

UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF YELLOW PAGES LIMITED

June 30, 2024 and 2023

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Interim Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income and Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

(in thousands of Canadian dollars, except share and per share information)

For the three and six-month periods ended June 30,	<i>Note</i>	2024	2023	2024	2023
Revenues	3	\$ 55,838	\$ 62,736	\$ 110,809	\$ 125,451
Operating costs		41,068	40,802	80,742	82,762
Income from operations before depreciation and amortization, and restructuring and other charges		14,770	21,934	30,067	42,689
Depreciation and amortization		3,788	3,426	7,067	6,785
Restructuring and other charges	4	174	880	616	942
Income from operations		10,808	17,628	22,384	34,962
Financial charges, net	5	387	277	594	831
Income before income taxes		10,421	17,351	21,790	34,131
Provision for income taxes		2,795	4,620	5,769	9,012
Net income		\$ 7,626	\$ 12,731	\$ 16,021	\$ 25,119

Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to net income

Actuarial gains (losses) on post-employment benefit plans	8	2,294	(797)	11,270	485
Income taxes relating to items that will not be reclassified subsequently to net income		(607)	211	(2,980)	(128)
Other comprehensive income (loss)		1,687	(586)	8,290	357
Total comprehensive income		\$ 9,313	\$ 12,145	\$ 24,311	\$ 25,476

Income per share

Basic income per share		\$ 0.56	\$ 0.72	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.41
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic income per share	9	13,560,085	17,765,692	13,557,428	17,757,410
Diluted income per share		\$ 0.55	\$ 0.69	\$ 1.16	\$ 1.37
Weighted average shares outstanding – diluted income per share	9	13,752,770	17,922,048	13,752,770	17,941,273

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Interim Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

As at	Note	June 30, 2024	December 31, 2023
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash		\$ 32,837	\$ 23,229
Trade and other receivables	7	35,496	37,224
Income taxes receivable		–	581
Prepaid expenses		4,538	4,859
Deferred publication costs		1,022	1,048
Net investment in subleases		2,166	1,986
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		76,059	68,927
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Deferred commissions		2,990	2,480
Financial and other assets	6	1,807	1,833
Right-of-use assets		5,159	5,486
Net investment in subleases		22,874	23,971
Property and equipment		2,858	3,082
Intangible assets		36,203	40,918
Deferred income taxes		13,648	20,816
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		85,539	98,586
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 161,598	\$ 167,513
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables		\$ 25,617	\$ 28,129
Income taxes payable		775	213
Provisions		11,304	16,314
Deferred revenues		741	956
Current portion of lease obligations		3,964	3,967
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		42,401	49,579
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions		482	551
Post-employment benefits	8	20,534	35,180
Lease obligations		38,035	39,947
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		59,051	75,678
TOTAL LIABILITIES		101,452	125,257
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		96,302	96,252
DEFICIT		(36,156)	(53,996)
TOTAL EQUITY		60,146	42,256
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		\$ 161,598	\$ 167,513

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Interim Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

For the six-month periods ended June 30,

							2024
	Note	Shareholders' capital	Restricted shares	Stock-based compensation and other reserves	Total capital and reserves	Deficit	Total equity
Balance, December 31, 2023		\$ 95,087	\$ (1,248)	\$ 2,413	\$ 96,252	\$ (53,996)	\$ 42,256
Other comprehensive income		–	–	–	–	8,290	8,290
Net income		–	–	–	–	16,021	16,021
Total comprehensive income		–	–	–	–	24,311	24,311
Dividends to shareholders	9	–	–	–	–	(6,780)	(6,780)
Restricted shares settled	10	–	50	–	50	–	50
Restricted shares expense	10	–	–	121	121	–	121
Restricted shares reclassification	10	–	–	(121)	(121)	36	(85)
Stock options equity-settled expense	10	–	–	23	23	–	23
Stock options reclassification	10	–	–	(23)	(23)	(4)	(27)
Adjustment to transaction costs related to the plan of arrangement	9	–	–	–	–	277	277
Balance, June 30, 2024		\$ 95,087	\$ (1,198)	\$ 2,413	\$ 96,302	\$ (36,156)	\$ 60,146
							2023
	Note	Shareholders' capital	Restricted shares	Stock-based compensation and other reserves	Total capital and reserves	Deficit	Total equity
Balance, December 31, 2022		\$ 129,004	\$ (10,988)	\$ 3,054	\$ 121,070	\$ (55,289)	\$ 65,781
Other comprehensive income		–	–	–	–	357	357
Net income		–	–	–	–	25,119	25,119
Total comprehensive income		–	–	–	–	25,476	25,476
Dividends to shareholders	9	–	–	12	12	(6,230)	(6,218)
Restricted shares settled	10	–	618	(402)	216	(216)	–
Restricted shares expense	10	–	–	116	116	–	116
Restricted shares reclassification	10	–	–	(367)	(367)	(56)	(423)
Stock options equity-settled expense	10	–	–	57	57	–	57
Stock options reclassification	10	–	–	(57)	(57)	(12)	(69)
Balance, June 30, 2023		\$ 129,004	\$ (10,370)	\$ 2,413	\$ 121,047	\$ (36,327)	\$ 84,720

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Interim Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

For the six-month periods ended June 30,	Note	2024	2023
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net income		\$ 16,021	\$ 25,119
Adjusting items			
Stock-based compensation expense – equity settled		144	173
Depreciation and amortization		7,067	6,785
Restructuring and other charges		616	942
Financial charges, net		594	831
Provision for income taxes		5,769	9,012
Change in operating assets and liabilities		(4,377)	(4,472)
Stock-based compensation cash payments		(182)	(726)
Funding of post-employment benefit plans in excess of costs		(4,115)	(4,323)
Restructuring and other charges paid		(1,029)	(794)
Interest paid		(904)	(1,009)
Income taxes paid, net		(406)	(1,757)
Cash from operating activities		19,198	29,781
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Additions to intangible assets		(1,657)	(2,283)
Additions to property and equipment		(28)	(27)
Payments received from net investment in subleases		807	817
Cash used in investing activities		(878)	(1,493)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Dividends paid	9	(6,780)	(6,218)
Payment of lease obligations		(1,932)	(1,548)
Cash used in financing activities		(8,712)	(7,766)
NET INCREASE IN CASH		9,608	20,522
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR		23,229	43,907
CASH, END OF PERIOD		\$ 32,837	\$ 64,429

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1. Description

Yellow Pages Limited, through its subsidiaries, offers local and national businesses access to digital and print media and marketing solutions to reach consumers in all the provinces and territories of Canada. References herein to Yellow Pages Limited (or the “Company”) represent the financial position, financial performance, cash flows and disclosures of Yellow Pages Limited and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.

Yellow Pages Limited’s registered head office is located at 1751 Rue Richardson, Montreal, Québec, Canada, H3K 1G6 and the common shares of Yellow Pages Limited are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”) under the symbol “Y”.

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) approved the interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the three and six-month periods ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 on August 6, 2024 for publication on August 7, 2024.

2. Basis of presentation and material accounting policies

2.1 Statement of compliance

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards (“IAS”) 34 – Interim Financial Reporting and do not include all of the information required for full annual financial statements. The accounting policies and methods of computation applied in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) and are the same as those applied by Yellow Pages Limited in its audited consolidated financial statements as at and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. These interim condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

2.2 Standards that are issued but not yet effective on the interim condensed consolidated financial statements

New standard IFRS 18 - Presentation and Disclosures in Financial Statements

On April 9, 2024, the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) published its new standard IFRS 18 *Presentation and Disclosures in Financial Statements* that will replace IAS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements*. The new standard aims at improving how entities communicate in their financial statements by setting new requirements to:

- Improve comparability, through a specified structure of the statement of profit and loss that is more comparable between entities;
- Enhance disclosure of the management-defined performance measures to improve transparency and make them subject to audit; and
- Render the grouping of information more useful and relevant through enhanced guidance on how to organize information in financial statements including note disclosures.

IFRS 18 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2027. The standard is applied retrospectively, with specific transition provisions, and early adoption is permitted. The Company will assess the impact of this new standard on its current financial statement presentation.

3. Revenues

The Company reviews revenues by similar products and services, such as Print and Digital.

Print revenues are recognized at a point in time, whereas 99% of digital revenues were recognized over the term of the contract and 1% at a point in time for the three and six-month periods ended June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023.

The following table presents revenue information by similar products and services:

For the three and six-month periods ended June 30,	2024	2023	2024	2023
Digital	\$ 43,772	\$ 48,769	\$ 87,447	\$ 98,362
Print	12,066	13,967	23,362	27,089
Total revenues	\$ 55,838	\$ 62,736	\$ 110,809	\$ 125,451

4. Restructuring and Other Charges

Yellow Pages Limited recorded restructuring and other charges of \$0.2 million during the second quarter of 2024 consisting mainly of restructuring charges of \$0.2 million associated with workforce reduction, \$0.3 million charge related to future operation costs provisioned related to lease contracts for previously vacated office space offset by a net recovery of \$0.3 million of Other charges. Yellow Pages Limited recorded restructuring and other charges of \$0.9 million during the three-month period ended June 30, 2023 consisting mainly of restructuring charges of \$0.3 million associated with workforce reductions and a \$0.1 million charge related to future operation costs provisioned related to lease contracts for previously vacated office space, as well as a \$0.5 million charge related to the impairment of property and equipment and right-of-use assets related to previously vacated office space.

Yellow Pages Limited recorded restructuring and other charges of \$0.6 million during the six-month period ended June 30, 2024 consisting mainly of restructuring charges of \$0.6 million associated with workforce reductions and \$0.3 million charge related to future operation costs provisioned related to lease contracts previously vacated office space offset by a net recovery of \$0.3 million of Other charges. Yellow Pages Limited recorded restructuring and other charges of \$0.9 million during the six-month period ended June 30, 2023 consisting mainly of restructuring charges of \$0.4 million associated with workforce reductions and \$0.1 million charge related to future operation costs provisioned related to lease contracts for previously vacated office space, as well as a \$0.4 million charge related to the impairment of property and equipment and right-of-use assets related to previously vacated office space.

5. Financial charges, net

The significant components of the financial charges, net are as follows:

For the three and six-month periods ended June 30,	2024	2023	2024	2023
Interest on lease obligations, net of interest income on investment in subleases	\$ 259	\$ 315	\$ 526	\$ 638
Net interest on the defined benefit obligations	369	487	738	974
Interest income on cash balances	(318)	(615)	(677)	(1,132)
Other, net	77	90	7	351
Financial charges, net	\$ 387	\$ 277	\$ 594	\$ 831

6. Financial risk management

Fair value hierarchy

The three levels of fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1 – inputs are unadjusted quoted prices of identical instruments in active markets.
- Level 2 – inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 – inputs used in a valuation technique are not based on observable market data in determining fair values of the instruments.

Determination of fair value and the resulting hierarchy requires the use of observable market data whenever available. The classification of a financial instrument in the hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the measurement of fair value.

The fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants.

Cash, trade and other receivables, and trade and other payables and certain provisions are not measured at fair value in the consolidated statement of financial position, as their carrying amount is a reasonable approximation of fair value due to their short-term maturity.

Asset-Based Loan

The Company, through its subsidiary Yellow Pages Digital & Media Solutions Limited, has an ABL with a term to September 2025 and a total commitment of \$20.0 million. The ABL is being used for general corporate purposes. Through the ABL, the Company has access to the funds in the form of prime rate loans or letters of credit. The availability of the ABL is subject to certain covenants.

As at June 30, 2024, the Company had \$1.7 million of letters of credit issued and outstanding and was subject to an availability reserve of \$2.0 million, resulting in the Company having an availability of \$16.3 million remaining under the ABL.

As at June 30, 2024, the Company was in compliance with all covenants under the loan agreement governing the ABL.

7. Trade and other receivables

As at	June 30, 2024	December 31, 2023
Current	\$ 29,311	\$ 29,766
Past due less than 180 days	4,555	4,592
Past due over 180 days	1,580	1,987
Trade receivables¹	\$ 35,446	\$ 36,345
Other receivables	\$ 50	\$ 879
Trade and other receivables	\$ 35,496	\$ 37,224

¹ Trade receivables are presented net of allowance for revenue adjustments ("AFRA") and expected credit loss allowance ("ECL") of \$8.1 million as at June 30, 2024 (\$9.4 million as at December 31, 2023).

The following table provides information about contract assets, which are included in trade and other receivables.

As at	June 30, 2024	December 31, 2023
Contract assets	\$ 17,245	\$ 17,131
Allowance for revenue adjustments and ECL	(378)	(500)
Contract assets net of allowance for revenue adjustments and ECL	\$ 16,867	\$ 16,631

The contract assets, which are included in trade and other receivables, consist of payments for print products on delivered directories that are not yet due from the customer and represent the Company's right to consideration for the services rendered. Any amount previously recognized as a contract asset is reclassified to trade receivables once it is invoiced to the customer. The change in contract assets for the six-month period ended June 30, 2024 is primarily related to the fluctuation in print revenue.

The revenues related to the performance obligations that are unsatisfied (or partially unsatisfied at the reporting date) are expected to be recognized over the next twelve (12) months. The contract liabilities consist of deferred revenues which primarily relate to the advanced consideration received from customers for which revenue is recognized over time.

8. Post-employment benefits

Yellow Pages Limited recorded an actuarial gain of \$1.7 million in other comprehensive income, net of income taxes of \$0.6 million during the second quarter of 2024. A gain of \$4.5 million due to the increases in the discount rate from 4.9% to 5.0% was partially offset by a loss of \$2.2 million resulting from lower-than-expected actual return on plan assets. Yellow Pages Limited recorded an actuarial loss of \$0.6 million in other comprehensive loss, net of income taxes of \$0.2 million during the second quarter of 2023. A gain of \$5.3 million due to the increases in the discount rate from 4.9% to 5.0% was more than offset by a loss of \$2.9 million resulting from lower-than-expected actual return on plan assets and the \$3.2 million impact for the asset ceiling minimum funding requirement which limits the total gain that can be recognized to other comprehensive income.

Yellow Pages Limited recorded an actuarial gain of \$8.3 million in other comprehensive income, net of income taxes of \$3.0 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2024. A gain of \$15.3 million due to the increases in the discount rate from 4.6% to 5.0% was partially offset by a loss of \$4.0 million resulting from lower-than-expected actual return on plan assets. Yellow Pages Limited recorded an actuarial gain of \$0.4 million in other comprehensive income, net of income taxes of \$0.1 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2023. A gain of \$16.3 million resulting from higher-than-expected actual return on plan assets was partially offset by a loss of \$2.9 million due to the decreases in the discount rate from 5.2% to 5.0% and in the inflation rate from 2.1% to 1.7% as well as a \$12.9 million impact for the asset ceiling minimum funding requirement which limits the total gain that can be recognized to other comprehensive income.

9. Shareholders' capital

Common shares – Issued

	Number of Shares		Amount
Balance, December 31, 2022	18,658,347	\$	129,004
Common shares repurchased per plan of arrangement	(4,440,497)		(30,701)
Cancellation of shares held by trustee	(465,080)		(3,216)
Balance, June 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023	13,752,770	\$	95,087

The total number of common shares of Yellow Pages Limited held by the trustee for the purpose of funding the restricted share unit and performance share unit plan (the "RSU and PSU Plan") amounted to 191,930 as at June 30, 2024 (see *Note 10*).

Share repurchases – 2023 Plan of Arrangement

On October 18, 2023, the Board approved a distribution to Shareholders of approximately \$50.0 million by way of a share repurchase from all Shareholders pursuant to a statutory arrangement under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) (the "2023 Arrangement"). The Shareholders approved the 2023 Arrangement at a special meeting of the Shareholders held on November 30, 2023 and the Company subsequently obtained the final order from the Supreme Court of British Columbia approving the 2023 Arrangement on December 5, 2023. On December 12, 2023, the Company repurchased from Shareholders *pro rata* an aggregate of 4,440,497 common shares (including 207,717 shares held by trustee) at a purchase price of \$11.26 per share for a total of \$50.2 million, including \$0.2 million of transaction costs. The \$50.2 million cash outlay was reduced by \$2.3 million for the cancellation of 207,717 of YP's 872,796 shares held by trustee for a net cash outlay of \$47.9 million.

Share cancellation

On December 19, 2023, Yellow Pages Limited cancelled 465,080 shares held by the trustee for the purpose of funding RSU and PSU Plan resulting in 199,999 shares remaining held by the trustee at December 31, 2023.

Dividends

On February 13th, 2024, the Board modified its dividend policy of paying a quarterly cash dividend to its common shareholders by increasing the dividend from \$0.20 per share to \$0.25 per share. YP's dividend payout policy and the declaration of dividends on any of the Company's outstanding common shares are subject to the discretion of the Board and, consequently, there can be no guarantee that the dividend payout policy will be maintained or that dividends will be declared.

On May 10th, 2023, the Board modified its dividend policy of paying a quarterly cash dividend to its common shareholders by increasing the dividend from \$0.15 per share to \$0.20 per share.

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2024, the Company paid quarterly dividends of \$0.25 per common share on March 15 and June 17 for a total consideration of \$6.8 million to common shareholders. During the six-month period ended June 30, 2023, the Company paid quarterly dividends of \$0.15 per common share on March 15, 2023 and of \$0.20 per common share on June 15, 2023 for a total consideration of \$6.2 million to common shareholders.

Income per share

The following table presents the weighted average number of shares outstanding used in computing income per share and the weighted average number of shares outstanding used in computing diluted income per share as well as net income used in the computation of basic income per share to net income adjusted for any dilutive effect:

For the three and six-month periods ended June 30,	2024	2023	2024	2023
Weighted average number of shares outstanding used in computing basic income per share ¹	13,560,085	17,765,692	13,557,428	17,757,410
Dilutive effect of restricted share units	192,685	–	195,342	–
Dilutive effect of stock options	–	156,356	–	183,863
Weighted average number of shares outstanding used in computing diluted income per share	13,752,770	17,922,048	13,752,770	17,941,273

For the three and six-month periods ended June 30,	2024	2023	2024	2023
Net income used in the computation of basic income per share	\$ 7,626	\$ 12,731	\$ 16,021	\$ 25,119
Impact of assumed conversion of stock options, net of applicable taxes	–	(450)	–	(534)
Total net income used in the computation of diluted income per share	\$ 7,626	\$ 12,281	\$ 16,021	\$ 24,585

¹ The weighted average number of shares outstanding used in the income per share calculation is reduced by the shares held by the trustee for the purpose of funding the RSU and PSU plan.

For the three and six-month periods ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 the diluted income per share calculation did not take into consideration the potential dilutive effect of stock options that are not in the money and therefore not dilutive.

10. Stock-based compensation plans

Yellow Pages Limited's stock-based compensation plans consist of restricted share units, performance share units, deferred share units, stock options and share appreciation rights.

Restricted Share Unit and Performance Share Unit Plan

On April 18, 2023, a modification to the RSU and PSU Plan, adding a cash alternative at the Participant's option to the settlement of all unvested RSUs and PSUs outstanding as of such date and all grants subsequent to such date, resulting in an obligation to settle in cash. A reclass from equity to liability was recorded at the modification date, based on the fair value of the unvested RSUs outstanding as of such date. The variation due to change in fair value subsequent to the modification date is included in operating costs.

The total number of common shares of Yellow Pages Limited held by the trustee for the purpose of funding the RSU and PSU plan amounted to 191,930 as at June 30, 2024.

The following table summarizes the continuity of the RSUs presented as a liability during the six-month periods ended June 30:

	2024		2023	
	Number of RSUs	Liability ¹	Number of RSUs	Liability ¹
Outstanding, beginning of year	349,405	\$ 1,752	374,121	\$ 2,675
Granted ²	26,726	28	119,146	94
Dividends credited ³	18,489	116	13,392	165
RSUs reclassified from equity-settled to cash settled ⁴	(1,574)	83	62,272	423
Settled	(25,408)	(232)	–	–
Forfeited	(2,121)	–	–	–
Variation due to change in fair value and vesting	–	101	–	480
Outstanding, end of period⁵	365,517	\$ 1,848	568,931	\$ 3,837

¹ The liability related to the RSUs is recorded in trade and other payables, and the expense related to the vested RSUs and the variation due to change in fair value are included in operating costs.

² The liability related to the RSUs granted represents the portion that is vested as at June 30.

³ Dividends in the form of additional RSUs are credited to the participant's account on each dividend payment date and are equivalent in value to the dividend paid on common shares.

⁴ The number of restricted shares is net of restricted shares forfeited.

⁵ The number of restricted shares vested as of June 30, 2024 is 202,398 (2023 – 310,962).

The following table summarizes the continuity of all the RSUs, including those shown in the table above and those presented in equity, during the six-month periods ended June 30. As of April 18, 2023 all RSUs are presented as a liability.

	2024	2023
Number of	RSUs	RSUs
Outstanding, beginning of year	349,405	451,049
Granted	26,726	140,028
Dividends credited ¹	18,697	14,219
Settled	(25,408)	(32,914)
Forfeited	(3,903)	(3,451)
Outstanding, end of period	365,517	568,931
Weighted average remaining life (years)	1.19	1.21

¹ Dividends in the form of additional RSUs are credited to the participant's account on each dividend payment date and are equivalent in value to the dividend paid on common shares.

Deferred Share Unit Plan

The following table summarizes the continuity of the deferred share units ("DSUs") during the six-month periods ended June 30:

	2024		2023	
	Number of DSUs	Liability ¹	Number of DSUs	Liability ¹
Outstanding, beginning of year	379,672	\$ 4,279	340,250	\$ 4,661
Granted ²	14,646	116	16,747	115
Dividends credited ³	20,900	198	9,893	126
Variation due to change in stock price	–	(834)	–	(478)
Outstanding and vested, end of period⁴	415,218	\$ 3,759	366,890	\$ 4,424

¹ The liability related to the DSU Plan is recorded in trade and other payables, and the expense related to the units vested and the variation due to changes in stock price is included in operating costs.

² The liability related to the DSUs granted represents the portion that is vested as at June 30.

³ Dividends in the form of additional DSUs are credited to the participant's account on each dividend payment date and are equivalent in value to the dividend paid on common shares.

⁴ The number of DSUs vested as of June 30, 2024 is 411,677 (2023 – 358,516).

Stock options

A maximum of 2,806,932 stock options may be granted under the Stock Option Plan.

The following table summarizes the continuity of the stock options presented as a liability during the six-month periods ended June 30:

	2024		2023	
	Number of options	Liability ¹	Number of options	Liability ¹
Outstanding, beginning of year	1,608,066	\$ 397	2,132,132	\$ 3,599
Granted	895,945	84	688,270	209
Stock options reclassified from equity-settled to cash settled ²	–	27	(45,657)	69
Settled	–	–	(336,203)	(726)
Forfeited and cancelled	(35,573)	(25)	(192,551)	(157)
Variation due to change in fair value and vesting	–	(402)	–	(689)
Outstanding, end of period³	2,468,438	\$ 81	2,245,991	\$ 2,305

¹ The liability related to the stock options is recorded in trade and other payables, and the expense related to the vested options and the variation due to change in fair value are included in operating costs.

² The number of stock options is net of stock options exercised and forfeited.

³ The number of stock options vested as of June 30, 2024 is 1,419,443 (2023 – 1,256,085).

The following table summarizes the continuity of all stock options under the Stock Option Plan, during the six-month periods ended June 30:

	2024		2023	
	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price per option	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price per option
Outstanding, beginning of year	1,608,066	\$ 13.44	2,132,132	\$ 11.92
Granted	895,945	\$ 10.60	688,270	\$ 14.24
Forfeited	(35,573)	\$ 11.84	(238,208)	\$ 13.82
Settled	–	\$ –	(336,203)	\$ 12.17
Outstanding, end of period	2,468,438	\$ 12.43	2,245,991	\$ 12.39
Exercisable, end of period	447,612	\$ 13.16	115,429	\$ 14.03

The following table shows the key assumptions used in applying the valuation model for stock options during the six-month periods ended June 30:

	2024	2023
Weighted average grant date share price	\$ 10.60	\$ 14.24
Weighted average exercise price	\$ 10.60	\$ 14.24
Volatility	22.45%	28.88%
Expected life (years)	2.7	2.7
Dividend yield	9.85%	4.28%
Risk-free interest rate	4.32%	4.43%

Share appreciation rights plan

The following table summarizes the continuity of the share appreciation rights (“SARs”) during the six-month periods ended June 30:

	2024		2023	
	Number of SARs	Liability ¹	Number of SARs	Liability ¹
Outstanding, beginning of year	584,018	\$ 169	642,073	\$ 442
Granted	351,618	36	–	–
Variation due to change in fair value and vesting	–	(173)	–	(29)
Outstanding, end of period²	935,636	\$ 32	642,073	\$ 413

¹ The liability related to the SAR Plan is recorded in trade and other payables, and the expense related to the units vested and the variation due to change in fair value are included in operating costs.

² The number of SARs vested as of June 30, 2024 is 544,442 (2023 – 275,059).

The following amounts for stock-based compensation are recorded in the consolidated statements of income in operating costs:

For the three and six-month periods ended June 30,	2024		2023	
RSU plan	\$ 221	\$ 400	\$ 366	\$ 855
DSU plan	(187)	(199)	(520)	(237)
Stock Options	(22)	(559)	(320)	(580)
SARs	(19)	(97)	(137)	(29)
Total (recovery) expense	\$ (7)	\$ (455)	\$ (611)	\$ 9