# 1ST QUARTER REPORT

Primaris Retail Real Estate Investment Trust

2009

Primaris Retail REIT is an open-ended Real Estate Investment Trust that owns dominant malls in mid-size Canadian cities and major shopping centres in sub-markets of metropolitan areas.

# Dear Unitholder

# Primaris continues to maintain a strong balance sheet and high liquidity, and to make significant progress toward internalization.

Net operating income ("NOI") performance continues to remain steady. NOI, on a same-property basis, decreased 0.4% during the first quarter of 2009, compared to the first quarter of 2008.

The portfolio occupancy rate increased during the third quarter to 97.3% at March 31, 2009, as compared to 98.2% at December 31, 2008, and flat to the 97.3% at March 31, 2008. Leasing activity was also positive, with 392,426 square feet of space leased during the first quarter. The weighted average new rent for renewals, on a cash basis, represented a 6.2% increase over the previous rent paid.

With respect to liquidity, Primaris had \$80 million of cash on the balance sheet at March 31, 2009, and has an unutilized \$120 million credit facility with term until July 2010.

Primaris' internalization process continues to progress with people, systems and space remaining our focus.

We have recently hired a Director, Human Resources, who will start late in May and who brings with her significant experience in the human resources industry, most recently with a North American retail operator.

Primaris continues its search for a new CEO, and the board has engaged an executive search firm.

Significant work continues with the new enterprise resource planning system, and the IT conversion is substantially underway. A go-live date for the new system is scheduled for mid-year.

Office space has been leased for Primaris' head office in Toronto at One Adelaide Street East, and construction of the space is underway. We anticipate a move to the new space in the third quarter of this year. Small offices have also been leased in Calgary and Montreal, and these will open in the months following the opening of the Toronto office.

We remain cautious in our outlook for near-term operating results, as the challenging financial environment continues to impact debt and equity capital markets and consumer confidence.

R. Michael Latimer President and Chief Executive Officer

# Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

(in thousands of dollars, except per unit amounts) For the three-month period ended March 31, 2009

Primaris Retail Real Estate Investment Trust (the "REIT" or "Primaris") has prepared the following discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations ("MD&A"), which should be read in conjunction with the unaudited interim financial statements and the accompanying notes prepared for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2009 and 2008.

The MD&A is dated May 7, 2009. Disclosure contained in this document is current to that date, unless otherwise noted.

The REIT was formed to own, manage, lease and develop retail properties, primarily in Canada. These properties are typically mid-market retail centres in major cities or major retail centres in secondary cities. The portfolio's focus to date has been predominantly enclosed malls. While this will remain the primary focus, acquisitions have included other formats of real estate.

# FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

The MD&A contains forward-looking information based on management's best estimates and the current operating environment. These forward-looking statements are related to, but not limited to, the REIT's operations, anticipated financial performance, business prospects and strategies. Forward-looking information typically contains statements with words such as "anticipate," "believe," "expect," "plan" or similar words suggesting future outcomes. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from future results expressed, projected or implied by such forward-looking statements.

Examples of such information include, but are not limited to, factors relating to the business, taxation, financial position of the REIT, operations and redevelopments including volatility of capital markets, legislative change, consumer spending, retail leasing demand, strength of the retail sector, price volatility of construction costs, availability of construction labour and timing of regulatory and contractual approvals for developments.

Although the forward-looking statements contained in this document are based on what management of the REIT believes are reasonable assumptions, forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties. They should not be read as guarantees of future performance or results and will not necessarily be an accurate indicator of whether or not such results will be achieved. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as a number of factors could cause actual future results to differ from targets, expectations or estimates expressed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to, economic, competitive and commercial real estate conditions, unplanned compliance-related expenses, uninsured property losses and tenant-related risks.

# NON-GAAP MEASURES

Funds from operations ("FFO"), net operating income ("NOI") and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") are widely used supplemental measures of a Canadian Real Estate Investment Trust's performance and are not defined under Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). Management uses these measures when comparing itself to industry data or others in the marketplace. The MD&A describes FFO, NOI and EBITDA and provides reconciliations to net income as defined under GAAP. FFO, NOI and EBITDA should not be considered alternatives to net income or other measures that have been calculated in accordance with GAAP and may not be comparable to measures presented by other issuers.

#### **BUSINESS OBJECTIVES AND OVERVIEW**

The REIT is an unincorporated, open-ended Real Estate Investment Trust created in 2003 pursuant to its Declaration of Trust, as amended and restated. The REIT is governed by the laws of Ontario. The units and two series of convertible debentures of the REIT trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbols PMZ.UN, PMZ.DB and PMZ.DB.A, respectively.

The objectives of the REIT are:

- To generate stable and growing cash distributions;
- · To enhance the value of the REIT's assets and maximize long-term unit value; and
- To expand the asset base of the REIT and its funds from operations through an accretive acquisition program.

The REIT's results have been consistent with these objectives. Key performance indicators for the REIT include operational results both at the properties themselves as well as of the REIT in aggregate.

The financial results for all periods throughout this MD&A have been restated as a result of the adoption of a new accounting policy related to recoverable improvements. See "Adoption of New Accounting Policies" on page 19. The impact of this new accounting policy has resulted in an increase in reported FFO of just over \$0.01 per unit for the current and each comparative quarter. This new policy has resulted in a decrease in operating expenses and an increase in depreciation expense with no change to the reported net income.

Q1 2009		Q4 2008		Q3 2008		Q2 2008
\$ 9.08	\$	10.70	\$	16.33	\$	18.31
\$ 19,016	\$	18,998	\$	18,988	\$	18,953
\$ 21,795	\$	23,317	\$	21,954	\$	21,979
\$ 0.347	\$	0.371	\$	0.350	\$	0.351
\$ 1,428,848	\$	1,443,958	\$	1,451,302	\$	1,466,045
97.3%		98.2%		98.0%		97.7%
\$ 470	\$	465	\$	470	\$	474
49.1%		48.9%		49.0%		47.0%
2.5		2.5		2.4		2.5
7.5 years		7.7 years		7.9 years		8.0 years
5.7%		5.7%		5.7%		5.7%
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<sup>1</sup>The reconciliation of FFO to cash flow from operating activities is contained in the "Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows" in the financial statements.

<sup>2</sup>Tenant sales are reported on a one-month time lag during interim quarters; therefore, Q1 2009 is 12 months to February 2009, Q4 2008 is 12 months to December 2008, Q3 2008 is 12 months to August 2008 and Q2 2008 is 12 months to May 2008.

The REIT completed its Initial Public Offering ("IPO") on July 17, 2003, and acquired an initial portfolio of six retail properties comprising 2,761,000 square feet of space. The REIT has since acquired a further 20 principal properties with some 6,500,000 square feet of space at an aggregate cost of \$1,146,516 and undertaken capital improvements representing a further \$96,639 investment. In order to finance this growth in assets, the REIT has raised capital through several equity offerings, the issuance of exchangeable units, convertible unsecured debenture offerings and the use of secured mortgages.

The REIT's business currently depends materially on three types of contracts:

- 1. Lease agreements, which generate the revenues and put substantially all of the risk of variable operating expenses with the tenants;
- 2. Loan agreements, which determine both interest expense, using fixed or variable rates, and loan principal repayments; and
- 3. Management agreements, which determine certain operating expenses and general and administrative expenses. The external property management and asset management contacts terminate at the end of 2009. Thereafter, management expenses may be more variable.

The portfolio occupancy rate decreased during the first quarter and was 97.3% at March 31, 2009, down from 98.2% at December 31, 2008, and the same as the 97.3% at March 31, 2008.

For the 13 reporting properties owned throughout both the years ended February 28, 2009 and 2008 (same properties), sales per square foot, on a same-tenant basis, have decreased to \$470 from \$473 per square foot. For the same 13 properties the total tenant sales volume has increased 0.9%.

	Sa	Sar ales per S	`enant e Foot	V	ariance	r	Fotal S	All-Tenant Sales Volume		Variance	
		2009	2008	\$	%	2009	<b>2009</b> 2008			\$	%
Aberdeen Mall	\$	429	\$ 444	\$ (14)	(3.2%)	\$ 52,015	\$	53,496	\$	(1,481)	(2.8%)
Cornwall Centre		551	524	28	5.3%	77,699		73,427		4,272	5.8%
Dufferin Mall		558	563	(5)	(1.0%)	89,583		89,398		185	0.2%
Eglinton Square		343	343	(1)	(0.2%)	34,103		39,505		(5,402)	(13.7%)
Grant Park											
Shopping Centre		492	495	(3)	(0.5%)	29,805		29,686		119	0.4%
Lambton Mall		370	382	(12)	(3.2%)	51,849		54,057		(2,208)	(4.1%)
Midtown Plaza		565	548	17	3.1%	135,812		126,737		9,075	7.2%
Northland Village		461	461	0	0.1%	47,684		46,826		858	1.8%
Orchard Park											
Shopping Centre		528	557	(29)	(5.1%)	147,081		149,839		(2,758)	(1.8%)
Park Place Shopping Centre		523	527	(4)	(0.8%)	81,571		80,590		981	1.2%
Place Fleur de Lys		309	311	(2)	(0.6%)	73,660		73,285		375	0.5%
Place du Royaume		389	392	(3)	(0.8%)	104,796		101,692		3,104	3.1%
Stone Road Mall		568	568	(1)	(0.1%)	117,900		115,657		2,243	1.9%
	\$	470	\$ 473	\$ (3)	(0.6%)	\$ 1,043,558	\$	1,034,196	\$	9,363	0.9%

The REIT's sales decreased 1.9% per square foot, while the national average tenant sales as reported by the International Council of Shopping Centers ("ICSC") for the 12-month period ended February 28, 2009, increased 2.2%. The REIT's sales productivity of \$470 is lower than the ICSC average of \$561, largely because the ICSC includes sales from super regional malls that have the highest sales per square foot in the country. However, the ICSC data point is for all-tenant sales per square foot. The REIT's all-tenant sales increase per square foot was 0.2% for same period, lower than the ICSC figure of 2.2%.

# COMPARISON OF THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2009, TO THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

The REIT's financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2009, compared to the three-month period ended March 31, 2008, are summarized below.

		ee Months Ended March 31, 2009		ee Months Ended March 31, 2008	Compara ]	Variance to ative Period Favourable/ afavourable)
Revenue						
Minimum rent	\$	40,568	\$	39,571	\$	997
Recoveries from tenants		25,311		23,789		1,522
Percentage rent		724		712		12
Parking		1,528		1,564		(36)
Interest and other income		887		1,086		(199)
	\$	69,018	\$	66,722	\$	2,296
Expenses						
Operating		30,401		27,827		(2,574)
Interest		14,625		14,182		(443)
Depreciation and amortization		18,550		19,946		1,396
Ground rent		300		353		53
	\$	63,876	\$	62,308	\$	(1,568)
Income from operations		5,142		4,414		728
General and administrative		(2,118)		(1,908)		(210)
Future income taxes		(2,500)		(150)		(2,350)
Net income	\$	524	\$	2,356	\$	(1,832)
Depreciation of income-producing properties		16,999		18,821		(1,822)
Amortization of leasing costs		1,503		1,125		378
Accretion of convertible debentures		269		249		20
Future income taxes		2,500		150		2,350
Funds from operations	\$	21,795	\$	22,701	\$	(906)
Funds from operations per unit – basic	\$	0.350	\$	0.366	\$	(0.016)
Funds from operations per unit – diluted	\$	0.347	\$	0.363	\$	(0.016)
Funds from operations – payout ratio		87.8%		84.0%		3.8%
Distributions per unit	\$	0.305	\$	0.305	\$	-
Weighted average units outstanding – basic	6	2,306,961	6	1,965,060		341,901
Weighted average units outstanding – diluted	6	7,230,327	6	6,950,493		279,834
Units outstanding, end of period	6	2,348,408	6	2,039,190		309,218

The REIT acquired a property in Toronto, Ontario, in February 2008; a property in Kelowna, British Columbia, adjacent to an existing property in October 2008; and a further property in Toronto, Ontario, in November 2008 (collectively the "2008 Acquisitions"). The total purchase price for the 2008 Acquisitions, including acquisition costs, was \$14,597.

#### Revenue

Revenue for the REIT is comprised primarily of minimum rent and operating expense recoveries collected from tenants and percentage rent generated through tenant sales, as well as interest, specialty leasing and lease-surrender revenue.

Current three-month revenue of \$69,018 is \$2,296 greater than in the comparative three-month period for several reasons. The 2008 Acquisitions contributed \$88 to the favourable variance. The results from the remaining properties accounted for a further \$2,358 of the increase, driven by increases in minimum rent and recoveries. Current three-month results include \$2,551 of seasonal revenue, which was \$287 higher than in the comparative period. Included in minimum rent in the current quarter is \$329 of rental revenue for leases with pre-determined rent adjustments during the lease term, which are accounted for on a straight-line basis. The straight-line rent adjustment is \$81 higher than in the comparative quarter.

Percentage rent has increased by \$12, due to increased tenant sales and new leases.

Interest and other income decreased during the first quarter of 2009 compared to the first quarter of 2008 due to a lower rate of interest being earned on cash balances invested, partially offset by a \$467 gain in 2009 on the repurchase of convertible debentures under the normal course issuer bid.

Recoveries of operating expenses from tenants, which are recorded as revenues, are impacted by both operating expenses and occupancy level. The increase in recovery revenue was a result of higher property operating costs in the current quarter compared to the first quarter of 2008. The decrease in the ratio of recoveries revenue to operating expenses in the first quarter of 2009 compared to the first quarter of 2008 is primarily due to the increase in mid-2008 in the property management fee, a non-recoverable expense.

#### **Operating Expenses**

Operating expenses of \$30,401 are \$2,574 greater than in the comparative three-month period. This is primarily due to an increase in property operating expenses of \$2,223 and an increase in property taxes of \$351. The changes in the property management contract accounted for approximately \$846 of the \$2,223 increase in property operating expenses.

#### Net Operating Income - All Properties

	ee Months Ended March 31, 2009	ree Months Ended March 31, 2008	Compar	Variance to ative Period Favourable/ nfavourable)
Operating revenue Operating expenses	\$ 68,193 30,701	\$ 65,745 28,178	\$	2,448 (2,523)
Net operating income	\$ 37,492	\$ 37,567	\$	(75)

Operating revenue from properties includes all revenue except corporate interest and other income, and operating expenses include operating expenses from properties, property taxes and ground rent. Net operating income of \$37,492 is \$75 less than in the comparative period. The 2008 Acquisitions generated an increase of \$57, which was offset by a decrease of \$132, generated by the remainder of the properties in the portfolio.

### Net Operating Income - Same Properties

	Thr	ee Months	Thr	ee Months		Variance to
	Ended March 31,			Ended	Compara	ative Period
				March 31,		Favourable/
		2009		2008	(Ur	favourable)
Operating revenue	\$	68,010	\$	65,650	\$	2,360
Operating expenses		30,644		28,152		(2,492)
Net operating income	\$	37,366	\$	37,498	\$	(132)

The same-property comparison consists of the 26 properties that were owned throughout both the current and comparative three-month periods. Net operating income, on a same-property basis, was \$132 or 0.4% lower than in the prior period.

On a same-property basis, operating expenses were \$2,492 more than in the comparative period as a result of a \$326 increase in property taxes, a \$938 increase in non-recoverable operating expenses, a \$1,282 increase in recoverable property operating expenses, and a \$54 decrease in ground rent.

Net operating income, on a same-property basis, would have increased 1.9% excluding the \$842 increase for the new property management fee structure.

#### Interest Expense

	Th	ree Months Ended March 31, 2009	 ree Months Ended March 31, 2008	-	Variance to rative Period Favourable/ nfavourable)
Mortgages payable	\$	12,232	\$ 11,982	\$	250
Amortization of net loss on cash flow hedges		62	63		(1)
Convertible debentures		1,809	1,821		(12)
Bank indebtedness		119	147		(28)
Amortization of financing costs		403	322		81
Capitalized interest		-	(153)		153
	\$	14,625	\$ 14,182	\$	443

Interest expense of \$14,625 is \$443 greater than in the comparative three-month period primarily due to an increase of \$250 in mortgage interest expense. Of the total increase, the new financing of Stone Road Mall in August 2008 generated a \$639 increase, which is partially offset by reduced interest expense on the remaining mortgages.

#### Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization decreased by \$1,396. The decrease is primarily related to in-place leasing costs, some of which have come to the end of their useful lives in 2009, resulting in either a partial period of depreciation or no depreciation being recorded in the first quarter of 2009 compared to the first quarter of 2008.

#### Ground Rent

Ground rent expense amounted to \$300, which is \$53 less than in the comparative period. The decrease is due to a participation feature in one ground lease.

#### General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses increased by \$210, principally due to \$353 of costs related to the internalization of management, including the direct employment of the REIT's Chief Financial Officer and increases in consulting costs. This increase is partially offset by a reduction of \$299 in the asset management fees, due in part to the REIT directly employing its Chief Financial Officer, for which a reduction in the asset management fees is made.

#### Future Tax Expense

During the current period, the REIT has recorded a non-cash expense of \$2,500 to account for future income taxes. The expense is a result of changes in both the future tax rate and temporary differences between amounts recorded for accounting purposes and for tax purposes. The recovery has no impact on the REIT's cash flows or distributions.

#### NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

#### Funds from Operations

The REIT calculates its FFO in accordance with the Real Property Association of Canada ("REALpac") White Paper on Funds from Operations issued in 2004. The purpose of the White Paper was to provide reporting issuers and investors with greater guidance on the definition of FFO and to help promote more consistent disclosure from reporting issuers.

	Thre	e Months	Th	ee Months
		Ended		Ended
	]	March 31,		March 31,
		2009		2008
Net income	\$	524	\$	2,356
Depreciation of income-producing properties		16,999		18,821
Amortization of leasing costs		1,503		1,125
Accretion of convertible debentures		269		249
Future income taxes		2,500		150
Funds from operations	\$	21,795	\$	22,701
Funds from operations per unit – basic	\$	0.350	\$	0.366
Funds from operations per unit – diluted	\$	0.347	\$	0.363
Distributions per unit	\$	0.305	\$	0.305
Funds from operations – payout ratio		87.8%		84.0%

An advantage of the FFO measure is improved comparability between Canadian and foreign REITs. A disadvantage is that FFO is not a perfect measure of cash flow. FFO adds back to net income depreciation and amortization of assets purchased, including the purchased deferred recoverable balances, amortization of leasing costs and accretion of convertible debentures. It includes non-cash revenues related to accounting for straight-line rent and it makes no deduction for the recurring capital expenditures necessary to maintain the existing earnings stream. The research analyst community adjusts FFO for certain items in an attempt to develop another measure of economic profitability and to allow for the differences between REITs in relation to their capital expenditure programs. Our disclosure of capital expenditures may assist readers in making such adjustments.

FFO for the three-month period ended March 31, 2009, decreased \$906. The negative variance in net income of \$1,832 which impacts FFO was discussed previously. The decrease in depreciation of income-producing properties is primarily related to in-place leasing costs, some of which have come to the end of their useful lives in 2009, resulting in either a partial period of depreciation or no depreciation being recorded in the first quarter of 2009 compared to the first quarter of 2008. The amortization of leasing costs is a function of both the lease expiry profile unique to each property and the growth due to property developments and acquisitions. The reduction in the accretion of the convertible debentures is due to a lower outstanding balance in the current quarter of 2009 compared to the same period in 2008. This is a result of both conversions and repurchases of the convertible debentures.

FFO per unit for the first quarter of 2009 had an unfavourable variance of \$0.016 per unit on a diluted basis compared to the prior period.

The diluted weighted average number of units outstanding increased from the comparative quarter because of two factors: the issuance of units pursuant to the REIT's Distribution Reinvestment Program ("DRIP"), and the payment of a portion of the asset management fees in units, partially offset by the repurchase of units under the REIT's normal course issuer bid.

The reconciliation of FFO to cash flow from operating activities is contained in the "Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows" in the financial statements. The reconciliation of net income to EBITDA, a non-GAAP measure, is on page 11.

# **QUARTERLY TRENDS**

#### Selected Quarterly Information

		2009								2008						2007
		Q1		Q4		Q3		Q2		Q1		Q4		Q3		Q2
Revenue	\$	69,109	\$	71,783	\$	66,510	\$	64,718	\$	66,722	\$	69,596	\$	61,828	\$	55,409
Seasonal revenue		2,551		4,513		2,740		2,464		2,264		4,135		2,053		1,658
Net operating income		37,492		40,344		37,759		37,208		37,567		40,183		36,484		31,780
Net income/(loss)		524		5,149		1,237		1,035		2,356		7,833		1,419		(43,637)
Total assets		1,580,720		1,608,832		1,624,247		1,601,800		1,619,785		1,643,035		1,570,983		1,534,774
Indebtedness		986,635		994,130		998,724		955,697		960,453		964,884		875,115		889,273
Debt to Gross Book Value		49.1%		48.9%		49.0%		47.7%		47.4%		47.4%		44.6%		52.3%
Diluted net income/(loss)																
per unit	\$	0.008	\$	0.083	\$	0.020	\$	0.017	\$	0.038	\$	0.127	\$	0.024	\$	(0.745)
Diluted funds																
from operations	\$	0.347	\$	0.371	\$	0.350	\$	0.351	\$	0.363	\$	0.403	\$	0.356	\$	0.353
Distributions per unit	\$	0.305	\$	0.305	\$	0.305	\$	0.305	\$	0.305	\$	0.298	\$	0.295	\$	0.295
Units outstanding,																
end of period	6	2,348,408	6	2,269,712	e	52,239,176	6	52,179,175	6	52,039,190	6	61,937,650	6	51,817,264	5	8,590,888

Note: As at April 30, 2009, there were 62,376,548 units outstanding.

The REIT's quarterly results for the last eight quarters have been primarily affected by five factors: five property acquisitions, issuances of equity and convertible debentures, seasonality of revenues, the timing of incurrence of operating expenses and the recovery of these from tenants. In addition, redevelopment activities have had an impact on revenue, net operating income and net income.

The 2008 Acquisitions and several properties acquired in 2007 have resulted in increased revenues and net operating income. However, on a per unit basis these increases have been offset by an issuance of equity and convertible debentures.

The REIT experiences seasonality in earnings, with stronger results in the fourth quarter of each year due to increased temporary seasonal leasing and stronger percentage rent revenues, as a significant number of tenants have calendar lease years. As a result of these factors, revenues, net income and funds from operations in the fourth quarter should be stronger than in other quarters.

# LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The REIT expects to be able to meet all of its current obligations. Management expects to finance future growth through the use of (i) cash, (ii) conventional mortgage debt secured by income-producing properties, (iii) secured short-term financing through its \$120,000 revolving credit facility, (iv) cash flow from operations, and (v) the issuance of equity and convertible debentures.<sup>1</sup>

Capital markets are more challenging now than at any other time during Primaris' five-year history. Management has taken steps to position the balance sheet in response to these conditions. There is cash in excess of \$80,196 at March 31, 2009. With the exception of a small \$3,748 mortgage maturing in the fourth quarter of 2009, there are no mortgages payable outstanding that mature until 2011.

At March 31, 2009, the REIT's cash position has decreased compared to December 31, 2008, due to distributions to Unitholders, scheduled mortgage repayments, repurchase of convertible debentures and capital expenditures on properties, including building improvements, tenant improvements and recoverable improvements, partially offset by property operations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>These comments are based on various assumptions and are subject to various risks. See "Forward-Looking Information" on page 2.

Interest Coverage expressed as EBITDA divided by net interest expense was 2.5 times for the current quarter. The REIT defines EBITDA as net income increased by depreciation, amortization, interest expense and income tax expense. EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure and may not be comparable to similar measures used by other entities.

	ee Months Ended March 31, 2009	Th	ree Months Ended March 31, 2008
Net income	\$ 524	\$	2,356
Interest	14,625		14,182
Depreciation	17,047		18,821
Amortization	1,503		1,125
Future income taxes	2,500		150
EBITDA	\$ 36,199	\$	36,634
EBITDA/Interest	2.5		2.6

The Debt to Gross Book Value Ratio was 49.1% as at March 31, 2009, which is significantly below the 60.0% maximum as mandated by the REIT's Declaration of Trust. For the purposes of calculating the numerator in the Debt to Gross Book Value Ratio, the convertible debentures are excluded from debt in accordance with the REIT's Declaration of Trust, and the remaining debt premiums of \$720 associated with the IPO are included. If the convertible debentures are included, the Debt to Gross Book Value Ratio would be 54.2%. The Debt to Gross Book Value Ratio has remained virtually constant during the current quarter.

During the current period, there have been no conversions of either the 6.75% or 5.85% series of convertible debentures. The REIT has, under its normal course issuer bid, repurchased and cancelled \$3,051 of face value of the 5.85% convertible debentures at a net cost of \$2,288. The remaining outstanding balance as at March 31, 2009, of the 6.75% series is \$6,104 and of the 5.85% series is \$96,903.

During the current quarter, the REIT made \$4,555 of scheduled principal payments on its mortgages.

The REIT paid \$19,009 of distributions to Unitholders during the three-month period ended March 31, 2009. The REIT instituted a DRIP in October 2003. Currently, Unitholders representing approximately 3.9% of units outstanding have elected to participate in the DRIP. This represents approximately \$3,000 per annum of additional capital to treasury, based on current distribution rates and units outstanding.

# CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

In accordance with its objectives, the REIT distributes a high percentage of its FFO to Unitholders. As such it does not retain a material amount of operating cash flow. The REIT has several sources of capital requirements including loan principal payments, acquisitions, developments, recoverable improvements and maintenance capital. Capital requirements for loan principal payments, acquisitions and development are generally sourced by financing for each project. Expenditures for acquisitions, developments and expansions are classified in the statement of cash flows as "investing activities." Over the longer term, with a stabilized receivable pool from tenants, the capital required for recoverable improvements is derived primarily from the ongoing collection of the receivable balance from tenants. Capital expenditures of a maintenance nature are classified as "operating activities" using such captions as "leasing costs," or "investing activities" in the case of nonrecoverable capital expenditures, or "recoverable improvements."

Leasing costs may include leasing commissions, tenant improvement allowances, tenant inducements and expenditures by the REIT to prepare space for occupancy by a tenant. The REIT incurred \$1,713 of leasing costs during the current quarter of 2009, which is comprised of \$1,493 of tenant improvement allowances and \$220 in leasing commissions. The timing of such expenditures is irregular and depends more on the satisfaction of contractual obligations in a lease rather than on the timing of the leasing process. Leasing costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the related lease.

Recoverable improvements includes expenditures of a capital nature that are generally recoverable from tenants under the terms of their leases. They may include, but are not limited to, items such as parking lot resurfacing and common area roof replacement. These items are recorded as recoverable improvements and depreciated over their useful lives; the revenue from tenants is recorded as recoveries from tenants. The REIT had a net balance of \$17,761 recorded as recoverable improvements at the beginning of 2009, recorded \$68 as additional expenditures during the quarter and recovered \$827 from tenants during the quarter. This resulted in a recoverable improvements cost balance as at March 31, 2009, net of amortization, of \$17,002.

#### Maintenance of Productive Capacity

The primary focus in an analysis of capital expenditures should be a differentiation between those costs incurred to maintain the enterprise versus those costs incurred to achieve a long-term improvement in the enterprise's ability to generate incremental cash flow.

Acquisitions and the expansion of existing assets are two areas of capital expenditures that should normally be considered as increasing the productive capacity of the enterprise. For REITs, more subtle distinctions exist in the area of capital expenditures incurred on existing space. These would usually be costs of maintaining productive capacity. However, there are many examples of capital projects that fundamentally change the nature of existing space so that the productive capacity of the space is permanently changed. In the case of Primaris, the conversion of anchor stores to smaller stores usually represents a permanent increase in the productive capacity of the asset. This is because anchor tenants generally pay lower rents per square foot than the smaller replacement stores. While this conversion of space occurs less frequently than the usual capital maintenance projects, conversions tend to be larger in scale than day-to-day activity.

The analysis of historical capital expenditures (which includes leasing capital) that follows starts by including all nonacquisition capital expenditures and then deducts those determined by management to be increases in productive capacity. The remaining net figure is a measure of maintenance capital.

The REIT endeavours to fund maintenance capital from cash flow from ongoing operations in order to manage the REIT on a sustainable basis. Leasing capital varies with tenant demand and merchandising mix strategies of a property. The REIT actively manages its merchandising mix and activities to achieve a balance of new and renewal leasing. This enables management to increase retail sales and grow rental income. Maintenance capital also captures other productive capacity capital that is not chargeable to tenants, such as that related to mall entrances or mechanical equipment. The REIT's experience with these is that they are incurred in irregular amounts over a longer time period, which means that the REIT needs to find financial resources for their incurrence. A review of a time series of historical data is required to develop a normalized view of these. The table below summarizes the historic maintenance capital of the REIT for the six properties owned throughout the last nine complete years:

	2008		2007	2006	2005	2004		2003	2002	2001	2000
Leasing capital	\$ 2,872	\$	4,664	\$ 10,743	\$ 3,695 \$	2,253 \$	;	1,157 \$	5,716 \$	7,920 \$	1,627
Other capital	3,223		9,984	35,043	14,857	8,925		318	2,426	13,632	2,462
Less: additions to											
productive capacity	(1,077)	(	(12,612)	(35,775)	(16,335)	(8,023)		(212)	(3,012)	(17,064)	(2,337)
	\$ 5,018	\$	2,036	\$ 10,011	\$ 2,217 \$	3,155 \$	;	1,263 \$	5,130 \$	4,488 \$	1,752

These six properties have a rentable area of approximately 2.85 million square feet. The average maintenance capital cost per square foot over the nine-year period was \$1.37. These historical costs may not be indicative of future costs for the REIT's 9.3 million square foot portfolio. However, an extrapolation of these costs generates an amount of \$0.20 per diluted unit per annum as maintenance capital.

An amount for maintenance capital is typically deducted from FFO in order to estimate a sustainable and recurring amount that can be distributed to Unitholders. The REIT currently has adequate financial resources to fund its capital expenditure program without anticipating any disruption to its distributions.

#### **Current Redevelopment Projects**

At Lambton Mall in Sarnia, Ontario, Canadian Tire leased a 139,000 square foot store, previously occupied by Wal-Mart. Canadian Tire began work on the premises in October 2008, and opened on April 15, 2009. The existing 106,331 square foot Canadian Tire store remained in operation until the new store opened. The REIT's budget for this first phase of the project is approximately \$3,500 and Canadian Tire spent additional amounts in completing their store and executing their move. The scope of work included a small expansion as well as constructing a connection between the new store and the interior of the mall, something that did not exist with the previous tenant. Once the existing Canadian Tire store is vacated, a second phase of the project will be initiated, with Lambton Mall modifying and re-leasing the vacated space. Plans for this second phase are not yet finalized; however, discussions are underway with a number of retailers to participate in this second phase.

In mid-April 2007, the REIT agreed to terminate the lease of an 86,500 square foot Bay department store at Place du Royaume located in Saguenay, Quebec. The store closed in June 2007. The first phase of the project was to reconstruct the existing space for use by other retailers. Tenants are in place for 100% of the leasable area of the first phase of the project. The second phase included a new common area of the mall, including the floor, demising walls and ceilings and the demolition of the exterior entrance. Both phases were completed on time and under budget. As at March 31, 2009, \$9,539 has been incurred and capitalized. As part of this new circulation plan, a small part of existing common area has been backfilled by retail use. The total budgeted cost of this project is approximately \$14,000. There are still some further costs to be incurred, but the REIT is anticipating the cost of this project to be substantially under budget. The REIT experienced 12 months of downtime in the former department store space and six months of downtime for the backfill of existing common area. During the second quarter of 2008 almost all of the tenants in the former department store space opened, with the last tenant having opened in the first quarter of 2009. The project generated a positive return for the property.

### DISTRIBUTIONS

In determining the amount of distributions to be made to Unitholders, the REIT considers many factors, including provisions in its Declaration of Trust, overall health of the business, its expected need for capital, covenants in debt agreements and taxable income.

Currently, the REIT's Declaration of Trust requires that in each year the REIT's taxable income be distributed to Unitholders. However, at the REIT's 2009 Annual and Special meeting in June 2009, the REIT will be asking Unitholders to eliminate this requirement and distribute to Unitholders such percentage of the revenue of the REIT as the Trustees determine in their discretion. There are financial covenants in loan agreements in the REIT and its subsidiaries that require that various conditions be met before funds can be distributed to Unitholders.

In late 2008, the Distributions Committee of the Board reviewed the REIT's rate of distributions. In its deliberations the committee considered the following items:

- The expectation of a weaker economic environment in 2009;
- Primaris' Operating Plan for 2009;
- Primaris' strong cash position;
- Availability of cash resources for 2009, including an undrawn \$120,000 line of credit;
- Minimal loan maturities in 2009 and 2010;
- · Conservative leverage measured on both a balance sheet and operating basis; and
- Leasing and development capital requirements for 2009.

At the time, the Distributions Committee recommended that the current rate of distributions of \$1.22 per unit per annum be maintained. The rate was slightly in excess of expected FFO less ongoing capital expenditures. However, the two major reasons were the one-time transition costs in 2009 related to the internalization of the REIT, and the drag on FFO resulting from a strong cash position in a low interest rate environment. The Distributions Committee believes that these are temporary in nature and should not affect a long-term policy decision such as distributions. The Distributions Committee meets regularly to review the REIT's distribution policy.

#### Corporate Structure and Debt Covenants

The REIT is an unincorporated, open-ended Real Estate Investment Trust. It owns a subsidiary trust, PRR Trust, which in turn owns a number of subsidiary trusts, partnerships and corporations. All of the REIT's operating assets, including real property, are owned by either PRR Trust or its subsidiary entities.

The REIT is a borrower pursuant to many third-party loan agreements. Subsidiary entities are typically the borrower where secured debt is used. PRR Trust is the borrower under the REIT's operating credit agreement. In some instances, including the operating credit agreement, lenders have guarantees and/or loan covenants from an entity other than the borrower under the loan agreement.

No loan agreement directly limits or restricts the REIT's ability to declare and pay distributions to Unitholders, so long as payments are current under the loan. Certain secured loan agreements restrict the REIT's ability to move cash from a borrowing REIT entity to another REIT entity if the borrower is in default of the loan agreement. However, as a practical point, if the REIT were ever in material default of a loan agreement, it might otherwise become difficult to continue paying distributions at the then-current rate.

The REIT's operating credit agreement contains four financial covenants the REIT must maintain:

- 1. A Debt to Gross Book Value Ratio of not more than 60%;
- 2. An Interest Coverage Ratio of greater than 1.75;
- 3. A Debt Service Coverage Ratio of greater than 1.5; and
- 4. A minimum Unitholders' equity.

The REIT is in compliance with these covenants and has no defaults under any of its loan agreements.

### Tax

There are income tax implications on our distribution policy. The REIT's Declaration of Trust requires it to distribute at least its taxable income each year. The table below indicates the level of historic taxable income on the "Income" line. The yearend market value of the REIT's units indicates that the value of the income-producing properties is lower than their carrying value, which implies that the gap between their tax base and market value could be less. However, some of the gains on sale of the REIT's assets could be individually significant such that selling one asset could generate a sufficient taxable gain to erase the entire tax-deferred component of the REIT's annual distributions.

The REIT's historic trend in the split of distributions between return of capital and other income has been as follows:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Return of capital	63.6%	80.0%	77.6%	56.4%	65.6%	74.4%
Income	36.0%	20.0%	22.4%	43.6%	34.4%	25.6%
Taxable capital gain	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

# FINANCIAL CONDITION

#### Cash

Cash and cash equivalents of \$80,196 represents 5.1% of the total assets as at March 31, 2009. The cash is invested in Government of Canada Treasury Bills and bankers' acceptances and bearer deposit notes issued by Canadian, Schedule I banks.

#### **Income-Producing Properties**

Income-producing properties represent 90.4% of total assets as at March 31, 2009. The property portfolio comprises 26 principal properties and several smaller properties and, as such, represents a moderate degree of market diversification. However, as revenues are earned from individual tenants and not properties as a whole, one should consider that these assets include over 850 different tenants, which represents a significant diversification of revenues. In addition, the 26 principal properties have good geographic diversification.

The future financial performance of income-producing properties is a function of a number of factors. The principal factors include occupancy rates, trends in rental rates achieved on re-leasing or renewing space currently leased, retail sales performance and the contractual increases in rent that are programmed to occur mid-lease.

The REIT leased 392,426 square feet of space during the first quarter of 2009. This represented 89 leases of generally smaller stores and the renewal of one anchor store, totalling approximately 147,000 square feet. Approximately 83% of the leased space during the current quarter of 2009 resulted from the renewal of existing tenants or 73% if the anchor store is excluded. The weighted average new rent for renewals of existing tenants in the current quarter, on a cash basis, represented a 6.2% increase over the previous cash rent for all transactions (5.8% excluding the anchor store).

#### Geographic Diversification

Quebec 14%

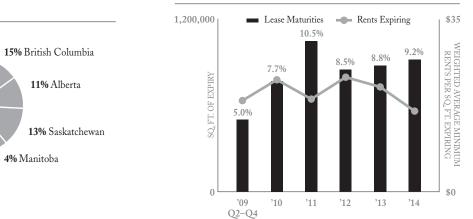
Ontario 42%

The income-producing properties are located in seven provinces. As at March 31, 2009, the portfolio distribution based on annualized minimum rent is as follows:

New Brunswick 1%



Lease maturities are no greater than 10.5% of the portfolio in any year between 2009 and 2014.



#### Largest Tenants

The following table illustrates the 10 largest grouped tenants in the REIT's portfolio of income-producing properties as measured by their percentage contribution to total annual minimum rent, as at March 31, 2009.

Tenant Groups	Percentage of Total Annual Minimum Rent	Area (Sq. Ft.)	Weighted Average Lease Term to Maturity (Years)
HBC	5.9%	1,671,521	8.5
YM	3.3%	191,638	5.3
Sears	2.8%	979,436	8.3
Forzani	2.4%	303,611	5.3
Shoppers Drug Mart	2.1%	116,637	6.3
Reitmans	2.1%	116,603	3.2
Loblaws	1.8%	245,632	4.9
Best Buy	1.6%	144,407	4.3
Dynamite	1.5%	62,166	3.1
Comark	1.4%	67,298	3.5
	24.9%		

	(	Convertible		Asset				
		Unsecured	Ma	nagement				
Mortgages	]	Debentures		Fees	Grou	ind Leases		Total
\$ 17,798	\$	_	\$	3,375	\$	881	\$	22,054
19,631		_		_		1,175		20,806
57,093		-		-		1,248		58,341
42,796		-		-		1,375		44,171
170,364		-		-		1,400		171,764
576,605		103,007		-		43,925		723,537
\$ 884,287	\$	103,007	\$	3,375	\$	50,004	\$	1,040,673
\$	19,631 57,093 42,796 170,364 576,605	Mortgages     \$ 17,798   \$     19,631   57,093     42,796   170,364     576,605   576,605	\$ 17,798 \$ - 19,631 - 57,093 - 42,796 - 170,364 - 576,605 103,007	Unsecured Debentures   Mathematical Mark     \$ 17,798   -   \$     \$ 17,798   -   \$     19,631   -   -     57,093   -   -     42,796   -   -     170,364   -   -     576,605   103,007   -	Unsecured Debentures   Management Fees     17,798   -   \$   3,375     19,631   -   -   -     57,093   -   -   -     42,796   -   -   -     170,364   -   -   -     576,605   103,007   -   -	Unsecured Debentures   Management Fees   Grou     \$ 17,798   -   \$ 3,375   \$     19,631   -   -   -     57,093   -   -   -     42,796   -   -   -     170,364   -   -   -     576,605   103,007   -   -	Unsecured Debentures   Management Fees   Ground Leases     17,798   -   \$ 3,375   \$ 881     19,631   -   -   1,175     57,093   -   -   1,248     42,796   -   -   1,375     170,364   -   -   1,400     576,605   103,007   -   43,925	Unsecured Debentures   Management Fees   Ground Leases     17,798   -   \$ 3,375   8 881   \$ 881   \$     19,631   -   -   1,175   -   -   1,248   -   -   -   1,248   -   -   -   1,375   -   -   -   1,375   -   -   -   -   1,375   -

#### Indebtedness and Other Obligations

Note: Of the total mortgages balance, \$125,954 is recourse only to the underlying property.

The REIT had \$884,287 of mortgages payable, excluding debt premiums of \$6,229 and net financing fees of \$4,925, as at March 31, 2009, bearing a weighted average interest rate of 5.7%. This rate reflects the marking-to-market of interest rates for all debts assumed in conjunction with property acquisitions. The mortgages payable have a weighted average term to maturity of 7.5 years.

In February 2008, the REIT extended the term of the existing asset management agreement until December 31, 2009 (see discussion under "Related Party Transactions"). The table above includes the base asset management fees that would be due pursuant to this contract, assuming the balance sheet in place at March 31, 2009, continues unchanged. There is no incentive fee included in the table since any incentive fee is contingent on future operating results.

The Indebtedness and Other Obligations table above includes ground rent, on a cash basis, pursuant to leases at Park Place Shopping Centre and Orchard Park Shopping Centre. The amounts in the table reflect the assumption that the REIT exercises its renewal options in the respective ground leases. This assumption is consistent with the depreciation estimates for these properties.

It is expected that principal payments, asset management fees and ground rent will be funded from operations and from draws on the revolving credit facility.

#### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The REIT has retained Oxford Properties Group to provide advisory, asset management and development services. The arrangement gives the REIT access to a management team that has significant experience in all areas of commercial real estate.

	e Months Ended Vlarch 31, 2009	ee Months Ended March 31, 2008
Asset management fees Development fees	\$ 969 63	\$ 1,269 179
	\$ 1,032	\$ 1,448

The REIT also reimbursed the Asset Manager for certain general and administrative costs. Of the fees incurred, \$1,073 is included in accounts payable and other liabilities as at March 31, 2009 (December 31, 2008 – \$1,370). During the first quarter of 2009, the REIT issued \$57 of units in partial payment of asset management fees (2008 – \$757). The REIT has also reimbursed the Asset Manager \$80 of general and administrative costs in 2009 (2008 – \$65).

	e Months Ended March 31, 2009	Th	ree Months Ended March 31, 2008
Property management fees	\$ 2,328	\$	1,519
Leasing fees	198		189
	\$ 2,526	\$	1,708

The REIT has also retained Oxford Properties Group to provide property management and leasing services to the REIT.

Of the fees incurred, \$359 is included in accounts payable and other liabilities (December 31, 2008 – \$331). The REIT has also reimbursed the Property Manager for certain direct property operating costs.

The REIT has one loan payment subsidy as at March 31, 2009, with Oxford Properties Group.

	Three	Months Ended	Three	Months Ended
	М	arch 31, 2009	N	Iarch 31, 2008
Loan interest payment subsidy received	\$	25	\$	29

During 2008, the REIT extended the term of its two external management contracts by 18 months, from July 17, 2008, to December 31, 2009. A number of changes have been made to the fee structure during the extended term of the agreements.

The property management fee increased to 3.5% from 3% of Gross Revenue. In the past the manager charged a platform management fee. The fee rate increased during the extended term.

The base asset management fee is unchanged and is at the lower end of comparable fees for such services in the marketplace at 25 basis points of Gross Asset Value. The incentive fee component of the asset management fee changed. Going forward, the hurdle rate is equal to FFO for the 12 months ending June 30, 2008. This change in hurdle rate should represent a decrease in the incentive fee that would have been otherwise payable.

In addition, acquisition fees and disposition fees were introduced to the contracts.

The original fee structure was established in 2003 and there had been no changes since. Under the new terms of the contracts, the annual gross fees payable to the external manager commencing in July 2008 on the REIT's current portfolio are expected to increase by approximately \$3,200. The exact amount of fees will depend on acquisitions, dispositions and future operating results.

These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

#### MANAGEMENT TRANSITION

Primaris is currently managed by OPGI Management Limited Partnership or affiliates thereof (collectively "OPGI") pursuant to two management contracts. As discussed above, these contracts are scheduled to expire at the end of 2009. The REIT announced in early 2008 that it would internalize the management of the REIT at the end of 2009. No termination payment is due to OPGI unless the contracts are terminated early. Until the end of 2008 the REIT had no employees and all property and asset management services required by the REIT were provided by OPGI.

#### People

OPGI has approximately 225 full-time employees and 100 part-time employees located at REIT assets, performing duties under the property management agreement. With OPGI's co-operation, the REIT offered employment, commencing January 1, 2010, to all of these employees, and they accepted these offers. Similarly, OPGI has approximately 50 employees performing duties under the asset management agreement. These people have been dedicated to REIT assets for some time and perform functions such as financial reporting, leasing, legal, investments, and asset management. Again, with OPGI's co-operation, the REIT offered employment to these people and they accepted.

The REIT has 375 people who have accepted employment and will need approximately 25 additional employees. Louis Forbes, formerly employed by OPGI, became a REIT employee effective January 1, 2009, and continues as the REIT's Chief Financial Officer. The REIT also hired the head of its Information Technology team and some of the staff. The remaining needs are in areas such as a Chief Executive Officer, Human Resources, Information Technology, and other support services that the REIT and OPGI's other assets had shared. Much progress has been made in obtaining an experienced, cohesive team of employees, motivated to work for Primaris.

#### Space

In late 2008, the REIT leased space in downtown Toronto, not far from its existing location. The space planning is virtually complete and connectivity solutions are being arranged. Construction has recently begun to ready the space for the REIT's anticipated move to the new premises in the third quarter of 2009.

#### Systems

The conversion to, and testing of, the new information systems is well underway. The REIT anticipates it will start using the new information systems during the third quarter of 2009. The sourcing and procurement of the remaining related hardware and software are also underway.

#### Economics

The REIT does not expect the future costs of the internal management model to differ materially from the costs incurred under the existing external contracts. The REIT expects the transition will cost \$10,700. The main expenses will relate to information technology, occupancy costs, and people costs including temporary help, outside consultants and recruiting costs. These costs will be incurred over the 2008–2009 period. Of this total, the REIT expects \$5,500 will be expensed as general and administrative expenditures.

#### Risks

There is a discussion of general risks beginning on page 19. The transition introduces some new risks to the REIT. These risks are mitigated to a certain degree by the presence and involvement of the external manager, OPGI, one of Canada's largest owners and operators of real estate.

The identity of the future Chief Executive Officer of Primaris is not known at this time. R. Michael Latimer is the current Chief Executive Officer and President of the REIT and is committed to Primaris until the transition is completed and a replacement is found. The balance of the senior executive team will consist of people formerly employed by the external manager who will move over to Primaris as a continuing team.

It is possible that the costs of transition will differ from expectations. In addition, there is the risk that the new internal management structure could cost more than the previous external structure.

There is risk related to the conversion from the external manager's information system to a new, different system purchased by the REIT. The risks are similar to those experienced by any entity undergoing a systems conversion and are not unique to the transition exercise. These risks include inaccurate data, a loss of timely reporting, and cost overruns on the conversion itself.

# ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The financial statements include accounting estimates and assumptions with respect to the allocation of purchase price on acquisitions, the recovery revenue accruals, fair value of mortgages and debentures payable, the reversal of temporary tax differences and the useful lives used to calculate depreciation and amortization. These estimates and assumptions could affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses and cash flows during the period. These estimates are made by management and discussed with the Audit Committee and Board of Trustees.

### ADOPTION OF NEW ACCOUNTING POLICIES

In February 2008, the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") issued a new accounting standard, Handbook Section 3064 - Goodwill and Intangible Assets, which replaces existing guidance on the accounting for intangible assets. The new standard provided guidance on the definition of an intangible asset and the recognition of internally generated intangible assets. Handbook Section 1000 – Financial Statement Concepts, was also amended to provide consistency with this new standard. This new standard was adopted by the REIT on January 1, 2009, with retrospective adjustments made to the comparative period. The impact of the adoption of this new standard was (i) to reclassify recoverable improvements previously described as recoverable operating costs from a component within deferred costs to a component within income-producing properties and (ii) to reclassify the related amortization of the recoverable improvements from property operating expenses to depreciation expense.

# FUTURE CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

In February 2008, the Canadian Accounting Standards Board confirmed that International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") will, for public entities, replace Canadian GAAP effective for fiscal periods beginning on or after January 1, 2011, with comparative figures presented on the same basis. The Canadian Securities Administrators have provided issuers with the option of early adopting IFRS for Canadian reporting purposes. The REIT does not intend to prematurely adopt IFRS at this time.

The REIT will develop a conversion plan to manage this change by mid-2009. Primaris has now completed a detailed review of the differences between IFRS and Canadian GAAP as they apply to our business. This analysis has identified the accounting policy decisions that need to be made in order to report under IFRS and the impact of the resultant changes for financial reporting and the broader organization. Once the accounting policy decisions have been made, the REIT will then design the required changes, implement them and review the success of such implementation.

Following from the detailed assessment, the REIT is also assessing the impact that IFRS will have on the following:

- Accounting policies;
- Information technology and data systems;
- Internal control over financial reporting;
- · Disclosure controls;
- Employee training;
- Certain debt agreements and the Declaration of Trust;
- · Communication with users of our financial reporting; and
- · General and administrative costs, both for the conversion and on an ongoing basis.

The results of this assessment will be incorporated into the REIT's conversion plan.

#### **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

#### **Real Property Ownership**

The REIT owns 26 principal properties and several smaller properties and is expected in the future to directly or indirectly acquire interests in other real property. All real property investments are subject to elements of risk. Such investments are affected by general economic conditions, local real estate markets, changing demographics, supply and demand for leased premises, competition from other available premises and various other factors.

#### Tenant Risks

The value of real property and any improvements thereto depends on the credit and financial stability of the tenants. The REIT's FFO may be adversely affected if tenants become unable to meet their obligations under their leases or if a significant amount of available space in the properties in which the REIT has an interest becomes vacant and is not able to be leased on economically favourable lease terms. Upon the expiry of any lease, there can be no assurance that the lease will be renewed or the tenant replaced. The terms of any subsequent lease may be less favourable to the REIT than the existing lease. In the event of default by a tenant, delays or limitations in enforcing rights as lessor may be experienced and substantial costs in protecting the REIT's investment may be incurred. Furthermore, at any time, a tenant of any of the properties in which the REIT has an interest may seek the protection of bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws that could result in the rejection and termination of such tenant's lease and thereby cause a reduction in the cash flow available to the REIT. The ability to rent unleased space in the properties in which the REIT has an interest will be affected by many factors. Costs may be incurred in making improvements or repairs to the property required by a new tenant.

Certain of the major tenants are permitted to cease operating from their leased premises at any time at their option. Other major tenants are permitted to cease operating from their leased premises or to terminate their leases if certain events occur. Some Commercial Retail Units ("CRU") tenants have a right to cease operating from their premises if certain major tenants cease operating from their premises. The exercise of such rights by a tenant may have a negative effect on a property. There can be no assurance that such rights will not be exercised in the future.

#### **Fixed Costs**

Certain significant expenditures, including property taxes, ground rent, maintenance costs, mortgage payments, insurance costs and related charges must be made throughout the period of ownership of real property regardless of whether the property is producing any income. If the REIT is unable to meet mortgage payments or ground rent payments on any property, losses could be sustained as a result of the mortgagee's exercise of its rights of foreclosure or sale or the landlord's exercise of remedies.

#### Asset Liquidity

Real property investments tend to be relatively illiquid, with the degree of liquidity generally fluctuating in relation to demand for, and the perceived desirability of, such investments. Such illiquidity may tend to limit the REIT's ability to vary its portfolio promptly in response to changing economic or investment conditions. If the REIT were to be required to liquidate its real property investments, the proceeds to the REIT might be significantly less than the aggregate carrying value of its properties.

#### **Capital Expenditures and Distributions**

Leasing capital and maintenance capital are incurred in irregular amounts and may exceed actual cash available from operations during certain periods. The REIT may be required to use part of its debt capacity or reduce distributions in order to accommodate such items. Capital for recoverable improvements may exceed recovery of amounts from tenants. The REIT is subject to provisions in its Declaration of Trust as well as to debt agreements that may impact the quantum of distributions. The sale of income-producing properties with inherent taxable gains could materially change the REIT's level of distributions.

#### **Retail Concentration**

The REIT's portfolio is primarily limited to Canadian retail properties. Consequently, the market value of the existing properties and the income generated from them could be negatively affected by changes in the retail environment.

#### Reliance on Anchor Tenants

Retail shopping centres have traditionally relied on there being a number of anchor tenants (department stores, discount department stores and grocery stores) in the centre, and therefore they are subject to the risk of such anchor tenants either moving out of the property or going out of business. A property could be negatively affected by such a loss.

### Land Leases

To the extent that the properties in which the REIT has or will have an interest are located on leased land, the land leases may be subject to periodic rate resets that may fluctuate. This may result in significant rental rate adjustments and therefore have a potential negative effect on the cash flow of the REIT.

### **Environmental Matters**

As an owner of interests in real property in Canada, the REIT is subject to various Canadian federal, provincial and municipal laws relating to environmental matters. Such laws provide that the REIT could be liable for the costs of removal of certain hazardous substances and remediation of certain hazardous locations. The failure to remove or remediate such substances or locations, if any, could adversely affect the REIT's ability to sell such real estate or to borrow using such real estate as collateral and could potentially also result in claims against the owner by private plaintiffs.

The REIT is not aware of any material non-compliance with environmental laws at any of the properties and is also not aware of any pending or threatened investigations or actions by environmental regulatory authorities in connection with any of the properties. The REIT is also not aware of any pending or threatened claims relating to environmental conditions at the properties.

The REIT will make the necessary capital and operating expenditures to ensure compliance with environmental laws and regulations. Although there can be no assurances, the REIT does not believe that costs relating to environmental matters will have a material adverse effect on the REIT's business, financial condition or results of operations. However, environmental laws and regulations can change and the REIT or its subsidiaries may become subject to more stringent environmental laws and regulations in the future. Compliance with more stringent environmental laws and regulations could have an adverse effect on the REIT's business, financial condition or results of operations.

### **Financing Risks**

The REIT has indebtedness outstanding of approximately \$986,636 as at March 31, 2009. A portion of the cash flow generated by the existing properties and any future acquired properties will be devoted to servicing such debt, and there can be no assurance that the REIT will continue to generate sufficient cash flow from operations to meet required interest and principal payments. If the REIT is unable to meet interest or principal payments, it could be required to seek renegotiation of such payments or obtain additional equity, debt or other financing. The REIT is subject to the risks associated with debt financing, including the risk that the mortgages and banking facilities secured by the REIT's properties will not be able to be re-financed or that the terms of such re-financing will not be as favourable as the terms of existing indebtedness.

The REIT has stated that one of its objectives is to grow through acquisitions. While the REIT has financial resources on hand to complete some acquisitions, the longer-term ability of the REIT to fund acquisitions is dependent on both equity and debt capital markets. There are risks that, from time to time, equity capital may not be available.

# **Interest Rate Fluctuations**

From time to time, the REIT's financing includes indebtedness with interest payments based on variable lending rates that will result in fluctuations in the REIT's cost of borrowing. Changes in interest rates may also affect the REIT in many other ways, due to factors including the impact on the economy, the value of real estate, the value of the REIT's units, the economics of acquisition activity and the availability of capital.

# Reliance on the Asset Manager, Property Manager and Related Personnel

The management of the REIT depends on the services of certain key personnel, including Chief Executive Officer, R. Michael Latimer, and Chief Financial Officer, Louis M. Forbes. The loss of the services of any key personnel could have an adverse effect on the REIT. The management of the REIT is also dependent upon the Asset Manager with respect to the administration of the REIT and the asset management of the properties of the REIT, as well as upon the Property Manager with respect to the property management of the properties of the REIT. If the Asset Manager or the Property Manager ceases to act in these capacities, the REIT could be negatively impacted. The REIT is moving towards an internal management structure during the extended term of the external management contracts. There is a risk that certain key personnel of the REIT could change as a result of this process.

#### Potential Conflicts of Interest

The Trustees will, from time to time, in their individual capacities, deal with parties with whom the REIT may be dealing, or who may be seeking investments similar to those desired by the REIT. The Declaration of Trust contains conflict of interest provisions requiring the Trustees to disclose material interests in material contracts and transactions and to refrain from voting thereon.

Conflicts will exist due to the fact that certain Trustees and/or senior officers of the REIT are Unitholders, associates of Unitholders, directors and/or senior officers of the Asset and Property Managers. The interest of these persons could conflict with those of the REIT.

### Tax-Related Risks

Legislation (the "SIFT Rules") relating to the federal income taxation of publicly listed or traded trusts (such as income trusts and Real Estate Investment Trusts) and partnerships change the manner in which certain flow-through entities and the distributions from such entities are taxed. Under the SIFT Rules, certain publicly listed or traded flow-through trusts and partnerships referred to as "specified investment flow-through" or "SIFT" trusts and partnerships will be taxed in a manner similar to the taxation of corporations, and investors in SIFTs will be taxed in a manner similar to shareholders of a corporation. Amendments to the SIFT Rules were tabled by the Minister of Finance (Canada) in a Notice of Ways and Means motion on February 2, 2009, and received Royal Assent on March 12, 2009.

The new taxation regime introduced by the SIFT Rules is not applicable to funds that qualify for the exception under the SIFT Rules applicable to certain Real Estate Investment Trusts (the "REIT Exception"). The stated intention of the Minister of Finance (Canada) in introducing the REIT Exception is to exempt certain Real Estate Investment Trusts from taxation as SIFTs in recognition of "the unique history and role of collective real estate investment vehicles." If the REIT fails to qualify for the REIT Exception, the REIT will be subject to the tax consequences as set out in "Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations."

The SIFT Rules generally do not apply to a fund that was publicly listed before November 1, 2006 (an "Existing Fund"), until the 2011 taxation year of the fund, subject to acceleration in certain circumstances where the "normal growth" of the fund exceeds certain permitted limits (the "Undue Expansion Rules"). There can be no assurance that any additions to the capital or assets of the REIT will not, alone or in combination with each other, constitute an "undue expansion" under the Undue Expansion Rules. The Undue Expansion Rules would only be relevant to the REIT if it has not at all times since October 31, 2006, qualified for the REIT Exception.

To qualify for the REIT Exception in a particular taxation year (i) the Real Estate Investment Trust must, at no time in the taxation year, hold "non-portfolio property" other than "qualified REIT properties"; (ii) not less than 95% of the Real Estate Investment Trust's revenues for the taxation year must be derived from one or more of the following: (a) rent from "real or immovable properties," (b) interest, (c) capital gains from dispositions of real or immovable properties, (d) dividends, and (e) royalties; (iii) not less than 75% of the Real Estate Investment Trust's revenues for the total from "real or immovable properties," (b) interest, (a) rent from "real or immovable properties," (b) interest, (c) capital gains from dispositions of real or immovable properties, or hypothecs, on real or immovable property, and (c) capital gains from dispositions of real or immovable properties; and (iv) at no time in the taxation year may the total fair market value of all properties held by the Real Estate Investment Trust, each of which is a real or immovable property, indebtedness of a Canadian corporation represented by bankers' acceptance, money, a deposit with a credit union, or, generally, a debt obligation of a government in Canada or certain other public bodies, be less than 75% of the Real Estate Investment Trust at that time.

As mentioned above, the SIFT Rules will apply to an Existing Fund (other than a Real Estate Investment Trust that qualifies for the REIT Exception) commencing with taxation years ending in or after 2011 or earlier if there is "undue expansion" under the Undue Expansion Rules. Accordingly, unless the REIT Exception is applicable to the REIT, the SIFT Rules could, commencing in 2011 or earlier if there is "undue expansion" under the Undue Expansion Rules, impact the level of cash distributions which would otherwise be made by the REIT and the taxation of such distributions to Unitholders.

The REIT Exception is applied on an annual basis. Even with the recent amendments to the SIFT legislation, there remain certain issues with the REIT's ability to qualify for the REIT Exception. Management of the REIT intends to review alternative measures that may be available in order to qualify for the REIT Exception. These measures include certain internal restructuring of assets held by certain entities owned by the REIT and certain securities issued by such entities. Any such restructuring will be undertaken only if it is in the best interests of the REIT's Unitholders. Based on the REIT's interpretation of the REIT Exception, management expects to be able to undertake restructurings so that the REIT should qualify for the REIT Exception. No assurance can be given that the REIT will qualify for the REIT Exception.

# **CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

The REIT's management, with participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, is responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting as defined in the Canadian Securities Administrators' National Instrument 52-109.

There were no changes in internal control over financial reporting during the first quarter of 2009 that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect the REIT's internal control over financial reporting.

The REIT's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect its disclosure controls and procedures or internal control over financial reporting will prevent or detect all misstatements due to error or fraud. Due to the inherent limitations in all control systems, an evaluation of controls and their design provides only reasonable and not absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud or error have been detected. The REIT is continually evolving and enhancing its systems of controls and procedures.

# OUTLOOK

The Canadian economy is in the midst of a global economic crisis. Primaris is not immune to the impact of this crisis. Employment levels and consumer confidence in Canada, two key drivers of consumer spending, are on a downward trend with no apparent turning point in sight. This is negative for our customer base, the Canadian retail industry. Our recent tenant sales, on a same-tenant basis, were negative in 2009 when compared to 2008. As a result, there is further negativity to be felt.

Capital, both debt and equity, is much scarcer than just one year ago. Conduit debt is unavailable in the market. Recent issuances of unsecured debt by some of the REIT's peers were done at credit spreads much wider than in recent history. While Primaris has not been a significant user of such debt instruments, other borrowers have been and we must now compete with them for funds.

At an operating level, occupancy rates remain high, lease maturities are long, and tenant sales are good compared to longerterm historical trends. There is, however, more downtime when releasing units and the depth of demand for space from retailers has decreased. The REIT's properties generally have strong market positions.

At a corporate level, the balance sheet continues to remain very liquid. The REIT has no material debt maturing until March 2011. The REIT will be patient and use this deliberate positioning of its financial resources when consistent with its objectives.

# Interim Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands of dollars)

	March 2	31, 009	December 31, 2008
Assets	(Unaudi	ted)	
Income-producing properties (note 3)	\$ 1,428,	848 \$	\$ 1,443,958
Leasing costs (note 4)	38,	427	38,200
Rents receivable (note 5)	5,	245	4,812
Other assets and receivables (note 6)	28,	004	24,438
Cash and cash equivalents	80,	196	97,424
	\$ 1,580,	720	\$ 1,608,832
Liabilities and Unitholders' equity			
Liabilities:			
Mortgages payable (note 8)	\$ 885,	591 \$	\$ 890,258
Convertible debentures (note 9)	93,	106	95,438
Accounts payable and other liabilities (note 11)	39,	815	45,782
Distribution payable	6,	341	6,334
Future income taxes (note 16)	43,	300	40,800
	1,068,	153	1,078,612
Unitholders' equity	512,	567	530,220
Commitments and contingencies (note 20)			
	\$ 1,580,	720 \$	\$ 1,608,832

# Interim Consolidated Statements of Income

(In thousands of dollars, except per unit amounts) Three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 (Unaudited)

	2009	2008
Revenue:		
Minimum rent	\$ 40,568	\$ 39,571
Recoveries from tenants	25,311	23,789
Percentage rent	724	712
Parking	1,528	1,564
Interest and other	887	1,086
	69,018	66,722
Expenses:		
Property operating	17,839	15,616
Property taxes	12,562	12,211
Depreciation	17,047	18,821
Amortization	1,503	1,125
Interest (note 13)	14,625	14,182
Ground rent	300	353
General and administrative	2,118	1,908
	65,994	64,216
Income before income taxes	3,024	2,506
Future income taxes (note 16)	2,500	150
Net income	\$ 524	\$ 2,356
Basic and diluted net income per unit (note 12(d))	\$ 0.008	\$ 0.038

# Interim Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(In thousands of dollars) Three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 (Unaudited)

	2009	2008
Net income	\$ 524	\$ 2,356
Amortization of deferred net loss on cash flow hedges	62	63
Comprehensive income	\$ 586	\$ 2,419

# Interim Consolidated Statements of Unitholders' Equity

(In thousands of dollars)

Three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 (Unaudited)

2009	Amount of Units Issued	Co	ntributed Surplus	Net Income	Distributions	of Co	Equity omponent C onvertible ebentures	cumulated Other prehensive Income (Loss)	Total
Unitholders' equity,									
beginning of period	\$ 772,686	\$	-	\$ 43,183	\$ (291,756)	\$	8,530	\$ (2,423)	\$ 530,220
Net income	-		-	524	-		-	-	524
Distributions	-		-	-	(19,016)		-	-	(19,016)
Amortization of deferred loss on									
cash flow hedges	-		-	-	-		-	62	62
Equity incentive plan (note 12(e))	-		14	-	-		-	-	14
Issuance of units under distribution									
reinvestment plan	717		-	-	-		-	-	717
Issuance of units under asset									
management agreement	57		-	-	-		-	-	57
Purchase of convertible debentures									
under normal course issuer bid	-		255	_	-		(266)	-	(11)
Unitholders' equity, end of period	\$ 773,460	\$	269	\$ 43,707	\$ (310,772)	\$	8,264	\$ (2,361)	\$ 512,567

2008		Amount of Units Issued	Net Income	Distributions	of Co	Equity omponent onvertible ebentures	cumulated Other prehensive Income (Loss)	Total
Unitholders' equity,								
beginning of period	\$	767,511	\$ 33,406	\$ (215,904)	\$	8,551	\$ (2,672)	\$ 590,892
Net income		-	2,356	-		_	-	2,356
Comprehensive income		-	-	-		_	63	63
Distributions		-	-	(18,913)		_	-	(18,913)
Issuance of units under distribution								
reinvestment plan		642	-	-		_	-	642
Issuance of units under asset								
management agreement		757	-	-		_	-	757
Conversion of convertible debentures	6							
to units, net of costs		217	-	-		(5)	_	212
Unitholders' equity, end of period	\$	769,127	\$ 35,762	\$ (234,817)	\$	8,546	\$ (2,609)	\$ 576,009

# Interim Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(In thousands of dollars) Three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 (Unaudited)

	2009	2008
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operations:		
Net income	\$ 524	\$ 2,356
Items not involving cash:		
Depreciation of income-producing properties	16,172	18,005
Depreciation of recoverable improvements	827	816
Amortization of leasing commissions and tenant improvements	1,503	1,125
Accretion of convertible debt	269	249
Future income taxes	2,500	150
	21,795	22,701
Change in non-cash operating items:		
Gain on purchase of convertible debentures under normal course issuer bid	(467)	-
Depreciation of fixtures and equipment	48	-
Amortization of above- and below-market leases	(621)	(474)
Amortization of tenant inducements	36	27
Amortization of financing costs	403	322
Other (note 14)	(9,632)	(6,797)
Leasing commissions	(220)	(199)
Tenant inducements	(53)	-
	11,289	15,580
Financing:		
Mortgage principal repayments	(4,555)	(4,085)
Financing costs	-	(35)
Distributions to Unitholders	(19,009)	(18,902)
Issuance of units, net of costs	717	642
Purchase of convertible debentures under normal course issuer bid	(2,288)	-
	(25,135)	(22,380)
Investments:		
Acquisition of income-producing properties (note 2)	-	(7,024)
Additions to buildings and building improvements	(1,821)	(2,847)
Additions to tenant improvements	(1,493)	(2,020)
Additions to recoverable improvements	(68)	(1,378)
	(3,382)	(13,269)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(17,228)	(20,069)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	97,424	94,202
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 80,196	\$ 74,133

# Interim Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (continued)

(In thousands of dollars) Three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 (Unaudited)

	2009	2008
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Interest paid	\$ 14,598	\$ 14,122
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash operating and financing activities:		
Value of units issued under asset management agreement	57	757
Value of units issued under equity incentive plan	14	-
Value of units issued from conversion of convertible debentures	-	217
Financing costs transferred to equity upon conversion of convertible debentures	-	8
Financing accumulated amortization transferred to equity upon conversion		
of convertible debentures	-	(3)

# Notes to Interim Consolidated Financial Statements

(In thousands of dollars, except per unit amounts) Three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 (Unaudited)

Primaris Retail Real Estate Investment Trust (the "REIT") is an unincorporated open-ended real estate investment trust created pursuant to the Declaration of Trust dated March 28, 2003 as amended and restated.

# 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

# (a) Basis of presentation:

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("Canadian GAAP"). The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the REIT and its wholly owned subsidiaries.

# (b) Adoption of New Accounting Policies:

In February 2008, the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants issued a new accounting standard, Handbook Section 3064 – Goodwill and Intangible Assets, which replaces existing guidance on the accounting for intangible assets. The new standard provides guidance on the definition of an intangible asset and the recognition of internally generated intangible assets. Handbook Section 1000 – Financial Statement Concepts, was also amended to provide consistency with this new standard. This new standard was adopted by the REIT on January 1, 2009, with retrospective adjustments made to the comparative period. The impact of the adoption of this new standard was (i) to reclassify recoverable improvements previously described as recoverable operating costs from a component within deferred costs to a component within income-producing properties and (ii) to reclassify the related amortization of the recoverable improvements from property operating expenses to depreciation expense.

As at January 1, 2009, the net book value of recoverable operating costs of \$17,761 was reclassified to a component of incomeproducing properties. For the three-month period ended March 31, 2008, operating expenses have been reduced by \$816 and depreciation expense has been increased by the same amount with no resultant change to the REIT's net income.

# (c) Income-Producing Properties:

Income-producing properties include land, buildings and building improvements, acquired leasing costs and recoverable improvements.

Income-producing properties are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. If events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an income-producing property may be impaired, a recoverability analysis is performed based upon estimated undiscounted cash flows to be generated from the income-producing property. If the analysis indicates that the carrying value is not recoverable from future cash flows, the income-producing property is written down to estimated fair value and an impairment loss is recognized.

Building under development, when applicable, consists mainly of costs incurred for redevelopment or expansion of properties. Costs capitalized include construction costs, development fees and interest costs. Net operating income of a development project is capitalized to the property until it is substantially complete.

Depreciation of buildings is determined on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets, but not exceeding 40 years, from the time of acquisition.

Building improvements and recoverable improvements are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the term of their estimated useful lives of up to 10 years.

#### (d) Leasing Costs:

Leasing commissions are amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the related lease.

Payments to tenants under lease obligations are characterized either as tenant improvements owned by the landlord or as tenant inducements. When the obligation is determined to be a tenant improvement owned by the REIT, the REIT is considered to have acquired an asset. If the REIT determines that for accounting purposes it is not the owner of the tenant improvements, then the obligations under the lease are treated as tenant inducements. Tenant improvements and tenant inducements are amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. The amortization of tenant improvements is recorded as amortization expense and the amortization of tenant inducements is treated as a reduction of revenue.

#### (e) Intangible Assets and Liabilities:

Acquired intangible assets and liabilities are initially recognized and measured at cost. The cost of the intangible assets is allocated to the individual assets acquired based on management estimates.

Intangible assets and liabilities are amortized using the straight-line method over the term and non-cancellable renewal periods of the related underlying lease, where applicable. Amortization of in-place leasing costs is classified as depreciation expense. Amortization of above- and below-market leases is classified as minimum rent.

Intangible assets and liabilities are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Any impairment loss recognized is recorded to the related amortization accounts.

#### (f) Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and short-term investments, such as bankers' acceptances and treasury bills with initial maturity dates of less than 90 days.

#### (g) Fixtures and Equipment:

Fixtures and equipment, including leasehold improvements, computer hardware and software, are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization expense is recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of each asset.

#### (h) Financing Costs:

Financing costs are presented with the related debt and amortized using the effective interest rate over the anticipated life of the related debt.

#### (i) Revenue Recognition:

Revenue from income-producing properties includes rent earned from tenants under lease agreements, percentage rent, property tax and operating cost recoveries and other incidental income, and is recognized as revenue over the term of the underlying leases. All predetermined rent adjustments in lease agreements are accounted for on a straight-line basis over the term of the respective leases. Percentage rent is not recognized until a tenant's actual sales reach the sales threshold as set out in the tenant's lease.

#### (j) Unit-Based Compensation:

The REIT uses the fair value based method of accounting for its equity awards, under which compensation expense is measured at the grant date and recognized over the vesting period.

### (k) Financial Instruments:

Financial instruments are classified as one of the following: (i) held-to-maturity, (ii) loans and receivables, (iii) held-for-trading, (iv) available-for-sale or (v) other liabilities. Financial assets and liabilities classified as held-for-trading are measured at fair value with gains and losses recognized in the consolidated statements of income. Financial instruments classified as held-to-maturity, loans and receivables or other liabilities are measured at amortized cost. Available-for-sale financial instruments are measured at fair value at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses recognized in the consolidated statements of statements of comprehensive income.

The REIT designated its cash and cash equivalents and bank indebtedness as held-for-trading; rents receivable, loan payment subsidy and escrow funds as loans and receivables; and mortgages payable, convertible debentures, accounts payable and other liabilities and distribution payable as other liabilities. The REIT has neither available-for-sale nor held-to-maturity instruments.

Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issuance of financial assets or liabilities are accounted for as part of the respective asset or liability's carrying value at inception.

All derivative instruments, including embedded derivatives, are recorded in the consolidated statements of income at fair value, except for embedded derivatives exempted from derivative treatment.

#### (1) Hedging:

The REIT formally documents relationships between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as its risk management objectives and strategies for undertaking hedge transactions. This includes linking instruments to specific assets and liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets or to specific firm commitments or anticipated transactions.

The instruments that are used in hedging transactions are formally assessed both at the inception of a transaction and on an ongoing basis as to whether the instruments that are used in hedging transactions are highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values of hedged items.

In a fair value hedge, the change in fair value of the hedging derivative is offset in the consolidated statements of income against the change in the fair value of the hedged item relating to the hedged risk. In a cash flow hedge, the change in fair value of the derivative, to the extent effective, is recorded in other comprehensive income until the asset or liability being hedged affects the consolidated statements of income, at which time, the related change in fair value of the derivative is recorded in the consolidated statements of income. Any hedge ineffectiveness is recorded in the consolidated statements of income.

#### (m) Income Taxes:

The REIT uses the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes. Future income taxes are recognized for the temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Future income tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted or substantively enacted tax rates and laws that are expected to apply to taxable income in the periods in which those temporary differences are expected to be reversed or settled. The effect on future income tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rate is recognized in income in the period that includes the date of enactment or substantive enactment (note 16).

### (n) Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant areas of estimation include: allocation of purchase price on property acquisitions, recovery revenue accruals, fair value of mortgages and debentures payable, future income tax timing reversals and useful lives used to calculate depreciation and amortization.

### 2. ACQUISITIONS:

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, the REIT completed the purchase of property on Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario. The acquisitions have been accounted for by the purchase method with the results of operations included in these consolidated financial statements from the dates of acquisition. The purchase price allocation to net assets was as follows:

		2009
	(U	Inaudited)
Land	\$	2,025
Buildings		5,058
In-place leasing costs		33
Other liabilities		(92)
Purchase price paid in cash, including acquisition costs of \$116	\$	7,024

# 3. INCOME-PRODUCING PROPERTIES:

March 31, 2009 (Unaudited)	Cost	Depre	ccumulated ciation and nortization	Net Book Value
Land	\$ 292,624	\$	_	\$ 292,624
Buildings	1,111,870		110,493	1,001,377
Building improvements	44,304		14,142	30,162
In-place leasing costs	178,010		90,327	87,683
Recoverable improvements	25,853		8,851	17,002
	\$ 1,652,661	\$	223,813	\$ 1,428,848

December 31, 2008		Cost	Depre	ccumulated eciation and mortization	Net Book Value	
Land	\$	292,620	\$	_	\$ 292,620	
Buildings		1,111,820		103,348	1,008,472	
Building improvements		42,537		13,107	29,430	
In-place leasing costs		178,518		82,843	95,675	
Recoverable improvements		25,785		8,024	17,761	
	\$	1,651,280	\$	207,322	\$ 1,443,958	

# 4. LEASING COSTS:

March 31, 2009 (Unaudited)	Cost	Accumulated Amortization		Net Book Value
Leasing commissions	\$ 6,165	\$	1,766	\$ 4,399
Tenant improvements	43,001		10,459	32,542
Tenant inducements	1,776		290	1,486
	\$ 50,942	\$	12,515	\$ 38,427
December 31, 2008	Cost	Accumulated Amortization		Net Book Value
Leasing commissions	\$ 6,088	\$	1,678	\$ 4,410
Tenant improvements	41,514		9,193	32,321
Tenant inducements	1,723		254	1,469
	\$ 49,325	\$	11,125	\$ 38,200

# 5. RENTS RECEIVABLE:

	]	March 31, 2009	Dec	ember 31, 2008
	(U	naudited)		
Rents receivable, net of allowance of \$1,265 (December 31, 2008 - \$1,234)	\$	732	\$	1,002
Accrued recovery income		3,380		1,833
Accrued percentage rent		370		1,169
Other amounts receivable		763		808
	\$	5,245	\$	4,812

# 6. OTHER ASSETS AND RECEIVABLES:

		March 31, 2009	Dec	cember 31, 2008
	(U	Jnaudited)		
Loan payment subsidy (note 8)	\$	1,595	\$	1,664
Straight-line rents		8,163		7,835
Above-market rent leases, net of accumulated				
amortization of \$5,183 (December 31, 2008 – \$5,022)		1,230		1,391
Prepaid realty taxes		5,271		1,579
Prepaid ground rent		5,783		5,944
Fixtures and equipment, net of accumulated amortization of \$97 (December 31, 2008 – \$49)		417		465
Other assets		5,545		5,560
	\$	28,004	\$	24,438

The loan payment subsidy is receivable as follows:

	(Unaudited)
2009 remainder	\$ 235
2010	324
2011	1,036
	\$ 1,595

# 7. INTANGIBLE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:

The following intangible assets and liabilities have been included in these consolidated financial statements as indicated below:

	Net Book Value Amortizat						nortizatio	on Expense
			,		March 31, 2009		March 31, 2008	
	J)	Jnaudited)			(U	naudited)	(U	Inaudited)
In-place leasing costs (note 3)	\$	87,683	\$	95,675	\$	7,992	\$	10,029
Above-market rent leases (note 6)		1,230		1,391		161		239
Below-market rent leases (note 11)		(7,293)		(8,075)		(782)		(722)

# 8. MORTGAGES PAYABLE:

Mortgages payable are secured by income-producing properties and, in many cases, by corporate guarantees and bear interest at fixed rates ranging between 5.08% and 7.45% (December 31, 2008 – 5.08% and 7.45%). In 2003, the REIT assumed a mortgage payable as part of an acquisition and obtained a loan payment subsidy from the vendor as the assumed mortgage bore interest at above-market rates. The weighted average interest rate for the mortgages payable, excluding the financing costs, is 5.68% (2008 – 5.68%). Mortgages payable mature at various dates between 2009 and 2022.

		March 31, 2009	D	ecember 31, 2008
	1)	Unaudited)		
Mortgages payable	\$	884,287	\$	888,842
Mark-to-market adjustment		6,229		6,601
Financing costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$1,936 (December 31, 2008 - \$1,677)		(4,925)		(5,185)
	\$	885,591	\$	890,258

Future principal payments on the mortgages payable are as follows:

(Unaudited)	Paymen Mat	ts on	Total Annual Payments		Total
2009 remainder	\$ 3	,748 \$	14,050	\$	17,798
2010		-	19,631		19,631
2011	36	,828	20,265		57,093
2012	21	,226	21,570		42,796
2013	150	,917	19,447		170,364
Thereafter	492	,417	84,188		576,605
	\$ 705	,136 \$	179,151	\$	884,287

# 9. CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES:

						March 31, 2009	De	cember 31, 2008
		6.75%		5.85%				
		onvertible		Convertible				
	D	ebentures	I	Debentures		Total		Total
					J)	Jnaudited)		
Principal balance, beginning of period	\$	6,104	\$	99,954	\$	106,058	\$	106,816
Conversions		-		-		-		(758)
Repurchases		-		(3,051)		(3,051)		-
Principal balance, end of period	\$	6,104	\$	96,903	\$	103,007	\$	106,058
Debt component	\$	6,013	\$	90,107	\$	96,120	\$	98,687
Less financing costs		(253)		(3,760)		(4,013)		(4,132)
Accumulated amortization		118		881		999		883
	\$	5,878	\$	87,228	\$	93,106	\$	95,438

The full terms of the convertible debentures are contained in the public offering documents and the following table summarizes some of the terms:

Debenture Series	n 31, 2009 al Balance	Maturity	Interest Rate	te Conversion Price		Redemption Date, After
5.85%	\$ 96,903	August 1, 2014	5.85%	\$	22.55	August 1, 2012
6.75%	6,104	June 30, 2014	6.75%		12.25	June 30, 2010

In certain circumstances, redemption of the convertible debentures may occur sooner than the redemption date.

#### (a) 5.85% Convertible Debentures:

During the period, there were no conversions of convertible debentures (March 31, 2008 – nil). During the period, \$3,051 (2008 – nil) of convertible debentures were repurchased under the REIT's normal course issuer bid. As at March 31, 2009, the face value of this series of debentures outstanding was \$96,903 (December 31, 2008 – \$99,954).

#### (b) 6.75% Convertible Debentures:

During the current period, there were no conversions of convertible debentures into units. During the three months ended March 31, 2008, holders of \$222 of convertible debentures at face value exercised their option to convert to units. Of the \$222, \$5 was recorded as a reduction of the original equity component and \$217 was recorded as a reduction of the debt component; this ratio is consistent with the original equity and debt ratio. A total of 18,120 units were issued on conversion. As at March 31, 2009, the face value of this series of debentures outstanding was \$6,104 (December 31, 2008 – \$6,104).

# **10. BANK INDEBTEDNESS:**

The REIT has an operating line of \$120,000 that expires on July 31, 2010. The operating line is secured by fixed charges on certain income-producing properties and a corporate guarantee. Draws on the operating line are subject to certain conditions; interest is at prime rate plus applicable premiums, or at the option of the REIT, at bankers' acceptance rates, plus applicable premiums. As at March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, no amount has been drawn on the operating line.

# **11. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER LIABILITIES:**

		March 31, 2009	De	cember 31, 2008
	J)	Jnaudited)		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	29,742	\$	34,909
Tenant deposits		2,127		2,256
Deferred revenue		653		542
Below-market rent leases, net of accumulated				
amortization of \$9,298 (December 31, 2008 - \$8,516)		7,293		8,075
	\$	39,815	\$	45,782

# 12. UNITHOLDERS' EQUITY:

The REIT is authorized to issue an unlimited number of units. Each unit represents a single vote at any meeting of Unitholders and entitles the Unitholder to receive a pro rata share of all distributions. The Unitholders have the right to require the REIT to redeem their units on demand. Upon receipt of the redemption notice by the REIT, all rights to and under the units tendered for redemption shall be surrendered and the holder thereof shall be entitled to receive a price per unit ("Redemption Price"), as determined by a market formula. The Redemption Price will be paid in accordance with the conditions provided for in the Declaration of Trust.

The REIT's Unitholders' equity is represented by two categories of equity: trust units of the REIT and exchangeable units of subsidiaries of the REIT. As at March 31, 2009, there were 2,420,261 exchangeable units issued and outstanding by subsidiaries of the REIT with a stated value of 335,671 (December 31, 2008 – 2,420,261 units with a stated value of 335,671). These exchangeable units are economically equivalent to trust units and are entitled only to receive distributions equal to those provided to holders of trust units. As a result, the Unitholders' equity includes the issued and outstanding units of the REIT and the exchangeable units of subsidiaries of the REIT.

The REIT's Trustees have discretion in declaring distributions (note 17).

#### (a) Units Outstanding:

(Unaudited)		March 31, 2009		March 31, 2008
	Units	Amount	Units	Amount
Balance, beginning of period	62,269,712	\$ 772,686	61,937,650	\$ 767,511
Issuance of units under the distribution				
reinvestment plan	73,015	717	39,902	642
Other (note 19(a))	5,681	57	43,518	757
Conversion of debentures (note 9)	-	-	18,120	217
Balance, end of period	62,348,408	\$ 773,460	62,039,190	\$ 769,127

#### (b) Distribution Reinvestment Plan:

The REIT has a distribution reinvestment plan that allows Unitholders to use the monthly cash distributions paid on their existing units to purchase additional units directly from the REIT. Unitholders who elect to participate in the distribution reinvestment plan will receive a further distribution, payable in units, equal in value to 3% of each cash distribution.

# (c) Normal Course Issuer Bid:

Pursuant to the issuer bid initiated in November 2008, which terminates on November 30, 2009, the REIT repurchased convertible debentures with a face value of \$3,051 (2008 – nil) for consideration of \$2,316 (2008 – nil) during the period ended March 31, 2009.

## (d) Per Unit Calculations:

Per unit information is calculated based on the weighted average number of units outstanding (including the exchangeable units) for the period ended March 31, 2009, of 62,306,961 units (March 31, 2008 – 61,965,060 units). The weighted average number of diluted units for the period ended March 31, 2009, is 67,230,327 (March 31, 2008 – 66,950,493). The convertible debentures have been excluded from the calculation of diluted net income per unit, as they are currently anti-dilutive to net income; therefore, diluted net income per unit is the same as basic net income per unit.

# (e) Equity Incentive Plan:

In order to provide long-term compensation to certain officers, employees and trustees of the REIT and certain designated service providers to the REIT, there may be grants of restricted units or options, which are subject to certain restrictions. Under the REIT's equity incentive plan, the maximum number of total units issuable is limited to 7% of the then issued and outstanding units at any given time. As at April 30, 2008, 4,345,973 units were reserved for issuance under the equity incentive plan. As at December 31, 2008, no grants had been made under the equity incentive plan.

On January 1, 2009, 6,659 restricted share units were granted to an employee and will be satisfied by units issued from treasury. This award was valued at \$71. The restricted share units vest on December 31, 2012. The restricted share units are subject to vesting conditions and are subject to forfeiture until the employee has been employed by the REIT for a specified period of time. The restricted share units accrue cash distributions during the vesting period and accrued distributions will be paid when the restricted share units are exchanged for regular units.

On January 1, 2009, options to acquire 111,588 units were granted to an employee of the REIT at an option price of \$10.70 per unit. This award was valued at \$71. The options expire December 31, 2015. The exercise price of each option equals the closing market price of the REIT's units on the day prior to the grant. The options vest at 25% per annum commencing on the first anniversary of the grant, becoming fully vested after four years.

The REIT accounts for its unit-based compensation using the fair value method, under which compensation expense is measured at the grant date and recognized over the vesting period. Unit-based compensation expense and assumptions used in the calculation thereof using the Black-Scholes model for option valuation are as follows:

(Unaudited)	March 31, 2009	March 31, 2008
Unit-based compensation expense	\$ 14	\$ _
Unit options granted	111,588	_
Unit option holding period (years)	7	-
Volatility rate	22.0%	-
Distribution yield	11.4%	-
Risk free interest rate	2.1%	_
Weighted average fair value per unit, at grant date:		
Options	\$ 0.64	\$ -
Restricted share units	10.70	_

# **13. INTEREST EXPENSE:**

(Unaudited)	March 31, 2009	March 31, 2008
Mortgages payable	\$ 12,232	\$ 11,982
Amortization of net deferred loss on cash flow hedges	62	63
Convertible debentures	1,809	1,821
Bank indebtedness	119	147
Amortization of financing costs	403	322
Capitalized interest	-	(153)
	\$ 14,625	\$ 14,182

# 14. CHANGE IN OTHER NON-CASH OPERATING ITEMS:

(Unaudited)	March 31, 2009	March 31, 2008
Rents receivable	\$ (433)	\$ (864)
Other assets and receivables, excluding above-market leases	(3,775)	(2,262)
Accounts payable and other liabilities, excluding below-market leases	(5,052)	(3,293)
Mortgage premium	(372)	(378)
	\$ (9,632)	\$ (6,797)

### **15. SEGMENT DISCLOSURE:**

Substantially all of the REIT's assets are in and its revenue is derived from the Canadian real estate industry segment. No single tenant accounts for more than 5.9% (December 31, 2008 - 5.8%) of the REIT's minimum rent.

# **16. INCOME TAXES:**

The REIT currently qualifies as a Mutual Fund Trust for Canadian income tax purposes. Prior to new legislation relating to the federal income taxation of publicly listed or traded trusts, as discussed below, income earned by the REIT and distributed annually to Unitholders was not, and would not be, subject to taxation in the REIT, but was taxed at the individual Unitholder level. For financial statement reporting purposes, the tax deductibility of the REIT's distributions was treated as an exemption from taxation as the REIT distributed and was committed to continue distributing all of its taxable income to its Unitholders. Accordingly, prior to the new legislation, the REIT did not record a provision for income taxes, or future income tax assets or liabilities, in respect of the REIT or its wholly owned subsidiary trust.

On June 22, 2007, legislation relating to the federal income taxation of a "specified investment flow-through" trust or partnership (a "SIFT") received Royal Assent (the "SIFT Rules"). A SIFT includes a publicly listed or traded partnership and trust, such as an income trust and a real estate investment trust. The REIT is a SIFT, as discussed below.

Under the SIFT Rules, following a transition period for qualifying SIFTs, certain distributions from a SIFT will no longer be deductible in computing a SIFT's taxable income, and a SIFT will be subject to tax on such distributions at a rate that is substantially equivalent to the general tax rate applicable to a Canadian corporation. Distributions paid by a SIFT as returns of capital will not be subject to tax.

A SIFT that was publicly listed before November 1, 2006 (an "Existing Trust"), will become subject to tax on certain distributions commencing with the 2011 taxation year end. However, an Existing Trust may become subject to tax prior to the 2011 taxation year end if its equity capital increases beyond certain limits measured against the market capitalization of the Existing Trust at the close of trading on October 31, 2006. As at March 31, 2009, the REIT had not exceeded this limit.

Under the SIFT Rules, the new taxation regime will not apply to a trust that meets prescribed conditions relating to the nature of its income and investments (the "REIT Conditions"). As currently structured, the REIT does not meet the REIT Conditions and, therefore, is a SIFT.

Accordingly, commencing in 2011, the REIT will become subject to tax on distributions of certain income.

Due to the SIFT Rules, the REIT commenced recognizing future income tax assets and liabilities on June 22, 2007 with respect to the temporary differences between the carrying amounts and tax bases of its assets and liabilities, and those of its subsidiary trust, that are expected to reverse in or after 2011. Future income tax assets or liabilities are recorded using substantively enacted tax rates and laws expected to apply when the temporary differences are expected to reverse.

Temporary differences that are expected to reverse in 2011 have been measured using a tax rate of 30.5%. Temporary differences expected to reverse in or after 2012 have been measured using a tax rate of 29.0%. Between December 31, 2008 and March 31, 2009, the REIT has recorded a non-cash future tax expense of \$2,500. The future income tax expense is primarily a result of a change in the future tax rates and certain costs deducted for tax.

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the future income tax liability are as follows:

		March 31, 2009	De	cember 31, 2008
	(	(Unaudited)		
Future income tax liabilities:				
Income-producing properties	\$	31,300	\$	29,800
Leasing costs		8,400		7,000
Other assets and receivables		3,300		3,400
Other		300		600
Future income taxes	\$	43,300	\$	40,800

No provision for current income taxes is required at March 31, 2009 since the REIT expects to distribute all of its taxable income to its Unitholders in accordance with the Declaration of Trust.

# **17. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT:**

The REIT manages its capital structure in order to support ongoing property operations, developments and acquisitions, as well as to generate stable and growing cash distributions to Unitholders – one of the REIT's primary objectives. The REIT defines its capital structure to include: mortgages payable, bank indebtedness, acquisition facilities, convertible debentures and trust units. There were no changes to the REIT's approach to capital management during the three months ended March 31, 2009.

The REIT reviews its capital structure on an ongoing basis. The REIT adjusts its capital structure in response to investment opportunities, the availability of capital and anticipated changes in economic conditions and their impact on the REIT's portfolio. The REIT also adjusts its capital structure for budgeted development projects and distributions.

The REIT's strategy is driven in part by external requirements from certain of its lenders and by policies as set out under the Declaration of Trust. The REIT's Declaration of Trust requires that the REIT:

- (a) Will not incur any new indebtedness on its properties in excess of 75% of the property's market value;
- (b) Will not incur any indebtedness that would cause the Debt to Gross Book Value Ratio (as defined in the Declaration of Trust) to exceed 60%;
- (c) Will not incur floating rate indebtedness aggregating more than 15% of Gross Book Value; and
- (d) Will distribute to Unitholders an amount equal to or greater than the taxable income for the taxation year.

In addition, the REIT is required by its lenders under the operating line to meet four financial covenants, as defined in the agreement:

- (a) A Debt to Gross Book Value Ratio of not more than 60%;
- (b) An Interest Coverage Ratio of greater than 1.75;
- (c) A Debt Service Coverage Ratio of greater than 1.5; and
- (d) A minimum Unitholders' equity of \$700,000.

Those amounts as at March 31, 2009, and December 31, 2008, were as follows:

	March 31, 2009	De	ecember 31, 2008	Change
Debt to Gross Book Value	49.5%		49.2%	0.3%
Interest Coverage (rolling four quarters)	2.5x		2.5x	-
Debt Service Coverage (rolling four quarters)	1.9x		1.9x	-
Unitholders' equity	\$ 779,680	\$	770,318	\$ 9,362

For the three months ended March 31, 2009, the REIT met all externally imposed requirements.

The REIT's mortgage lenders require security for their loans. The security can include: registration of the mortgage, assignment of the leases and rents receivable, corporate guarantees and assignment of insurance policies.

In November 2008, the REIT renewed its normal course issuer bid, which entitles the REIT to acquire up to 3,000,000 units, \$610 of the 6.75% convertible debentures and \$9,995 of the 5.85% convertible debentures. Purchases under the bid could commence on December 1, 2008, and must terminate on the earlier of: (i) November 30, 2009; (ii) the date on which the REIT completes its purchases of units and convertible debentures; or (iii) the date of notice by the REIT of termination of the bid. Purchases, if completed, will be made on the open market by the REIT. Securities purchased under this bid will be cancelled. The price the REIT will pay for any such units will be the market price at the time of acquisition. The REIT believes that the market price of its units at certain times may be attractive and that purchases of units from time to time would be an appropriate use of funds in light of potential benefits to Unitholders.

#### **18. RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES:**

#### (a) Risk Management:

In the normal course of business, the REIT is exposed to a number of risks that can affect its operating performance. These risks, and the actions taken to manage them, are as follows:

# (i) Credit Risk:

Credit risk arises from the possibility that tenants may experience financial difficulty and be unable to pay the rents due under their lease commitments. The REIT attempts to mitigate the risk of credit loss by ensuring that its tenant mix is diversified and by limiting its exposure to any one tenant. Thorough credit assessments are conducted in respect of new leasing, and tenant deposits are obtained when warranted.

The REIT's exposure to credit risk is based on business risks associated with the retail sector of the economy. The REIT measures this risk-by-tenant concentration across the portfolio. The REIT has over 850 different tenants across the portfolio.

The REIT establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts that represents the estimated losses in respect to rents receivable. The amounts that comprise the allowance are determined on a tenant-by-tenant basis based on the specific factors related to the tenant.

The REIT places its cash investments with high-quality Canadian financial institutions.

# (ii) Liquidity Risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the REIT will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The REIT's approach to managing its obligations is to maintain sufficient resources to meet its obligations when due without undue risk to the REIT.

The REIT monitors its cash requirements on an ongoing basis to ensure there are sufficient resources to operate the properties, as well as fund anticipated leasing, capital and development expenditures. In addition, the REIT manages cash to meet its debt obligations, fund general and administrative costs and to make Unitholder distributions. Liquidity management includes monitoring compliance with debt covenants, staggering loan maturities, estimating lease renewals and property acquisitions and dispositions. A schedule of principal repayments is provided in note 8.

As at March 31, 2009, the REIT has cash and cash equivalents of \$80,196 and a line of credit of \$120,000 on which no amount has been drawn (note 10).

#### (iii) Market Risk:

All of the REIT's properties are focused on the Canadian retail sector. Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices, will affect the REIT's financial instruments. All of the REIT's operations are denominated in Canadian dollars, resulting in no direct foreign exchange risk. The REIT's existing debts are all at fixed interest rates. The REIT staggers the maturities of its mortgages payable in order to minimize the exposure to future interest rate fluctuation.

# (b) Fair Values:

The fair values of the REIT's financial assets and financial liabilities, together with the carrying amounts shown in the consolidated balance sheets, are as follows:

			March 31, 2009			De	ecember 31, 2008
	Carrying Amount		Fair Value	Sair Value Carrying Amount			Fair Value
Mortgages payable	\$	885,591	\$ 860,618	\$	890,258	\$	861,505
Convertible debentures		93,106	80,109		95,438		71,473

The following summarizes the significant methods and assumptions used in estimating fair values of financial instruments reflected in the above table:

#### (i) Mortgages Payable:

The fair value of the REIT's mortgages payable is estimated based on the present value of future payments, discounted at the yield on a Government of Canada bond with the nearest maturity date to the underlying mortgage, plus an estimated credit spread at the reporting date for a comparable mortgage.

#### (ii) Convertible Debentures:

The fair value of the convertible debentures is estimated based on the market trading prices of the convertible debentures.

# (iii) Other Financial Assets and Liabilities:

The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, rents receivable, loan payment subsidy, accounts payable and other liabilities and distribution payable approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature.

## **19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:**

(a) The REIT has retained Oxford Properties Group to provide advisory, asset management, development and administration services to the REIT.

(Unaudited)	March 31, 2009	March 31, 2008
Asset management fees	\$ 969	\$ 1,269
Development fees	63	179
	\$ 1,032	\$ 1,448

Asset management fees are included in general and administrative expenses and development fees are capitalized to incomeproducing properties. The REIT has also reimbursed the Asset Manager for \$80 of general and administrative costs during the period ended March 31, 2009 (March 31, 2008 – \$65).

Of these fees, \$1,073 is included in accounts payable and other liabilities at March 31, 2009 (December 31, 2008 – \$1,370). During the period ended March 31, 2009, the REIT issued \$57 of units in partial payment of asset management fees (March 31, 2008 – \$757).

(b) The REIT has retained Oxford Properties Group to provide property management and leasing services to the REIT.

(Unaudited)	March 31, 2009	March 31, 2008
Property management fees	\$ 2,328	\$ 1,519
Leasing fees	198	189
	\$ 2,526	\$ 1,708

Property management fees are included in property operating expenses and leasing fees are included in leasing costs.

Of these fees, \$359 is included in accounts payable and other liabilities at March 31, 2009 (December 31, 2008 – \$331). The REIT has also reimbursed the Property Manager for certain property operating costs.

(c) The REIT has one loan payment subsidy at March 31, 2009 (2008 - one), with Oxford Properties Group.

(Unaudited)	March 31, 2009		March 31, 2008	
Loan interest payment subsidy received	\$	25	\$	29

The loan payment subsidy is offset against interest expense.

(d) Early in 2008, the REIT engaged a broker to source a new mortgage. This broker conducted a fulsome marketed process which resulted in the most competitive bid from OMERS Administration Corporation.

In August 2008, the REIT borrowed \$110,000 from OMERS Administration Corporation, an entity that is related to both the external Asset and Property Manager of the REIT. The new mortgage bears interest at 5.49% and matures in July 2013.

During the period ended March 31, 2009, the REIT expensed interest of \$1,480 on this mortgage. The balance outstanding as at March 31, 2009, was \$108,772.

(e) The REIT entered into a lease for office space with an entity related to the asset and property manager of the REIT. The lease commences on December 1, 2009, for a period of 10 years. The estimated average annual rental payments under the lease are \$1,320.

These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

# 20. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

- (a) Under the terms of a memorandum of agreement dated June 7, 1971 between The City of Calgary and Oxford Properties Group Inc. ("OPGI") as assumed, assigned and amended from time to time, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, by a development amending agreement between The City of Calgary, Marathon Realty Company Limited and The Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited, OPGI is obligated to pay for certain roadway construction near Northland Village and such roadway construction obligation remains registered on title for this property. OPGI has fully indemnified the REIT in respect of this obligation. These obligations were assumed by an affiliate of OPGI.
- (b) The REIT has certain income-producing properties situated on leased land. Minimum lease payments are as follows:

2009 remainder	\$ 881
2010	1,175
2011	1,248
2012	1,375
2013 Thereafter	1,400
Thereafter	43,925
	\$ 50,004

- (c) Under the terms of one of the ground leases that expires in 2056, the REIT may be required to restore the site to the state at the commencement of the ground lease. The REIT has recorded a potential discounted liability of \$223 (December 31, 2008 \$221) for these potential restoration costs.
- (d) The REIT has issued letters of credit in the amount of \$1,815 (December 31, 2008 \$1,815).
- (e) The REIT has entered into contracts for asset management and property management services (note 19(a) and (b)), which terminate on December 31, 2009.
- (f) The REIT is involved in litigation and claims in relation to the income-producing properties that arise from time to time in the normal course of business. In the opinion of management, any liability that may arise from such contingencies would not have a significant adverse effect on the consolidated financial statements.

# 21. FUTURE CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The Canadian Accounting Standards Board has confirmed that International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") will, for public entities, replace Canadian GAAP effective for fiscal periods beginning on or after January 1, 2011, with comparative figures presented on the same basis. The Canadian Securities Administrators have provided issuers with the option of early adopting IFRS for Canadian reporting purposes. The REIT does not intend to prematurely adopt IFRS at this time. The REIT is currently evaluating the impact of adopting IFRS and its primary accounting purposes and developing its changeover plan.

# 22. COMPARATIVE FIGURES:

Certain 2008 figures have been reclassified to conform with the financial statement presentation adopted in 2009.

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