# THE NORTH WEST COMPANY INC.

Report to Shareholders

Quarterly Period Ended October 31, 2025



## 2025 THIRD QUARTER REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

#### **Report to Shareholders**

The North West Company Inc. reports its results for the third quarter ended October 31, 2025. Net earnings increased 12.9% to \$41.1 million compared to net earnings of \$36.4 million last year. Net earnings attributable to shareholders were \$40.1 million or \$0.82 per share compared to \$0.72 per share last year on a diluted earnings per share basis as an increase in gross profit and a decrease in expenses more than offset the impact of lower sales. Sales decreased 0.5% to \$634.3 million and were down 1.3% to last year excluding the impact of foreign exchange on the translation of International Operations sales due to lower sales in Canadian Operations primarily resulting from a decrease in funding for the Inuit Child First program.

The Board of Directors has approved a guarterly dividend of \$0.41 per share to shareholders of record on December 31, 2025.

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

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President and Chief Executive Officer

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# **Management's Discussion & Analysis**

The following Management's Discussion & Analysis should be read in conjunction with the Company's 2025 third quarter unaudited interim period condensed consolidated financial statements for the period ended October 31, 2025 ("Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements") and the audited annual consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in the 2024 Annual Report. The financial results in 2024 had one extra day of operations compared to 2025 as a result of February 29. The estimated impact of the extra day has been deducted from the year-to-date same store sales reported for 2024.

# **Third Quarter Highlights**

## CONSOLIDATED RESULTS THIRD QUARTER

**Key Performance Indicators and Selected Third Quarter Information:** 

		Three Mo	nths E	nded		
(\$ in thousands, except per share)	Oct	ober 31, 2025	<b>o</b> c	October 31, 2024		
Sales	\$	634,315	\$	637,452		
Same store sales % <sup>(1)</sup>						
Food		(0.3)%	6	3.8 %		
General Merchandise		(10.8)%	6	5.3 %		
Total		(1.7)9	6	4.0 %		
Gross profit	\$	217,135	\$	214,138		
Selling, operating and administrative expenses		158,426		160,036		
EBITDA <sup>(2)</sup>		88,881		83,445		
Earnings from operations ("EBIT")		58,709		54,102		
Interest expense		4,558		4,923		
Income taxes		13,078		12,784		
Net earnings		41,073		36,395		
Net earnings attributable to shareholders of the Company		40,073		35,375		
Net earnings per share - basic		0.84		0.74		
Net earnings per share - diluted		0.82		0.72		

Sales Third quarter consolidated sales decreased 0.5% to \$634.3 million compared to \$637.5 million last year due to a decrease in Canadian Operations same store sales which were partially offset by the impact of foreign exchange on the translation of International Operations sales and sales from new stores. Consolidated sales excluding the foreign exchange impact decreased 1.3% compared to last year with food sales decreasing 0.3% and general merchandise and other sales decreasing 4.5% compared to last year. Same store sales decreased 1.7%1 compared to a 4.0% sales gain in the third quarter last year due to a 2.8% decrease in same store sales in Canadian Operations which were negatively impacted by a decrease in funding to individuals from Inuit Child First and Jordan's Principle programs. International Operations same store sales were flat to last year as an increase in food sales offset lower general merchandise sales.

Gross Profit Gross profit increased 1.4% to \$217.1 million compared to \$214.1 million last year due to a 64 basis point increase in gross profit rate. The increase in the gross profit rate is due to changes in sales blend and the positive impact from our Next 100 work, including refinements of our merchandise assortment and procurement.

Selling, Operating and Administrative Expenses Selling, operating and administrative expenses ("Expenses") decreased \$1.6 million or 1.0% compared to last year and were down 13 basis points as a percentage to sales. The decrease in Expenses is largely due to a \$3.3 million decrease in share-based compensation costs primarily related to changes in the Company's share price in the quarter compared to last year and a decrease in vessel repairs incurred through our investment in Transport Nanuk Inc. ("TNI") compared to last year. The impact of \$1.3 million in one-time costs for professional fees related to the execution of the Next 100 strategy were offset by Next 100 gross profit factors, store labour productivity gains and other cost savings initiatives. Excluding the impact of share-based compensation and Next 100-related one-time costs, Expenses increased \$0.3 million or 0.2% compared to last year and were up 17 basis points as a percentage to sales. Further information on share-based compensation is provided in Note 15 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

<sup>(1)</sup> Excluding the foreign exchange impact

<sup>(2)</sup> See Non-GAAP Measures Section of Management's Discussion & Analysis

**Earnings From Operations** Earnings from operations ("EBIT") increased 8.5% to \$58.7 million compared to \$54.1 million last year, and earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA2") increased 6.5% to \$88.9 million compared to \$83.4 million last year due to the sales, gross profit and Expense factors previously noted. Adjusted EBITDA2, which excludes the impact of share-based compensation and Next 100-related one-time costs, increased \$3.5 million or 3.9% to \$91.9 million compared to \$88.4 million last year and as a percentage to sales was 14.5% compared to 13.9% last year.

**Interest Expense** Interest expense decreased 7.4% to \$4.6 million due to changes in interest rates and average debt compared to last year. Further information on interest expense and long-term debt is provided in Note 13 and Note 10 respectively to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Income Tax Expense** Income tax expense increased to \$13.1 million compared to \$12.8 million last year as the impact of higher earnings was partially offset by a decrease in the effective tax rate to 24.2% compared to 26.0% last year. The decrease in the effective tax rate is due to changes in tax estimates, the blend of earnings across the various tax rate jurisdictions and the taxation of share-based compensation. Further information on income tax expense is provided in Note 14 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Net Earnings** Net earnings increased 12.9% to \$41.1 million compared to net earnings of \$36.4 million last year. Net earnings attributable to shareholders were \$40.1 million and diluted earnings per share were \$0.82 per share compared to \$0.72 per share last year. Adjusted net earnings<sup>2</sup>, which excludes the after-tax impact of share-based compensation and Next 100-related one-time costs, increased \$3.2 million or 8.1% to \$43.3 million due to the sales, gross profit, Expense, interest and income tax expense factors previously noted.

**Comprehensive Income** Comprehensive income increased to \$46.7 million compared to \$38.7 million last year largely due to an increase in net earnings and an increase in foreign exchange gain on the translation of International Operations to \$4.3 million this year compared to a gain of \$2.3 million last year. The impact of a \$1.3 million net actuarial gain this year resulting from the remeasurement of defined benefit pension plan assets and liabilities compared to no actuarial gain last year was also a factor. Further information on defined benefit pension plans is provided in Note 20 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

<sup>(1)</sup> Excluding the foreign exchange impact

<sup>(2)</sup> See Non-GAAP Measures Section of Management's Discussion & Analysis

# **Year-To-Date Highlights**

#### CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

Key Performance Indicators and Selected Year-To-Date October 31, 2025 Information:

		Year-	to-da	ate
(\$ in thousands, except per share)	Oc	tober 31, 2025	0	ctober 31, 2024
Sales	\$	1,922,661	\$	1,901,458
Same store sales % <sup>(1)</sup>				
Food		1.0 %	<b>.</b>	4.1 %
General Merchandise		(5.3)%	•	3.7 %
Total		0.2 %	<b>.</b>	4.0 %
Gross profit	\$	651,042	\$	633,523
Selling, operating and administrative expenses		496,847		484,718
EBITDA <sup>(2)</sup>		244,096		234,766
Earnings from operations (EBIT)		154,195		148,805
Interest expense		12,753		13,596
Income taxes		35,025		34,762
Net earnings		106,417		100,447
Net earnings attributable to shareholders of the Company		102,002		96,202
Net earnings per share - basic		2.13		2.01
Net earnings per share - diluted		2.09		1.98

Sales Year-to-date sales increased 1.1% to \$1.9 billion largely due to the impact of foreign exchange on the translation of International Operations sales and new store sales. The exchange rate used for the translation of International Operations sales increased to 1.3937 compared to 1.3628 last year. Excluding the foreign exchange impact, consolidated sales increased 0.1% compared to last year with food sales increasing 0.2% and general merchandise and other sales flat to last year. Same store sales<sup>1</sup> were up 0.2% compared to a 4.0% gain last year, as a 0.9% increase in International Operations same store sales was partially offset by a 0.3% decrease in same store sales in Canadian Operations. Sales in Canadian Operations were negatively impacted by a decrease in funding to individuals from Inuit Child First and Jordan's Principle programs, wildfire-related community evacuations and lower wholesale sales. These factors were partially offset by higher airline revenue and pharmacy sales. Same store food sales increased 1.0% on top of a 4.1% increase last year and general merchandise same store sales decreased 5.3% compared to a 3.7% increase last year.

Gross Profit Gross profit increased 2.8% due to the impact of higher sales and a 54 basis point increase in the gross profit rate. The increase in gross profit rate was primarily due to changes in sales blend, including a lower blend of wholesale food sales, and positive impacts from our Next 100 work, including refinements of our merchandise assortment and procurement and more effective data-driven promotions.

Selling, Operating and Administrative Expenses Selling, operating and administrative expenses ("Expenses") increased \$12.1 million or 2.5% and were up 35 basis points as a percentage to sales. The increase in Expenses is largely due to an investment in resources to support the Next 100 operational excellence work, an increase in depreciation, new stores and the impact of foreign exchange on the translation of International Operations Expenses. These factors were partially offset by a decrease in share-based compensation costs compared to last year. The impact of \$5.1 million in one-time costs for professional fees related to the execution of the Next 100 strategy were more than offset by store labour productivity gains and other cost savings initiatives. Excluding the impact of share-based compensation costs and the Next 100-related one-time costs, Expenses increased \$11.4 million or 2.4% compared to last year and were up 32 basis points as a percentage to sales.

<sup>(1)</sup> Excluding the foreign exchange impact

<sup>(2)</sup> See Non-GAAP Measures Section of Management's Discussion & Analysis

**Earnings From Operations** Earnings from operations ("EBIT") increased 3.6% to \$154.2 million compared to \$148.8 million last year and earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA2") increased \$9.3 million or 4.0% to \$244.1 million compared to \$234.8 million last year due to the sales, gross profit and Expense factors previously noted. Adjusted EBITDA2, which excludes the impact of Next 100-related one-time costs and share-based compensation costs, increased \$10.1 million or 4.1% to \$257.7 million compared to \$247.6 million last year and as a percentage to sales was 13.4% compared to 13.0% last year.

**Interest Expense** Interest expense decreased 6.2% to \$12.8 million compared to \$13.6 million last year mainly due to lower average debt and interest rates. Further information on interest expense and long-term debt is provided in Note 13 and Note 10 respectively to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Income Tax Expense** Income tax expense increased 0.8% to \$35.0 million as the impact of higher earnings was offset by a decrease in the consolidated effective tax rate to 24.8% compared to 25.7% last year. The decrease in the effective tax rate is primarily due to the impact of changes in the blend of earnings across the various tax rate jurisdictions. Further information on income tax expense is provided in Note 14 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Net Earnings** Net earnings increased 5.9% to \$106.4 million compared to \$100.4 million last year. Net earnings attributable to shareholders were \$102.0 million and diluted earnings per share were \$2.09 per share compared to \$1.98 per share last year due to the factors previously noted. Adjusted net earnings<sup>2</sup>, which excludes the after-tax impact of Next 100-related one-time costs and share-based compensation costs, increased \$6.4 million or 5.8% to \$116.6 million compared to \$110.2 million last year.

**Comprehensive Income** Comprehensive income decreased to \$95.8 million compared to \$114.4 million last year due to the impact of foreign exchange on the translation of the International Operations which resulted in a loss of \$12.0 million this year compared to a gain of \$11.9 million last year. A decrease in net actuarial gain on the remeasurement of defined benefit pension plan assets and liabilities, which resulted in a net actuarial gain of \$1.4 million this year compared to a net actuarial gain of \$2.0 million last year, was also a factor.

<sup>(2)</sup> See Non-GAAP Measures Section of Management's Discussion & Analysis

### CANADIAN OPERATIONS THIRD QUARTER

Canadian Operations results for the third quarter are summarized by the following key performance indicators:

#### **Key Performance Indicators:**

	Three Months Ended
(\$ in thousands)	<b>October 31, 2025</b> October 31, 2024
Sales	<b>\$ 360,808</b> \$ 367,985
Same store sales %	
Food	<b>(1.2)%</b> 4.8 %
General Merchandise	<b>(11.1)%</b> 5.3 %
Total	<b>(2.8)%</b> 4.9 %
EBITDA <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>\$ 63,205</b> \$ 59,355
Earnings from operations (EBIT)	<b>43,656</b> 39,619

Sales Canadian Operations sales decreased 2.0% to \$360.8 million compared to \$368.0 million in the third quarter last year due to a 2.8% decrease in same store sales compared to strong same store sales gains last year of 4.9%. Food sales decreased 1.4% due to a decrease in same store sales and lower wholesale sales. General merchandise and other sales decreased 3.1% compared to last year due to lower general merchandise same store sales, partially offset by an increase in pharmacy sales and airline revenue. On a same store basis, food sales decreased 1.2% and general merchandise sales decreased 11.1% compared to last year. Sales in the quarter were negatively impacted by a decrease in the distribution of funding to individuals from First Nations Child and Family Services programs, including Inuit Child First and Jordan's Principle programs that help provide greater access to nutritious food. A reduction in climate action incentive payments and a decrease in payments to individuals from First Nations Drinking Water Claim Settlements compared to the third quarter last year were also factors. The negative impact on sales from wildfire-related community evacuations significantly moderated compared to the second quarter and were offset by the positive impact of sales from new stores.

Gross Profit Gross profit increased 0.4% as the impact of lower sales was largely offset by an increase in gross profit rate primarily related to changes in sales blend and the impact of our next 100 work. An increase in North Star Air ("NSA") gross profit, mainly due to the blend of cargo and passenger revenue, was also a factor.

Selling, Operating and Administrative Expenses Selling, operating and administrative expenses ("Expenses") decreased 3.6% and were down 44 basis points as a percentage to sales compared to last year largely due to a \$2.5 million decrease in share-based compensation costs primarily related to changes in the Company's share price and a decrease in vessel repairs incurred through our investment in TNI compared to last year. The impact of \$0.7 million in one-time costs for professional fees related to the execution of the Next 100 strategy was offset by store labour productivity gains and other cost savings initiatives. Excluding the share-based compensation costs and the Next 100 one-time costs, Expenses increased 1.8% and was flat as a percentage to sales compared to last year.

Earnings From Operations Earnings from operations (EBIT) increased \$4.0 million or 10.2% to \$43.7 million compared to EBIT of \$39.6 million last year, and EBITDA2 increased 6.5% to \$63.2 million compared to EBITDA2 of \$59.4 million last year due to the impact of the sales, gross profit and Expense factors previously noted. Adjusted EBITDA<sup>2</sup>, which excludes the impact of share-based compensation costs and Next 100-related one-time costs, increased 3.2% to \$65.2 million compared to \$63.1 million last year and as a percentage to sales was 18.1% compared to 17.2% last year.

# INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS THIRD QUARTER (stated in U.S. dollars)

International Operations results for the third quarter are summarized by the following key performance indicators:

#### **Key Performance Indicators:**

	Three Months Ended						
(\$ in thousands)	<b>October 31, 2025</b> October 31, 2024						
Sales	<b>\$ 197,133</b> \$ 197,292						
Same store sales %							
Food	<b>1.0 %</b> 2.4 %						
General Merchandise	<b>(9.9)%</b> 5.2 %						
Total	<b>0.0 %</b> 2.7 %						
EBITDA <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>\$ 18,508</b> \$ 17,636						
Earnings from operations (EBIT)	<b>10,853</b> 10,602						

Sales International Operations sales decreased 0.1% to \$197.1 million compared to \$197.3 million in the third quarter last year. Food sales increased 1.3% led by a 1.0% increase in same store food sales. General merchandise sales decreased 10.1% and were down 9.9% on a same store basis compared to last year as consumers shifted more of their spending on food and reduced spending on discretionary general merchandise. Sales were negatively impacted by a decrease in the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend to \$1,000 compared to \$1,702 last year. Weaker economic conditions in certain islands in the South Pacific was also a factor.

Gross Profit Gross profit increased 1.5% compared to last year driven by an increase in the gross profit rate. The increase in the gross profit rate mainly related to changes in sales blend and positive changes from our Next 100 work. Lower markdowns on seasonal general merchandise compared to last year was also a factor.

Selling, Operating and Administrative Expenses Selling, operating and administrative expenses ("Expenses") increased 1.3% compared to last year mainly due to an increase in information technology costs to support the Next 100 operational excellence work and an increase in depreciation. Next 100-related one-time costs of \$0.4 million were offset by store labour productivity gains and other cost savings initiatives. These factors were partially offset by a decrease in share-based compensation costs compared to last year. Excluding the Next 100 one-time costs and the share-based compensation costs, Expenses increased 1.6% and was up 40 basis points as a percentage to sales compared to last year.

Earnings From Operations Earnings from operations ("EBIT") increased \$0.3 million or 2.4% to \$10.9 million compared to \$10.6 million in the third quarter last year and EBITDA2 increased \$0.9 million or 4.9% to \$18.5 million compared to \$17.6 million last year due to the sales, gross profit and Expense factors previously noted. Adjusted EBITDA<sup>2</sup>, which excludes the impact of Next 100related one-time costs and share-based compensation costs, increased 4.1% to \$19.3 million compared to \$18.5 million last year and as a percentage to sales was 9.8% compared to 9.4% last year.

#### FINANCIAL CONDITION

### **Financial Ratios**

The Company's debt-to-equity ratio at the end of the third quarter was 0.43:1 compared to 0.42:1 last year.

Working capital increased \$31.8 million or 10.5% compared to last year primarily due to an increase in inventories and cash partially offset by lower accounts receivable and an increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The increase in inventories is largely due to an increase in motorized inventory and higher center store grocery compared to last year. The decrease in accounts receivable is due to collections and the increase in accounts payable is related to higher inventories and the timing of payments.

### **Share Capital**

The Company's share capital is comprised of Variable Voting Shares and Common Voting Shares. The two classes of shares have equivalent rights as shareholders except for voting rights. Holders of Variable Voting Shares are entitled to one vote per share except where (i) the number of outstanding Variable Voting Shares exceeds 49% of the total number of all issued and outstanding Variable Voting Shares and Common Voting Shares, or (ii) the total number of votes cast by or on behalf of the holders of Variable Voting Shares at any meeting on any matter on which a vote is to be taken exceeds 49% of the total number of votes cast at such meetina.

If either of the above-noted thresholds is surpassed at any time, the vote attached to each Variable Voting Share will decrease automatically without further act or formality. Under the circumstances described in paragraph (i) above, the Variable Voting Shares as a class cannot carry more than 49% of the total voting rights attached to the aggregate number of issued and outstanding Variable Voting Shares and Common Voting Shares of the Company. Under the circumstances described in paragraph (ii) above, the Variable Voting Shares as a class cannot, for the given Shareholders' meeting, carry more than 49% of the total number of votes cast at the meeting.

Variable Voting Shares may only be held, beneficially owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by persons who are not Canadians (within the meaning of the Canada Transportation Act "CTA"). An issued and outstanding Variable Voting Share is converted into one Common Voting Share automatically and without any further act of the Company or the holder, if such Variable Voting Share becomes held, beneficially owned and controlled, directly or indirectly, otherwise than by way of security only, by a Canadian, as defined in the CTA. Further information on the Company's Variable Voting Shares and Common Voting Shares is provided in the April 9, 2025 Management Information Circular which is available on the Company's website at www.northwest.ca or on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

At October 31, 2025, there were 16,877,636 (October 31, 2024 - 16,667,487) Variable Voting Shares, representing 35.4% (October 31, 2024 - 34.8%) of the total shares issued and outstanding. Further information on the Company's share capital is provided in Note 8 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

## **Outstanding Shares**

The weighted-average basic shares outstanding for the quarter increased to 47,818,000 shares compared to 47,813,000 shares last year due to shares issued under the Company's share option plan. The weighted-average fully diluted shares outstanding for the quarter were 48,694,000 shares compared to 48,574,000 shares last year. The increase in fully diluted shares outstanding compared to last year is also due to shares issued under the Company's share option plan and an increase in director deferred share units outstanding. Further information on share capital, share options and director deferred share units is provided in Note 8 and Note 15 respectively to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### **Normal Course Issuer Bid**

On November 20, 2025, the TSX approved the renewal of the Normal Course Issuer Bid ("NCIB"). The maximum number of shares that can be purchased under the NCIB over the next 12 months is 4,752,020 which is approximately 10% of the Company's public float at November 13, 2025. The NCIB will be made in accordance with applicable regulations and the requirements of the TSX. In connection with the NCIB, the Company has established an automatic securities purchase plan (the "Plan") with its designated broker to facilitate the purchase of shares under the NCIB at times when the Company would ordinarily not be permitted to purchase its shares due to regulatory restrictions or self-imposed blackout periods. Under the Plan, before entering a self-imposed blackout period, the Company may, but is not required to, ask the designated broker to make purchases under the NCIB within specific parameters. During the nine months ended October 31, 2025, the Company purchased 197,899 common shares for cash consideration of \$9.5 million with the excess of the purchase price over the book value of the shares charged to retained earnings. All shares purchased were cancelled. During the nine months ended October 31, 2024, the Company purchased no common shares. Further information on share capital and the NCIB is provided in Note 8 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The following table summarizes the major components of cash flow:

	Three Mo		Three Months					
	E	nded	Ended			Ended	Ended	
(\$ in thousands)	October 31,	2025	October 31, 2024	Change	Octo	per 31, 2025	October 31, 2024	Change
Cash flows from (used in):								
Operating activities	\$ 5	1,309	\$ 55,645	\$ (4,336)	\$	152,661	\$ 152,343	\$ 318
Investing activities	(35	5,757)	(39,280)	3,523		(91,071)	(78,377)	(12,694)
Financing activities	('	1,487)	(36,478)	34,991		(44,297)	(61,870)	17,573
Effect of changes in foreign exchange rates on cash		460	105	355		(1,647)	1,531	(3,178)
Net change in cash	\$ 14	4,525	\$ (20,008)	\$ 34,533	\$	15,646	\$ 13,627	\$ 2,019

Operating Activities Cash from operating activities in the quarter decreased \$4.3 million to \$51.3 million compared to \$55.6 million in the third guarter last year mainly due to the change in other non-cash items related to changes in accrued share-based compensation and changes in non-cash working capital. Cash from operating activities for the year-to-date is \$152.7 million compared to \$152.3 million last year. The change in non-cash working capital in the quarter and for the year-to-date is largely related to the changes in inventories, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities compared to the prior year. Further information on the change in non-cash working capital is provided in Note 7 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Investing Activities Cash used in investing activities in the quarter decreased to \$35.8 million compared to \$39.3 million last year and for the year-to-date was \$91.1 million compared to \$78.4 million last year. Investing activities in the quarter and for the year-todate includes investments in stores, fixtures and equipment. The increase in cash used in investing activities for the year-to-date also includes the completion of a hangar in Thunder Bay, Ontario, the purchase of a PC-12 Pilatus aircraft and the impact of the proceeds from the promissory note received in the second quarter last year. Further information on planned capital expenditures is included in the Outlook section.

**Financing Activities** Cash used in financing activities in the quarter decreased to \$1.5 million compared to \$36.5 million last year and for the year-to-date was \$44.3 million compared to \$61.9 million last year substantially due to changes in amounts drawn on revolving loan facilities, dividends to non-controlling shareholders and shares purchased under the NCIB. Further information on long-term debt is provided in the Sources of Liquidity section and in Note 10 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

# **Sources of Liquidity**

Canadian Operations have \$400.0 million in committed, revolving loan facilities that bear a floating rate of interest based on the Canadian Overnight Repo Rate Average or the Canadian prime interest rate. At October 31, 2025, the Company had drawn \$151.9 million on these facilities (October 31, 2024 - \$106.2 million). The Canadian Operations also have committed, revolving loan facilities of US\$52.0 million that bear interest at SOFR plus a spread. At October 31, 2025, the Company had drawn US\$NIL on these facilities (October 31, 2024 - US\$NIL). These loan facilities mature March 1, 2027 and are secured by certain assets of the Company on a pari passu basis with the Company's senior notes.

The Company has outstanding \$100.0 million 3.74% senior notes that mature September 26, 2029, US\$35.0 million 2.88% senior notes that mature on June 16, 2027 and US\$35.0 million 3.09% senior notes that mature on June 16, 2032. These senior notes are secured by a floating charge on certain assets of the Company and rank *pari passu* with the Company's other senior debt comprised of the \$400.0 million Canadian Operations loan facilities and the US\$52.0 million loan facilities.

International Operations have a US\$50.0 million committed, revolving loan facility which matures January 25, 2028. This loan facility bears a floating rate of interest based on SOFR plus a spread and is secured by certain accounts receivable and inventories of the International Operations. At October 31, 2025, the Company had drawn US\$NIL on these facilities (October 31, 2024 - US\$12.0 million).

The Company's lease liabilities are discounted at its incremental borrowing rate, generally calculated from applicable Canadian and U.S. corporate bond yields. At October 31, 2025, lease liabilities reflect a weighted-average risk-free rate of 4.5% (October 31, 2024 – 4.4%) and weighted-average remaining lease term of 9.6 years (October 31, 2024 – 10.2 years).

The loan facilities and senior notes contain covenants and restrictions including the requirement to meet certain financial ratios and financial condition tests. The financial covenants include a fixed charge coverage ratio and a leverage test. At October 31, 2025, the Company is in compliance with the financial covenants under these facilities. Current and forecasted debt levels are regularly monitored for compliance with debt covenants. Further information on the Company's long-term debt and loan facilities is provided in Note 10 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Cash flow from operating activities and unutilized capacity available on existing loan facilities are expected to be sufficient to fund operating requirements, maturing debt obligations, pension plan contributions, planned sustaining and growth-related capital expenditures as well as anticipated dividends during 2025.

#### SHAREHOLDER DIVIDENDS

The Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.41 per share to shareholders of record on December 31, 2025, to be paid on January 15, 2026.

Dividend payments are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and are based on, among other factors, the financial performance of the Company, its current and anticipated future business needs and the satisfaction of solvency tests imposed by the Canada Business Corporations Act ("CBCA") for the declaration of dividends. The dividends are designated as eligible dividends in accordance with the provisions of the Canadian Income Tax Act.

#### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• A new AC store, offering an expanded assortment of produce, deli, bakery and grocery, opened in Utqiagvik, Alaska on October 29, 2025, increasing the number of stores in the community to two.

#### **STRATEGIES**

The Company is focused on building an expanded range of essential products and services that help our customers to live better and that sustain and grow our business in a socially responsible manner, within all economic conditions. For investors, the Company strives to deliver sustainable, total returns through earnings growth and dividends with a commitment to disciplined capital allocation, cash flow optimization and downside risk management. These priorities are integrated within our three-year business plan which includes the following:

- 1. Striving for operational excellence in all facets of our business with a priority on ensuring in-stock availability on essential products that our customers rely on and reducing costs to help provide value to our customers;
- 2. Investing to grow our business through store openings in new and existing markets, store renovations, refined merchandise assortments and expanded product categories and services, including pursuing wholesale and B-to-B opportunities, consistent with our core capability as an essential everyday products and service provider in remote markets;
- 3. Building a superior logistics and supply chain capability with an ongoing focus on optimizing our transportation mix and air cargo capability to provide faster, more reliable and lower cost service to our stores and customers in remote markets;
- 4. Optimizing our IT infrastructure for our stores and support offices to deliver efficiencies and more streamlined processes and drive improvements in category management, pricing, data analytics, forecasting, replenishment and inventory management; and
- 5. Delivering on the priorities aligned within our Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") framework developed around People, Planet and Partnerships. This includes ensuring that we attract, develop and retain top talent that is inclusive of the diverse peoples and cultures that are represented within the communities we serve and that we are responsible towards the planet, the communities we serve and other stakeholder interests.

Collectively these priorities are referred to as "The Next 100", which is focused on driving operational excellence, expanding our capabilities and pursuing value for our customers, our employees, and our shareholders. The initiatives within the Next 100 program noted above leverage the power of data through new tools and analytics, and will be enabled by investments in technology and training which will help sustain the benefits of this work in the years to come. The Next 100 touches on every aspect of our business and aims to drive annualized incremental EBIT, which is expected to ramp-up through 2025 and 2026 as our initiatives continue to mature. As we lay the groundwork for these improvements, we are investing in additional resources to support the execution of the Next 100 program. In addition to this investment in resources, we anticipate incurring one-time costs, including professional fees and other expenses, in advance of the incremental EBIT being realized, which will be highlighted in our reporting as they occur.

Further information on the Company's strategies is provided in the 2024 Annual Report.

#### OUTLOOK

The near-term outlook continues to be influenced by the elimination of the Inuit Child First food voucher program, a reduction in funding for Jordan's Principle programs (collectively, "CFS Program Funding") and uncertainty related to the timing of First Nations Claim Settlement payments. Further information on these factors is provided in the sections below. In addition, there continues to be uncertainty related to the economy, including the impact of changes in U.S. government policy regarding tariffs, the impact of retaliatory tariffs that may be implemented and inflation however, the resiliency of the Company's essential everyday product and service offering is expected to help mitigate some of this uncertainty. In addition, the near-term outlook is expected to be impacted by the following:

#### Next 100

The Next 100 is expected to deliver annualized incremental EBIT which will ramp up through 2025 and 2026 as the initiatives mature, with the full annualized EBIT run-rate expected to be achieved in 2027. During this ramp up phase, the Company will continue to incur one-time costs for professional fees and other expenses related to the Next 100 initiatives. These one-time costs are expected to be more than offset by the annualized incremental EBIT of the initiatives however, some of the costs may be incurred before the full annualized benefits are achieved. These one-time costs will be incorporated into our adjusted earnings measures in our quarterly reports. Further information on the Next 100 is provided in the Strategies section.

# Long-term Reform of First Nations and Inuit Child and Family Services ("CFS Program Funding")

There continues to be a decrease in CFS Program Funding in 2025 compared to 2024 for certain First Nations and Inuit children programs, including programs that provide greater access to nutritious food, and there is uncertainty regarding how long the decrease in funding will last:

- On July 11, 2024, the Government of Canada announced an agreement in principle to provide \$47.8 billion to be disbursed over 10 years for the long-term reform of the First Nations Child and Family Services ("FNCFS") programs related to Jordan's Principle. This agreement is designed to provide predictable funding for services and benefits for Indigenous children, youth, young adults and families. The long-term reform of FNCFS is expected to benefit Indigenous peoples and communities the Company serves directly through programs and indirectly through investments in infrastructure and local employment. However, on October 17, 2024, members of the Assembly of First Nations rejected the \$47.8 billion agreement and instructed the Assembly of First Nations leadership to take a new approach to negotiating a different final agreement to address concerns raised. Accordingly, the funding for certain FNCFS Jordan's Principle programs in 2025 has decreased compared to 2024 pending the finalization of an agreement.
- On February 26, 2025, the Chiefs of Ontario, Nishnawbe Aski Nation and the Government of Canada signed an \$8.5 billion agreement to reform the First Nations Child and Family Services Program in Ontario. The agreements on the long-term reform of the First Nations Child and Family Services Program is subject to final approvals and a motion before the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal to end its oversight over the First Nations Child and Family Services Program.
- On March 21, 2025, the Government of Canada announced that it would extend the funding for the Inuit Child First Initiative ("ICFI") until March 31, 2026 to support continued service delivery during this interim period while Canada and Inuit Partners work together on the development of a long-term approach for supporting Inuit children. However, beginning in late April 2025, ICFI funding for programs supporting access to nutritious food for Inuit children has been limited to individual, child-specific claims compared to the ICFI food voucher program in 2024 which provided broad access to nutritious food for Inuit children.

The reduction in funding for Jordan's Principle programs and the elimination of the ICFI food voucher program are expected to continue to impact sales in Canadian Operations in 2025 and through the first quarter of 2026 on a year over year basis.

#### First Nations Claim Settlements

The Canadian Operations are expected to be impacted by consumer demand arising from the following First Nations Claim Settlement payments:

- The First Nations Drinking Water Settlement, which is comprised of approximately \$2.0 billion in payments to individuals and impacted First Nations and \$6.0 billion to support construction, upgrading, operation and maintenance of water infrastructure on First Nations land, impacts approximately 30 communities served by the Company's stores representing a portion of the total settlement. The Canadian Operations are expected to continue to be impacted by consumer demand arising from Drinking Water Settlement payments to individuals however, to a lesser degree than in 2024 as we compare against payments issued last year. It is expected that these settlement payments will continue to be issued through 2025 however, the amount and timing of the payments to individuals in the communities served by the Company's stores is uncertain.
- On October 24, 2023, the Federal Court of Canada approved the final settlement agreement of \$23.3 billion in compensation to be paid to individuals impacted by First Nations Child and Family Services programs and other services ("Jordan's Principle Claim Settlement"). A portion of the Jordan's Principle Claim Settlement is expected to be paid to individuals living within the First Nations communities the Company serves. Based on the information available, each claimant is expected to receive a minimum payment of approximately \$40,000 with additional amounts paid based on individual circumstances. The application window for the first two classes of claims, Removed Child Class and Removed Child Family Class, opened on March 10, 2025. The application process for the other seven classes has not opened. As of October 31, 2025, the Administrator of the Jordan's Principle Claim Settlement reported that 93,333 applications have been filed of which 62,490 applications are from the Removed Child Class. Currently, only applications from the Removed Child Class are being processed for payment. The distribution of settlement payments to individuals in the communities the Company serves began at the end of the third quarter however, the volume of payments has been low in the fourth quarter to date. The settlement payments for the Removed Child Class are expected to continue for the remainder of the fourth quarter and are expected to increase in 2026 as more claims are adjudicated. The settlement payments are expected to extend a number of years beyond 2026 based on the requirement for individuals in the Removed Child Class to reach the age of majority before payments are issued combined with the anticipated opening of the claim application process and distribution of settlement payments for the other classes however, the timing and duration of these settlement payments is uncertain.

#### Other Factors

- In 2025, the Company expects that capital expenditures, net of expected proceeds from the promissory note receivable will be in the \$145.0 million range (2024 \$131.0 million, net of \$15.0 million in proceeds from the promissory note receivable). The timing and amount of store-based capital expenditures in 2025 are expected to continue to be impacted by the availability of skilled trades, in addition to other delays that can occur with remote location capital projects.
- On July 5, 2020, the Company sold 36 of its 46 Giant Tiger stores to Giant Tiger Stores Limited for cash consideration of \$45.0 million payable in \$15.0 million installments on the second, third and fourth anniversaries of the transaction closing date, and up to \$22.5 million in contingent consideration based on achieving certain financial measures in 2024 and 2025. The total consideration recorded by the Company at the time of the transaction included \$12.5 million in estimated contingent consideration in accordance with IFRS 9 Financial Instruments. The amount of consideration is dependent on achieving certain financial measures which may result in the actual amount of contingent consideration being higher or lower than the amount estimated by the Company, including the possibility of no further consideration owing if certain financial measures are not met. Based on the financial measures achieved in 2024, \$7.5 million of the \$12.5 million contingent consideration recorded in accounts receivable was due in 2024. On April 29, 2025, the Company filed a Statement of Claim against Giant Tiger Stores Limited seeking damages of \$7.5 million for breach of the asset purchase agreement for failing to pay the contingent cash consideration when due. The remaining \$5.0 million of contingent consideration in accounts receivable is dependent upon the achievement of certain financial measures in 2025. Further information is provided in Note 21 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Beyond the previously noted factors impacting the near-term outlook, the medium and longer-term outlook for the Company is favourable based on the resiliency of our essential everyday product and service value offer and the upside expected from enhancing our core capabilities to deliver operational excellence and sustainable earnings growth aligned with our Next 100 work. The impact of Government of Canada transfer and settlement payments and higher infrastructure and services spending is also expected to benefit Indigenous people in the communities we serve.

#### RISK FACTORS AND ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT

Information on risk factors inherent within the business and enterprise risk management are included in the Company's 2024 Annual Report and 2024 Annual Information Form, which are hereby incorporated by reference. These documents are available on the Company's website at <u>www.northwest.ca</u> or on Sedar+ at <u>www.sedarplus.ca</u>. Those risks and risk management strategies remain unchanged.

#### **QUARTERLY RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following is a summary of selected quarterly financial information:

# Operating Results - Consolidated

		Third Q	uarter	Second	Quarter	First C	uarter	Fourth Quarter		
	9	92 days	92 days	92 days	92 days	89 days	90 days	92 days	92 days	
(\$ in millions, except per share)		2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2024	2023	
Sales	\$	634.3	\$ 637.5	\$ 647.0	\$ 646.5	\$ 641.4	\$ 617.5	\$ 674.9	\$ 643.1	
EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>		88.9	83.4	85.2	83.4	70.1	67.9	90.4	79.1	
Earnings from operations		58.7	54.1	55.2	54.9	40.3	39.8	60.7	51.7	
Net earnings		41.1	36.4	37.6	36.9	27.7	27.2	42.8	36.0	
Net earnings attributable to shareholders of the Company		40.1	35.4	36.1	35.3	25.8	25.5	41.1	34.5	
Net earnings per share:										
Basic		0.84	0.74	0.75	0.74	0.54	0.53	0.86	0.72	
Diluted		0.82	0.72	0.74	0.73	0.53	0.53	0.85	0.71	
Adjusted EBITDA(1)		91.9	88.4	87.9	88.4	78.0	70.8	92.8	83.7	
Adjusted net earnings(1)		43.3	40.1	39.6	40.7	33.6	29.4	44.6	39.5	

<sup>(1)</sup> See Non-GAAP Measures Section of Management's Discussion & Analysis.

Historically, the Company's first quarter sales are the lowest and the fourth quarter sales are the highest, reflecting the holiday selling period. Due to the remote location of many of the Company's stores, weather conditions are often more extreme compared to other retailers and can affect sales in any quarter. Net earnings generally follow sales but can be dependent on changes in merchandise sales blend, promotional activity in key sales periods, markdowns to reduce excess inventories and other factors which can affect net earnings.

#### DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures for the Company in order to provide reasonable assurance that all material information relating to the Company is made known to management in a timely manner so that appropriate decisions can be made regarding public disclosure. Management is also responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls over financial reporting to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial reports for external purposes in accordance with IFRS. All internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations. Therefore even those systems determined to be designed effectively can only provide reasonable assurance of achieving the control objectives. Additionally, management is necessarily required to use judgment in evaluating controls and procedures. Management used the Internal Control - Integrated Framework published by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission as the control framework in designing its internal controls over financial reporting.

There have been no changes in the internal controls over financial reporting during the quarter ended October 31, 2025 that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's internal controls over financial reporting.

#### ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND AMENDMENTS

The material accounting policies are set out in the Company's 2024 Annual Audited Consolidated Financial Statements. These policies have been applied to all periods presented in these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, and have been applied consistently by both the Company and its subsidiaries using uniform accounting policies for like transactions and other events in similar circumstances.

**Future Standards and Amendments** In April 2024, the IASB issued IFRS 18 - *Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements* to improve the comparability of the financial performance of similar entities. The standard replaces IAS 1 and primarily impacts the statements of earnings where companies will be required to present separate categories of income and expense for operating, investing and financing activities. IFRS 18 will also require management-defined performance measures to be explained and included in a separate note within the consolidated financial statements. The standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2027, including interim financial statements, and requires retrospective application. The Company is assessing the impact of the new standard.

In May 2024, amendments to IFRS 9 - Financial Instruments and IFRS 7 - Financial Instruments: Disclosures were issued. These amendments clarify the timing of recognition and derecognition of a financial asset or financial liability. Also included in the amendments are clarifications regarding the classification of financial assets, including those with features linked to environmental, social and corporate governance. The amendments require additional disclosure for financial instruments with contingent features and investments in equity instruments classified at fair value through other comprehensive income. These amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2026, with early adoption permitted. The adoption is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

There are no further IFRS or IFRIC interpretations that are either newly effective or not yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the Company.

#### **NON-GAAP MEASURES**

The Company uses the following non-GAAP financial measures: earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA"), adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net earnings. The Company believes these non-GAAP financial measures provide useful information to both management and investors in measuring the financial performance and financial condition of the Company for the reasons outlined below.

Earnings Before Interest, Income Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization ("EBITDA") is not a recognized measure under IFRS. Management believes that in addition to net earnings, EBITDA is a useful supplemental measure as it provides investors with an indication of the Company's operational performance before allocating the cost of interest, income taxes and capital investments. Investors should be cautioned however, that EBITDA should not be construed as an alternative to net earnings determined in accordance with IFRS as an indicator of the Company's performance. The Company's method of calculating EBITDA may differ from other companies and may not be comparable to measures used by other companies.

Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Earnings are not recognized measures under IFRS. Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures to exclude the impact of certain income and expenses that must be recognized under IFRS. The excluded amounts are either subject to volatility in the Company's share price or may not necessarily be reflective of the Company's underlying operating performance. These factors can make comparisons of the Company's financial performance between periods more difficult. The Company may exclude additional items if it believes that doing so will result in a more effective analysis and explanation of the underlying financial performance. The exclusion of these items does not imply that they are non-recurring.

These measures do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and therefore they may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other publicly traded companies and should not be construed as an alternative to the other financial measures determined in accordance with IFRS.

# Reconciliation of earnings from operations (EBIT) to EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA:

			Conso	lida	ted		
	Third (	Quar	ter		Year-t	o-Da	ate
(\$ in thousands)	2025		2024		2025		2024
Earnings from operations (EBIT)	\$ 58,709	\$	54,102	\$	154,195	\$	148,805
Add: Amortization	30,172		29,343		89,901		85,961
EBITDA	\$ 88,881	\$	83,445	\$	244,096	\$	234,766
Adjusted for:							
Share-based compensation expense (1)	1,723		4,974		8,583		12,874
The Next 100 one-time costs (2)	1,299		_		5,068		_
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 91,903	\$	88,419	\$	257,747	\$	247,640

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(\$ in thousands)	2025		2024
Earnings from operations (EBIT)	\$ 43,656	\$	39,619
Add: Amortization	19,549		19,736
EBITDA	\$ 63,205	\$	59,355
Adjusted for:			
Share-based compensation expense (1)	1,277		3,776
The Next 100 one-time costs (2)	694		_
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 65,176	\$	63,131

<sup>(1)</sup> Certain share-based compensation costs are presented as liabilities on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. The Company is exposed to market price fluctuations in its share price through these share-based compensation costs. These liabilities are recorded at fair value at each reporting date based on the market price of the Company's shares at the end of each reporting period with the changes in fair value recorded in selling, operating and administrative expenses. Further information on share-based compensation is provided in Note 12 and Note 15 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial

<sup>(2)</sup> The Next 100 one-time costs include professional fees and other non-recurring expenses incurred in the implementation of the Next 100 work outlined in the Strategies section.

## Reconciliation of earnings from operations (EBIT) to EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA:

	International	(Stated i	ո U.S	. dollars)
		Third (	Quar	ter
(\$ in thousands)		2025		2024
Earnings from operations (EBIT)	\$	10,853	\$	10,602
Add: Amortization		7,655		7,034
EBITDA	\$	18,508	\$	17,636
Adjusted for:				
Share-based compensation expense (1)		323		877
The Next 100 one-time costs (2)		436		_
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	19,267	\$	18,513

# Reconciliation of consolidated net earnings to adjusted net earnings:

				Conso	lidated		
		Third (	Qua	rter	Year-t	ate	
(\$ in thousands)		2025		2024	2025		2024
Net severings	Ė	41.072	خ	26.205	¢ 106 417	۲.	100 447
Net earnings	\$	41,073	\$	30,395	\$ 106,417	\$	100,447
Adjusted for:							
Share-based compensation expense, net of tax (1)		1,326		3,705	6,471		9,744
The Next 100 one-time costs, net of tax (2)		934		_	3,682		_
Adjusted net earnings	\$	43,333	\$	40,100	\$ 116,570	\$	110,191

<sup>(1)</sup> Certain share-based compensation costs are presented as liabilities on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. The Company is exposed to market price fluctuations in its share price through these share-based compensation costs. These liabilities are recorded at fair value at each reporting date based on the market price of the Company's shares at the end of each reporting period with the changes in fair value recorded in selling, operating and administrative expenses. Further information on share-based compensation is provided in Note 12 and Note 15 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial

Unless otherwise stated, this Management's Discussion & Analysis ("MD&A") is based on the financial information included in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and is in Canadian dollars. The information contained in this MD&A is current to December 9, 2025.

<sup>(2)</sup> The Next 100 one-time costs include professional fees and other non-recurring expenses incurred in the implementation of the Next 100 work outlined in the Strategies section.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This Quarterly Report, including Management's Discussion & Analysis ("MD&A"), contains forward-looking statements about the Company, including its business operations, strategy, expected financial performance and condition, and legal matters. Specific forward-looking statements in this MD&A include, but are not limited to, future or conditional future financial performance (including sales, earnings, growth rates, capital expenditures, dividends, debt levels, financial capacity, access to capital and liquidity), ongoing business strategies or prospects, the Company's plans regarding sales of private label products and intentions regarding a normal course issuer bid and the number of shares purchased, the potential impact of a pandemic on the Company's operations, supply chain and the Company's related business continuity plans, the realization of cost savings from cost reduction plans, the anticipated impact of The Next 100 strategic priorities and possible future action by the Company. Forward-looking statements are contained throughout this MD&A and are typically identified by words such as "expects", "anticipates", "plans", "believes", "estimates", "intends", "targets", "projects", "forecasts", "foresees", "could", "goals", "intends", "seeks", "strives", "will", "may", "should" and other similar expressions, or negative versions thereof, as they relate to North West and its management.

Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future events and are inherently subject to, among other things, risks, uncertainties and assumptions about the Company, economic factors and the retail industry in general.

Forward-looking statements reflect the Company's estimates, beliefs and assumptions, which are based on management's perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors it believes are appropriate in the circumstances. The Company's estimates, beliefs and assumptions are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive and other uncertainties and contingencies regarding future events and, as such, are subject to change. The Company can give no assurance that such estimates, beliefs and assumptions will prove to be correct. Numerous risks and uncertainties could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those expressed, implied or projected in the forward-looking statements, including those described in this MD&A and the Company's 2024 Annual Information Form. Such risk and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: changes in inflation, tariffs, commodity prices, interest and foreign exchange rates, government fiscal health and changes in government policy that result in a reduction in financial support for programs benefiting individuals including Nutrition North Canada ("NNC"), Jordan's Principle and Inuit Child First Initiative ("ICFI") in Canadian Operations, and the U.S. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") and Alaska by-pass mail system in International Operations, which contribute to lower living costs for eligible customers, the Company's ability to maintain an effective supply chain, changes in accounting policies and methods used to report financial condition, uncertainties associated with critical accounting assumptions and estimates, including estimates of contingent consideration, the effect of applying future accounting changes, business competition, technological change, changes in government regulations and legislation, changes in tax laws, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings, catastrophic events, the Company's ability to complete and realize benefits from capital projects, E-Commerce investments, strategic transactions and the integration of acquisitions, the Company's ability to realize benefits from investments in information technology ("IT") and systems, including IT system implementations, or unanticipated results from these initiatives and the Company's success in anticipating and managing the foregoing risks.

The reader is cautioned that the foregoing list of important factors that may affect the Company's forward-looking statements is not exhaustive. Other risks and uncertainties not presently known to the Company or that the Company presently believes are not material could also cause actual results or events to differ materially from those expressed in its forward-looking statements. Additional risks and uncertainties are discussed in the Company's materials filed with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities from time to time, including, without limitations, the Risk Management section of the 2024 Annual Report and in the Risk Factors sections of the Annual Information Form and Management Information Circular, material change reports and news releases. The reader is also cautioned to consider these and other factors carefully and not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which reflect the Company's expectations only as of the date of this MD&A. Other than as specifically required by applicable law, the Company does not intend to update any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Additional information on the Company, including our Annual Information Form, can be found on SEDAR+ at <u>www.sedarplus.ca</u> or on the Company's website at <u>www.northwest.ca</u>.

# **Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**

(unaudited, \$ in thousands)	October 31, 2025 October 31, 2024		January 31, 2025		
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash	\$	83,031	\$ 66,986	\$	67,385
Accounts receivable (Note 5)		112,390	116,357		119,023
Inventories (Note 6)		382,202	357,696		342,397
Prepaid expenses		24,221	23,509		21,463
		601,844	564,548		550,268
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Property and equipment		730,605	682,683		719,771
Right-of-use assets		118,571	111,579		118,194
Goodwill		52,263	52,009		53,679
Intangible assets		27,404	25,718		28,226
Deferred tax assets		28,280	21,107		19,055
Other assets		40,752	33,450		38,312
		997,875	926,546		977,237
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	1,599,719	\$ 1,491,094	\$	1,527,505
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	241,259	\$ 235,736	\$	250,175
Current portion of lease liabilities (Note 11)		20,113	19,990		20,848
Income tax payable (Note 14)		5,147	5,248		3,831
		266,519	260,974		274,854
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Long-term debt (Note 10)		349,819	320,140		295,776
Lease liabilities (Note 11)		107,979	99,875		105,558
Defined benefit plan obligation (Note 20)		21,694	18,074		20,855
Deferred tax liabilities		12,889	12,493		12,972
Other long-term liabilities		23,230	23,343		22,776
		515,611	473,925		457,937
TOTAL LIABILITIES		782,130	734,899		732,791
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Share capital (Note 8)		179,447	179,600		179,819
Contributed surplus		4,235	6,212		5,744
Retained earnings		566,656	506,428		529,916
Accumulated other comprehensive income		45,183	 43,820		56,527
Equity attributable to The North West Company Inc.		795,521	736,060		772,006
Non-controlling interests		22,068	20,135		22,708
TOTAL EQUITY		817,589	756,195		794,714
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$	1,599,719	\$ 1,491,094	ċ	1,527,505

# **Condensed Consolidated Statements of Earnings**

	Th	ree Months	Thi	ree Months	N	line Months	1	Nine Months
		Ended		Ended		Ended		Ended
(unaudited, \$ in thousands, except per share amounts)	Octob	er 31, 2025	Octob	er 31, 2024	Octol	ber 31, 2025	Octo	ber 31, 2024
SALES	\$	634,315	\$	637,452	\$	1,922,661	\$	1,901,458
Cost of sales		(417,180)		(423,314)		(1,271,619)		(1,267,935)
Gross profit		217,135		214,138		651,042		633,523
Selling, operating and administrative expenses (Notes 12, 18)		(158,426)		(160,036)		(496,847)		(484,718)
Earnings from operations		58,709		54,102		154,195		148,805
Interest expense (Note 13)		(4,558)		(4,923)		(12,753)		(13,596)
Earnings before income taxes		54,151		49,179		141,442		135,209
Income taxes (Note 14)		(13,078)		(12,784)		(35,025)		(34,762)
NET EARNINGS FOR THE PERIOD	\$	41,073	\$	36,395	\$	106,417	\$	100,447
NET EARNINGS ATTRIBUTABLE TO The North West Company Inc. Non-controlling interests	\$	40,073 1,000	\$	35,375 1,020	\$	102,002 4,415	\$	96,202 4,245
TOTAL NET EARNINGS	\$	41,073	\$	36,395	\$	106,417	\$	100,447
NET EARNINGS PER SHARE								
Basic	\$	0.84	\$	0.74	\$	2.13	\$	2.01
Diluted	\$	0.82	\$	0.72	\$	2.09	\$	1.98
WEIGHTED-AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING (000's)								
Basic		47,818		47,813		47,869		47,763
Diluted		48,694		48,574		48,738		48,511

# **Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income**

	T	hree Months Ended		Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended		Nine Months Ended
(unaudited, \$ in thousands)	Octo	ber 31, 2025	0	ctober 31, 2024	Oct		Oc	tober 31, 2024
NET EARNINGS FOR THE PERIOD	<u>,</u>	41.072	<b>خ</b>	26.205	À	106 417	ċ	100 447
	\$	41,073	\$	36,395	\$	106,417	\$	100,447
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:  Items that may be reclassified to net earnings:								
Exchange differences on translation of foreign controlled subsidiaries		4,277		2,255		(12,030)		11,879
Items that will not be subsequently reclassified to net earnings:								
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans (Note 20)		1,315		_		1,388		2,047
Total other comprehensive income/(loss), net of tax		5,592		2,255		(10,642)		13,926
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	\$	46,665	\$	38,650	\$	95,775	\$	114,373
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO								
The North West Company Inc.	\$	5,331	\$	2,069	\$	(9,956)	\$	13,041
Non-controlling interests		261		186		(686)		885
TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)	\$	5,592	\$	2,255	\$	(10,642)	\$	13,926
COMPREHENCIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTARI E TO								
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO		45 404	<u>,</u>	27.444		02.046	<u>_</u>	100 242
The North West Company Inc.	\$	45,404	\$	37,444	\$	92,046	\$	109,243
Non-controlling interests		1,261		1,206		3,729		5,130
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$	46,665	\$	38,650	\$	95,775	\$	114,373

# **Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity**

(unaudited, \$ in thousands)	Share Capital	Contributed Surplus	Retained Earnings	AOCI <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	Non- Controlling Interests	Total Equity
Balance at January 31, 2025	\$ 179,819	\$ 5,744	\$ 529,916	\$ 56,527 \$	772,006	\$ 22,708 \$	\$ 794,714
Net earnings for the period	_	_	102,002	_	102,002	4,415	106,417
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	_	_	1,388	(11,344)	(9,956)	(686)	(10,642)
Comprehensive income/(loss)	_	_	103,390	(11,344)	92,046	3,729	95,775
Shares purchased and cancelled (Note 8)	(730)	_	(8,746)	_	(9,476)	_	(9,476)
Equity settled share-based payments, net of tax	(214)	(937)	_	_	(1,151)	_	(1,151)
Dividends (Note 9)	_	_	(57,904)	_	(57,904)	(4,369)	(62,273)
Issuance of shares (Note 8)	572	(572)		_	_	_	
	(372)	(1,509)	(66,650)	_	(68,531)	(4,369)	(72,900)
Balance at October 31, 2025	\$179,447	\$ 4,235	\$ 566,656	\$ 45,183 \$	795,521	\$ 22,068	\$ 817,589
Balance at January 31, 2024	\$ 177,951	\$ 9,359	\$ 464,556	\$ 32,826 \$	684,692	\$ 21,081	\$ 705,773
Net earnings for the period	_		06.202				
			96,202	_	96,202	4,245	100,447
Other comprehensive income	_		96,202 2,047	— 10,994	96,202 13,041	4,245 885	100,447 13,926
Other comprehensive income  Comprehensive income	<u> </u>		•	10,994 10,994	,	•	•
·	  165	(1,735)	2,047	•	13,041	885	13,926
Comprehensive income			2,047	10,994	13,041	885	13,926
Comprehensive income  Equity settled share-based payments, net of tax	165 — 1,484		2,047 98,249	10,994	13,041 109,243 (1,570)	5,130 —	13,926 114,373 (1,570)
Comprehensive income  Equity settled share-based payments, net of tax  Dividends (Note 9)	_	(1,735)	2,047 98,249	10,994	13,041 109,243 (1,570) (56,377)	5,130 —	13,926 114,373 (1,570) (62,453)

<sup>(1)</sup> Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

# **Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

	Th	ree Months	Three	Months	N	ine Months		Nine Months
		Ended		Ended		Ended		Ended
(unaudited, \$ in thousands)	Octob	er 31, 2025	October 3	31, 2024	Octob	er 31, 2025	Octo	ber 31, 2024
CASH FROM (USED IN):								
Operating activities								
Net earnings for the period	\$	41,073	\$	36,395	\$	106,417	\$	100,447
Adjustments for:								
Amortization (Note 18)		30,172		29,343		89,901		85,961
Provision for income taxes (Note 14)		13,078		12,784		35,025		34,762
Interest expense (Note 13)		4,558		4,923		12,753		13,596
Equity settled share-based compensation, net of tax (Note 15)		(1,249)		1,767		(1,151)		(1,570)
Taxes paid		(16,230)		(14,641)		(43,896)		(37,820)
(Gain)/Loss on disposal of property and equipment		(394)		10		(440)		33
		71,008		70,581		198,609		195,409
Change in non-cash working capital (Note 7)		(17,478)		(15,629)		(43,995)		(45,008)
Change in other non-cash items		(2,221)		693		(1,953)		1,942
Cash from operating activities		51,309		55,645		152,661		152,343
Investing activities								
Purchase of property and equipment		(33,326)		(38,752)		(84,710)		(91,010)
Intangible asset additions		(2,470)		(530)		(7,630)		(2,707)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment		39		2		1,269		340
Proceeds from promissory note receivable		_		_		_		15,000
Cash used in investing activities		(35,757)		(39,280)		(91,071)		(78,377)
Financing activities								
Net increase/(decrease) in long-term debt (Note 10)		33,207		(598)		57,306		33,875
Payment of lease liabilities, principal		(5,227)		(5,470)		(16,274)		(18,667)
Payment of lease liabilities, interest		(1,429)		(1,363)		(4,172)		(4,038)
Dividends (Note 9)		(19,598)		(19,126)		(57,904)		(56,377)
Dividends to non-controlling interests (Note 9)		_		(6,076)		(4,369)		(6,076)
Interest paid		(3,440)		(3,845)		(9,408)		(10,659)
Net issuance of common shares		_		_		_		72
Common shares purchased and cancelled (Note 8)		(5,000)		_		(9,476)		_
Cash used in financing activities		(1,487)		(36,478)		(44,297)		(61,870)
Effect of foreign exchange rates on cash		460		105		(1,647)		1,531
NET CHANGE IN CASH		14,525		(20,008)		15,646		13,627
Cash, beginning of period		68,506		86,994		67,385		53,359
CASH, END OF PERIOD	\$	83,031	\$	66,986	\$	83,031	\$	66,986

#### 1. ORGANIZATION

The North West Company Inc. ("NWC" or the "Company") is a corporation amalgamated under the Canada Business Corporations Act ("CBCA") and governed by the laws of Canada. The Company, through its subsidiaries, is a leading retailer of food and everyday products and services. The address of its registered office is 77 Main Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

The Company has two reportable geographical segments, Canada and International. The International segment consists largely of wholly owned subsidiaries operating in the continental United States, Caribbean and South Pacific. The Company's business follows a seasonal pattern where historically the first quarter sales are the lowest and the fourth quarter sales are the highest, reflecting consumer holiday buying patterns.

These unaudited interim period condensed consolidated financial statements ("condensed consolidated financial statements") have been approved for issue by the Board of Directors of the Company on December 9, 2025.

### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

- (A) Statement of Compliance These condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 34 - Interim Financial Reporting, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's annual audited consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes included in The North West Company Inc.'s 2024 Annual Report which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS Accounting Standards").
- (B) Basis of Measurement The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for the following which are measured at fair value, as applicable:
  - Liabilities for share-based compensation plans (Note 15)
  - Defined benefit pension plan (Note 20)
  - Assets and liabilities acquired in a business combination

The methods used to measure fair values are discussed further in the notes to the Company's 2024 Annual Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

(C) Functional and Presentation Currency The presentation currency of the condensed consolidated financial statements is Canadian dollars, which is the Company's functional currency. All financial information is presented in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise stated, and has been rounded to the nearest thousand.

#### 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The material accounting policies are set out in the Company's 2024 Annual Audited Consolidated Financial Statements. These policies have been applied to all periods presented in these condensed consolidated financial statements, and have been applied consistently by both the Company and its subsidiaries using uniform accounting policies for like transactions and other events in similar circumstances.

**Future Standards and Amendments** In April 2024, the IASB issued IFRS 18 - *Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements* to improve the comparability of the financial performance of similar entities. The standard replaces IAS 1 and primarily impacts the statements of earnings where companies will be required to present separate categories of income and expense for operating, investing and financing activities. IFRS 18 will also require management-defined performance measures to be explained and included in a separate note within the consolidated financial statements. The standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2027, including interim financial statements, and requires retrospective application. The Company is assessing the impact of the new standard.

In May 2024, amendments to IFRS 9 - Financial Instruments and IFRS 7 - Financial Instruments: Disclosures were issued. These amendments clarify the timing of recognition and derecognition of a financial asset or financial liability. Also included in the amendments are clarifications regarding the classification of financial assets, including those with features linked to environmental, social and corporate governance. The amendments require additional disclosure for financial instruments with contingent features and investments in equity instruments classified at fair value through other comprehensive income. These amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2026, with early adoption permitted. The adoption is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

There are no further IFRS or IFRIC interpretations that are either newly effective or not yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the Company.

**Use of Estimates** The preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates, assumptions and judgments that affect the application of accounting policies, the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities in the condensed consolidated financial statements and notes. Judgment has been used in the application of accounting policy and to determine if a transaction should be recognized or disclosed in these condensed consolidated financial statements while estimates and assumptions have been used to measure balances recognized or disclosed.

Estimates, assumptions and judgments are based on management's historical experience, best knowledge of current events, conditions and actions that the Company may undertake in the future and other factors that management believes are reasonable under the circumstances. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Certain of these estimates require subjective or complex judgments by management about matters that are uncertain and changes in these estimates could materially impact the condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are reviewed and in any future periods affected.

Areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the condensed consolidated financial statements include: allowance for doubtful accounts, valuation of inventories, amortization of property and equipment, impairment of long-lived assets, goodwill and indefinite life intangible asset impairment, measurement of income taxes, valuation of defined benefit plan obligations, determination of lease term, estimate of incremental borrowing rate of each leased asset and measurement of contingent consideration.

#### 4. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Company is a retailer of food and everyday products and services in two geographical segments, Canada and International. The Canadian segment consists of subsidiaries operating retail stores and complimentary businesses to serve northern Canada. The International segment consists largely of subsidiaries operating retail stores in the continental United States, Caribbean and South Pacific. Financial information for these business segments is regularly reviewed by the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer to assess performance and make decisions about the allocation of resources.

The following key information is presented by geographic segment:

**Consolidated Statements of Earnings** 

	Th	Three Months		ree Months		Nine Months		Nine Months
		Ended		Ended		Ended		Ended
	Octob	oer 31, 2025	Octo	October 31, 2024		ber 31, 2025	Octo	ber 31, 2024
Sales								
Canada								
Food	\$	246,861	\$	250,376	\$	733,246	\$	737,048
General merchandise and other		113,947		117,609		358,225		352,822
Canada	\$	360,808	\$	367,985	\$	1,091,471	\$	1,089,870
International								
Food	\$	251,128	\$	244,179	\$	766,955	\$	741,683
General merchandise and other		22,379		25,288		64,235		69,905
International	\$	273,507	\$	269,467	\$	831,190	\$	811,588
Consolidated	\$	634,315	\$	637,452	\$	1,922,661	\$	1,901,458
Earnings before amortization, interest and income taxes								
Canada	\$	63,205	\$	59,355	\$	164,500	\$	160,298
International		25,676		24,090		79,596		74,468
Consolidated	\$	88,881	\$	83,445	\$	244,096	\$	234,766
Earnings from operations								
Canada	\$	43,656	\$	39,619	\$	106,107	\$	103,010
International		15,053		14,483		48,088		45,795
Consolidated	\$	58,709	\$	54,102	\$	154,195	\$	148,805

# 4. **SEGMENTED INFORMATION (continued)**

#### **Supplemental information**

	October 31, 2	<b>025</b> Octo	ober 31, 2024	January 31, 2025		
Assets						
Canada (1)	\$ 982,	<b>585</b> \$	907,022	\$	914,178	
International (1)	617,	134	584,072		613,327	
Consolidated	\$ 1,599,	719 \$	1,491,094	\$	1,527,505	

<sup>(1)</sup> Canadian total assets includes goodwill of \$11,025 (October 31, 2024 - \$11,025; January 31, 2025 - \$11,025); International total assets includes goodwill of \$41,238 (October 31, 2024 – \$40,984; January 31, 2025 – \$42,654).

	Three Months Ended		Three Months Ended			Nine N	Month	ns Ended	Nine Months Ended			
	Oc	tober	31, 2025	October 31, 2024 October 31,		31, 2025	Octo	ber 31, 2024				
	Canada	Inte	rnational		Canada	Inte	rnational	Canada	Inter	national	Canada	International
Purchase of property and equipment	\$ 25,029	\$	8,297	\$	26,461	\$	12,291	\$ 61,647	\$	23,063	\$ 64,814	\$ 26,196
Amortization	\$ 19,549	\$	10,623	\$	19,736	\$	9,607	\$ 58,393	\$	31,508	\$ 57,288	\$ 28,673

# 5. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	October 31, 20	2 <b>5</b> Octo	ber 31, 2024	January 31, 202	
Trade accounts receivable	\$ 80,3	<b>35</b> \$	88,637	\$	88,161
Corporate and other accounts receivable(1)	43,7	52	40,480		43,537
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	(11,6	97)	(12,760)		(12,675)
Total	\$ 112,3	90 \$	116,357	\$	119,023

<sup>(1)</sup> At October 31, 2025, Corporate and other accounts receivable includes \$12,500 of the promissory note receivable (October 31, 2024 – \$12,460; January 31, 2025 -\$12,500). See Note 21.

The carrying values of accounts receivable are a reasonable approximation of their fair values. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying value of each class of receivable mentioned above.

#### 6. INVENTORIES

Inventories, which include aviation-related parts of \$10,980 at October 31, 2025 (October 31, 2024 – \$6,043; January 31, 2025 – \$10,591), are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Valuing inventories requires the Company to use estimates related to: the determination of margin factors used to convert inventory to cost; future retail sales prices and reductions, inventory losses or shrinkage during periods between the last physical count and the balance sheet date; and vendor rebates based on the volume of purchases during a period of time, product remaining in closing inventory and the probability that funds will be collected from vendors. Included in cost of sales for the three months ended October 31, 2025, the Company recorded \$658 (three months ended October 31, 2024 – \$546) for the write-down of period end inventories as a result of net realizable value being lower than cost. For the nine months ended October 31, 2025, the Company recorded \$1,494 (nine months ended October 31, 2024 - \$1,862) for the write-down of period end inventories as a result of net realizable value being lower than cost. There was no reversal of inventories written down previously that are no longer estimated to sell below cost during the nine months ended October 31, 2025 or 2024.

#### 7. CHANGE IN NON-CASH WORKING CAPITAL

The changes in non-cash working capital were as follows:

	Three Months	Three Months	Nine Months	Nine Months
	Ended	Ended	Ended	Ended
	October 31, 2025	October 31, 2024	October 31, 2025	October 31, 2024
Change in:				
Accounts receivable	(422)	(6,976)	6,002	(4,071)
Inventories	(6,308)	(28,169)	(44,950)	(38,818)
Prepaid expenses	3,357	3,443	(2,948)	(8,798)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(14,919)	16,162	(4,914)	4,939
Other	814	(89)	2,815	1,740
Change in non-cash working capital	\$ (17,478)	\$ (15,629)	\$ (43,995)	\$ (45,008)

# 8. SHARE CAPITAL

Authorized – The Company has an unlimited number of Common Voting Shares and Variable Voting Shares.

October 31, 2025	Shares	Cons	ideration
Balance at January 31, 2025	47,871,258	\$	180,254
Purchased and cancelled(1)	(197,899)		(730)
Issued under share-based compensation plans (Note 15)	63,398		572
Balance at October 31, 2025	47,736,757	\$	180,096
Shares held in trust, January 31, 2025	(123,834)	\$	(435)
Purchased for future settlement of PSUs	(90,000)		(339)
Released for settlement of PSUs (Note 15)	33,146		125
Shares held in trust, October 31, 2025	(180,688)	\$	(649)
Issued and outstanding, net of shares held in trust, October 31, 2025(2)	47,556,069	\$	179,447
October 31, 2024			
Balance at January 31, 2024	47,711,467	\$	178,409
Issued under share-based compensation plans (Note 15)	136,037		1,484
Balance at October 31, 2024	47,847,504	\$	179,893
Shares held in trust, January 31, 2024	(129,452)	\$	(458)
Purchased for future settlement of PSUs	(40,000)		(142)
Released for settlement of PSUs (Note 15)	85,618		307
Shares held in trust, October 31, 2024	(83,834)	\$	(293)
Issued and outstanding, net of shares held in trust, October 31, 2024 <sup>(2)</sup>	47,763,670	\$	179,600

<sup>(1)</sup> Variable voting shares and common voting shares purchased pursuant to NCIB program. The Company records shares repurchased on a transaction date basis.

<sup>(2)</sup> At October 31, 2025, there were 16,877,636 (October 31, 2024 - 16,667,487) Variable Voting Shares representing 35.4% (October 31, 2024 - 34.8%) of the total shares issued and outstanding.

# 8. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

#### **Normal Course Issuer Bid**

On November 19, 2024, the Company received approval from the Toronto Stock Exchange to renew the Normal Course Issuer Bid ("NCIB"). Under the NCIB, the Company may acquire up to a maximum of 4,765,289 of its shares, or approximately 10% of its float for cancellation over the following 12 months. During the nine months ended October 31, 2025, the Company purchased 197,899 common shares having a book value of \$730 for cash consideration of \$9,476. The excess of the purchase price over the book value of the shares of \$8,746 was charged to retained earnings. All shares purchased were cancelled. There were no shares purchased under the NCIB for the nine months ended October 31, 2024.

In connection with the NCIB, the Company has established an automatic securities purchase plan with its designated broker to facilitate the purchase of shares under the NCIB at times when the Company would ordinarily not be permitted to purchase its shares due to regulatory restrictions or self-imposed blackout periods. Under the plan, before entering a self-imposed blackout period, the Company may, but is not required to, ask the designated broker to make purchases under the NCIB within specific parameters.

Subsequent to October 31, 2025, the Company renewed its NCIB to purchase up to 4,752,020 of its shares, representing approximately 10% of its float for cancellation over the following 12 months. In accordance with the rules of the Toronto Stock Exchange, the Company may purchase its common shares from time to time at their market price.

#### 9. DIVIDENDS

	Thre	e Months Ended	Thre	ee Months Ended	Nir	ne Months Ended	Nir	ne Months Ended
	Octobe	October 31, 2025		October 31, 2024		er 31, 2025	October 31, 202	
Dividends recorded in equity and paid in cash	\$	19,598	\$	25,202	\$	62,273	\$	62,453
Less: Dividends paid to non-controlling interests				(6,076)		(4,369)		(6,076)
Shareholder dividends	\$	19,598	\$	19,126	\$	57,904	\$	56,377
Dividends per share	\$	0.41	\$	0.40	\$	1.21	\$	1.18

The payment of dividends on the Company's shares is subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and is based upon, among other factors, the financial performance of the Company, its current and anticipated future business needs, and the satisfaction of solvency tests imposed by the CBCA for the declaration of dividends. Dividends are recognized as a liability in the consolidated financial statements in the period in which they are approved by the Board of Directors (Note 22).

#### 10. LONG-TERM DEBT

	October	r 31, 2025	Octob	er 31, 2024	Janua	ry 31, 2025
Current:	\$	_	\$		\$	_
Non-current:						
Revolving loan facility (1)	\$	_	\$	16,711	\$	_
Revolving loan facilities (2)		_		_		_
Revolving loan facilities (3)		151,918		106,162		94,531
Senior notes (4)		97,901		97,267		101,245
Senior notes (5)		100,000		100,000		100,000
	\$	349,819	\$	320,140	\$	295,776
Total	\$	349,819	\$	320,140	\$	295,776

- (1) The committed, revolving U.S. loan facility provides the International Operations with up to US\$50,000 for working capital requirements and general business purposes. This facility matures January 25, 2028, bears a floating rate of interest based on SOFR plus a spread and is secured by certain accounts receivable and inventories of the International Operations. As at October 31, 2025, the International Operations had drawn US\$NIL (October 31, 2024 – US\$12,007; January 31, 2025 – US\$NIL) on this facility.
- (2) The US\$52,000 loan facilities mature March 1, 2027 and bear interest at SOFR plus a spread. These committed loan facilities are secured by certain assets of the Company and rank pari passu with the \$100,000 senior notes, the US\$70,000 senior notes due in 2027 and 2032 and the \$400,000 Canadian Operations Ioan facilities. At October 31, 2025, the Company had drawn US\$NIL (October 31, 2024 – US\$NIL; January 31, 2025 – US\$NIL) on these facilities.
- (3) These committed, revolving loan facilities provide the Company's Canadian Operations with up to \$400,000 for working capital and general business purposes. The facilities are secured by certain assets of the Company and rank pari passu with the \$100,000 senior notes, the US\$70,000 senior notes due in 2027 and 2032 and the US\$52,000 loan facilities. These facilities mature March 1, 2027 and bear a floating interest rate based on the Canadian Overnight Repo Rate or the Canadian prime interest rate.
- (4) These US\$70,000 senior notes comprise US\$35,000 due June 16, 2027 with a fixed interest rate of 2.88% and US\$35,000 due June 16, 2032 with a fixed interest rate of 3.09%. The senior notes are secured by certain assets of the Company and rank pari passu with the \$400,000 Canadian Operations loan facilities, the \$100,000 senior notes and the US\$52,000 loan facilities.
- (5) The \$100,000 senior notes mature September 26, 2029, have a fixed interest rate of 3.74%, are secured by certain assets of the Company and rank pari passu with the \$400,000 Canadian Operations loan facilities, the US\$70,000 senior notes due in 2027 and 2032 and the US\$52,000 loan facilities.

#### 11. LEASE LIABILITIES

The Company's lease liabilities are discounted at its incremental borrowing rate, generally calculated from applicable Canadian and U.S. corporate bond yields. At October 31, 2025, lease liabilities reflect a weighted-average risk-free rate of 4.5% (October 31, 2024 – 4.4%; January 31, 2025 – 4.4%) and weighted-average remaining lease term of 9.6 years (October 31, 2024 – 10.2 years; January 31, 2025 – 9.9 years).

#### 12. EMPLOYEE COSTS

	Thre	e Months	Thre	ee Months	Ni	ne Months	Ni	ne Months
			Ended		Ended	Ended		
	October	Octobe	er 31, 2024	Octobe	er 31, 2025	October 31, 2024		
Wages, salaries and benefits including bonus	\$	89,328	\$	87,670	\$	270,036	\$	261,520
Post-employment benefits (Note 20)		2,136		2,220		7,270		7,027
Share-based compensation (Note 15)		1,723		4,974		8,583		12,874
Total	\$	93,187	\$	94,864	\$	285,889	\$	281,421

#### 13. INTEREST EXPENSE

	Three Months		Thre	e Months	Nine Months		Nin	e Months
		Ended		Ended		Ended		Ended
	October	31, 2025	Octobe	r 31, 2024	Octobe	31, 2025	Octobe	r 31, 2024
Interest on long-term debt	\$	3,238	\$	3,602	\$	8,849	\$	9,809
Interest on lease liabilities		1,429		1,363		4,172		4,038
Net interest on defined benefit plan obligation		16		60		49		181
Interest imputed on promissory note receivable (Note 21)		_		(74)		(68)		(376)
Interest capitalized		(125)		(28)		(249)		(56)
Total	\$	4,558	\$	4,923	\$	12,753	\$	13,596

# 14. INCOME TAXES

The estimated effective income tax rate for the three months ended October 31, 2025 is 24.2% (three months ended October 31, 2024 – 26.0%) and for the nine months ended October 31, 2025 is 24.8% (nine months ended October 31, 2024 – 25.7%). The Company estimates its effective income tax rate on a weighted-average basis by determining the income tax rate applicable to each taxing jurisdiction and applying it to its pre-tax earnings.

The Company's income taxes include GMTA Pillar Two top up tax of \$328 for the three months ended October 31, 2025 (three months ended October 31, 2024 - \$500) and \$1,814 for the nine months ended October 31, 2025 (nine months ended October 31, 2024 - \$1,500).

#### 15. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company offers the following share-based compensation plans: Performance Share Units ("PSUs"); Share Options; Director Deferred Share Units ("DDSUs"); Executive Deferred Share Units ("EDSUs") and an Employee Share Purchase Plan. The purpose of these plans is to directly align the interests of the participants and the shareholders of the Company by providing compensation that is dependent on the performance of the Company's shares.

The total expense relating to share-based compensation plans for the three months ended October 31, 2025 is \$1,723 (three months ended October 31, 2024 - \$4,974) and \$8,583 for the nine months ended October 31, 2025 (nine months ended October 31, 2024 - \$12,874). The carrying amount of the Company's share-based compensation arrangements including PSU, share option, DDSU and EDSU plans are recorded on the consolidated balance sheets as follows:

	October 3	October 31, 2025		October 31, 2024		January 31, 2025	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	2,377	\$	3,310	\$	2,750	
Other long-term liabilities		13,934		14,375		14,476	
Contributed surplus		9,419		9,121		9,901	
Total	\$	25,730	\$	26,806	\$	27,127	

#### **Performance Share Units**

The Company has granted Performance Share Units to officers and senior management. Each PSU entitles the participant to receive either a cash payment equal to the market value of the number of notional units granted or one share of the Company for each notional unit granted at the end of the vesting period based on the achievement of specific performance based criteria. The PSU account for each participant includes the value of dividends from the Company as if reinvested in additional PSUs. PSU awards vest with the employee on the third fiscal year following the date of the grant to which the award relates. Compensation expense is measured based on the grant date fair market value of the award and recognized over the vesting period based on the estimated total compensation to be paid. Compensation costs related to the PSUs for the three months ended October 31, 2025 are \$1,479 (three months ended October 31, 2024 - \$2,226) and \$5,284 for the nine months ended October 31, 2025 (nine months ended October 31, 2024 - \$5,567).

Equity settled PSUs are redeemed with shares transferred from a trust established for this plan or by issuing shares from treasury. For the three months ended October 31, 2025, there were 2,393 PSUs (three months ended October 31, 2024 – 2,317) partially settled by releasing shares from the employee trust (three months ended October 31, 2024 – 1,075). For the nine months ended October 31, 2025, there were 67,706 PSUs (nine months ended October 31, 2024 – 166,566) partially settled by releasing 33,146 shares (nine months ended October 31, 2024 – 85,618) from the employee trust.

For the nine months ended October 31, 2025, there were 3,349 PSUs (nine months ended October 31, 2024 - 13,631) partially settled by releasing 3,349 shares issued from treasury (nine months ended October 31, 2024 – 6,743). The total number of PSUs outstanding at October 31, 2025 that may be settled in treasury shares is 391,343 (October 31, 2024 – 307,358).

#### 15. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION (continued)

#### Share Option Plan

The Company has a Share Option Plan that provides for the granting of options to certain officers and senior management. Options are granted at fair market value based on the volume weighted-average closing price of the Company's shares for the five trading days preceding the grant date. The Share Option Plan affords the Board of Directors the discretion to either award Standard Options or to award options giving the holder the choice, upon exercise, to either deduct a portion of all dividends declared after the grant date from the options exercise price or to exercise the option at the strike price specified at the grant date (Declining Strike Price Options). Each option is exercisable into one share of the Company at the price specified in the terms of the option. Declining Strike Price ("DSP") Options allow the employee to acquire shares or receive a cash payment based on the excess of the fair market value of the Company's shares over the exercise price. No DSP Options have been issued since 2017 and all options issued subsequently have been standard options.

The grant date fair value of the Standard Options is recognized in net earnings and contributed surplus over the vesting period. The fair value of the DSP Options was remeasured at the reporting date and was recognized both in net earnings and as a liability over the vesting period. At October 31, 2025 and 2024, there were no outstanding DSP Options.

The maximum number of shares available for issuance is a fixed number set at 4,354,020, representing 9.1% of the Company's issued and outstanding shares at October 31, 2025. Fair value of the Company's options is determined using an option pricing model. Share options granted vest on a graduated basis over four years and are exercisable over a period of seven years. The share option compensation costs recorded for the three months ended October 31, 2025 are \$396 (three months ended October 31, 2024 - \$390) and for the nine months ended October 31, 2025 are \$1,178 (nine months ended October 31, 2024 - \$1,609).

The fair values for options issued were calculated based on the assumptions below.

	Octo	October 31, 2025		
Fair value of options granted	\$	10.31	\$	7.24
Exercise price	\$	54.39	\$	39.04
Dividend yield		3.4 %		4.0%
Annual risk-free interest rate		2.7 %		3.5%
Expected share price volatility		26.4 %		26.1%

The expected dividend yield is estimated based on the quarterly dividend rate and the closing share price on the date the options are granted. The expected share price volatility is estimated based on the Company's historical volatility over a period consistent with the expected life of the options. The risk-free interest rate is estimated based on the Government of Canada bond yield for a term to maturity equal to the expected life of the options.

#### 15. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION (continued)

The following continuity schedules reconcile the movement in outstanding options during the nine months ended October 31:

Number of options outstanding	Declining S	Declining Strike Price Options			
	October 31, 2025	October 31, 2024	October 31, 2025	October 31, 2024	
Outstanding options, beginning of period	_	50,558	1,128,718	1,351,692	
Granted	_	_	161,328	229,953	
Exercised	_	(50,558)	(140,532)	(376,332)	
Forfeited or cancelled	_	_	_	(3,550)	
Outstanding options, end of period	_	_	1,149,514	1,201,763	
Exercisable at end of period			653,639	633,735	

Weighted-average exercise price	Declining Strike Price Options					Standard Options		
	October 31, 20	025	October 31, 2024	October 31, 2025	October 3	31, 2024		
Outstanding options, beginning of period	\$	_	\$ 27.24	\$ 34.97	\$	32.80		
Granted		_	_	54.39		39.09		
Exercised		_	27.05	30.23		29.67		
Forfeited or cancelled		_		_		35.66		
Outstanding options, end of period	\$	_	\$ —	\$ 38.27	\$	34.98		
Exercisable at end of period	\$	_	\$ —	\$ 34.15	\$	32.33		

Options outstanding at October 31, 2025 have an exercise price range of \$28.13 to \$54.39 and a weighted-average remaining contractual life of 3.9 years.

## Director Deferred Share Unit Plan

This plan is available for independent Directors. Participants are credited with deferred share units for the amount of the annual equity retainer and fees each participant elects to allocate to the DDSU plan. Each deferred share unit entitles the holder to receive a share of the Company and includes the value of dividends from the Company as if reinvested in additional DDSUs. The DDSUs are exercisable by the holder at any time after they cease to be a Director, but no later than December 31 of the first calendar year commencing after they leave the Company. A participant may elect at the time of exercise of any DDSUs, subject to the consent of the Company, to have the Company pay an amount in cash equal to the aggregate current market value of the shares, determined based on the closing price of the shares on the TSX on the trading day preceding the exercise date. This cash payment is in consideration for the surrender by the participant to the Company the right to receive shares from exercising the DDSUs. Effective December 2016, the plan was amended so that DDSUs credited to participants for fees they elect to allocate to the plan after this date are redeemable only in cash.

#### 15. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION (continued)

Compensation expense is initially measured at the time of the grant. Subsequent changes in the fair value of the DDSUs based on changes in the market value of the Company's shares are recognized at each reporting date. The DDSU plan compensation costs recorded for the three months ended October 31, 2025 are a recovery of \$175 (three months ended October 31, 2024 – expense of \$2,030) and an expense of \$1,363 for the nine months ended October 31, 2025 (nine months ended October 31, 2024 – expense of \$4,541). The total number of DDSUs outstanding at October 31, 2025 is 256,764 (October 31, 2024 – 237,897). There were 16,893 DDSUs exercised in cash during the nine months ended October 31, 2025 (nine months ended October 31, 2024 - 60,007).

#### **Executive Deferred Share Unit Plan**

The EDSU plan was implemented to assist executive management to meet the Company's minimum share ownership guidelines. This plan provides for the granting of deferred share units to those executives who elect to receive a portion of their annual short-term incentive payment in EDSUs, subject to plan limits. Effective April 2016, participants will be credited with EDSUs based on the amount of their short-term incentive payment allocated to the plan and the fair market value of the Company's shares. The EDSU account for each participant includes the value of dividends from the Company as if reinvested in additional EDSUs. The EDSUs are exercisable at any time after the executive ceases to be an employee of the Company, but no later than December 31 of the first calendar year commencing after the holder ceased to be an employee. Each EDSU entitles the holder to a cash payment equal to the market value of the equivalent number of the Company's shares, determined based on their closing price on the TSX on the trading day preceding the exercise date.

Total compensation expense is measured at the time of the grant. Subsequent changes in the fair value of the EDSUs based on changes in the market value of the Company's shares are recognized at each reporting date. The EDSU plan compensation costs recorded for the three months ended October 31, 2025 are a recovery of \$33 (three months ended October 31, 2024 – expense of \$160) and for the nine months ended October 31, 2025 are an expense of \$3 (nine months ended October 31, 2024 - expense of \$295).

#### **Employee Share Purchase Plan**

The Employee Share Purchase Plan provides participants with the opportunity to acquire an ownership interest in the Company. The Company contributes an additional 33% of the amount invested, subject to a maximum annual contribution of 2% of the participants' base salary. The plan is administered by a trustee who uses the funds received to purchase shares on the TSX on behalf of the participating employees. These shares are registered in the name of the plan trustee on behalf of the participants. The Company's contribution to the plan is recorded as compensation expense. The employee share purchase plan compensation costs recorded for the three months ended October 31, 2025 are \$56 (three months ended October 31, 2024 – \$168) and for the nine months ended October 31, 2025 are \$755 (nine months ended October 31, 2024 - \$862).

#### 16. SEASONALITY

The Company's business follows a seasonal pattern where historically the first quarter sales are the lowest and the fourth quarter sales are the highest, reflecting consumer holiday buying patterns. Net earnings generally follow higher sales but can be dependent on markdown activity in key sales periods to reduce excess inventories. Net earnings are historically lower in the first quarter due to lower sales and fixed costs such as rent and overhead that apply uniformly throughout the year.

# 17. SUBSIDIARIES AND JOINT VENTURES

The Company's principal operating subsidiaries at October 31, 2025 are set out below:

Proportion of voting rights held by:

	Activity	Country of Organization	Company	Subsidiary
NWC GP Inc.	General Partner	Canada	100 %	
North West Company Holdings Inc.	Holding Company	Canada	100 %	
The North West Company LP	Retailing	Canada	100 %	(less one unit)
NWC (U.S.) Holdings Inc.	Holding Company	United States		100 %
The North West Company (International) Inc.	Retailing	United States		100 %
Roadtown Wholesale Trading Ltd.	Retailing	British Virgin Islands		77 %
North Star Air Ltd.	Airline	Canada		100 %

The Company's investment in joint ventures comprises a 50% interest in a Canadian Arctic shipping company, Transport Nanuk Inc.

# **18. EXPENSES BY NATURE**

	Three Months	Three Month	Nine Months	Nine Months	
	Ended	Ende	<b>Ended</b>	Ended	
	October 31, 2025	October 31, 202	4 October 31, 2025	October 31, 2024	
Employee costs (Note 12)	\$ 93,187	\$ 94,86	4 <b>\$ 285,889</b>	\$ 281,421	
Amortization	30,172	29,34	<b>89,901</b>	85,961	
Operating lease rentals	1,268	1,25	4,005	3,952	

#### 19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### Accounting classifications and fair value estimation

The following table comprises the carrying amounts of the Company's financial instruments at October 31, 2025. All of the Company's financial instruments are carried at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

These amounts represent point-in-time estimates and may not reflect fair value in the future. These calculations are subjective in nature, involve uncertainties and are a matter of significant judgment.

		Assets (Liabilities) carried at amortized cost			
	Maturity	Carrying amount		Fair value	
Cash	Short-term	\$	83,031	\$	83,031
Accounts receivable(1)	Short-term		112,390		112,390
Other financial assets	Long-term		1,887		1,887
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	Short-term		(238,882)		(238,882)
Long-term debt	Long-term		(349,819)		(339,449)

<sup>(1)</sup> At October 31, 2025, \$12,500 of the promissory note receivable due within the next 12 months is included in accounts receivable (October 31, 2024 – \$12,460).

The methods and assumptions used in estimating the fair value of the Company's financial instruments are as follows:

- The fair value of short-term financial instruments, excluding debt with fixed interest rates, approximates their carrying values due to their immediate or short-term period to maturity. Any differences between fair value and book values of short-term financial instruments are considered to be insignificant.
- The fair value of debt with fixed interest rates is estimated by discounting the expected future cash flows using the current risk-free interest rate on an instrument with similar terms adjusted for an appropriate risk premium. This is considered a level 2 fair value estimate.
- The carrying value of the promissory note receivable is a reasonable approximation of fair value. The fair value is estimated by calculating the present value of the future expected cash flows.

#### 20. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A remeasurement of the defined benefit pension plan assets and liabilities was performed for the three months ended October 31, 2025 and the Company recorded a net actuarial gain of \$1,315, net of tax (three months ended October 31, 2024 - \$NIL). For the nine months ended October 31, 2025, the Company recorded a net actuarial gain of \$1,388, net of tax (nine months ended October 31, 2024 - net actuarial gain of \$2,047, net of tax). These actuarial adjustments were recorded in other comprehensive income and recognized immediately in retained earnings and were primarily due to changes in the discount rate used to measure the defined benefit obligation and actual investment returns that differed from expected returns. The discount rate used to determine the benefit obligation for the defined benefit pension plan was 4.7% (October 31, 2024 – 4.8%; January 31, 2025 – 4.6%).

#### 21. PROMISSORY NOTE RECEIVABLE

On July 5, 2020, the Company sold 36 of its 46 Giant Tiger stores to Giant Tiger Stores Limited for cash consideration of \$45,000, subject to working capital adjustments, and additional contingent consideration payable of up to \$22,500. The estimated consideration was recorded as an unsecured, non-interest bearing promissory note. \$45,000 in cash consideration has been received with the final cash consideration installment of \$15,000 received during the period ended January 31, 2025.

At the time of the transaction additional contingent consideration was included in the fair value of the promissory note, discounted using an interest rate specific to the counterparty. The promissory note receivable has an estimated fair value of \$12,500 (October 31, 2024 - \$12,460) of which \$12,500 (October 31, 2024 - \$12,460) has been reclassified to accounts receivable. Based on the financial measures achieved in 2024, \$7,500 of the promissory note receivable was due in 2024. On April 29, 2025, the Company filed a Statement of Claim against Giant Tiger Stores Limited seeking damages of \$7,500 for breach of the asset purchase agreement for failing to pay the contingent cash consideration when due. The remaining \$5,000 of the \$12,500 contingent consideration recorded in accounts receivable is dependent upon the achievement of certain financial measures in 2025.

#### 22. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

#### Dividends

On December 9, 2025, the Board of Directors declared a dividend of \$0.41 per share payable January 15, 2026 to shareholders of record on December 31, 2025.