## StorageVault Canada Inc.

(the "Corporation")

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## Management's Discussion and Analysis For Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") provides a review of corporate and market developments, results of operations and the financial position of StorageVault Canada Inc. ("SVI" or "the Corporation") for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the September 30, 2018 interim consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes contained therein, which have been prepared in Canadian dollars and in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). This MD&A is based on information available to Management as of November 15, 2018.

#### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This MD&A contains forward-looking information. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included in this MD&A, may be forward-looking information. Generally, forward-looking information may be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "proposed", "is expected", "budgets", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases, or by the use of words or phrases which state that certain actions, events or results may, could, would, or might occur or be achieved. In particular, forward-looking information included in this MD&A includes statements with respect to: the Corporation's outlook as to the market for self storage and portable storage; economic conditions; the availability of credit; the expectation of cash flows; the Corporation's strategic objectives, growth strategies, goals and plans; potential sources of financing including issuing additional common shares as a source of financing, generally, and as a source of financing for potential acquisitions; future expansion of existing SVI Stores; the size of potential future acquisitions the Corporation may make in 2018; and the general outlook for the Corporation. This forward-looking information is contained in "Nature of Business", "Business and General Corporate Strategy", "Outlook", "Financial Results Overview" and "Working Capital, Long Term Debt and Share Capital" and other sections of this MD&A.

Forward-looking information is subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements of the Corporation to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking information. Certain of such risks are discussed in the "Risks and Uncertainties" section of this MD&A.

Although the Corporation has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking information, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking information will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such information. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. The factors identified above are not intended to represent a complete list of the factors that could affect the Corporation.

The forward-looking information in this MD&A should not be relied upon as representing the Corporation's views as of any date subsequent to the date of this MD&A. Such forward-looking information is based on a number of assumptions which may prove to be incorrect, including, but not limited to: the ability of the Corporation to obtain sufficient or necessary financing, satisfy conditions under previously announced acquisition agreements, or satisfy any requirements of the TSX Venture Exchange with respect to these acquisitions and any related private placement; the level of activity in the storage business and the economy generally; consumer interest in the Corporation's services and products; competition and SVI's competitive advantages; trends in the storage industry, including, increased growth and growth in the portable storage business; the availability of attractive and financially competitive asset acquisitions in the future. A description of additional assumptions used to develop such forward-looking information and a description of additional risk factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from forward-looking information can be found in the Corporation's disclosure documents on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com. The Corporation undertakes no obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking information, except in accordance with applicable securities laws. Historical results of operations and trends that may be inferred from this MD&A may not necessarily indicate future results from operations.

The amount of potential future acquisitions by the Corporations in fiscal 2018 and revenue and NOI growth for 2018 may be considered a financial outlook, as defined by applicable securities legislation, contained in this MD&A and the accompanying Letter to Shareholders. Such information and any other financial outlooks or future-oriented financial information has been approved by management of the Corporation as of the date hereof. Such financial outlook or future-oriented financial information is provided for the purpose of presenting information about management's current expectations and goals relating to the future business of the Corporation. Readers are cautioned that reliance on such information may not be appropriate for other purposes.

Additional information relating to StorageVault Canada Inc. can be found at www.sedar.com.

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#### **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

The following abbreviated terms are used in the Management Discussion & Analysis and have the following respective meanings:

"AFFO" means FFO plus acquisition and integration costs. Acquisition and integration costs are one time in nature to the specific assets purchased in the current period or pending and are expensed under IFRS. AFFO is a non-IFRS measure – see Accounting Policies Non-IFRS Measures.

"Costco" means Costco Wholesale Canada Ltd.;

"Existing Self Storage" means stores that the Corporation has owned or leased since the beginning of the previous fiscal year; Existing Self Storage is a non-IFRS measure – see Accounting Policies Non-IFRS Measures.

"FFO" means net income (loss) excluding gains or losses from the sale of depreciable real estate, plus depreciation, amortization and goodwill adjustment, stock based compensation expenses, and deferred income taxes; and after adjustments for equity accounted entities and non-controlling interests.

"IFRS" means international financial reporting standards;

"MD & A" means this management discussion and analysis disclosure document;

"New Self Storage" means stores that have not been owned or leased continuously since the beginning of the previous fiscal year; New Self Storage is a non-IFRS measure – see Accounting Policies Non-IFRS Measures.

"NOI", means net operating income, calculated as revenue from storage and related services less related property operating costs; NOI is a non-IFRS measure – see Accounting Policies Non-IFRS Measures.

"Non-IFRS Measures" means operating and performance metrics that are not always calculated with reference to IFRS, but are used commonly in the storage industry to measure operating results for assets owned or leased;

"Q1, Q2, Q3 or Q4" means a three month fiscal quarter of the Company, ending on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 respectively;

"Revenue Management" means the operating principle of achieving optimal revenue through a combination of rental rate increases on existing customers (increases the existing revenue base and rent per square foot) and dynamic pricing of available inventory;

"Store" means self storage property or location or facility or site;

"Subsequent Events" means material transactions that have occurred from October 1, 2018 to November 15, 2018.

"SVI" means Storage Vault Canada Inc.;

"The Company" or "The Corporation" or "We" or "Our" means StorageVault Canada Inc;

#### NATURE OF OUR BUSINESS

#### **Business Overview**

The Corporation was incorporated on May 31, 2007, under the Business Corporations Act of Alberta, and is domiciled in Canada. The common shares of the Company are publicly traded on the TSX Venture Exchange, under the symbol 'SVI'. The Corporation's primary business is owning, operating and renting self storage and portable storage space to individual and commercial customers.

SVI owns 100 stores and 4,613 portable storage units across Canada, for a total of 5,781,849 square feet of rentable storage space and 53,378 rental units. The stores operate under the Access Storage, Depotium Mini-Entrepots, Sentinel Storage and Storage For Your Life brands. Our portable storage business operates under the Cubeit and PUPS brands.

In addition to the stores owned, SVI manages an additional 58 stores that are owned by third parties and operated by us in exchange for a management fee, bringing the total number of operating stores which we own and or manage to 158.

SVI's strategic objective is to own and operate self storage and portable storage in Canada's top markets. The Corporation will focus on acquiring storage assets with strong existing cash flows, in strategic markets, preferably with excess land allowing for future development and expansion of our self and portable storage businesses. Financing for this growth is intended to come from a combination of free cash flow from operations, mortgage financing and the issuance of additional debt or equity securities.

#### The Storage Landscape

Demand for storage is driven by population growth, change of circumstances and smaller living areas and work spaces. Business incubation, immigration, downsizing, renovations, moving, death, divorce, insurance, etc. have contributed to the significant growth in demand for storage space in Canada over the past 10 years and statistics show that this trend is expected to continue.

## Market Size

The Canadian storage market is estimated to be 90 million square feet across 2,500 stores, with the top 10 operators owning less than 15% of these stores; by comparison, the US market is estimated at over 2.5 billion square feet across over 51,475 stores. This translates into approximately 8.3 square feet per capita in the US versus only 2.5 square feet per capita in Canada suggesting that Canada is an under-stored nation.

The market fragmentation of the Canadian storage industry combined with the low square foot per capita provides significant consolidation, expansion and development opportunities. Our existing platform, relationships, reputation, presence in and knowledge of the storage industry allows us to identify accretive and strategic acquisitions and to take advantage of these opportunities.

#### Pricing and Occupancy

A store's rental rates and level of occupancy are dependent upon factors such as population density and growth (approximately 80% of customers live or work within 8 km's of the store location), the local economy, pricing, customer service, curb appeal, etc. We believe in managing our inventory (units) through pricing. Since our rentals are either weekly or monthly, we are able to react to market demand very quickly. Our objective is to maximize revenue and NOI, by increasing rent per square foot first and maximizing occupancy second.

## Competition

New development in a market impacts the occupancy and the ability to raise rates at existing stores until the market absorbs the new space. New entrants tend to offer significant move-in specials to achieve more rapid occupancy gains. Once the space has leased up, promotions are reduced or eliminated and the focus switches to maximizing revenue through price increases. This can result in short term fluctuations in occupancy and revenue per square foot at existing stores.

#### <u>Seasonality</u>

The storage business is subject to seasonality. There is naturally more activity in the warmer months and less activity in the colder months. As a result occupancies and revenue per square foot tend to be highest in Q2 and Q3 and lowest in Q1 and Q4. This trend is consistent with what is experienced in the Northern US. This seasonality is more significant in the portable storage business as all of our portable units are non-climate controlled. Also, operating costs tend to be higher during the winter months in Canada due to heating and snow removal costs resulting in lower NOI margins in Q1 and Q4 versus Q2 and Q3.

#### BUSINESS AND GENERAL CORPORATE STRATEGY

SVI owns and operates storage locations offering both self storage and portable storage for rent on a weekly or monthly basis, for personal and business use. We are focused on owning and operating locations in the top markets in Canada with a plan to have multiple stores, where possible, in each market we operate.

## **Growth Strategies**

Our growth strategy is described in the following four segments: acquisitions, organic growth through improved performance of existing stores, expansion of our existing stores to meet pent up demand and expansion of our portable storage business.

## **Acquisitions**

The combination of our corporate platform, our industry relationships and our storage experience provides SVI with a unique advantage in the Canadian market place. This advantage allows us to identify accretive and strategic purchasing opportunities at attractive prices that provide synergies in operations, marketing and revenue maximization.

We intend to be a disciplined purchaser, with a focus on Canada's top markets. However, as there is more competition to acquire existing stores, especially from US purchasers, we may not be able to find acquisitions that meet our criteria.

#### Organic Growth

Scale has become increasingly important in the storage business and the increased size of SVI provides a significant advantage in negotiating better rates on: insurance, software, office supplies, resale retail products, merchant services, technical support and long distance transport of portable units. These economies translate into improved margins and better results.

Efficiencies are also gained through cross promotion and marketing of the self storage and portable storage platforms due to a larger national footprint, offering different but complementary product choices at various price points to our customers.

The most significant evolution in the storage industry has been in the area of revenue management. Revenue management is the principle of achieving optimal revenue through a combination of rental rate increases on existing customers (increases the existing revenue base and rent per square foot) and dynamic pricing of available inventory so we are selling the right product, to the right customer at the right time, for the right price. With a focus on revenue management, stores are able to achieve significant top and bottom line growth even when occupancies are stable.

## **Existing Store Expansion**

There is over 800,000 square feet of development potential on the land currently owned and operated by SVI. When the market conditions are suitable and high occupancies indicate pent up demand, we expect to expand a number of our existing locations and currently have 50,000 square feet under construction.

## **Expansion of Portable Storage Business**

The portable storage business is where the self storage business was 20 years ago and has significant growth potential. This belief is supported by Canada's largest pension plan purchasing the world's largest portable storage business in one of their long-term funds in February 2015 for over \$1 billion. While margins in the portable storage business are not as high as they are in the self storage business, they are still very attractive. With a larger geographic and operating footprint achieved through our growth strategy, we believe the margins will continue to improve.

## **Financing Strategy**

We anticipate funding the capital requirements of our growth strategy through excess operating cash flow, utilization of suitable leverage and from the issuance of equity and debt securities.

## Financing With Secured Debt and Lines of Credit

The Corporation will partially fund the purchase of storage assets with debt. A number of factors are considered when evaluating the level of debt in our capital structure, as well as the amount of debt that will be fixed or variable rate. In making financing decisions, the factors that we consider include, but are not limited to interest rate, amortization period, covenants and restrictions, security requirements, prepayment rights and costs, overall debt level, maturity date in relation to existing debt, overall percentage of fixed and variable rate debt and expected store performance.

#### <u>Issuance of Common Shares</u>

The Corporation will, from time to time, issue common shares to the public or to vendors to fund the purchase of storage assets or pay down debt. SVI will consider issuances of additional common shares for cash proceeds or as consideration in the purchase of storage assets in the upcoming fiscal year if accretive to shareholders. Future issuances will be dependent upon financing needs, acquisitions and expansion, equity market conditions at the time and transaction pricing.

#### **OUTLOOK**

The Corporation's outlook for acquisitions, share capital, results from operations and subsequent events are:

#### **Acquisitions**

As of the date of this MD & A, we have closed \$161.4 million in acquisitions and announced an additional \$10.5 million that are pending for a total of \$171.9 million, resulting in the Corporation achieving our fiscal 2018 acquisition outlook of \$70 to \$90 million.

To date, we have been successful in meeting or exceeding our acquisition targets; however, as there is more competition to acquire existing stores, especially from foreign purchasers, we may not be able to find acquisitions that meet our criteria.

## **Share Capital**

The Corporation will from time to time issue common shares to the public or to vendors to fund the purchase of storage assets. Future issuances will be dependent upon financing needs, acquisition opportunities, expansion plans, equity market conditions at the time and transaction pricing.

## **Results from Operations**

We expect significant growth in revenue and net operating income in 2018 resulting from the timing of 2017 and 2018 acquisitions and as we continue to streamline and integrate operations, implement our revenue management systems and continue to control costs on the \$663.8 million of assets purchased in 2016 and 2017.

The Corporation may use discounts in select markets to match competitive forces and retain its customer base as a result of new competitors trying to jump-start their lease up periods by offering significant discounts to new customers. This can result in short term fluctuations in occupancy and rent per square foot at existing stores. The effect on overall revenues is not expected to be significant, but it may be enough to slow the rate of growth in revenues experienced in past years.

## **Subsequent Events**

The following items have been announced or purchased by the Corporation:

- On October 17, 2018, the Corporation acquired two stores in Quebec and one in Saskatchewan for \$16,050,000 (subjected to customary adjustments). The acquisitions were arm's length transactions. The purchase price was paid for by cash on hand and first mortgage financing.
- On October 22, 2018, the Corporation acquired two stores in Ottawa for \$13,250,000 (subjected to customary adjustments). The acquisition was a non arm's length transaction. The purchase price was paid for by cash on hand, first mortgage financing and the issuance of 1,481,481 common shares of StorageVault at \$2.70 per common share or \$4,000,000.
- On November 6, 2018, the Corporation announced that it has entered into purchase agreements to acquire two stores in Ontario from two arm's length vendor groups for an aggregate purchase price of \$10,460,000.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF OUR OPERATIONS**

As at September 30, 2018, the Corporation owned the following self storage and portable storage operations:

		Number of		Rentable Square
Location	Acres	Stores	Units	Feet
British Columbia	31.7	16	8,007	741,787
Alberta	69.2	19	11,371	1,232,359
Saskatchewan	21.4	7	1,453	207,508
Manitoba	19.6	8	3,728	354,596
Ontario	123.2	34	16,440	1,950,240
Quebec	24.3	12	6,198	573,032
Nova Scotia	15.0	4	1,568	156,764
Portable Storage Units			4,613	565,563
Total	304.4	100	53,378	5,781,849

Management is focused on increasing value and increasing NOI as follows:

## Revenue Management

In today's competitive climate, revenue per square foot is the greatest driver in creating value. Our management platform has dedicated managers who understand the nuances of each local market. Their in-depth knowledge of our customer base and the competition allows us to implement strategic rate increases and optimize proven promotions to attract clientele that will be long-term customers, repeat renters and strong referral sources.

#### **Professional Management**

The management team at SVI has extensive experience in all aspects of the storage industry including:

- management of over 150 storage locations throughout Canada
- acquisition, development and management of over 8 million square feet of storage space
- over 100 years of combined experience in the storage industry by senior management

#### Marketing

We implement specific marketing plans for the different stages and seasons of our business with emphasis on maximizing return on investment for every dollar spent. Our strategies to attract customers include strong search engine marketing, user friendly online presence, community connection programs and development of large national accounts. We conduct specific store and market studies to determine how, when and where to focus our marketing dollars with the goal of efficiently and consistently increasing the value of our stores.

## **Costco Supplier**

Our storage business is the exclusive supplier to Costco members across Canada. This relationship provides exclusive access to Costco's vast membership base as a marketing channel.

#### **Reservation Centre**

Our management platform has a Reservation Centre (call center) that provides call management services designed to increase reservations and move-ins, increase productivity at the store level and improve our corporate image through professionalism, consistency of messaging and willingness to resolve issues. Our Reservation Centre agents have worked in the storage business and understand the need to (i) introduce and greet professionally; (ii) establish rapport with customers; (iii) build trust; (iv) ask the right questions; (v) listen; (vi) ask for the business; and (vii) close the sale. The overall result is an increased close rate leading to improved financial performance.

## Technology and Software

SVI stores utilize modern and updated software, technology and security systems. We work with vendors and developers, who have knowledge of the storage business, to take advantage of developing trends, including: (1) exception reports that allow management to monitor key performance and fraud indicators ensuring that management time is more effectively spent preventing and resolving issues than identifying them; and (2) web-based software reporting that allows authorized individuals to view specific store information in real time. The user can choose to see daily rental rates achieved and the number of customers moving-in or moving-out. This tool allows us to adjust quickly to opportunities and threats in each marketplace.

#### **Economies of Scale**

The size and scope of our management platform, combined with the growing size of our own operations translates into higher gross margins through the centralization of many functions such as revenue management, property management, employee compensation and benefits programs, as well as the development and documentation of standardized operating procedures and best practices.

## FINANCIAL RESULTS OVERVIEW

In the current fiscal year to date, SVI has completed \$161.4 million of acquisitions. In fiscal 2017, SVI added 42 stores for \$485.4 million (two through a joint venture) and disposed of one land asset. Therefore, the comparative results are significantly impacted by the timing of these acquisitions.

#### **Selected Financial Information**

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		Three Months Ended September 30							Nine Months Ended September 30					
						Change	:					Change		
		<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>		<u>2018</u>	2017		<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>	
Storage revenue and related services	\$	25,292,037	\$	18,030,696	\$	7,261,341	40.3%	\$	68,572,778 \$	40,304,988	\$	28,267,790	70.1%	
Management fees		441,815		423,264		18,551	4.4%		1,248,392	839,416		408,976	48.7%	
		25,733,852		18,453,960		7,279,892	39.4%		69,821,170	41,144,404		28,676,766	69.7%	
Operating costs		7,730,044		5,917,031		1,813,013	30.6%		22,251,594	14,534,162		7,717,432	53.1%	
Net operating income <sup>1</sup>		18,003,808		12,536,929		5,466,879	43.6%		47,569,576	26,610,242		20,959,334	78.8%	
Less:														
Acquisition and integration costs		423,032		2,903,864		(2,480,832)	-85.4%		1,371,449	4,487,456		(3,116,007)	-69.4%	
Selling, general and administrative		1,525,866		710,200		815,666	114.9%		4,138,058	2,108,946		2,029,112	96.2%	
Interest		7,454,792		5,153,879		2,300,913	44.6%		20,642,418	9,765,452		10,876,966	111.4%	
Share of net loss from joint venture		-		40,036		(40,036)	-		-	40,036		(40,036)	-	
Stock based compensation		-		-		-	-		1,901,631	1,534,286		367,345	23.9%	
Depreciation and amortization		14,955,772		19,131,327		(4,175,555)	-21.8%		42,823,505	37,870,203		4,953,302	13.1%	
		24,359,462		27,939,306		(3,579,844)	-12.8%		70,877,061	55,806,379		15,070,682	27.0%	
Net Income (Loss)	\$	(6,355,654)	\$	(15,402,377)	\$	9,046,723	-58.7%	\$	(23,307,485) \$	(29,196,137)	\$	5,888,652	-20.2%	
Weighted average number of common s	shares	outstanding												
Basic		354,069,473		333,818,830		20,250,643	6.1%		350,727,250	308,280,979		42,446,271	13.8%	
Diluted		354,069,473		333,818,830		20,250,643	6.1%		350,727,250	308,280,979		42,446,271	13.8%	
Net income (loss) per common share														
Basic	\$	(0.018)	\$	(0.046)				\$	(0.066) \$	(0.095)				
Diluted	\$	(0.018)	\$	(0.046)				\$	(0.066) \$	(0.095)				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Non-IFRS Measure.

## Storage revenue and related services

Revenues increased by \$7.3 million, or 40.3%, for the three months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017. This results in a year to date increase over the prior year of \$28.3 million or 70.1%. This increase is primarily attributable to incremental revenue from the 42 stores acquired in 2017 and from the stores acquired in the current fiscal year. For additional information, see "Segmented, Existing and New Self Storage and Portable Storage Results."

#### Management fees

A stream of revenue from management contracts was acquired from Access Results Management Services on March 31, 2017. The three months ended September 30, 2018 results were similar to that of the prior year.

## Operating costs

Operating costs for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 were \$7.7 million and \$22.3 million (September 30, 2017 - \$5.9 million and \$14.5 million), an increase of 30.6% and 53.1%, respectively. The increase in property operating cost relates to the stores acquired in 2017 and in the current fiscal year.

## Net income (loss)

Our net loss of \$23.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 is a result of \$42.8 million of depreciation and amortization and \$1.9 million in stock based compensation, both non-cash items.

In Q4 2017, the Corporation reversed \$12.4 million of goodwill impairment recorded in the published Q1 2017 and Q3 2017 – see Summary of Quarterly Results for the impact on the 2017 quarterly results.

## Net operating income

For the three months ended September 30, 2018, the Corporation had net operating income (NOI), a non-IFRS measure, of \$18.0 million (September 30, 2017 - \$12.5 million), an increase of 43.6%. The NOI for the nine months ended September 30 2018, increased by \$21.0 million or 78.8%, to \$47.6 million. The increase was primarily due to the NOI from storage assets purchased in fiscal 2017, streamlining and integration of operations, increased rates through our revenue management systems, management fee revenue stream and control of costs on assets purchased.

#### Acquisition and integration costs

Acquisition and integration costs include professional fees incurred to identify, qualify, close and integrate the assets purchased and pending. SVI has closed or announced a total of \$171.9 million of acquisitions to date in fiscal 2018, following \$485.4 million of acquisitions in fiscal 2017.

#### Selling, general and administrative

Selling, general and administrative expenses include all expenses not related to the stores including corporate office overhead and payroll, travel and professional fees. These costs have increased as a result of increased activity associated with the growth and anticipated future growth of the business.

#### Interest

Interest expense increased as the total amount of debt outstanding increased with current and prior year acquisitions. As at September 30, 2018, our total debt was \$670.4 million compared to \$545.8 million at September 30, 2017.

## Depreciation and amortization and goodwill adjustment

The increase in depreciation and amortization expense is primarily due to depreciating the \$485.4 million additional assets acquired throughout fiscal 2017.

In Q4 2017, the Corporation reversed \$12.4 million of goodwill impairment recorded in the published Q1 2017 and Q3 2017 – see Summary of Quarterly Results for the impact on the 2017 quarterly results.

## Funds from Operations (FFO) and Adjusted Funds from Operations (AFFO)

FFO and AFFO are non-IFRS measures. It allows management and investors to evaluate the financial results of an entity without taking into consideration the impact of non-cash items and non-recurring acquisition and integrations costs on the Consolidated Statement of Income (Loss) and Comprehensive Income (Loss). Net income (loss) assumes that the values of our assets diminish over time through depreciation and amortization, irrespective of the value of our real estate assets in the open market. Other non-cash and non-recurring capital items include stock based compensation costs, deferred income tax expenses (recoveries) and acquisition and integration costs, if any. Acquisition and integration costs, adjusted for in our AFFO, are one time in nature to the specific assets purchased or pending. While the specific acquisition and integration costs may vary from period to period, given that the Corporation is planning to continue to complete acquisitions as part of its growth strategy, these costs will continue to be included as an adjustment in determining AFFO (i.e. the amount of the costs are "non-recurring" but the actual adjustment for these type of costs is "recurring").

FFO for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 was \$8.6 million and \$21.4 million versus \$3.9 million and \$10.4 million, respectively for the same period in 2017. These increases are mainly the result of contributions from the assets purchased in fiscal 2017.

AFFO for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 was \$9.0 million and \$22.8 million versus \$6.8 million and \$14.9 million, respectively for the same period in 2017. These increases are mainly the result of contributions from the assets purchased in fiscal 2017.

The FFO and AFFO for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 are:

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	Three M	ontl	ns Ended Sep	ten	nber 30			Nine M	on	ths Ended Se <sub>l</sub>	pter	nber 30	
	<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>		Change	2		<u>2018</u>		2017		Change	
			•		<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>				_		<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>
Net Income (loss)	\$ (6,355,654)	\$	(15,402,377)	\$	9,046,723	-58.7%	\$	(23,307,485)	5	(29,196,137)	\$	5,888,652	-20.2%
Adjustments:													
Stock based compensation	-		-		-	-		1,901,631		1,534,286		367,345	23.9%
Depreciation and amortization from													
joint venture	-		181,473		(181,473)	-		-		181,473		(181,473)	-
Depreciation, amortization and goodwill adjustment	14,955,772		19,131,327		(4,175,555)	-21.8%		42,823,505		37,870,203		4,953,302	13.1%
	14,955,772		19,312,800		(4,357,028)	-22.6%		44,725,136		39,585,962		5,139,174	13.0%
FFO <sup>1</sup>	\$ 8,600,118	\$	3,910,423	\$	4,689,695	119.9%	\$	21,417,651	5	10,389,825	\$	11,027,826	106.1%
Adjustments:													
Acquisition and integrations costs	423,032		2,903,864		(2,480,832)	-85.4%		1,371,449		4,487,456		(3,116,007)	-69.4%
AFFO <sup>1</sup>	\$ 9,023,150	\$	6,814,287	\$	2,208,863	32.4%	\$	22,789,100	5	14,877,281	\$	7,911,819	53.2%

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Non-IFRS Measure.

## Segmented, Existing and New Self Storage and Portable Storage Results

The Corporation operates three reportable business segments - self storage, portable storage and management fees. Self storage involves customers renting space at the Corporation's property for short or long term storage. Portable storage involves delivering a storage unit to the customer. The customer can choose to keep the portable storage unit at their location or have it moved to another location. Management fees are revenues generated from the management of stores owned by third parties.

## Revenue, property operating costs and net operating income

				(unaudit	ed)			(unaudited)					
		Thre	e Moı	nths Ende	d Se	eptember 30			Nine	Mo	nths Ended S	September 30	
		2018		<u>2017</u>		Change	e		<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>	Chang	ge
						<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>					<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>
Revenue													
Existing Self Storage <sup>1</sup>	\$	9,921,898	\$ 9	9,423,920	\$	497,978	5.3%	\$	28,306,276	\$	26,826,971	1,479,305	5.5%
New Self Storage <sup>1</sup>		13,383,102	(	6,787,730		6,595,372	97.2%		35,356,158		8,830,109	26,526,049	300.4%
Total Self Storage		23,305,000	10	6,211,650		7,093,350	43.8%		63,662,434		35,657,081	28,005,354	78.5%
Portable Storage		1,987,037		1,819,046		167,991	9.2%		4,910,344		4,647,907	262,437	5.6%
Management fees		441,815		423,264		18,551	4.4%		1,248,392		839,416	408,976	48.7%
Combined		25,733,852	18	8,453,960		7,279,892	39.4%	_	69,821,170		41,144,404	28,676,767	69.7%
Operating Costs													
Existing Self Storage		2,795,498	2	2,887,081		(91,583)	-3.2%		8,864,097		8,916,231	(52,134)	-0.6%
New Self Storage		3,707,822		1,958,424		1,749,398	89.3%		10,242,123		2,680,344	7,561,779	282.1%
Total Self Storage		6,503,320	4	4,845,505		1,657,815	34.2%		19,106,220		11,596,575	7,509,646	64.8%
Portable Storage		1,226,724		1,071,526		155,198	14.5%		3,145,374		2,937,587	207,787	7.1%
Combined		7,730,044	Į	5,917,031		1,813,013	30.6%		22,251,594		14,534,162	7,717,433	53.1%
Net Operating Income	1												
Existing Self Storage		7,126,400	(	6,536,839		589,561	9.0%		19,442,179		17,910,741	1,531,438	8.6%
New Self Storage		9,675,280	4	4,829,306		4,845,974	100.3%		25,114,035		6,149,765	18,964,270	308.4%
Total Self Storage		16,801,680	1	1,366,145		5,435,535	47.8%		44,556,214		24,060,506	20,495,708	85.2%
Portable Storage		760,313		747,520		12,793	1.7%		1,764,970		1,710,320	54,650	3.2%
Management fees		441,815		423,264		18,551	4.4%		1,248,392		839,416	408,976	48.7%
Combined	\$	18,003,808	\$ 12	2,536,929	\$	5,466,879	43.6%	\$	47,569,576	\$	26,610,242	20,959,334	78.8%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Non -IFRS Measure.

#### Existing Self Storage

For the three months ended September 30, 2018, Revenue and NOI increased by 5.3% and 9.0%, respectively, over the same prior year period. The revenue increase was substantially driven from continued execution of our revenue management program, controlling costs through operational efficiencies and with the balance coming from a slight increase in occupancy.

#### New Self Storage

Increase is a result of acquiring 42 stores throughout 2017 resulting in NOI growth quarter over quarter as we commenced reporting results.

## Portable Storage

Slight increase in occupancy resulted in revenue and NOI growth over the same prior year period.

## Quarterly net operating income

The Corporation's quarterly results are affected by the timing of acquisitions, both in the current year and prior year. SVI also incurs non-recurring initial expenses when a new location is acquired. These costs may include labor, severance, training, travel, advertising and or office expenses.

The storage business is subject to seasonality. There is naturally more activity in the warmer months and less activity in the colder months. Operating costs are higher during the winter months in Canada due to heating and snow removal costs resulting in lower NOI margins in Q1 and Q4, versus Q2 and Q3. This is consistent with that experienced in the Northern US.

		Fiscal 2	2018 ('000)		Fiscal 2017 ('000)					
	Q3	Q2	Q1	Total	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Total	
NOI 1										
Existing Self Storage	\$ 7,126	\$ 6,520	\$ 5,796	\$ 19,442	\$ 6,229	\$ 6,537	\$ 6,019	\$ 5,355	\$ 24,139	
New Self Storage	9,675	8,363	7,076	25,114	6,960	4,829	874	446	13,109	
Total Self Storage	16,802	14,883	12,872	44,556	13,189	11,366	6,893	5,801	37,249	
Portable Storage	760	627	377	1,765	417	748	612	350	2,127	
Management fees	442	417	389	1,248	378	423	416	-	1,217	
	\$18,004	\$15,927	\$13,638	\$ 47,569	\$13,984	\$12,537	\$ 7,922	\$ 6,151	\$ 40,594	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Non-IFRS Measure

## Existing Self Storage

The increase in Q3 2018 over Q3 2017 was substantially driven from continued execution of our revenue management program, controlling costs through operational efficiencies and with the balance coming from a slight increase in occupancy.

## New Self Storage

SVI added 42 stores in 2017. These additions have resulted in NOI growth quarter over quarter as we commenced reporting results.

#### Portable Storage

Slight increase in occupancy resulted in revenue and NOI growth over the same prior year period. The portable storage business is subject to seasonality as all portable units are non-climate controlled generally resulting in lower results in Q1 and Q4, when compared to Q2 and Q3.

## Summary of Quarterly Results (unaudited)

			Net Income	Fully diluted			
		Net Income /	/ (Loss) per	Net Income /		Total	
Period	Revenue	(Loss)	share	(Loss) per share	<b>Total Assets</b>	Liabilities	Dividends
2018- Q3	\$25,733,852	(\$6,355,654)	(\$0.018)	(\$0.018)	\$990,262,630	\$731,939,098	\$920,981
2018- Q2	\$23,173,856	(\$9,158,368)	(\$0.026)	(\$0.026)	\$959,256,102	\$694,025,713	\$920,562
2018- Q1	\$20,913,462	(\$7,793,463)	(\$0.022)	(\$0.022)	\$922,656,903	\$661,214,665	\$889,786
Total 2018	\$69,821,170	(\$23,307,485)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$2,731,329
2017- Q4	\$20,744,110	\$15,343,505	\$0.044	\$0.044	\$895,496,381	\$627,421,264	\$880,328
2017- Q3 <sup>1</sup>	\$18,453,960	(\$15,402,377)	(\$0.046)	(\$0.046)	\$839,525,204	\$585,777,091	\$879,376
2017- Q2	\$12,557,306	(\$2,995,895)	(\$0.010)	(\$0.010)	\$400,216,946	\$237,005,503	\$765,016
2017- Q1 <sup>1</sup>	\$10,133,138	(\$10,797,865)	(\$0.037)	(\$0.037)	\$404,743,767	\$238,025,850	\$749,946
Total 2017	\$61,888,514	(\$13,852,632)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$3,274,666
2016- Q4	\$8,900,182	(\$18,657,288)	(\$0.070)	(\$0.070)	\$342,803,581	\$187,115,587	\$724,931
2016- Q3	\$7,307,070	(\$537,379)	(\$0.022)	(\$0.022)	\$253,955,856	\$131,931,530	\$630,309
2016- Q2	\$6,320,322	(\$663,764)	(\$0.004)	(\$0.004)	\$179,885,223	\$118,343,352	\$440,398
2016- Q1	\$5,296,970	(\$1,331,005)	(\$0.008)	(\$0.008)	\$176,728,097	\$114,010,014	-
Total 2016	\$27,824,544	(\$21,189,436)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,795,638
2015- Q4	\$4,795,266	(\$2,702,281)	(\$0.026)	(\$0.026)	\$171,486,477	\$112,922,559	-
2015- Q3	\$3,137,527	(\$821,330)	(\$0.012)	(\$0.012)	\$108,865,822	\$85,594,955	-
2015- Q2	\$2,111,281	(\$677,127)	(\$0.012)	(\$0.012)	\$54,449,748	\$25,372,609	-
2015- Q1	\$1,096,513	(\$374,472)	(\$0.010)	(\$0.010)	\$27,910,360	\$25,033,929	-
Total 2015	\$11,140,587	(\$4,575,210)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-

Note 1: The Corporation reversed \$12,420,000 of goodwill impairment taken in Q1 2017 and Q3 2017.

The Q1 2017 goodwill impairment that was recorded was \$5,361,176, and as a result, Q1 2017 previously reported net loss of \$10,797,865, would have been \$5,436,689 without such goodwill impairment. The Q3 2017 goodwill impairment that was recorded was \$7,058,823 million, and as a result, Q3 2017 reported net loss of \$15,402,377 would have been \$8,343,553 without such goodwill impairment.

The previously reported Total Assets for Q1 2017 of \$404,743,767 would have been \$410,104,943. The previously reported Total Assets for Q2 2017 of \$400,216,946 would have been \$405,578,122. The previously reported Total Assets for Q3 2017 of \$839,525,204 would have been \$851,945,204.

#### WORKING CAPITAL, LONG TERM DEBT AND SHARE CAPITAL

## **Working Capital**

Cash provided by operating activities was \$21.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, compared to \$10.5 million for the same prior year period. The increase was primarily due to the operational results from stores purchased in fiscal 2017, increased rates through our revenue management systems, continued streamlining and integration of operations and controlling costs.

As at September 30, 2018, the Corporation had \$6.7 million of cash compared to \$11.1 million at September 30, 2017. The decrease in cash is a result of cash used to fund acquisitions in Q3 and the timing of these acquisitions. The Corporation expects its cash flow from operations to continue to increase as the full benefit of the stores purchased in fiscal 2017 are realized. In addition, the Corporation will borrow against low levered assets to fund acquisitions and its expansion plans.

## Long Term Debt and Lines of Credit

As at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Corporation held the following debt:

	Septe	mber 30, 20	18	December 31, 2017				
	Rate	Weighted		Rate	Weighted			
	Range	Average	Balance	Range	Average	Balance		
<u>Mortgages</u>								
Fixed/Variable	3.18% to 5.05%	4.24%	375,702,201	3.18% to 5.50%	4.21%	233,190,726		
	Maturity: October 2	018 to May 20	28	Maturity: March 20	018 to March 2	2025		
Deferred financ	cing costs net of ac	cretion						
of \$2,235,134 (E	Dec 31, 2017 - \$1,37	6,845)	(2,082,709)		_	(2,245,471)		
			373,619,492			230,945,255		
Lines of Credit	<u>-</u>							
	Prime plus 1.00%			Prime plus 1.00%	, )			
Variable Rate	or BA plus 2.75%	4.57%	296,733,333	or BA plus 2.75%	4.21%	332,153,083		
	Maturity: July 2019	to August 202	0	Maturity: March 20	)18 to August	2020		
		-	670,352,825		=	563,098,338		

The bank prime rate at September 30, 2018 was 3.70% (December 31, 2017 - 3.20%). The weighted average cost of debt at September 30, 2018 is 4.39% (December 31, 2017 - 4.21%). The increase is due to increases in the prime and BA rates. The Corporation will look to reduce its variable interest rate exposure by entering into additional fixed interest rate term debt to replace lines of credit. In the quarter, an additional \$17.0 million of line of credit and short term debt was converted into longer term fixed interest debt, resulting in a total of \$67.0 million being converted into longer term fixed interest debt in the last two quarters.

Mortgages are secured by a first mortgage charge on the real estate and equipment of the Corporation, general security agreements covering all assets of the Corporation, general assignment of rents and leases

and assignments of insurance coverage over all assets of the Corporation. The Corporation must maintain certain financial ratios to comply with the facilities. These covenants include a debt service coverage ratios, a tangible net worth ratio, and a loan to value ratio. As of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Corporation is in compliance with all covenants.

The deferred financing costs are made up of fees and costs incurred to obtain the related mortgage financing, less accumulated amortization.

Principal repayments on long term debt and lines of credit in each of the next five years are estimated as follows:

Year 1	\$ 306,938,860 (includes \$296.7 million lines of credit)
Year 2	\$ 45,012,110
Year 3	\$ 79,828,700
Year 4	\$ 23,438,075
Year 5	\$ 7,944,641
Thereafter	\$ 209,273,148

Of the principal repayments shown in Year 1, \$7.2 million are required under our amortizing term debt mortgages, \$3.0 million relates to a loan due in the upcoming twelve months that is expected to be refinanced and \$296.7 million relates to our lines of credit. Our lines of credit are covenant based (debt service coverage ratios, tangible net worth ratios, and loan to value ratios) and do not require repayment as long as the covenants are met. As of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Corporation is in compliance with all covenants.

Given that our lines of credit are short term in nature, the Corporation will term out assets supporting the lines when deemed appropriate, which includes determination that the Corporation has been able to implement its operating system to increase the value of the assets and to ensure that the Corporation has an appropriate mix of assets under our lines of credit and term mortgages.

## **Share Capital**

The common shares issued are:

	Number of Shares	Amount
Balance, December 31, 2016	289,809,668	\$ 185,768,388
Bought deal	32,076,000	85,001,400
Issued on asset acquisitions	22,520,098	51,320,000
Dividend reinvestment plan	529,268	1,055,801
Share option redemption	526,000	197,750
Share issuance costs	-	(3,271,774)
Common shares repurchased	(234,100)	(499,784)
Balance, December 31, 2017	345,226,934	\$ 319,571,781
Issued on asset acquisitions	4,832,474	11,661,727
Dividend reinvestment plan	459,386	1,114,483
Share option and warrant redemption	3,568,391	1,906,263
Share issuance costs	-	(73,623)
Balance, September 30, 2018	354,087,185	\$ 334,180,631

## **Bought Deal**

On July 19, 2017, the Corporation issued 32,076,000 common shares at a price of \$2.65 per common share for gross proceeds of \$85,001,400.

## Dividend Reinvestment Plan

Represents common shares issued under the Corporation's dividend reinvestment plan ("DRIP") for holders of common shares approved on April 18, 2016. Under the terms of the DRIP, eligible registered holders of a minimum of 10,000 Common Shares (the "Shareholders") may elect to automatically reinvest their cash dividends, payable in respect to the common shares, to acquire additional common shares, which will be issued from treasury or purchased on the open market. The Corporation may initially issue up to 5,000,000 common shares under the DRIP, which may be increased upon Board of Directors approval, acceptance of the increase by the Exchange, and upon public disclosure of the increase.

## Common Shares Repurchased

In fiscal 2017, represents common shares repurchased under the Corporation's Normal Course Issuer Bid ("NCIB") policy allowing for the purchase for cancellation, during the 12-month period starting August 18, 2017, of up to 17,198,962 of the common shares. The NCIB has been renewed to allow the Corporation to purchase for cancellation, during the 12-month period starting September 7, 2018, of up to 17,704,359 of the common shares.

## Stock Options and Warrants

A total of 13,537,450 options were outstanding as at September 30, 2018 (December 31, 2017 – 11,555,850). Of the outstanding amount, 13,537,450 options were exercisable (December 31, 2017 – 11,555,850). The details are as follows:

Exercise Price	Vesting Date	Expiry Date	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
\$0.23	May 6, 2009	May 6, 2019	990,000	1,210,000
\$0.33	June 19, 2014	June 19, 2024	180,000	220,000
\$0.41	April 28, 2015	April 28, 2025	2,122,450	2,390,850
\$0.50	Sept 14, 2015	Sept 14, 2025	1,570,000	1,760,000
\$1.36	Dec 21, 2016	Dec 21, 2026	2,825,000	2,975,000
\$1.78	Mar 16, 2017	Mar 15, 2027	2,850,000	3,000,000
\$2.52	May 4, 2018	May 3, 2028	3,000,000	-
Options exercis	sable and outstar	nding	13,537,450	11,555,850

Warrants exercisable and outstanding are as follows:

Exercise Price	Expiry Date	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017	
\$0.35	Feb 25, 2018	-	16,666	
\$0.37	Feb 25, 2018	-	2,533,334	
Warrants exercisable a	nd outstanding	-	2,550,000	

The Board of Directors of the Corporation may from time to time, at its discretion, and in accordance with the Exchange requirements, grant to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Corporation, non-transferable options to purchase common shares.

#### CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

## **Operating Lease Commitments**

The Corporation leases buildings and lands in Winnipeg, MB, Kamloops, BC and Montreal, QC. The leases do not contain any contingent rent clauses. They do not include any provisions for transfer of title, nor does the Corporation participate in the residual value of the land. Therefore, these leases are considered operating leases as the risk and reward of ownership of the lands remain with the landlords. The leases expire between 2023 and 2054, with the leases expiring in 2027 and 2032 having up to 20 years and 25 years of renewals, respectively, at the option of the Corporation after that time.

The future minimum lease payments, excluding incidental costs for which the Corporation is responsible, are as follows:

Less than one year	\$ 1,233,492
Between one and five years	4,998,866
More than five years	 20,324,889
	\$ 26,557,247

#### **Bank Letter of Guarantee**

The Corporation has various letters of guarantee in the amount of \$474,691 which are due within one year.

## Contingency

The Corporation has no legal contingency provisions at either September 30, 2018 or December 31, 2017.

## **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Corporation is not party to any industry contracts or arrangements other than the contractual arrangement noted in "Related Party Transactions" below.

#### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, the Corporation paid total management fees of \$nil and \$nil (September 30, 2017 - \$nil and \$293,321, respectively) to Access Results Management Services Inc. ("ARMS"), a corporation controlled by Steven Scott and Iqbal Khan. On March 31, 2017, the Corporation purchased all management contracts from ARMS and therefore, the management agreement has ceased. Pursuant to a management agreement, ARMS was entitled to a base management fee of \$194,758 for fiscal 2017, as well as an annual performance fee of 4% of net operating income ("NOI"), defined as storage and related services revenue less property operating costs, if the Corporation attains 85% or greater of its annual board-approved budgeted NOI for that fiscal year.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, the Corporation reimbursed operational wages of \$nil and \$nil (September 30, 2017 - \$nil and \$1,545,892, respectively) and training, travel and related expenses of \$nil and \$nil (September 30, 2017 - \$nil and \$16,804, respectively) to ARMS. These expenses, reimbursed at cost, were undertaken exclusively for the benefit of the Corporation.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, the Corporation paid loan guarantee fees of \$nil and \$nil (September 30, 2017 - \$42,500 and \$127,500, respectively) to Access Self Storage Inc., a large shareholder of the Corporation, related to Steven Scott and Iqbal Khan. The loan guarantee payments ceased in 2017. As a condition of the assumption of two mortgages, the director and corporation were required to provide a guarantee for the entire outstanding principal balance of the mortgages. The loan guarantee fee was compensation for the provision of this guarantee and was paid on a monthly basis at the annual rate of 0.5% and 0.4% of the original mortgage principal balances.

The Corporation holds a Master Franchise from Canadian PUPS Franchises Inc. (CPFI) which provides the Corporation with the exclusive Canadian franchise rights for the development and operation of portable storage throughout Canada. CPFI is a corporation related to Steven Scott and Iqbal Khan who are directors of the Corporation. The Corporation pays a monthly royalty of 3.5% on the gross sales. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, the Corporation paid \$77,940 and \$193,320, respectively (September 30, 2017 - \$67,135 and \$163,402, respectively) for royalties and \$26,961 and \$920,071 (September 30, 2017 - \$nil and \$1,535,160, respectively) for storage containers and other equipment under the Master Franchise Agreement.

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities, relating to the previously noted transactions, at September 30, 2018 was \$63,947 (December 31, 2017 - \$33,808) payable to CPFI.

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Corporation, directly and indirectly, and include directors. The remuneration of key management personnel for employment services rendered are as follows:

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017	
Wages, management fees, bonuses and directors fees	\$	249,023	\$	97,350
Stock based compensation		1,625,895		1,293,914
	\$	1,874,918	\$	1,391,264

## ACQUISITION COMMITTEE AND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE MANDATE

The Corporation may, from time to time, purchase assets from parties related to the Corporation, and in particular, assets or shares owned or controlled by management of the Corporation or Access Self Storage Inc. (Access) or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates. To govern such potential related party transactions the Corporation has established an Acquisition Committee and an Acquisition Committee Mandate.

The Acquisition Committee is comprised of nine voting members, seven members being independently appointed and independent of management and two of which are appointed by Access. Acquisition Committee members who are deemed to be in a conflict of interest position with respect to related party transactions are required to abstain from voting on such related party transactions.

The mandate of the Corporation's Acquisition Committee is to review, evaluate, and approve the terms of proposed acquisitions in the context of the current strategic direction of the Corporation. In particular, and with respect to related party property acquisitions, the Acquisition Committee has the authority to appoint appraisers, environmental consultants, and professional advisors to evaluate and report to the Acquisition Committee on the suitability of such transactions. Thereafter, the Acquisition Committee provides its recommendation as to whether the Board of Directors should approve an acquisition.

The Board of Directors of the Corporation must accept the recommendations that the Acquisition Committee makes with respect to any related party transaction, and in particular, an acquisition involving assets or shares of Access or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates.

#### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Corporation's significant accounting policies are summarized in Note 3 to the December 31, 2017 annual audited consolidated financial statements. There has been no change in significant accounting policies from the Corporation's audited consolidated annual financial statements from December 31, 2017. In addition, there has been no change in the Company's financial instrument risks.

#### **Non-IFRS Financial Measures**

Management uses both IFRS and Non-IFRS Measures to assess the Corporation's operating performance. In this MD&A, management uses the following terms and ratios which do not have a standardized meaning under IFRS and are unlikely to be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies:

- Net Operating Income ("NOI") NOI is defined as storage and related services less operating
  costs. NOI does not include interest expense or income, depreciation and amortization, selling,
  general and administrative costs, acquisition and integration costs, stock based compensation
  costs or taxes. NOI assists management in assessing profitability and valuation from principal
  business activities.
- ii. Funds from Operations ("FFO") FFO is defined as net income (loss) excluding gains or losses from the sale of depreciable real estate, plus depreciation, amortization and goodwill adjustment, stock based compensation expenses, and deferred income taxes; and after adjustments for equity accounted entities and non-controlling interests. FFO should not be viewed as an alternative to cash from operating activities, net income, or other measures calculated in accordance with IFRS. The Corporation believes that FFO can be a beneficial measure, when combined with primary IFRS measures, to assist in the evaluation of the Corporation's ability to generate cash and evaluate its return on investments as it excludes the effects of real estate amortization and gains and losses from the sale of real estate, all of which are based on historical cost accounting and which may be of limited significance in evaluating current performance.
- iii. Adjusted Funds from Operations ("AFFO") AFFO is defined as FFO plus acquisition and integration costs. Acquisition and integration costs are one time in nature to the specific assets purchased in the current period or pending and are expensed under IFRS.
- iv. Existing Self Storage and New Self Storage performance "Existing Self Storage" are defined as those that the Corporation has owned or leased since the beginning of the previous fiscal year. "New Self Storage" are those that have not been owned or leased continuously since the beginning of the previous fiscal year. We believe the use of this metric combined with primary IFRS measures is beneficial in understanding the full operating performance of our operations during a growth period. Comparative figures for the New Self Storage and Existing Self Storage categories may differ from amounts reported in previous MD&A reports.

## **Recent and Future Accounting Pronouncements**

The IASB and the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee have issued a number of new or revised standards or interpretations that will become effective for future periods and have a potential implication for the Corporation. There have been no pronouncements in addition to those disclosed in the December 31, 2017 annual audited consolidated financial statements.

#### **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Pursuant to National Instrument 52-109, which requires certification of disclosure in an issuer's annual and interim filings, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer have evaluated the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal disclosure controls and procedures for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, including the design of internal controls over financial reporting, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting in accordance with IFRS. These officers have concluded that the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures are designed effectively to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports that are filed or submitted under Canadian securities legislation are recorded, processed and reported within the time specified in those rules.

There have been no changes in the Corporation's internal controls over financial reporting that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to affect the Coproration's internal controls over financial reporting for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018.

#### RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

As our primary business consists of owning and operating storage real estate, we are exposed to risks related to such ownership and operations that can adversely impact our business and financial position. The following is a brief review of some of the potential risks and the potential impacts these risks and uncertainties may have on the operations of the Corporation:

#### **Real Estate Industry**

Real estate investments are subject to varying degrees of risk depending on the nature of each property. Such investments are affected by general economic conditions, local real estate markets, supply and demand for rental space, competition from others with similar developments, the perceived "attractiveness" of a given property and various other factors.

## **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Corporation will be unable to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Corporation manages liquidity risk through cash flow forecasting and regular monitoring of cash requirements including anticipated investing and financing activities. Typically the Corporation ensures that it has sufficient cash or liquid investments available to meet expected operating expenses for a period of 30 days, excluding the potential impact of extreme circumstances that cannot reasonably be predicted, such as natural disasters. For the foreseeable future, the Corporation anticipates that cash flows from operations, working capital, and other sources of financing will be sufficient to meet its operating requirements, debt repayment obligations and will provide sufficient funding for anticipated capital expenditures.

## **Refinancing Risk**

There is no certainty that financing will be available upon the maturity of any existing mortgage at terms that are as favorable as the expiring mortgage, or at all. If the Corporation is unable to refinance an existing indebtedness on favorable terms, the Corporation may need to dispose of one or more properties on disadvantageous terms. Prevailing interest rates, limited availability of credit or other factors at the time of refinancing could increase interest expense and ultimately decrease the return to investors.

#### **Economic Conditions**

Even though storage is less susceptible to changes in the local economy, as storage space is often needed during times of both growth and recession, downturns in a local economy could negatively affect our revenues and NOI. A significant portion of storage customers use storage during periods of moving from one residence to another or when a residence is being renovated. In times of economic downturn, the level of activity in housing sales and housing renovation could decrease, thereby decreasing storage rental demand.

#### **Environmental Risk**

Environmental risk is inherent in the ownership of property. Various municipal, provincial and federal regulations can result in penalties or potential liability for remediation, to the extent that hazardous materials enter the environment. The presence of hazardous substances could also impair the Corporation's ability to finance or sell the property, and might expose the Corporation to civil law suits. To mitigate such risk, the Corporation procures recent or updated environmental reports for all acquisitions to ascertain the risk, if any, that exist at a property. It also prohibits the storage of hazardous substances as a condition of the rental contract signed by customers.

#### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk arises from the possibility that customers may experience financial difficulty and be unable to fulfill their financial obligations to the Corporation. The risk of incurring bad debts often arises if storage customers relocate and cannot be found to enforce payment, or if storage customers abandon their possessions. The extent of bad debts can be mitigated by quickly following up on any unpaid amounts shortly after the due date, enforcing late fees, denying access to any customers with delinquent accounts, and ultimately seizing the possessions of the customer. Additionally the Corporation typically rents to numerous customers, each of which constitutes significantly less than 5% of the Corporation's monthly revenue. This diversification in the customer base reduces credit risk from any given customer.

#### Other Self Storage Operators or Storage Alternatives

The Corporation competes with other individuals, corporations and institutions which currently own, or are anticipating owning a similar property in a given region. Competitive forces could have a negative effect on occupancy levels, rental rates or operating costs such as marketing.

#### **Acquisition of Future Locations**

Competition also exists when the Corporation attempts to grow through acquisitions of storage locations. An increase in the availability of investment funds in the general market, and a subsequent increase in demand for storage locations would have a tendency to increase the price for future acquisitions of storage locations and reduce the yields thereon.

#### **Anticipated Results from New Acquisitions**

The realization of anticipated results and value from acquisitions can be jeopardized from unexpected circumstances in integrating new stores into our existing operations, from situations we did not detect during our due diligence or from increased property tax following reassessment of newly acquired locations.

## **Increase in Operating Costs**

Our operating margins can be negatively impacted from increases in operating costs such as property tax, staffing costs, insurance premiums, repairs and maintenances costs, utility costs and others due to various factors such as the need for governments to raise funds, natural disasters, commodity and energy prices.

#### **Climate and Natural Disasters**

The storage industry in Canada can be cyclical. Due to the climate, demand for storage is generally weaker in winter months with an increase in operating costs resulting in potentially lower NOI during Q1 and Q4.

Natural disasters, such as floods, earthquakes or severe winter storms may result in damage and business interruption losses that are greater than the aggregate limits of our insurance coverage. We maintain a comprehensive insurance policy to cover such events, however some insurance coverage may be or become unavailable or cost prohibitive.

## Litigation

Legal claims may arise from the ordinary course of our business. Resolution of these claims would divert resources from the Corporation such cash to pay expenses and damages and the diversion of management's time and attention from the Corporation's business. The impact and results from litigation cannot be predicted with certainty and can have a material adverse effect on the business.

## Use and Dependency on Information Technology Systems

Our business is heavily dependent on the use of information technology, with the majority of our new customers communicating and transacting with us electronically or over the phone. Commerce over the internet and the nature of our business requires us to retain private information about our customers. Significant aspects of these systems are centrally managed, such as our financial information and some are managed by third party vendors. These systems may be subject to telecommunication failures, cyber-attack, computer worms and viruses and other disruptive security breaches. All of which could materially impact our operations, resulting in additional costs and or in legal action either by governments agencies or private individuals.

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