

Financial Summary - December 2018

Financial Results

ICBC has posted a net loss of \$860 million for the first nine months of its current fiscal year (April 1 to December 31, 2018) as the pressures caused by the rising cost of claims continues to escalate.

Net claims incurred are \$602M higher than the previous year mainly due to a higher emergence of large loss bodily injury claims which run into hundreds of thousands of dollars each, as well as a continued increase in the average cost per claim and lower closure rates, particularly on represented claims. The higher emergence of large bodily injury claims also resulted in the net loss for the Optional insurance line of business.

Current year claims are \$279M higher than prior year primarily due to the increased cost per claim of bodily injury claims and material damage claims.

The upcoming reforms to the auto insurance system in B.C., being implemented on April 1, have had a positive impact on our financial results, as reflected in the deferred premium acquisition costs adjustment.

ICBC's investment income – which is relied on to help mitigate the pressure on insurance rates – has been unfavourably impacted by lower than expected capital gain and income distributions from pooled equity funds and asset impairments.

ICBC's continues to manage the company efficiently as indicated by the low expense ratio, which continues to be significantly lower than industry benchmark.

ICBC's Minimum Capital Test ratio – an industry measure used to determine whether a company has sufficient capital levels – is significantly lower than last year as a result of the continuing deterioration of our capital levels due to the overall net loss.

Statement of Operations

For the Nine Months Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 ¹

		Basic				Optional				Corporate		
(\$ Millions)		2018/19		2017/18		2018/19		2017/18		2018/19		2017/18
Premiums written	\$	2,682	\$	2,500	\$	1,981	\$	1,744	\$	4,663	\$	4,244
Premiums earned		2,574		2,383		1,821		1,640		4,395		4,023
Service fees and other income		57		52		36		33		93		85
Total earned revenues		2,631		2,435		1,857		1,673		4,488		4,108
Current year claims		2,835		2,561		1,256		1,251		4,091		3,812
Prior years' claims adjustments		421		251		344		191		765		442
Net claims incurred		3,256		2,812		1,600		1,442		4,856		4,254
Claims services, road safety and loss management services		209		195		100		101		309		296
Total claims and related costs		3,465		3,007		1,700		1,543		5,165		4,550
Administrative and Insurance expenses		92		90		116		103		208		193
Premium taxes and commissions		168		157		353		315		521		472
Deferred premium acquisition costs adjustment		(200)		159		(32)		(30)		(232)		129
Total claims and expenses		3,525		3,413		2,137		1,931		5,662		5,344
Underwriting loss		(894)		(978)		(280)		(258)		(1,174)		(1,236)
Investment income		286		267		121		129		407		396
Loss - insurance operations		(608)		(711)		(159)		(129)		(767)		(840)
Provincial licences and fines Less:		472		470		-		-		472		470
Licences and fines transferable to the Province		472		470		-		-		472		470
Non-insurance operating expenses		70		71		-		-		70		71
Commissions		23		24		-		-		23		24
Total non-insurance expenses		565		565		-		-		565		565
Loss - non-insurance operations		(93)		(95)		-		-		(93)		(95)
Net loss before income transfer		(701)		(806)		(159)		(129)		(860)		(935)
Income transfer		-		99		-		(99)		-		-
Net loss after income transfer	\$	(701)	\$	(707)	\$	(159)	\$	(228)	\$	(860)	\$	(935)

Insurance Industry Ratios %	2018/19	2017/18	2018/19	2017/18	2018/19	2017/18
Loss ratio	134.6	126.2	93.4	94.1	117.5	113.0
Expense ratio	13.9	14.6	25.1	25.4	18.6	19.0
Combined ratio	140.8	147.4	117.4	117.7	131.1	135.3

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Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31, 2018 and March 31, 2018 ¹

(\$ Millions)	 ember 31 2018	March 31 2018		
Assets Cash and cash equivalents Asset held for sale Financial investments Premium and other receivables Investment properties Property, equipment and intangible assets Accrued pension benefits Deferred premium acquisition costs and prepaids	\$ 119 201 15,268 1,781 865 398 44 175		81 14,647 1,652 1,134 407 44 21	
Liabilities and Equity	\$ 18,851	\$	17,986	
Liabilities				
Current liabilities Bond repurchase agreements and investment-related liabilities Premium deficiency Unearned premiums and premiums and fees received in advance Pension and post-retirement benefits Provision for unpaid claims	\$ 366 1,807 2,947 333 13,517 18,970	\$	372 1,606 117 2,698 310 11,896 16,999	
Equity Retained earnings Other components of equity Equity attributable to parent corporation Non-controlling interest	\$ 273 (407) (134) 15 (119) 18,851	\$	1,133 (161) 972 15 987 17,986	
Minimum Capital Test ("MCT")	-17%		31%	

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Combined ratio

A key measure of overall profitability within the insurance industry. It is the ratio of all costs (claims, claims-related costs, operating expenses, premium taxes and commissions, and deferred premium acquisition costs adjustment) to premiums earned. A lower combined ratio is better.

Deferred premium acquisition costs ("DPAC ") Adjustment

The deferred premium acquisition costs adjustment is an accounting adjustment that limits the amount of commissions and premium taxes that can be deferred and recorded in the income statement over the policy term based on the future profitability. If the business is unprofitable, no deferral of expenses is permitted and these costs must be immediately recognized as expenses. If the business becomes profitable, then this accounting treatment is reversed.

Expense ratio

The ratio of operating expenses (excluding claims costs and claims-related costs), premium taxes and commissions to premiums earned. It excludes the DPAC adjustment, and Rate Affordability Action Plan implementation costs as it is a one-off project. A lower expense ratio is better.

Loss ratio

The loss ratio is an industry measure of claims and claims-related costs (claims services, road safety and loss management services) to premiums earned. The lower the percentage, the more profitable the product is.

Minimum Capital Test ("MCT")

An industry measure used to determine whether a company has sufficient capital levels, commensurate with the risks within its business. The measure is based on guidelines set by the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions.

Rate Affordability Action Plan

ICBC is implementing the Rate Affordability Action Plan project to improve its financial performance and to increase the affordability of insurance rates for British Columbians. The focus of the plan includes product reform, rate design, road safety initiatives and cost effectiveness, which includes improving vendor management for material damage suppliers.