## ONTARIO 7-YEAR — \$1.0 BILLION DMTN CAD GREEN BOND

## Background

- On October 5, 2022, the Province of Ontario priced a \$1.0 billion re-opening of its November 2029 Green Bond.
- The transaction represents the Province's twelfth Green Bond offering and the Province's first Green Bond issue in 2022–23. It is the Province's sixth Green Bond issue offered in the Domestic Medium Term Note (DMTN) program.
- Ontario is the largest and most consistent issuer in the Canadian dollar Green Bond market, having issued \$13.5 billion since its inaugural issue in 2014.
- Five projects have been selected as eligible to receive funding from the issue. This includes five Clean Transportation projects, with a focus on the electrification of Ontario's mass transit system buildout.

## **Execution Highlights**

- The deal was officially announced on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, with initial spread guidance set in the context of the market, which was in the area of +66.0 bps.
- The transaction was met with strong investor demand with the order book closing in excess of \$1.3 billion. This demand allowed for the issue to be priced the same morning. The final size and spread were set at \$1.0 billion and +65.0 bps, slightly through Ontario's benchmark curve.
- 35 investors participated in the trade with interest driven by Banks (64%), Pension Funds (21%), and Asset Managers (9%).
- Canadian investors made up the majority of regional demand (96%)
  highlighting the increasing number of North American funds with
  sustainable investing mandates and needs. Investors with Green
  mandates and/or UN PRI & PRB signatories represented 91% of
  overall sales.

### **Transaction Summary**

**Issuer:** Province of Ontario

**Issuer Ratings:** Aa3/A+/AA-/AAL (all stable)

Size: CAD 1.0 Billion

**Coupon:** 1.55%

Pricing Date: October 5, 2022

Settlement Date: October 7, 2022

Maturity Date: November 1, 2029

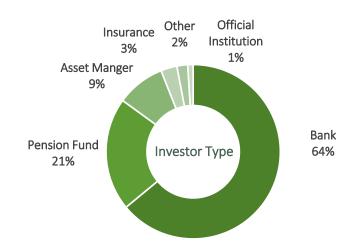
Re-offer Spread: +65.0 bps over the CAN 2.25% June 1, 2029

Re-offer Price: \$85.564

Joint Bookrunners: CIBC Capital Markets, National Bank Financial,

RBC Capital Markets, and TD Securities

## Investor Demand by Investor Type



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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 15, 2021.

#### Eligible Projects for Ontario's Twelfth Green Bond

#### **Clean Transportation**

**GO** Expansion

Finch West Light Rail Transit (LRT)

Hurontario I RT

Ontario Line Subway

Scarborough Subway Extension

## **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.