

# ONTARIO 7-YEAR — \$1.5 BILLION DMTN CAD GREEN BOND

## Background

- On October 6, 2020, the Province of Ontario priced a \$1.5 billion Green Bond. The transaction represents the eighth Green Bond offering from Ontario, and the Province's second Green Bond issue offered in the Domestic Medium Term Note (DMTN) program.
- Ontario is currently the largest issuer of Canadian dollar Green Bonds at \$6.75 billion issued and \$6.25 billion outstanding.
- Four projects have been selected as eligible to receive funding from the issue. This includes two Clean Transportation projects, an Energy Efficiency and Conservation project and a project under the Climate Adaptation and Resilience framework category.
- Ontario strives to be a leader in its transparency and impact reporting efforts with the publication of its annual newsletter.

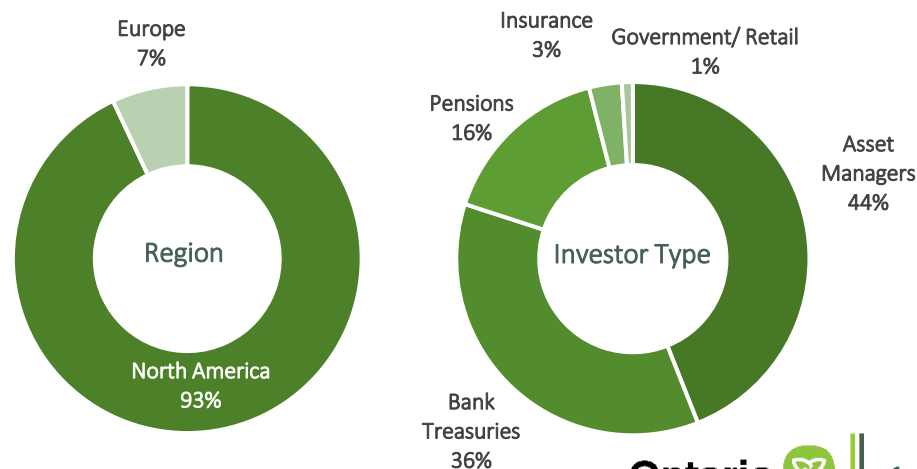
## Execution Highlights

- On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, the deal was officially announced with initial spread guidance set in the context of the market, which was in the area of +55 bps.
- The transaction met with strong investor demand and the order book grew in excess of \$1.9 billion. The final size and spread were set at \$1.5 billion and +55 bps. The strong investor demand allowed for the issue to be priced slightly through Ontario's benchmark curve.
- 48 investors participated in the trade with interest driven by Asset Managers (44%), Bank Treasuries (36%), Pension Funds (16%), Insurance (3%) and Government/Retail (1%).
- North American investors made up the majority of regional demand (93%) highlighting the increasing number of North American funds with sustainable investing mandates and needs. Investors with Green mandates and/or UN PRI signatories represented 64% of overall sales.

## Transaction Summary

<b>Issuer:</b>	Province of Ontario
<b>Issuer Ratings:</b>	Aa3/A+/AA-/AAL (all stable)
<b>Size:</b>	CAD 1.5 Billion
<b>Coupon:</b>	1.850%
<b>Pricing Date:</b>	October 6, 2020
<b>Settlement Date:</b>	October 8, 2020
<b>Maturity Date:</b>	February 1, 2027
<b>Re-offer Spread:</b>	+55 bps over the CAN 1.50% June 1, 2026
<b>Re-offer Price:</b>	\$105.80
<b>Joint Bookrunners:</b>	RBC Capital Markets, TD Securities Inc.

## Investor Demand by Region and Investor Type



Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding.

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## Ontario's Green Bond Framework

- Ontario's Framework aligns with [Ontario's Environment Plan](#).<sup>1</sup>
- The Framework was developed in consultation with the Center for International Climate and Environmental Research — Oslo (CICERO) and is consistent with the Green Bond Principles.
- The Framework sets out the types of projects that may be eligible for proceeds from Green Bonds and excludes fossil fuel and nuclear energy projects. Eligible project categories include, without limitation:

-  Clean Transportation
-  Energy Efficiency and Conservation
-  Clean Energy and Technology
-  Forestry, Agriculture and Land Management
-  Climate Adaptation and Resilience

## Use and Management of Green Bond Proceeds

- Proceeds are paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario.
- Proceeds are invested short-term in Government of Canada treasury bills.
- An amount equal to the net proceeds of each Green Bond issue is recorded in a designated account in the Province's financial records. These designated accounts are used to track the use and allocation of funds to eligible projects.
- Green Bond projects are expected to be funded within one year from the date of issue.
- An assurance audit is performed by the Auditor General of Ontario verifying amounts allocated to selected projects and tracking the Green Bond proceeds. This assurance audit is expected within a year of the issue date. The most recent assurance audit was completed on November 29, 2019.

## Eligible Projects for Ontario's Eighth Green Bond

### Clean Transportation

GO Expansion

Finch West Light Rail Transit

### Energy Efficiency & Conservation

Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital

### Climate Adaptation & Resilience

Port Lands Flood Protection

## United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

- Ontario funds eligible Green Bond projects within Framework categories which primarily support the following UNSDGs:



## EU Taxonomy

- Ontario funds Green Bond projects that contribute to environmental objectives set out in the EU Taxonomy, primarily in Climate Change Mitigation and Climate Change Adaptation.

Note 1: Examples of eligible projects have expanded to align with Ontario's Environment Plan, *Preserving and Protecting our Environment for Future Generations: A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan*.