |                           |
|                          | \$ 803,477  |           |                           |

Mainstreet's long-term debt consists of low-rate, fixed-term mortgage financing. All individual mortgages are secured with their respective real estate assets. Based largely on the fair value of properties, Management believes this financing reflects the strength of its property portfolio. The maturity dates for this debt are staggered to mitigate overall interest rate risk.

As of December 31, 2016, total mortgages payable was \$803 million compared to \$714 million on September 30, 2016 – an increase of 12% due to financing activity during the three months ended December 31, 2016.

At December 31, 2016, Management believes the Corporation's financial position to be stable, with overall mortgage levels reported at 55% of fair value of investment properties. About 97% of the Corporation's mortgage portfolio was CMHC-insured, providing Mainstreet with interest rates lower than those available through conventional financing.

To maintain cost-effectiveness and flexibility of capital, Mainstreet continually monitors short-term and long-term interest rates. When doing so is expected to provide a benefit, the Corporation intends to convert short-term floating-rate debt to long-term, CMHC-insured fixed-rate debt.

## MORTGAGE MATURITY SCHEDULE

(000s of dollars)

| Maturing during the following financial year end | Balance maturing | % of debt maturing | Weighted average rate on expiry (%) |
|--|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2017   | \$ 12,895        | 2%                 | 4.96%                               |
| 2018   | \$ –             | 0%                 | 0.00%                               |
| 2019   | \$ 29,451        | 4%                 | 5.06%                               |
| 2020   | \$ 48,068        | 6%                 | 3.66%                               |
| 2021   | \$ 74,705        | 9%                 | 3.98%                               |
| Subsequent                                       | \$ 657,962       | 79%                | 2.84%                               |
|  | \$ 823,081       | 100%               | 3.10%                               |

The average maturing term of mortgage loans is 7.8 years as of December 31, 2016 compared to 7.0 years as of September 30, 2016.

All mortgage loans maturing in 2017 are expected to be refinanced to long-term CMHC-insured mortgages by the end of the fiscal year 2017.

## INTERNAL CONTROL

Disclosure controls and procedures ("DC & P") are designed to provide reasonable assurances that all material information is gathered and reported to senior management of the Corporation, including the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") on a timely basis and that all information required to be disclosed in Mainstreet's annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted by it under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation.

The preparation of this information is supported by an internal control and procedure framework designed by management to provide reasonable assurances regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS. The control and procedure framework related to the Corporation's Internal Control over Financial Reporting ("ICFR") and DC&P were designed in accordance with Risk

Management and Governance – Guidance on Control, published by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and the requirements of National Instrument 52-109 of the Canadian Securities Administrators entitled, “Certification of Disclosure in Issuer’s Annual and Interim Filings”

In Q1 2017, the CEO and the CFO evaluated, or caused to be evaluated under their supervision, the effectiveness of the Corporation’s DC&P and ICFR as at December 31, 2016. This evaluation confirmed that the Corporation’s DC&P and ICFR were effective as at December 31, 2016.

No changes were made to the Corporation’s DC & P during the quarter ended December 31, 2016.

As at December 31, 2016, Mainstreet confirmed the design of ICFR to provide reasonable assurances regarding the reliability of the financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements and information for external purposes in accordance with IFRS and that the ICFR operated effectively throughout the reported period. The Corporation may, from time to time, make changes aimed at enhancing their effectiveness and ensuring that these systems evolve with the Corporation’s business. There were no changes in the Corporation’s ICFR during the quarter ended December 31, 2016, which have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Corporation’s ICFR.

## Financial Instruments & Risk Management

### *Fair value of financial assets and liabilities*

The Corporation’s financial assets and liabilities comprise restricted cash, cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, mortgages receivable, bank indebtedness, mortgages payable, trade and other payables, and refundable security deposits. Fair values of financial assets and liabilities, summarized information related to risk management positions, and discussion of risks associated with financial assets and liabilities are presented as follows.

The fair values of restricted cash, cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, bank indebtedness, trade and other payables, and refundable security deposits approximate their carrying amounts due to the short-term maturity of those instruments.

The fair values of mortgages receivable and payable are determined using the current market interest rates as discount rates, the net present value of principal balances and future cash flows over the terms of the mortgages. In identifying the appropriate level of fair value, the Corporation performs a detailed analysis of financial assets and liabilities. The inputs used to measure fair value determine different levels of the fair value hierarchy categorized as follows:

- Level 1: Values based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2: Values based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or model inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability; and
- Level 3: Values based on valuation techniques for which any significant input is not based on observable market data.

The fair values of financial assets and liabilities were as follows:

(000s of dollars)

|                               |         | December 31, 2016 |            | September 30, 2016 |            |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
|                               |         | Carrying amount   | Fair value | Carrying amount    | Fair value |
| <b>Financial assets:</b>      |         |                   |            |                    |            |
| Restricted cash               | Level 1 | \$ 2,674          | \$ 2,674   | \$ 2,858           | \$ 2,858   |
| Cash and cash equivalents     | Level 1 | 44,707            | 44,707     | 1,095              | 1,095      |
| Trade and other receivables   | Level 2 | 1,381             | 1,381      | 1,614              | 1,614      |
| Mortgage receivable           | Level 2 | –                 | –          | 2,500              | 2,498      |
| <b>Financial liabilities:</b> |         |                   |            |                    |            |
| Bank indebtedness             | Level 1 | –                 | –          | 40,148             | 40,148     |
| Mortgages payable             | Level 2 | 803,477           | 822,519    | 714,481            | 769,086    |
| Trade and other payables      | Level 2 | 5,766             | 5,766      | 6,898              | 6,898      |
| Refundable security deposits  | Level 1 | 4,007             | 4,007      | 4,100              | 4,100      |

The Corporation's non-financial assets comprise investment properties. The fair values of non-financial assets were as follows:

(000s of dollars)

|                       |         | December 31, 2016 |             | September 30, 2016 |             |
|-----------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
|                       |         | Carrying amount   | Fair value  | Carrying amount    | Fair value  |
| Non-financial assets: |         |                   |             |                    |             |
| Investment properties | Level 3 | \$1,462,665       | \$1,462,665 | \$1,460,080        | \$1,460,080 |

### Risk Associated with Financial Assets & Liabilities

The Corporation is exposed to risks arising from its financial assets and liabilities. These include market risk related to interest rates, credit risk and liquidity risk. For detailed explanations of these risks, refer to the section entitled "Risk Assessment and Management".

### SHARE CAPITAL

#### Authorized:

Unlimited number of common voting shares with no par value

Unlimited number of preferred shares with no par value

Issued, outstanding and fully paid:

|                                   | Three months ended December 31, 2016 |               | Year ended September 30, 2016 |               |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
|                                   | Number of common shares              | Amount (000s) | Number of common shares       | Amount (000s) |
| Issued and outstanding,           |                                      |               |                               |               |
| – beginning of the period         | 8,883,333                            | \$ 24,315     | 10,271,251                    | \$ 28,114     |
| Shares purchased for cancellation | –                                    | –             | (1,387,918)                   | (3,799)       |
| Issued and outstanding,           |                                      |               |                               |               |
| – end of the period               | 8,883,333                            | \$ 24,315     | 8,883,333                     | \$ 24,315     |

All common shares share an equal right to dividends.

On May 30, 2016, the Corporation obtained approval from the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") to repurchase up to 487,890 common shares under a Normal Course Issuer Bid ("NCIB") commencing June 1, 2016. The Corporation's previous NCIB expired on April 20, 2016. During the three months ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Corporation purchased and cancelled Nil shares (2016 – 138,336) common share under the NCIB at an average price of \$Nil per common share (2016 – \$31.72).

On April 22, 2016, Mainstreet purchased for cancellation 1.2 million of its common shares at a purchase price of \$36 per common share for an aggregate purchase price of \$43.2 million (not including fees and expenses), pursuant to a substantial issuer bid made in accordance with applicable securities laws.

Given the discount between its current trading share price and net asset value ("NAV"), Management believes that the repurchase of its common shares is returning capital to shareholders in a tax-efficient manner that is accretive to NAV. Mainstreet will continue to assess on an ongoing basis as to whether increased purchases of its common shares is warranted.

### STOCK OPTION

A summary of the Corporation's stock option plan as of December 31, 2016, and September 30, 2016 and changes during the periods are presented below:

| Stock option  | December 31, 2016 |                                 | September 30, 2016 |                                 |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
|   | Number of shares  | Weighted average exercise price | Number of shares   | Weighted average exercise price |
| Outstanding and exercisable – beginning of the period | 828,200           | \$ 5.51                         | 828,200            | \$ 5.51                         |
| Outstanding and exercisable – end of the period       | 828,200           | \$ 5.51                         | 828,200            | \$ 5.51                         |
| Weighted average contractual life-years               | 2.19              |                                 | 2.44               |                                 |
| Prices  | \$ 5.51           |                                 | \$ 5.51            |                                 |

Under the stock option plan adopted by the shareholders on April 24, 2007 and renewed on March 26, 2010, March 21, 2013 and March 18, 2016, the Corporation may grant options to its directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Corporation, subsidiary and affiliated company for up to 20% of the issued and outstanding common shares until but not after March 26, 2017. The exercise price of the option shall equal the market-trading price of the Corporation's common share on the date of grant. The stock options are fully vested at the time of issue. The fair value of the stock options is determined at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes Model. The assumptions used in determining the fair value of the stock options included estimated risk free interest rate; expected life of the stock options; expected volatility rate and expected dividend rate. The fair value is recognized as stock compensation expense over the vesting period of the options with a corresponding increase to contributed surplus. Any consideration received by the Corporation on exercise of stock options is credited to share capital as well as the amounts previously credited to contributed surplus for services rendered that were charged to compensation cost. The stock option plan will remain in place until the termination of the annual general meeting of the Corporation in 2019 unless renewed and approved by the shareholders of the Corporation on or before that date, provided that no further stock option may be granted under the stock option plan after March 26, 2017.

### **Shareholder Rights Plan**

Effective February 21, 2013, the board of directors of the Corporation approved the adoption of a shareholder rights plan agreement (the "Rights Plan") dated February 21, 2013 between the Corporation and Computershare Trust Company of Canada. The Rights Plan was ratified and approved by shareholders of the Corporation on March 21, 2013 and subsequently amended and renewed by the shareholders of the Corporation on March 18, 2016.

Until recently securities legislation in Canada required a take over bid to be open for at least 35 days, resulting in the board of directors of the Corporation being concerned that this was too short a period of time for companies that are subject to unsolicited take over bids to be able to respond to ensure that shareholders are offered full and fair value for their shares. The Rights Plan is designed to give the Corporation's shareholders sufficient time to properly assess a take over bid without undue pressure and to give the board of directors time to consider alternatives designed to allow the Corporation's shareholders to receive full and fair for their common shares.

The Rights Plan is not intended to prevent a take over bid or deter offers for the common shares of the Corporation. It is designed to encourage any bidder to provide shareholders with equal treatment and full and fair value for their common shares.

Immediately upon the Rights Plan coming into effect, one right ("Right") was issued and attached to each common share of the Corporation outstanding and will continue to attach to each common share subsequently issued.

The Rights will separate from the common shares of the Corporation and will be exercisable on the close of business on the 10th trading day after the earlier of the date on which a person has acquired 20% or more of, or a person commences or announces a take over bid for, the Corporation's outstanding common shares, other than an acquisition pursuant to a Permitted Bid or a Competing Permitted Bid as such terms are defined under the Rights Plan.

The acquisition by a person of 20% or more of the common shares of the Corporation is referred to as a "Flip In Event". When a Flip In Event occurs, each Right (except for Rights beneficially owned by an Acquiring Person or certain transferees of an Acquiring Person, which Right will be void pursuant to the Rights Plan) becomes a right to purchase from the Corporation, upon exercise thereof, in accordance with the terms of the Rights Plan, that number of common shares having an aggregate market price on the date of consummation or occurrence of such Flip In Event equal to twice the Exercise Price for an amount in cash equal to the Exercise Price. The Exercise Price for the Rights provided in the Rights Plan is \$100. As an example, if at the time of the Flip-in Event the Common Shares have a market price of \$25, the holder of each Right would be entitled to receive \$200 (twice the Exercise Price) in market value of the Common Shares (8 Common Shares) for \$100, ie. at a 50% discount.

Certain exemptions exist under the Rights Plans for Portfolio Managers and Grandfathered Persons as such terms are defined in the Rights Plan.

A complete copy of the Rights Plan as amended and renewed, including the specific provisions thereof, is available under the Corporation's profile filed on SEDAR.

### **Key accounting estimates and assumptions**

The following are the key accounting estimates and assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period that have significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year:

- i) Significant estimates used in determining the fair value of investment properties include capitalization rates, market rent, vacancy rate and operating expenses. A change to any one of these inputs could significantly alter the fair value of an investment property;
- ii) Significant estimates used in determining the fair value of financial instruments include the discount rate used to discount the future cash flows for similar loans with similar credit ratings and the same maturities;
- iii) Significant estimates used in determining the fair value of share-based compensation include the estimated risk free interest rate, expected life of the stock options, expected volatility rate of and expected dividend rates;
- iv) Allocation of purchase cost in the acquisition of property, plant and equipment into different components, estimation of their useful life and impairment on property, plant and equipment; and
- v) The amount of temporary differences between the book carrying value of the assets and liabilities versus the tax basis values and the future income tax rate at which these differences will be realized.

Actual results could differ from estimates.

### **Transactions with Related Parties**

- a) The President and Chief Executive Officer receives commissions at commercial rates in his capacity as a licensed broker for the property transactions conducted by the Corporation in its normal course of business. Commissions are determined on an exchange value basis. These commissions are not incurred or paid by the Corporation but rather by the other selling party or parties to the transaction. The commissions received during the three months ended December 31, 2016 were \$51,600 (2016 – \$Nil) and form part of the President and Chief Executive Officer's total remuneration for the year.
- b) The Corporation paid legal and professional fees and reimbursements for the transactions conducted by the Corporation in its normal course of business for the three months ended December 31, 2016 amounting to \$113,000 (2016 – \$29,000) to a law firm of which a director and officer of the Corporation is a partner. Professional fees and reimbursements are determined on an exchange value basis. As at December 31, 2016, the amounts payable to the law firm were \$800 (September 30, 2016 – \$600).

### **Off Balance Sheet Arrangements**

No off balance sheet arrangement was made by the Corporation for Q1 2017.

### **Subsequent Events**

Subsequent to the quarter ended December 31, 2016, the Corporation acquired 15 residential units in Calgary, Alberta, 199 residential units in Edmonton, Alberta and 31 residential units in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan for a total consideration of \$23 million.

Subsequent to the quarter ended December 31, 2016, approval has been obtained from the CMHC to refinance \$10 million in pre-maturity mortgage loans with an average interest rate of 4.95% to long-term, 10-year CMHC insured mortgages for \$19 million at an average interest rate of 2.78%. Mainstreet also obtained approval of a \$28 million 10-year CMHC-insured mortgage on eight clear titled assets at an estimated average interest rate of 2.9%.

Mainstreet has accepted an offer to settle the insurance claim on the fire damage of the property in Edmonton for \$2.4 million.

### **Risk Assessment & Management**

Management defines risk as the evaluation of the probability that an event that could negatively affect the financial condition or results of the Corporation may happen in the future. The following section describes specific and general risks that could affect the Corporation. As it is difficult to predict whether any risk will occur or what its related consequences might be, the actual effect of any risk on the business of the Corporation could be materially different than anticipated. The following discussion of risk does not include all possible risks as there may be other risks of which the Corporation is currently unaware.

### **Vacancy Risk**

The Corporation is subject to tenant vacancy risk when, in some markets and under certain economic conditions, housing/condominiums are affordable, financing is readily available and interest rates are low, making it easier for renters to become homebuyers. This increases vacancy rates and decreases rental revenue cash flow.

Vacancy rates can also be affected negatively by increased supply of multi-family units in the Corporation's core markets. Numerous other residential developers and apartment owners compete for potential tenants. Although it is Mainstreet's strategy to own multi-family residential properties in premier locations in each market in which it operates, some of the apartments or its competitors may be newer, better located or offer lower rents. In addition, an increase in alternative housing could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's ability to lease units and in the rents charged and could adversely affect the Corporation's revenues and ability to meet its obligations.

Accordingly, the Corporation's performance will always be affected by the supply and demand for multi-family rental real estate in Western Canada. The potential for reduced rental revenue exists in the event that Mainstreet is not able to maintain its properties at a high level of occupancy, or in the event of a downturn in the economy, which could result in lower rents or higher vacancy rates. Mainstreet has minimized these risks by:

- attempting to increase customer satisfaction;
- diversifying its portfolio across Western Canada, thus lowering its exposure to regional economic swings;
- acquiring properties only in desirable locations, where vacancy rates for properties are higher than city-wide averages but can be reduced by repositioning the properties through better management and selective upgrades;
- holding a balanced portfolio which includes a variety of multi-family building types including high-rise, townhouse, garden and walk-ups, each with its own market niche;
- maintaining a wide variety of suites, including bachelor suites, one, two and three bedroom units;
- building a broad and varied customer base, thereby avoiding economic dependence on larger-scale tenants;
- focusing on affordable multi-family housing, which is considered a stable commodity;
- advertising and offering competitive market pricing to attract new tenants;
- developing a specific rental program characterized by rental adjustments that are the result of enhanced services and superior product; and
- developing regional management teams with significant experience in the local marketplace, and combining this experience with its existing operations and management expertise.

### **Economic Uncertainty**

Any worldwide or regional economic slowdown, stock market uncertainty and international political credit crisis or uncertainty could adversely impact the business and the future profitability of the Corporation. In addition, worldwide falling petroleum and natural gas commodity prices have resulted in an economic slowdown in Western Canada. During any period of economic uncertainty tenants may experience financial difficulty and may default in payment of rent or possibly look for less expensive accommodations. In addition, Mainstreet's ability to obtain financing or renegotiate line of credit financing may be negatively affected.

### **Interest Risk**

Mainstreet is exposed to interest rate risk to the extent of any upward revision in prime lending rates. Mortgages totalling approximately \$13 million are subject to renewal in the next 12 months. Increases in the interest rate have the potential to adversely affect the profitability of the Corporation. However, the Corporation attempts to mitigate this risk by staggering the maturity dates of its mortgages. The majority of Mainstreet's mortgages are insured by CMHC under the National Housing Association ("NHA") mortgage program. This added level of insurance offered to lenders allows the Corporation to receive the best possible financing and interest rates, significantly reducing the possibility of a lender calling a loan prematurely.

### **Utilities Risk**

Mainstreet's business is exposed to fluctuating utility and energy costs such as electricity and natural gas (heating) prices. Management continues to monitor these costs very closely. In order to mitigate this risk, Mainstreet has entered into a rate-protected natural gas contract with a maturity date of November 30, 2019 that caps future natural gas costs at \$3.50 per Gigajoule in Alberta, but permits the Corporation to purchase natural gas at lower market rates.

### **Risks of Real Estate Property Ownership**

Real estate investments and projects are, generally, subject to numerous risks depending on the nature and location of the property that can affect attractiveness and sale ability of real estate assets to potential purchasers or other investors, or the owner's use of such real estate assets, all of which are beyond the control of the Corporation. Such risks include:

- the highly competitive nature of the real estate industry;
- changes in general economic conditions (such as the availability and cost of the property or widespread fluctuations in adjacent property values);
- changes in general or local conditions (such as the supply of competing real estate assets or the possibility of competitive overbuilding or the inability to obtain full occupancy or other usage of any real estate assets);
- governmental regulation, rules or policies (such as increased taxation on the sale of or profits from real estate property, environmental legislation or municipal approvals for usage, development or subdivision); and
- changes in costs or operating expenses anticipated for real estate assets.

Each segment in the real estate industry is capital intensive and is typically sensitive to interest rates. Any proceeds generated by the sale of real estate assets depend upon general economic conditions and, accordingly, the ability to repay its financing may be affected by changes in those conditions. The Corporation will be required to make certain significant expenditures in respect of its business including, but not limited to, the payment of property taxes, mortgage payments, property management costs, insurance costs and related charges which must be made regardless of whether real estate assets are producing sufficient income to service such expenses. If the Corporation is unable or unwilling to meet the payment obligations on such loans, losses could be sustained as a result of the exercise by the lenders of their rights of foreclosure or sale. As a result, the Corporation's ability to make interest payments or distributions of cash could be adversely affected.

In addition, real estate property investments are relatively illiquid. This illiquidity will tend to limit the ability of the Corporation to vary its property portfolio promptly in response to changes in economic or investment conditions. If the Corporation were required to quickly liquidate its assets, there is risk that the Corporation would realize sale proceeds of less than the stated value of the properties of the Corporation. The Corporation's property portfolio is concentrated in British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. As a result, economic and real estate conditions in Western Canada will significantly affect the Corporation's revenues and the value of its properties.

### **Renovation Risks**

The Corporation is subject to the financial risk of having unoccupied units during extended periods of renovations. During renovations, these properties are unavailable for occupancy and do not generate income. Certain significant expenditures, including property taxes, maintenance costs, interest payments, insurance costs and related charges must be made throughout the period of ownership of real estate property regardless of whether the property is producing revenue. Delays in the renovation of a building or individual apartment units as a result of labour shortages and similar risks could delay the renting of such building or units resulting in an increased period of time where the building is not producing revenue or produces less revenue than a fully tenanted building. As the Corporation intends to source labour from other countries and renovation supplies directly from manufacturers in China and elsewhere, the Corporation will be subject to related immigration expenses, possible changes in laws related to the use of migrant or immigrant labour, shipping risks and currency fluctuations, all of which may result in unexpected or higher costs or possible delays. The Corporation intends to address these risks by acquiring financing to fund renovations, staggering renovations and by carrying out a detailed capital expenditures budget to monitor its cash position on a monthly basis. However, recent and possible new changes in federal immigration laws related to migrant or immigrant labour may have a negative impact regarding mitigating an increase in labour costs and expenses.

### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty to a financial asset will default, resulting in a financial loss for the Corporation. The Corporation is exposed to credit risk as some tenants may experience financial difficulty and may default in payment of rent. However, the Corporation attempts to minimize possible risks by conducting in-depth credit assessments of all tenants and collecting security deposits from tenants. The Corporation's tenants are numerous, which also reduces the concentration of credit risk. As tenants' rent is due at the beginning of the month, all amounts in accounts receivable are considered overdue by the Corporation. As of December 31, 2016, rents due from current tenants amounted to \$286,000 (September 30, 2016 – \$336,000). The possibility of not receiving payment of rent due from current tenants was covered by security deposits of \$4.0 million (September 30, 2016 – \$4.1 million) and provisions for bad debts of \$130,000 (September 30, 2016 – \$130,000).

In relation to cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, the Corporation believes that its exposure to credit risk is low. The Corporation places its cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash only with reputable Canadian financial institutions.

## **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Corporation will encounter difficulties in meeting its financial liability obligations. The Corporation manages its liquidity risk by monitoring forecast cash flows on a regular basis to meet expected operating expenses, by maintaining financial adequate banking facilities and by matching the maturity profiles of assets and liabilities.

## **Financing Risk**

Mainstreet anticipates that it will make substantial capital expenditures for the acquisition of properties in the future. There can be no assurance that debt or equity financing or cash generated by operations will be available or sufficient to meet these requirements or for other corporate purposes or, if debt or equity financing is available, that it will be on terms acceptable to Mainstreet. Moreover, future activities may require Mainstreet to alter its capitalization significantly. The inability of Mainstreet to access sufficient capital for its operations could have a material adverse effect on Mainstreet's financial condition, the result of its operations or its overall prospects.

## **Reliance on Key Employees**

Mainstreet's success depends in large measure on certain key executive personnel. The loss of the services of such key personnel could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation. Mainstreet does not have key person insurance in effect for management. The contributions of these individuals to the immediate operations are likely to be of central importance. In addition, competition for qualified personnel in the industry is intense, and there can be no assurance that the Corporation will be able to continue to attract and retain all personnel necessary for the development and operation of its business. Investors must rely upon the ability, expertise, judgment, discretion, integrity and good faith of the management of Mainstreet.

## **Income Tax Risk**

Mainstreet intends to file all required income tax returns and believes that it will be in full compliance with the provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada) and all applicable provincial tax legislation. However, such returns are subject to reassessment by the applicable taxation authority. In the event of a successful reassessment of Mainstreet, whether by re-characterization and development expenditures or otherwise, such reassessment may have an impact on current and future taxes payable.

## **Market Risks**

The economic performance and value of the Corporation's investments in real estate assets will be subject to all of the risks associated with investing in real estate, including, but not limited to:

- changes in the national, regional, provincial and local economic climates;
- local conditions, including an oversupply of properties or a reduction in demand for properties;
- the attractiveness of all or parts of real estate assets to renters or purchasers;
- competition from other available real estate assets and
- changes in laws and governmental regulations, including those governing usage, zoning, the environment and taxes.

The Corporation's performance will be affected by the supply and demand for property in its geographic area(s) of ownership. Key drivers of demand include employment levels, population growth, demographic rents and consumer confidence. The potential for reduced rental revenue exists in the event that demand diminishes or supply becomes overabundant thereby driving down prices for real estate assets.

## **Acquisitions Risks**

Mainstreet's growth depends in large part on identifying suitable acquisition opportunities, pursuing such opportunities and consummating acquisitions. It is not possible to manage all risks associated with such acquisitions in the terms and conditions contained in commercial agreements pertaining to such acquisitions. The real estate assets may be subject to unknown, unexpected or undisclosed liabilities that may materially and adversely affect the Corporation's operations, financial condition and results. The representations and warranties, if any, given by arm's length third parties to the Corporation may not adequately protect against these liabilities and any recourse against third parties may be limited by the financial capacity of such third parties. Moreover, real estate assets acquired by the Corporation may not meet expectations of operational or financial performance due to unexpected costs associated with developing an acquired property, as well as the general investment risks inherent in any real estate investment.

## **Environmental, Health and Safety Matters**

Under various environmental, health and safety laws, ordinances and regulations, the current or previous owner or operator of properties acquired or refinanced by the Corporation, may be liable for the costs of removal or remediation of hazardous or toxic substances on, under or in such properties. These costs could be substantial. Such laws could impose liability whether or not the Corporation knew of, or was responsible for, the presence of such hazardous or toxic substances when it acquired a property.

The presence of hazardous or toxic substances, or the failure to remove or remediate such substances, if any, or restrictions imposed by environmental, health and safety laws on the manner in which such properties may be operated or developed could adversely affect the Corporation's ability to sell such properties and could potentially also result in claims against the Corporation.

Environmental, health and safety laws provide for sanctions for non compliance and may be enforced by governmental agencies or, in certain circumstances, by private parties. Certain environmental, health and safety laws and common law principles could be used to impose liability for release of and exposure to hazardous substances into the air. Third parties may seek recovery from real property owners or operators for personal injury or property damage associated with exposure to released hazardous substances. The cost of defending against claims of liability, of complying with environmental, health and safety regulatory requirements, of remediating any contaminated property or of paying personal injury claims could be substantial.

The Corporation may be subject to liability for undetected pollution or other environmental hazards against which it cannot insure, or against which it may elect not to insure where premium costs are disproportionate to the Corporation's perception of relative risk. Such factors may have an adverse impact on the Corporation.

Mainstreet has policies and procedures to review and monitor environmental exposure, including the completion of environmental audits in connection with the Corporation's due diligence procedures when looking at potential acquisitions when the Corporation deems it advisable.

## **Cyber Security Risk**

Cyber security has become an increasingly issue for Corporations and businesses. Cyber-attack is an intentional attack can include gaining unauthorized access to information systems to disrupt business operations, corrupt data or steal confidential information. Such an attack could compromise Mainstreet, its employees and tenants' confidential information, and third parties with whom Mainstreet interacts and may result in negative consequences, including remediation costs, loss of revenue, data corruption, additional regulatory scrutiny, litigation and reputational damage. As a result, Mainstreet has implemented processes, procedures and controls to help mitigate these risks, but these measures do not guarantee that Cyber-attack can be totally avoided due to increasing in sophistication of Cyber-attack.

## **Workforce Availability**

Mainstreet's ability to provide services to its existing tenants is somewhat dependent on the availability of well-trained employees and contractors to service such tenants as well as complete required maintenance and capital upgrades on its buildings. The Corporation must also balance requirements to maintain adequate staffing levels while balancing the overall cost to the Corporation.

Within Mainstreet, its most experienced employees are employed full-time; this full-time force is supplemented by, seasonal and full-time immigrant labour, additional part-time employees, and specific contract services needed by the Corporation. Mainstreet constantly reviews existing overall market factors to ensure that its compensation program is in line with existing levels of responsibility and, if warranted, adjusts the program accordingly. Mainstreet also encourages employees' feedback in these areas to ensure existing programs are meeting their personal needs.

## **Uninsured Losses**

The Corporation carries comprehensive general liability, fire, flood, earthquake, tornado, natural disaster, extended coverage, rental loss and vacancy insurance with policy specifications, limits and deductibles customarily carried for similar properties. However, there are certain types of risks, generally of a catastrophic nature, such as wars, terrorist attacks or environmental contamination, which are either uninsurable or not insurable on an economically viable basis. Should an uninsured or underinsured loss occur, the Corporation could lose its investment in, and anticipated profits and cash flows from, one or more of its properties, but would continue to be obligated to repay any recourse mortgage indebtedness on such properties.

From time to time the Corporation may be subject to lawsuits as a result of the nature of its business. The Corporation intends to maintain business and property insurance policies in amounts and with such coverage and deductibles as are deemed appropriate, based on the nature and risks of the businesses, historical experience and industry standards. However, there can be no assurance that claims in excess of the insurance coverage or claims not covered by the insurance coverage will not arise or that the liability coverage will continue to be available on acceptable terms. A successful claim against the Corporation that is not covered by, or in excess of, the Corporation's insurance could materially affect such entity's operating results and financial condition, which would have an adverse effect on the Corporation. Claims against the Corporation, regardless of their merit or eventual outcome, will require the Corporation's management to devote time to matters unrelated to the operation of the business. To the extent possible the Corporation intends to minimize these risks by creating a separate entity for each separate property to be acquired.

### **Substitutions for Residential Rental Units**

Demand for residential rental properties is impacted by and inversely related to the relative cost of home ownership. The cost of home ownership depends upon, among other things, interest rates offered by financial institutions on mortgages and similar home financing transactions. Recently, interest rates offered by financial institutions for financing home ownership have been at very low levels. If the interest rates offered by financial institutions for home ownership financing remain low, demand for rental properties may be adversely affected. A reduction in the demand for rental properties may have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's ability to lease suites and on the rents charged. This, in turn, may have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, cash flows, financial condition and results from operations.

### **Litigation Risks**

In the normal course of the Corporation's operations, whether directly or indirectly, it may become involved in, named as a party to or the subject of, various legal proceedings, including regulatory proceedings, tax proceedings and legal actions relating to personal injuries, property damage, property taxes, land rights, the environment and contract disputes. The outcome with respect to outstanding, pending or future proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty and may be determined in a manner adverse to the Corporation and as a result, could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's assets, liabilities, business, financial condition and results from operations. Even if the Corporation prevails in any such legal proceeding, the proceedings could be costly and time consuming and may divert the attention of management and key personnel from the Corporation's business operations, which could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations and ability to make dividends to shareholders.

### **Rent Control**

The Corporation may be subject to legislation that exists or is enacted in certain jurisdictions, which restricts the right of landlords to increase rents charged to tenants. As a result, the inability to adjust rents to address higher operating costs or to improve margins on certain properties may have an adverse effect on the returns available from such properties.

Currently, the Corporation operates in Canada in the Provinces of Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. Neither Alberta nor Saskatchewan is subject to rent control legislation; however, under Alberta rent legislation, a landlord is only entitled to increase rents once every twelve months.

Under British Columbia's rent control legislation, a landlord is entitled to increase the rent for existing tenants once every twelve months by no more than the "guideline amount" established by regulations. The current guideline amount is 2% over annual inflation. When a unit is vacant, however, the landlord is entitled to lease the unit to a new tenant at any rental amount, after which annual increases are limited to the applicable guideline amount. The landlord may also be entitled to a greater increase in rent for a unit under certain circumstances, including, for example, where extra expenses have been incurred as a result of a renovation of that unit.

To manage this risk, prior to entering a market where rent controls are in place, extensive time is spent researching existing rules, and, where possible, the Corporation will ensure it utilizes employees who are experienced in working in these controlled environments. In addition, the Corporation adjusts forecast assumptions on new acquisitions to ensure they are reasonable given the rent control environment.

## **Operational Risks**

Operational risk is the risk that a direct or indirect loss may result from an inadequate or failed infrastructure, from a human process or from external events. The impact of this loss may be financial loss, loss of reputation or legal or regulatory proceedings. Mainstreet endeavours to minimize losses in this area by ensuring that effective infrastructure and controls exist. These controls are constantly reviewed and, if deemed necessary, improvements are implemented.

## **Public Market Risk**

It is not possible to predict the price at which Mainstreet's common shares will trade and there can be no assurance that an active trading market for the common shares will be sustained. The common shares will not necessarily trade at values determined solely by reference to the value of the properties of the Corporation. Accordingly, the common shares may trade at a premium or a discount to the value implied by the value of the Corporation's properties. The market price for common shares may be affected by changes in general market conditions, fluctuations in the markets for equity securities and numerous other factors beyond the control of the Corporation.

## **Potential Conflicts of Interest**

Mainstreet may be subject to various conflicts of interest because of the fact that directors and officers of the Corporation are engaged in other real estate-related business activities. The Corporation may become involved in transactions which conflict with the interests of the foregoing. Directors may from time to time deal with persons, firms, institutions or corporations with which the Corporation may be dealing, or which may be seeking investments similar to those desired by the Corporation. The interests of these persons could conflict with those of the Corporation. In addition, from time to time, these persons may compete with Mainstreet for available investment opportunities. Directors and officers of the Corporation are required to disclose material interests in material contracts and transactions and to refrain from voting thereon. See also "Related Party Transactions" above.

## **Appraisals of Properties**

An appraisal is an estimate of market value and caution should be used in evaluating data with respect to appraisals. It is a measure of value based on information gathered in the investigation, appraisal techniques employed and quantitative and qualitative reasoning, leading to an opinion of value. The analysis, opinions and conclusions in an appraisal are typically developed based on and in conformity with, interpretations of the guidelines and recommendations set forth in the Canadian Uniform Standards of Appraisal Practice. Appraisals are based on various assumptions of future expectations of property performance and while the appraiser's internal forecast of net income for the properties appraised are considered to be reasonable at that time, some of the assumptions may not materialize or may differ materially from actual experience in the future.

## **CHALLENGES**

Ongoing volatility of petroleum, natural gas and other commodity prices continues to create economic uncertainty in some of Mainstreet's core markets. This uncertainty is compounded by the introduction of the Alberta carbon tax, which was rolled out in January 2017. The economy-wide tax is structured in a way that charges the owners of buildings while offering rebates to tenants, which in turn raises the heating and electrical costs. Mainstreet currently has its electricity costs in Alberta contractually locked in at a fixed rate until April 2018. However, Mainstreet's internal research suggests that the provincial carbon tax will add additional costs in fiscal 2018 of roughly \$8.8 per unit. Additionally, increase in rent concessions, tenant turnover and bad debts also created additional anticipated operating cost pressures in Q1 2017.

Mainstreet's vacancy rate was above average over the quarter. This was largely a result of a high level of vacancy across the Prairie provinces, coupled with the \$78 million in acquisitions of unstabilized properties, the Corporation has completed over the past 15 months. While Mainstreet views this vacancy rate as high (9.7%), it sees this as a short-term trend as Mainstreet continues to undergo our stabilization process.

Negative macro economic forces have likewise caused significant short positions in respect of the trading of Mainstreet common stock. We believe this is partly responsible for our common share trading price being well below NAV. As of December 31, 2016, the short position on Mainstreet totaled 752,600 common shares.

Broadly speaking, the impact of lower commodity prices and market volatility is difficult to measure in precise terms. However, Management believes the current situation also creates a series of opportunities that are discussed at greater length in the Outlook section below.

## OUTLOOK

Mainstreet saw its same-asset revenues, vacancy rate and funds from operations excluding utility cost increase in Q1 2017 compared with Q4 2016. This marked a positive quarterly movement for the first time in six quarters. The uptick occurred despite that Q1, historically, is a winter season of low activity in the apartment rental market.

Mainstreet believes this revenue increase could be an early indication of market stabilization in the Alberta and Saskatchewan markets. Ideally, this is a signal that Mainstreet is nearing the tail end of the downward curve in revenues on a same-asset basis. However, Management maintains a cautious perspective in this regard, as the macro economic picture in those markets remains uncertain. In addition, the performance of Mainstreet's BC portfolio, which accounts for approximately 30% of Mainstreet's portfolio, maintained an average vacancy rate below 1%. Management anticipates that rental revenues from our BC portfolio will continue to grow through rent increases and further improvements in occupancy rates.

Mainstreet sees several key indicators of positive movement in the Alberta and Saskatchewan markets. According to recent Canadian census data, Alberta's population grew 11.6% between 2011 and 2016—the highest rate in the country and more than twice the national average. The population growth over the period was even higher than it was from 2006 to 2011, when Alberta's economic situation was, on balance, healthier. Saskatchewan's population growth was the second highest in the country at 6.3%. Overall, the 2016 census marked the first time in Canadian history that the three Prairie provinces (Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba) had the highest population growth in the country.

Mainstreet views this demographic shift as a highly positive indicator for the Alberta and Saskatchewan markets in the long term. Management sees this trend continuing in the future, provided economic activity continues to improve. In Alberta, the provincial population is expected to grow by 1.6% in 2017 and by 1.7% in 2018, according to CMHC data. Saskatchewan's population also continues to grow, and is expected to rise by 1.3% in 2017 and 2018.

Steady in-migration levels come as the rental market begins to show signs of absorption. During recent years of high economic growth, there was a rapid build out of condominiums, particularly in Alberta, which began coming onto the market in mid-2015. Management believes this led to a lot of condominium units being owned by investors with the intention for the higher-end rental market. The economic recession and the lower in-migration level, which resulted in an oversupply of condominium rental units, created a spillover effect and caused an increase in vacancy rate in the apartment rental market. However, Mainstreet believes this oversupply will continue to absorb through fiscal 2017 and 2018.

Additionally, Management expects the recent relaxation of Canadian immigration policies to attract a number of foreign workers, foreign students, immigrants and refugees to some of its core regions—most of whom are likely to enter the rental market.

With immigration numbers anticipated to rise, Mainstreet also believes stricter requirements on CMHC-insured mortgages implemented by the federal government in 2016 are favourable to the rental market. The new legislation may serve to deter first-time homebuyers in particular, who could be more exposed to higher interest rates and therefore more likely to rent rather than buy. This has the additional benefit of helping to absorb the aforementioned excess capacity in the condominium market.

Moreover, Mainstreet is well positioned to capitalize on this apartment rental market growth. In times of economic uncertainty, renters tend to favour middle market prices as they delay major investments like new homes. Mainstreet's price point average rental rate between \$900 and \$1,000 perfectly aligns with that mid-market demand.

Management also believes that the oil and gas industry in Western Canada is showing indications of improvement early in 2017. US President Donald Trump signed an executive order in January 2017 to move ahead with the Keystone XL pipeline, which is seen as a highly positive development for the sector. The decision is complemented by the Canadian government's approval of two major oil pipelines in the later part of October 2016. The approval of the three pipelines is expected to aid in attracting investment to Canada's oil and gas industry.

In addition, the global oil cartel known as OPEC agreed to collectively cut back their oil production in November 2016, potentially putting a floor on prices. Oil prices in early 2017 have increased significantly above their 2016 lows, and the consensus among commodity analysts seems to be that these commodity prices will continue to rise in 2017 and 2018.

Mainstreet believes these broader market conditions create substantial opportunities for growth, and it is pushing the reset button on our approach to acquisitions. The current environment of low interest rates and slower GDP growth makes this an ideal time to expand its portfolio on an opportunistic basis.

Lastly, Mainstreet expects to benefit from lower costs and availability of labour. With the easing of labour market pressures, Management believes this will provide an opportunity to bulk up on senior and middle management personnel at a cost that would have been impossible when economic activity was at its peak.

## RUNWAY ON EXISTING PORTFOLIO

- 1) Closing the NOI gap: Over Q1 2017, 10% of the Mainstreet portfolio remained unstabilized, which contributed to higher vacancy rates. While this is a normal part of the Mainstreet business model, Mainstreet's continual work in renovating and improving properties before releasing them back to the market provides, in Management's opinion, potential to improve NOI and FFO performance. This inherent challenge in Mainstreet's business model is further increased by recent acquisitions, which causes higher rates of unstabilized properties that affect its NOI and FFO.
- 2) Renegotiating long-term debt: Interest rates, which account for Mainstreet's single largest expense, are among the lowest the Corporation has ever experienced. Mainstreet expects to cut these expenses further by refinancing our remaining \$10 million in mortgage loans maturing in 2017 and debts maturing in 2018 at an expected average interest rate that will be much lower than the current average rate of 5.2%.
- 3) Buying back shares at discount to NAV : Mainstreet believes its common shares continue to trade well below its NAV. Additionally, the current discount, in our opinion, does not fully account for numerous intangible assets, including Mainstreet's diversified asset base and non-dilutive growth model. Mainstreet will therefore continue to buy back its own common shares on an opportunistic basis under the NCIB.
- 4) Leveraging the Corporation's ample liquidity: Finally, Mainstreet maintains a substantial year to date liquidity position that will allow Mainstreet to capitalize on opportunities for acquisitions and the repurchasing of its common shares. Mainstreet anticipates that its estimated year to date liquidity of \$151 million will translate into roughly \$600 million in acquisition opportunities based on a leverage level of 75%. Following any future acquisitions, this could significantly boost Mainstreet's NOI per share and FFO per share in the long term.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information about Mainstreet is available on the Corporation's website at [www.mainst.biz](http://www.mainst.biz) and on Sedar at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).