

Estate Planning Checklist

Use this form to identify updates to your estate plan as a starting point for discussion with your legal and tax advisors.

Review Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Will

- Do you have a will?
- Is your will up-to-date and signed?
- Have you experienced any major life events that require you to update your will?
- Is your will stored safely, yet accessible?
- Have you chosen your personal representative?
- Have you selected an alternative personal representative in case your primary is unable to fulfill his or her duties?
- Have you notified your potential personal representative about the duties expected of him or her?
- Have you considered appointing a professional personal representative?

Enduring Power of Attorney

- Have you prepared a Enduring power of attorney?
- Is your Enduring power of attorney up to date?
- Is your Attorney aware of their duties?
- Have you named an alternative Attorney in case your primary is unable to fulfill their duties?

Personal directive

- Have you prepared a Personal Directive?
- Is your Personal Directive up to date?
- Is the person acting on your behalf aware of their duties?
- Have you named an alternative person in your Personal Directive in case your primary is unable to fulfill their duties?
- Do you have any specific wishes relating to your care that should be included in your Personal Directive and discussed with your loved ones?

Beneficiaries

- Have you named a beneficiary for your RRSP?
- Have you named a successor or beneficiary for your RRIF?
- Have you named a successor or beneficiary for your TFSA?
- Have you named a beneficiary for your life insurance policies?
- If your RESP does not have a joint subscriber, have you provided for a successor subscriber in your will?

Arrangements for dependents

- Have you named a Guardian and a Trustee for your children?
- Have you planned for their future income?
- Have you planned for any ongoing physical and psychological needs?
- Have you planned for their ongoing education?

Charitable giving

- Have you made arrangements for any charitable giving?
- Are there charitable causes you would like to support after your death?

Financial planning

- Have you organized your financial assets properly and efficiently to minimize taxes and probate fees?
- Do you have an inventory of your estate assets and liabilities along with advisor contact information?

Funeral arrangements

- Have you made pre-arrangements for your funeral with a funeral home?
- Have you discussed your funeral wishes with your loved ones? Have you set aside enough money to cover funeral costs?