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Election of Directors and Majority Voting Policy

The bank's Majority Voting Policy states that, if a director nominee in an uncontested election fails to receive, from the common shares voted at the meeting or by proxy, a greater number of shares voted in favour of their election than are withheld from voting (i.e., the nominee is not elected by at least a majority of 50% + 1 vote), they must immediately tender their resignation to the Board Chair. The corporate governance committee and the board will expeditiously consider the director's offer to resign. The board will accept the resignation offer unless there are exceptional circumstances, and the resignation will take effect as soon as the board accepts it. The board must make its final determination within 90 days of the relevant shareholders' meeting and promptly announce that decision (including, if applicable, the reasons for rejecting the resignation) through a news release. Any director who tenders their resignation pursuant to this policy will not participate in any deliberations on the resignation offer by the corporate governance committee or board. In the event any director fails to tender their resignation in accordance with this policy, the board will not re-nominate the director. The board is not limited in any action it may take if a director's resignation is accepted, including appointing a new director to fill the vacancy. This policy does not apply to a contested election of directors, that is, where the number of nominees, including proxy access nominees, exceeds the number of directors to be elected.