

# FAIRFAX *News Release*

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## **INTENTION TO MAKE A NORMAL COURSE ISSUER BID FOR SUBORDINATE VOTING SHARES AND PREFERRED SHARES**

Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited (“**Fairfax**”) (TSX: FFH)(TSX: FFH.U) announces that the Toronto Stock Exchange (the “**TSX**”) has accepted a notice filed by Fairfax of its intention to commence a Normal Course Issuer Bid (“**NCIB**”) through the facilities of the TSX (or other alternative Canadian trading systems) for its Subordinate Voting Shares and the following series of its Preferred Shares: Cumulative 5-Year Rate Reset Preferred Shares, Series C (“**Series C Shares**”), Cumulative Floating Rate Preferred Shares, Series D (“**Series D Shares**”), Cumulative 5-Year Rate Reset Preferred Shares, Series E (“**Series E Shares**”), Cumulative Floating Rate Preferred Shares, Series F (“**Series F Shares**”), Cumulative 5-Year Rate Reset Preferred Shares, Series G (“**Series G Shares**”), Cumulative Floating Rate Preferred Shares, Series H (“**Series H Shares**”), Cumulative 5-Year Rate Reset Preferred Shares, Series I (“**Series I Shares**”), Cumulative Floating Rate Preferred Shares, Series J (“**Series J Shares**”), Cumulative 5-Year Rate Reset Preferred Shares, Series K (“**Series K Shares**”) and Cumulative 5-Year Rate Reset Preferred Shares, Series M (“**Series M Shares**” and, together with the Series C Shares, Series D Shares, Series E Shares, Series F Shares, Series G Shares, Series H Shares, Series I Shares, Series J Shares and Series K Shares, the “**Preferred Shares**”). Purchases will be made in accordance with the rules and policies of the TSX and Subordinate Voting Shares and Preferred Shares purchased will be cancelled.

As stated in the notice, Fairfax’s board of directors has approved the purchase on the TSX, during the period commencing September 28, 2018 and ending September 27, 2019, of Subordinate Voting Shares and Preferred Shares up to the following limits:

	<u>Securities Outstanding<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Limit on Purchases</u>	
		<u>Total Limit<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Daily Limit<sup>3</sup></u>
Subordinate Voting Shares	27,769,483	2,612,802	10,453
Series C Shares	6,016,384	601,588	1,000
Series D Shares	3,983,616	398,361	1,000
Series E Shares	3,967,134	396,713	1,000
Series F Shares	3,572,044	357,204	1,000
Series G Shares	7,432,952	743,295	1,000
Series H Shares	2,567,048	256,704	1,000
Series I Shares	10,465,553	1,046,555	1,000
Series J Shares	1,534,447	153,444	1,000
Series K Shares	9,500,000	950,000	1,803
Series M Shares	9,200,000	920,000	1,555

Notes:

1. As of September 7, 2018.
2. Represents approximately 10% of the public float in respect of the Subordinate Voting Shares and 10% of the public float in respect of each series of Preferred Shares.
3. Represents the maximum number of shares of that class or series that may be purchased over the TSX (or alternative Canadian trading systems) during the course of one trading day. This amount is equal to the greater of (i) 25% of the average daily trading volume on the TSX calculated in accordance with the rules of the TSX, and (ii) 1,000 shares. This limitation does not apply to purchases made pursuant to block purchase exemptions.

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Fairfax is making this NCIB because it believes that in appropriate circumstances its Subordinate Voting Shares and Preferred Shares represent an attractive investment opportunity and that, with respect to the Subordinate Voting Shares, purchases under the bid will enhance the value of the Subordinate Voting Shares held by the remaining shareholders.

Pursuant to its existing normal course issuer bid, Fairfax sought and received approval from the TSX to purchase up to 2,672,504 Subordinate Voting Shares, 601,538 Series C Shares, 344,111 Series D Shares, 396,713 Series E Shares, 357,204 Series F Shares, 743,295 Series G Shares, 256,704 Series H Shares, 1,046,555 Series I Shares, 153,444 Series J Shares, 950,000 Series K Shares and 920,000 Series M Shares. Under its existing normal course issuer bid, Fairfax has purchased 700,539 of its Subordinate Voting Shares, which included Subordinate Voting Shares reserved for share-based payment awards, through open market purchases on the TSX during the last twelve months at a weighted average price per share of Cdn.\$667.29. Fairfax has not purchased any Preferred Shares under its existing normal course issuer bid.

Fairfax also announces that it has entered into an automatic share purchase plan (the “ASPP”) with a designated broker to allow for the purchase of its Subordinate Voting Shares under the NCIB at times when Fairfax normally would not be active in the market due to applicable regulatory restrictions or internal trading black-out periods. Before the commencement of any particular internal trading black-out period, Fairfax may, but is not required to instruct its designated broker to make purchases of Subordinate Voting Shares under the NCIB during the ensuing black-out period in accordance with the terms of the ASPP. Such purchases will be determined by the broker in its sole discretion based on parameters established by Fairfax prior to commencement of the applicable black-out period in accordance with the terms of the ASPP and applicable TSX rules. Outside of these black-out periods, Subordinate Voting Shares will be purchasable by Fairfax at its discretion under its NCIB.

The ASPP commenced on September 25, 2018 and will terminate on the earliest of the date on which: (a) the maximum annual purchase limit under the NCIB has been reached; (b) the NCIB expires; or (c) Fairfax terminates the ASPP in accordance with its terms. The ASPP constitutes an “automatic securities purchase plan” under applicable Canadian securities laws.

Fairfax is a holding company which, through its subsidiaries, is engaged in property and casualty insurance and reinsurance and investment management.

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