

# HAPPY BELLY FOOD GROUP INC.

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual general meeting (the "Meeting") of the holders of common shares of Happy Belly Food Group Inc. (the "Company") will be held on Thursday, December 28, 2023 at 9:00 am PT for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive the audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended December 31, 2022, the auditor's reports thereon and the management's discussion and analysis for the financial year ended December 31, 2022;
- 2. To fix the number of directors for the ensuing year at five (5);
- 3. To elect directors of the Company for the ensuing year;
- 4. To re-appoint Buchanan Barry LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as auditor of the Company for the ensuing year and to authorize the board of directors to fix the auditor's remuneration;
- 5. To re-approve the 15% rolling stock option plan of the Company, as more particularly described in the accompanying management information circular (the "**Circular**");
- 6. To re-approve the fixed restricted share unit plan of the Company, as more particularly described in the accompanying Circular; and
- 7. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or at any adjournment thereof.

Accompanying this notice is the Circular. The Circular contains details of matters to be considered at the Meeting.

The Meeting will be held in <u>virtual only format</u>, which will be conducted via Microsoft Teams. Registered shareholders and validly appointed proxyholders may attend the Meeting at:

Meeting Link:https://www.microsoft.com/en-ca/microsoft-teams/join-a-meetingMeeting ID:265 402 188 463Passcode:xj2zew

Shareholders who are unable to attend the Meeting in person and who wish to ensure that their common shares will be voted at the Meeting, must complete, date and execute the enclosed form of proxy, or another suitable form of proxy, and deliver it by hand, by mail or by fax in accordance with the instructions set out in the form of proxy and in the Circular accompanying this Notice of Meeting.

# Shareholders who plan to attend the Meeting must follow the instructions set out in the form of proxy and in the Circular to ensure that their common shares will be voted at the Meeting.

If you have any questions about the procedures required to qualify to vote at the Meeting or about obtaining and depositing the required form of Proxy, you should contact Endeavor Trust Corporation at 604-559-8880.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

# HAPPY BELLY FOOD GROUP INC.

"Shawn Moniz"

Shawn Moniz, CEO



# MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR

as at November 10, 2023

This Management Information Circular (the "Circular") is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the management **Happy Belly Food Group Inc.** (the "Company" or "Happy Belly") for use at the annual general meeting (the "Meeting") of its shareholders to be held on **Thursday, December 28, 2023** at the time and place and for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of the Meeting.

In this Circular, references to "the Company", "we" and "our" refer to **Happy Belly Food Group Inc**. "common shares" means common shares without par value in the capital of the Company. "Beneficial Shareholders" means shareholders who do not hold common shares in their own name and "intermediaries" refers to brokers, investment firms, clearing houses and similar entities that own securities on behalf of Beneficial Shareholders.

Registered Shareholders who attend the Meeting will have an opportunity to participate at the Meeting, regardless of their geographic location.

# GENERAL PROXY INFORMATION

# **Solicitation of Proxies**

The solicitation of proxies will be primarily by mail, but proxies may be solicited personally or by telephone by directors, officers and regular employees of the Company at nominal cost. The Company will bear all costs of this solicitation.

# Notice-and-Access

The Company is sending out proxy-related materials to shareholders using the notice-and-access provisions under National Instrument 51-102 – Continuous Disclosure Obligations ("**NI 51-102**") and NI 54-101 (together with NI 51-102, the "**Notice-and-Access Provisions**"). The Company anticipates that use of the Notice-and-Access Provisions will benefit the Company by reducing the postage and material costs associated with the printing and mailing of the proxy-related materials and will also reduce the environmental impact of such actions.

Shareholders will be provided with electronic access to the Notice, this Circular, the Company's management's discussion and analysis of the results of operations and financial condition of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2022 (the "**MD&A**") and the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and accompanying notes for the year ended December 31, 2022 (together with the MD&A, the "**MD&A and Financials**") together with the auditor's report thereon on SEDAR+ at <u>www.sedarplus.ca</u> and at <u>happybellyfg.com</u>.

Shareholders are reminded to review the Circular before voting. Shareholders will receive paper copies of a notice package (the "**Notice Package**") via pre-paid mail containing a notice with information prescribed by the Noticeand-Access Provisions and a form of proxy (if you are a registered Shareholder) or a voting instruction form (if you are a non-registered Shareholder). The Company will not use procedures known as "stratification" in relation to the use of Notice-and-Access Provisions. Stratification occurs when an issuer using Notice-and-Access Provisions sends a paper copy of the Circular to some securityholders with a Notice Package.

Shareholders with questions about notice-and-access can call the Company's transfer agent, Endeavor Trust Corporation ("**Endeavor Trust**" or the "**Transfer Agent**") toll-free at 1-888-787-0888 (Canada and the U.S. only) or direct at (604) 559-8880 (outside Canada and the U.S.). Shareholders may obtain paper copies of the Circular and the MD&A and Financials free of charge by calling 833.375.2682 at any time up until and including the date of the Meeting, including any adjournment or postponement thereof. Any Shareholder wishing to obtain a paper copy of the Meeting materials should submit their request no later than **9:00 a.m. (Vancouver time)** on **Tuesday, December 19, 2023**in order to receive paper copies of the Meeting materials in time to vote before the Meeting. Under the Notice-and-Access Provisions, Meeting materials will be available for viewing at happybellyfg.com for one year from the date of posting.

#### **Appointment of Proxyholders**

The individuals named in the accompanying form of proxy are directors and/or officers of the Company (collectively, "Management's Nominees"). A SHAREHOLDER WISHING TO APPOINT SOME OTHER PERSON (WHO NEED NOT BE A SHAREHOLDER) TO REPRESENT HIM, HER OR IT AT THE MEETING HAS THE RIGHT TO DO SO, EITHER BY STRIKING OUT THE NAMES OF MANAGEMENT'S NOMINEES NAMED IN THE ACCOMPANYING FORM OF PROXY AND INSERTING THE DESIRED PERSON'S NAME IN THE BLANK SPACE PROVIDED IN THE FORM OF PROXY OR BY COMPLETING ANOTHER FORM OF PROXY.

#### INFORMATION FOR REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS

Registered shareholders may wish to vote by proxy whether or not they are able to attend the Meeting in person. Registered shareholders electing to submit a proxy may do so by:

- a) completing, dating and signing the enclosed form of proxy and returning it to Endeavor Trust, by fax (604) 559-8908, or by mail at #702-777 Hornby Street, Vancouver, BC, V6Z 1S4; or
- b) using the internet through the website of Endeavor Trust at <u>www.eproxy.ca</u>. Registered shareholders must follow the instructions that appear on the screen and refer to the enclosed proxy form for the Control Number and the proxy access number.

A proxy will not be valid unless the completed form of proxy is received by Endeavor Trust not less than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time for holding the Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Proxies delivered after that time will not be accepted.

# INFORMATION FOR NON-REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS

These securityholder materials are being sent to both registered and non-registered owners of the securities. If you are a non-registered owner, and the issuer or its agent has sent these materials directly to you, your name and address and information about your holdings of securities, have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the intermediary holding on your behalf.

Only registered shareholders or duly appointed proxyholders are permitted to vote at the Meeting. Most shareholders of the Company are "non-registered" shareholders because the common shares they own are not registered in their names but are instead registered in the names of a brokerage firm, bank or other intermediary or in the name of a clearing agency. Shareholders who do not hold their common shares in their own name (referred to herein as "Beneficial Shareholders") should note that only registered shareholders may vote at the Meeting. If common shares are listed in an account statement provided to a shareholder by a broker, then in almost all cases those common shares will not be registered under the name of the shareholder's broker or an agent of that broker. In Canada, the vast majority of such common shares are registered under the name of CDS & Co. (the registration name for CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc., which company acts as nominee for many Canadian brokerage firms). Common shares held by brokers (or their agents or nominees) on behalf of a broker's client can only be voted (for or against resolutions) at the direction of the Beneficial Shareholder. Without specific instructions, brokers and their agents and nominees are prohibited from voting common shares for the brokers' clients. Therefore, each Beneficial Shareholder should ensure that voting instructions are communicated to the appropriate person well in advance of the Meeting.

Existing regulatory policy requires brokers and other intermediaries to seek voting instructions from Beneficial Shareholders in advance of shareholders' meetings. The various brokers and other intermediaries have their own mailing procedures and provide their own return instructions to clients, which should be carefully followed by Beneficial Shareholders in order to ensure that their common shares are voted at the Meeting. Often the form of proxy supplied to a Beneficial Shareholder by its broker is identical to the form of proxy provided by the Company to the registered shareholders. However, its purpose is limited to instructing the registered shareholder (i.e. the broker or agent of the broker) how to vote on behalf of the Beneficial Shareholder. The majority of brokers now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from clients to Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("**Broadridge**"). Broadridge typically prepares a machine-readable voting instruction form, mails those forms to the Beneficial Shareholders and asks Beneficial Shareholders to return the forms to Broadridge, or otherwise communicate voting instructions to Broadridge (by way of the internet or telephone, for example). Broadridge then tabulates the results of all instructions received and provides appropriate instructions respecting the voting of

Beneficial Shareholders may fall into two categories - those who object to their identity being made known to the issuers of the securities which they own ("**Objecting Beneficial Owners**") and those who do not object to their identity being made known to the issuers of the securities which they own ("**Non-Objecting Beneficial Owners**"). Subject to the provisions of National Instrument 54-101 *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer* ("**NI 54-101**"), issuers may request and obtain a list of their Non-Objecting Beneficial Owners from intermediaries. Pursuant to NI 54-101, issuers may obtain and use the Non-Objecting Beneficial Owners list in connection with any matters relating to the affairs of the issuer, including the distribution of proxy-related materials directly to Non-Objecting Beneficial Owners.

Pursuant to NI 54-101 of the Canadian Securities Administrators, the Company is sending proxy-related materials directly to Non-Objecting Beneficial Owners, which materials will include a scannable Voting Instruction Form (a "**VIF**"). These VIFs are to be completed and returned to Endeavor Trust, by email or by facsimile. In addition, Endeavor Trust provides Internet voting as described on the VIF itself which contain complete instructions. Endeavor Trust will tabulate the results of the VIFs received from NOBOs and will provide appropriate instructions at the Meeting with respect to the common shares represented by the VIFs they receive.

By choosing to send these materials to you directly, the Company (and not the intermediary holding on your behalf) has assumed responsibility for (i) delivering these materials to you, and (ii) executing your proper voting instructions. Please return your voting instructions as specified in the request for voting instructions.

Management of the Company does not intend to pay for intermediaries to forward to Objecting Beneficial Owners under NI 54-101 the proxy-related materials and Form 54-101F7 *Request for Voting Instructions Made by Intermediary*, and, in the case of an Objecting Beneficial Owner, the Objecting Beneficial Owner will not receive the materials unless the Objecting Beneficial Owner's intermediary assumes the cost of delivery.

Although Beneficial Shareholders may not be recognized directly at the Meeting for the purposes of voting common shares registered in the name of his broker, a Beneficial Shareholder may attend the Meeting as proxyholder for the registered shareholder and vote the common shares in that capacity. **Beneficial shareholders who wish to attend the Meeting and indirectly vote their common shares as proxyholder for the registered shareholder should enter their own names in the blank space on the proxy provided to them and return the same to their broker (or the broker's agent) in accordance with the instructions provided by such broker.** 

All references to shareholders in this Circular and the accompanying form of proxy and Notice of Meeting are to shareholders of record unless specifically stated otherwise.

# **REVOCATION OF PROXIES**

In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, a registered shareholder who has given a proxy may revoke it by:

- a) executing a proxy bearing a later date or by executing a valid notice of revocation, either of the foregoing to be executed by the registered shareholder or the registered shareholder's authorized attorney in writing, or, if the registered shareholder is a corporation, under its corporate seal by an officer or attorney duly authorized, and by delivering the proxy bearing a later date to Endeavor Trust at #702-777 Hornby Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6Z 1S4 or at the address of the registered office of the Company at Suite 400, 1681 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6J 4M6 at any time up to and including the last business day that precedes the day of the Meeting or, if the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or any reconvening thereof, or in any other manner provided by law, or
- b) personally attending the Meeting and voting the registered shareholder's common shares.

A revocation of a proxy does not affect any matter on which a vote has been taken prior to the revocation.

# VOTING OF PROXIES

The common shares represented by a properly executed proxy in favour of persons proposed by management of the Company as proxyholders in the accompanying form of proxy will:

- a) be voted or withheld from voting in accordance with the instructions of the person appointing the proxyholder on any ballot that may be taken; and
- b) where a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon has been specified in the form of proxy, be voted in accordance with the specification made in such proxy.

**ON A POLL SUCH COMMON SHARES WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOUR OF EACH MATTER FOR WHICH NO CHOICE HAS BEEN SPECIFIED BY THE SHAREHOLDER.** The enclosed form of proxy when properly completed and delivered and not revoked confers discretionary authority upon the person appointed proxy thereunder to vote with respect to amendments or variations of matters identified in the Notice of Meeting, and with respect to other matters which may properly come before the Meeting. In the event that amendments or variations to matters identified in the Notice of Meeting are properly brought before the Meeting or any further or other business is properly brought before the Meeting, it is the intention of the persons designated in the enclosed form of proxy to vote in accordance with their best judgment on such matters or business. At the time of the printing of this Circular, the management of the Company knows of no such amendment, variation or other matter which may be presented to the Meeting.

# Notice to United States Shareholders

The Company's common shares are not registered under Section 12 of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "**U.S. Exchange Act**"), and this solicitation of proxies is not subject to the requirements of Section 14(a) of the U.S. Exchange Act. Residents of the United States should be aware that applicable Canadian proxy solicitation rules differ from those of the United States applicable to proxy statements under the U.S. Exchange Act.

This document does not address any income tax consequences of the disposition of the Company's common shares by shareholders. Shareholders in a jurisdiction outside of Canada should be aware that the disposition of shares by them may have tax consequences both in those jurisdictions and in Canada, and are urged to consult their tax advisors with respect to their particular circumstances and the tax considerations applicable to them.

Any information concerning any properties and operations of the Company has been prepared in accordance with Canadian standards under applicable Canadian securities laws, and may not be comparable to similar information for United States companies.

Financial statements included or incorporated by reference herein have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, and are subject to auditing and auditor independence standards in Canada, and reconciled to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

# INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS OR COMPANIES IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

No director or executive officer of the Company, nor any person who has held such a position since the beginning of the last completed financial year end of the Company, nor any proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company, nor any associate or affiliate of the foregoing persons, has any substantial or material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any matter to be acted on at the Meeting other than the election of directors, the appointment of the auditor and as set out herein.

# VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF VOTING SECURITIES

The board of directors (the "**Board**") of the Company has fixed **November 10, 2023** as the record date (the "**Record Date**") for determination of persons entitled to receive notice of the Meeting. Only shareholders of record at the close of business on the Record Date who either attend the Meeting personally or complete, sign and deliver a form of Proxy in the manner and subject to the provisions described above will be entitled to vote or to have their common shares voted at the Meeting.

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares without par value. As of the Record Date, there were **108,769,698** common shares issued and outstanding, each carrying the right to one vote. No group

of shareholders has the right to elect a specified number of directors, nor are there cumulative or similar voting rights attached to the common shares.

To the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company, as at the Record Date, no person or corporation beneficially owns, or controls or directs, directly or indirectly, voting securities of the Company carrying 10% or more of the voting rights attached to any class of outstanding voting securities of the Company.

#### VOTES NECESSARY TO PASS RESOLUTIONS

A simple majority of affirmative votes cast at the Meeting is required to pass the resolutions described herein. If there are more nominees for election as directors or appointment of the Company's auditor than there are vacancies to fill, those nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected or appointed, as the case may be, until all such vacancies have been filled. If the number of nominees for election or appointment is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled all such nominees will be declared elected or appointed by acclamation.

# SETTING NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

The persons named in the enclosed Proxy intend to vote in favour of fixing the number of directors at five (5). The Board proposes that the number of directors remain at five (5). Shareholders will therefore be asked to approve an ordinary resolution that the number of directors elected be fixed at five (5).

# **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The term of office of each of the current directors will end at the conclusion of the Meeting. Unless the director's office is earlier vacated in accordance with the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), each director elected will hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company, or if no director is then elected, until a successor is elected.

The following table sets out the names of management's nominees for election as directors, all major offices and positions with the Company and any of its significant affiliates each now holds, each nominee's principal occupation, business or employment (for the five preceding years for new director nominees), the period of time during which each has been a director of the Company and the number of common shares of the Company beneficially owned by each, directly or indirectly, or over which each exercised control or direction, as at the Record Date.

Name of Nominee; Current Position with the Company, Province and Country of Residence	Occupation, Business or Employment <sup>(1)</sup>	Period as a Director of the Company	Common Shares Beneficially Owned or Controlled <sup>(1)</sup>
Shawn Moniz <sup>(2)</sup> Ontario, Canada	CEO of Happy Belly Food Group Inc.	June 9, 2017	8,958,677 <sup>(3)</sup>
CEO, Secretary and Director			
Alex Rechichi Ontario, Canada	President and CEO of The Crave it Group since October 2013.	June 21, 2021	711,000 <sup>(4)</sup>
Chairman and Director			
<b>Mark Rechichi</b> <sup>(2)</sup> Ontario, Canada	CFO of The Crave it Group.	June 21, 2021	575,000 <sup>(5)</sup>
Director			
Kevin Cole <sup>(2)</sup> Ontario, Canada	President and CEO of STEM Animal Health.	June 21, 2021	609,000
Director			
<b>Sean Black</b> Ontario, Canada	Chief investment officer of the Company; self-employed business consultant.	December 22, 2022	1,821,000
Chief Investment Officer and Director			

- (1) The information as to principal occupation, business or employment and common shares beneficially owned or controlled is not within the knowledge of the management of the Company and has been furnished by the respective nominees. Unless otherwise indicated, each nominee has held the same or a similar principal occupation with the organization indicated or a predecessor thereof for the last five years. The number of common shares beneficially owned by the above nominees for directors, directly or indirectly, is based on information furnished by the nominees themselves.
- (2) Member of Audit Committee.
- (3) Of these 8,958,677 common shares, 1,161,392 common shares are held directly by Mr. Moniz and 7,797,285 common shares are held by Fusionworx Investment Group, a company owned and operated by Mr. Moniz.
- (4) Of these 711,000 common shares, 211,000 common shares are held directly by Mr. Rechichi and 500,000 common shares are held by 2085086 Ontario Inc., a company partly owned by Mr. Rechichi.
- (5) Of these 575,000 common shares, 75,000 common shares are held directly by Mr. Rechichi and 500,000 common shares are held by 2085086 Ontario Inc., a company partly owned by Mr. Rechichi.

# CORPORATE CEASE TRADE ORDERS OR BANKRUPTCIES

To the best of the Company's knowledge, as at the date of this Circular, and within the last 10 years before the date of this Circular, no proposed director (or any of their personal holding companies) of the Company was a director, CEO or CFO of any company (including the Company) that:

- (a) was subject to a cease trade or similar order ("**CTO**") or an order denying the relevant company access to any exemptions under securities legislation, for more than 30 consecutive days while that person was acting in the capacity as director, CEO or CFO; or
- (b) was the subject of a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the issuer access to any exemption under securities legislation in each case for a period of 30 consecutive days, that was issued after the person ceased to be a director, CEO or CFO in the company and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, CEO or CFO.

No director or executive officer of the Company, or a shareholder holding a sufficient number of securities of the Company to affect materially the control of the Company:

- (a) is as at the date of this Circular or has been within 10 years before the date of this Circular, a director or executive officer of any company, including the Company, that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets; or
- (b) has within the 10 years before the date of this Circular, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangements or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager as trustee appointed to hold the assets of that individual.

None of the proposed directors (or any of their personal holding companies) has been subject to:

- (a) any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or
- (b) any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or a regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable security holder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

# APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

On December 30, 2022, Dale Matheson Carr-Hilton Labonte, Chartered Accountants ("**DMCL**") resigned as auditor of the Company and on the same day, the Company appointed Buchanan Barry LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants ("**Buchanan Barry**"), of 840 6 Avenue Southwest, Calgary Alberta T2P 3E5, as the successor auditor.

The reporting package required by National Instrument 51-102 *Continuous Disclosure Obligations* regarding the change of auditor is attached to this Circular as Schedule "A" and was filed on SEDAR+ on January 6, 2023 at www.sedarplus.ca.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE AND RELATIONSHIP WITH AUDITOR

NI 52-110 Audit Committees ("NI 52-110") requires the Company, as a venture issuer, to disclose annually in its Circular certain information concerning the constitution of its audit committee and its relationship with its independent auditor, as set forth in the following:

## The Audit Committee's Charter

The Audit Committee has a charter. A copy of the Audit Charter is attached to the Company's management information circular dated July 22, 2021, and was filed on SEDAR+ at <u>www.sedarplus.ca</u> on August 6, 2021, and is specifically incorporated by reference into, and forms an integral part of, this Circular.

#### **Composition of the Audit Committee**

The current members of the Audit Committee are Shawn Moniz (Chair), Kevin Cole and Mark Rechichi. All members of the Audit Committee are considered to be financially literate. Mr. Moniz is the CEO and Corporate Secretary of the Company and, therefore, is not an independent member of the Audit Committee. Mr. Cole and Mr. Rechichi are not executive officers of the Company and, therefore, are independent members of the Audit Committee.

A member of the Audit Committee is independent if the member has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company. A material relationship means a relationship which could, in the view of the Company's Board, reasonably interfere with the exercise of a member's independent judgement.

A member of the Audit Committee is considered financially literate if he or she has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company.

# **Relevant Education and Experience**

The following describes the education and experience of each member of the Audit Committee that is relevant to the performance of his responsibilities as an Audit Committee member:

**Shawn Moniz** has over 22 years of experience as a strategic marketing and brand strategist in the field of customer relationship management ("**CRM**"), where he was involved in brand positioning and loyalty focus, marketing automation, digital data strategy and omni-channel data driven marketing. Mr. Moniz has served as Vice President, CRM Strategic Solutions in his most recent occupation before founding Happy Belly. Where he delivered strategic CRM and growth solutions to numerous Fortune 500 companies with clients such as Air Canada, John Hancock, Yum! Brands (Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, KFC), Tim Hortons and Kraft US / Canada.

**Kevin Cole** is a strategist and a business builder. He is known for his strategies which have led turn-arounds for many declining or slow growing CPG businesses to deliver billions of dollars in incremental growth and profit. By setting new visions, strategies, and plans, Kevin has significantly improved the performance of many brands and portfolios to deliver share leadership positions across multiple categories including Petcare (Pedigree, IAMS, Nutro, Greenies, Whiskas, and Temptations), Consumer Health (Oral Care: Sensodyne & Polident, Skin Care: OXY, Spectro) and Confections (Ferrero Rocher and the Ferrero Boxed Chocolate Portfolio).

Previously, Kevin has held senior executive and management positions in several multi-national companies including MARS Canada, GSK Consumer Healthcare, and Ferrero. He is also the Chairman of the Board for LUMIERA Health, a natural consumer health company, where he led the team through the integration of Mondias and Lumiera Health Innovation, strengthened the management team and set the foundation for the team to focus on growth. Kevin is a graduate of Wilfrid Laurier University's HBBA program.

Mark Rechichi is an entrepreneur who has co-founded and divested many iconic national and international food brands, including The Burger's Priest, Fresh Plant Powered, Mucho Burrito, The Extreme Pita and PurBlendz

Smoothies. He, along with his partners in the Crave It Group, have been early investors in private companies using his financial and operational skills to assist in nurturing and growing businesses that bring people joy and prosperity. Mark is the CFO and Co-Founder of Crave It Group.

Mr. Rechichi holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree from Queen's University and is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA), Chartered Accountant (CA), and a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). Early in his career he worked at Price Waterhouse and Merrill Lynch in Toronto, Ontario.

Each member of the Company's present and proposed Audit Committee has adequate education and experience that is relevant to their performance as an Audit Committee member and, in particular, the requisite education and experience that have provided the member with:

- (a) an understanding of the accounting principles used by the Company to prepare its financial statements and the ability to assess the general application of those principles in connection with estimates, accruals and reserves;
- (b) experience preparing, auditing, analyzing or evaluating financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements or experience actively supervising individuals engaged in such activities; and
- (c) an understanding of internal controls and procedures for financial reporting.

# Audit Committee Oversight

The Audit Committee has not made any recommendations to the Board to nominate or compensate any external auditor, other than Buchanan Barry.

# **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

The Audit Committee has not adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services.

# **External Auditor Service Fees**

The Audit Committee has reviewed the nature and amount of the non-audited services provided by DMCL for the financial year ended December 31, 2021 and by Buchanan Barry for the financial year ended December 31, 2022, to the Company to ensure auditor independence. The following table outlines the fees incurred by DMCL and Buchanan Barry, as applicable, for audit and non-audit services in the last two financial years:

Nature of Services	Fees Paid to Auditor in Year Ended <u>December 31, 2022</u>	Fees Paid to Auditor in Year Ended <u>December 31, 2021</u>
Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$90,000	\$127,613
Audit-Related Fees(2)	Nil	Nil
Tax Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	\$9,000	Nil
All Other Fees <sup>(4)</sup>	Nil	<u>Nil</u>
Total:	<u>\$99,000</u>	<u>\$127,613</u>

- (1) "Audit Fees" include fees necessary to perform the annual audit and quarterly reviews of the Company's consolidated financial statements. Audit Fees include fees for review of tax provisions and for accounting consultations on matters reflected in the financial statements. Audit Fees also include audit or other attest services required by legislation or regulation, such as comfort letters, consents, reviews of securities filings and statutory audits.
- (2) "Audit-Related Fees" include services that are traditionally performed by the auditor. These audit-related services include employee benefit audits, due diligence assistance, accounting consultations on proposed transactions, internal control reviews and audit or attest services not required by legislation or regulation.
- (3) "Tax Fees" include fees for all tax services other than those included in "Audit Fees" and "Audit-Related Fees". This category includes fees for tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice. Tax planning and tax advice includes assistance with tax audits and appeals, tax advice related to mergers and acquisitions, and requests for rulings or technical advice from tax authorities.
- (4) "All Other Fees" include all other non-audit services.

### Exemption

The Company is relying upon the exemption in section 6.1 of NI 52-110 in respect of the composition of its Audit Committee and in respect of its reporting obligations under NI 52-110 for the financial year ended December 31, 2021. This exemption exempts a "venture issuer" from the requirement to have 100% of the members of its Audit Committee independent, as would otherwise be required by NI 52-110.

# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

#### General

Effective June 30, 2005, National Instrument 58-101 *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* ("**NI 58-101**") and National Policy 58-201 *Corporate Governance Guidelines* ("**NP 58-201**") were adopted in each of the provinces and territories of Canada. NI 58-101 requires issuers to disclose the corporate governance practices that they have adopted. NP 58-201 provides guidance on corporate governance practices.

The Board believes that good corporate governance improves corporate performance and benefits all Shareholders. The Canadian Securities Administrators have adopted NI 58-201, which provides non-prescriptive guidelines on corporate governance practices for reporting issuers such as the Company. In addition, the Canadian Securities Administrators have implemented NI 58-101, which prescribes certain disclosure by the Company of its corporate governance practices. This section sets out the Company's approach to corporate governance and addresses the Company's compliance with NI 58-101.

#### **Board of Directors**

Directors are independent if they have no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company. A "material relationship" is a relationship which could, in the view of the Board be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of a director's independent judgment.

Management of the Company has been delegated the responsibility for meeting defined corporate objectives, implementing approved strategic and operating plans, carrying on the Company's business in the ordinary course, managing cash flow, evaluating new business opportunities, recruiting staff and complying with applicable regulatory requirements. The Board facilitates its independent supervision over management by reviewing and approving long-term strategic, business and capital plans, material contracts and business transactions, and all debt and equity financing transactions. Through its Audit Committee, the Board examines the effectiveness of the Company's internal control processes and management information systems. The plenary Board reviews executive compensation and recommends stock option grants.

The non-independent members of the Board are Shawn Moniz, the CEO and Corporate Secretary of the Company and Sean Black, the Chief Investment Officer ("**CIO**") of the Company. By virtue of holding the officer positions, Mr. Moniz and Mr. Black are deemed to have a material relationship with the Company, as defined in NI 52-110 and therefore, are not considered independent members of the Board.

The independent members of the Board are Alex Rechichi, Mark Rechichi and Kevin Cole. Mr. Alex Rechichi is also the Company's non-executive Chair of the Board.

# **Other Directorships**

None.

# **Orientation and Continuing Education**

When new directors are appointed to the Board, they receive orientation, commensurate with their previous experience, on the Company's properties, business, technology and industry and on the responsibilities of directors.

Board meetings may also include presentations by the Company's management and employees to give the directors additional insight into the Company's business.

# **Ethical Business Conduct**

The Board has found that the fiduciary duties placed on individual directors by the Company's governing corporate legislation and the common law and the restrictions placed by applicable corporate legislation on an individual director's participation in decisions of the Board in which the director has an interest have been sufficient to ensure that the Board operates independently of management and in the best interests of the Company.

# **Nomination of Directors**

The Board considers its size each year when it considers the number of directors to recommend to the shareholders for election at the annual meeting of shareholders, taking into account the number required to carry out the Board's duties effectively and to maintain a diversity of views and experience.

The Board, alongside the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee (the "**Committee**"), recommends the number of directors on the Board to shareholders for approval, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Business Corporations Act (*British Columbia*) (the "**BCBCA**") and the Company's Articles of Incorporation.

Between annual meetings, the Board, alongside the Committee, may appoint directors to serve until the next annual meeting, subject to compliance with the requirements of the BCBCA.

Individual Board members are responsible for assisting the Board in identifying and recommending new nominees for election to the Board, as needed or appropriate.

# Compensation

The Board determines compensation for the directors and President, CEO, CFO, CIO and COO together with the Committee.

Several factors are used in determining management compensation, such as time allotted specifically to company related activities, experience in the type of management role, skills related to the business as well as application and implementation of said skills.

In determining the compensation for the Company's President, CEO, CFO, CIO and COO, the Committee assesses a wide range of professional skills related to both business operations and technical abilities which have included the history of the President, CEO, CFO, CIO or COO in acting in those capacities for other publicly traded companies and the length of tenure.

# **Other Board Committees**

In addition to the Audit Committee, the Board currently has a Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee.

The members of the Committee are Kevin Cole (Chair), Shawn Moniz, and Mark Rechichi.

# Assessments

The Board monitors the adequacy of information given to directors, communication between the Board and management and the strategic direction and processes of the Board and committees.

# **COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

# **Executive Compensation**

In this section "Named Executive Officer" ("**NEO**") means the CEO, the CFO and each of the three most highly compensated executive officers, other than the CEO and CFO, who were serving as executive officers at the end of the most recently completed financial year and whose total compensation was more than \$150,000 as well as any additional individuals for whom disclosure would have been provided except that the individual was not serving as an executive officer of the Company at the end of the most recently completed financial year.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company had four NEOs: Shawn Moniz, CEO and Corporate Secretary of the Company, Dean Callaway, CFO of the Company, Sean Black, CIO of the Company and Donna Reddy, President of the Company. For greater clarity, Ms. Reddy resigned as President of the Company on March 31, 2022.

# **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

The Board has appointed its Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee (previously defined as the Committee). The Committee's responsibility relates to executive and director compensation, including reviewing and recommending director compensation, overseeing the Company's base compensation structure and equity-based compensation programs, recommending compensation of the Company's officers and employees, and evaluating the performance of officers generally and in light of annual goals and objectives.

The Committee makes recommendations to the Board and the Board then assumes responsibility for reviewing and monitoring the long-range compensation strategy for the senior management of the Company. The Committee is responsible for identifying executives, management, and operational talent.

The Committee possesses the technical understanding needed to determine the value of a candidate's skill set through applied practical analysis and cross-referenced compensation of closely matched executives in similar fields.

The compensation for executives includes four components: base consulting fees, bonus (if applicable), incentive stock options ("**Options**") and perquisites. As a package, the compensation components are intended to satisfy the objectives of the compensation program (that is, to attract, retain and motivate qualified executives).

Please refer to the Company's Corporate Governance Disclosure Statement, filed on SEDAR+ on November 1, 2022, at <u>www.sedarplus.ca</u>, for additional details on how the Board and the Committee determines NEO compensation.

The members of the Committee are Kevin Cole (Chair), Shawn Moniz and Mark Rechichi. Mr. Cole and Mr. Rechichi are considered to be independent members of the Committee and Mr. Moniz is deemed to have a material relationship with the Company by virtue of his position as CEO and Corporate Secretary of the Company and, therefore, is not considered an independent member of the Committee.

# **Philosophy and Objectives**

The Company's compensation policies and programs are designed to be competitive with similar companies and to recognize and reward executive performance consistent with the success of the Company's business. The compensation program for the senior management of the Company is designed to ensure that the level and form of compensation achieves certain objectives, including (a) attracting and retaining talented, qualified and effective executives, (b) motivating the short and long-term performance of these executives; and (c) better aligning their interests with those of the Company's shareholders.

In determining and approving the base salary for each NEO, the Board and the Committee take into consideration available market data. In compensating its senior management, the Company has encouraged equity participation and in furtherance thereof employs its stock option plan (the "**Option Plan**") and restricted share unit plan (the "**RSU Plan**"). This should be reworded Shawn as there are no RSU's or Options issued or outstanding to anyone.

# **Equity Participation**

The Company believes that encouraging its NEO to become shareholders is the best way of aligning their interests with those of its shareholders. Options may be granted to NEOs and consultants of the Company taking into account a number of factors, including the amount and term of options previously granted, base consulting fees and bonuses and competitive factors. The amounts and terms of options granted are determined by the Board in consultation with the Committee.

Given the evolving nature of the Company's business, the Board continues to review the overall compensation plan for senior management so as to continue to address the objectives identified above.

# **Option-Based Awards**

On July 26, 2021, the Board adopted a 15% rolling Option Plan which was approved by the shareholders of the Company at the annual general and special meeting held on December 19, 2022.

The Option Plan provides incentives to qualified parties to increase their proprietary interest in the Company and thereby encourage their continuing association with the Company. Management proposes Option grants to the Board based on such criteria as performance, previous grants, and hiring incentives. All Option grants require approval of the Board.

The Option Plan provides that the maximum number of common shares that may be issued pursuant to Options awarded under the Option Plan together with all other security-based compensation arrangements of the Company shall not exceed 15% of the issued and outstanding Shares, at any given time.

The Option Plan is administered by the Board and provides that options will be issued to directors, officers, employees or consultants of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company.

#### **Restricted Share Unit Awards**

On August 14, 2020, the Board adopted an RSU Plan which was approved by the Shareholders at the annual general and special meeting of the Company held on September 11, 2020. The RSU Plan is a fixed plan and does not require annual shareholder approval at each Meeting.

The RSU Plan was designed to provide certain directors, officers, consultants and other key employees (an "**Eligible Person**") of the Company and its related entities with the opportunity to acquire restricted share units ("**RSUs**") of the Company. The acquisition of RSUs allows an Eligible Person to participate in the long-term success of the Company thus promoting the alignment of an Eligible Person's interests with that of the shareholders.

The RSU Plan allows the Company to grant RSUs awarding up to a maximum of 4,418,158 common shares.

A copy of the RSU Plan was filed on August 14, 2020 on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

# Summary Compensation Table

				Non-equity incentive plan compensation <sup>(3)</sup> (\$)				
Name and Principal Positions	Year <sup>(1)</sup>	Salary (\$)	Share-based consideration (\$)	Annual incentive plans <sup>(2)</sup>	Long- term incentive plans <sup>(2)</sup>	Pension value <sup>(3)</sup> (\$)	All other compensation (\$)	Total compensation (\$)
Shawn Moniz <sup>(3)</sup> CEO and Secretary	2022 2021 2020	150,000 150,000 179,500 <sup>(6)</sup>	Nil Nil 81,488	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	150,000 150,000 260,988
<b>Dean Callaway</b> <sup>(4)</sup> CFO	2022 2021 2020	145,500 150,000 34,000	Nil 143,225 677	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	145,500 293,225 34,677
<b>Donna Reddy</b> <sup>(5)</sup> President (resigned)	2022 2021 2020	25,000 133,000 N/A	Nil N/A N/A	Nil N/A N/A	Nil N/A N/A	Nil N/A N/A	Nil N/A N/A	25,000 133,000 N/A
Sean Black <sup>(7)</sup> CIO	2022 2021 2020	93,548 N/A N/A	N/A 734,737 N/A	N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	93,548 734,737 N/A

(1) Year ended December 31.

(2) All amounts shown were paid in Canadian currency, the reporting currency of the Company.

(3) Mr. Moniz has served as CEO of the Company since September 12, 2017 and as Secretary since February 3, 2020.

(4) Mr. Callaway has served as CFO of the Company since February 3, 2020.

(5) Ms. Reddy served as President of the Company from February 4, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

(6) Of the \$179,500 paid to Mr. Moniz, \$94,913 represents Mr. Moniz's salary and \$84,587 represents fees earned in 2020 but paid in 2021.

(7) Mr. Black has served as the CIO of the Company since May 27, 2022. Share based compensation is in relation to Director warrant grants as detailed below.

# **Long-Term Incentive Plan Awards**

Long term incentive plan awards ("**LTIP**") means "a plan providing compensation intended to motivate performance over a period greater than one financial year". LTIP awards do not include option or SAR plans or plans for compensation through shares or units that are subject to restrictions on resale. No LTIP awards were made to the NEOs during the most recently completed financial year.

# **Outstanding Option-based Awards**

The Company has its Option Plan. During the financial year ended December 31, 2022 the following Options were outstanding to the NEOs:

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Value of Unexercised in-the-money Options(\$) <sup>(1)</sup>
Shawn Moniz	Nil	N/A	N/A	Nil
Dean Callaway	800,000	0.255	May 10, 2023	Nil
Donna Reddy	Nil	N/A	N/A	Nil
Sean Black	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A

# Aggregated Options - Value Vested or Earned during the Most Recently Completed Financial Year

The following table sets forth details of the value of option-based awards that vested or were earned during the most recently completed financial year ended December 31, 2022:

Name	Option-based awards- Value vested during the year (\$)	Share-based awards - Value vested during the year (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation - Value earned during the year (\$)
Shawn Moniz	Nil	Nil	Nil
Dean Callaway	Nil	Nil	Nil
Donna Reddy	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sean Black	Nil	Nil	Nil

# PENSION PLAN BENEFITS

The Company does not have any non-cash compensation plans, long-term incentive plans, pension or retirement plans for its officers or directors and it did not pay or distribute any non-cash compensation during the financial year ended December 31, 2022.

# TERMINATION AND CHANGE OF CONTROL BENEFITS

# **Termination and Change of Control Benefits**

On January 1, 2021, the Company entered into an amendment to the consulting agreement (the "**Chinchero Agreement**") dated January 1, 2020, entered into with Chinchero Inc., a company owned and operated by Dean Callaway, CFO of the Company. Pursuant to the Chinchero Agreement, in the event of a Change in Control, Mr. Callaway/Chinchero shall be entitled to accrued compensation plus severance pay equal to nine months salary plus an additional one month of salary for every year employed since January 1, 2020.

On July 1, 2019, the Company entered into a consulting agreement (the "**Moniz Agreement**") with Shawn Moniz, the CEO of the Company. Pursuant to the Moniz Agreement, in the event of a Change of Control, Mr. Moniz shall be entitled to accrued compensation, severance pay equal to 24 months of Mr. Moniz's salary, plus an additional \$250,000 in termination fees and a bonus payment.

"Change of Control" means the happening of any of the following events:

- any transaction pursuant to which the Company goes out of existence;
- any transaction pursuant to which any Person or any Associate Affiliate of such Person and any Person acting jointly or in concert with such Person (within the meaning of the Securities Act (British Columbia)) (other than the Company or a subsidiary of the Company), hereafter acquires the direct or indirect "beneficial ownership" (as such term is defined in the BCBCA of securities of the Company representing 50% or more of the aggregate votes of all of the Company's then issued and outstanding securities;
- the sale of all or substantially all of the Company's assets to a Person other than a Person that is an Affiliated entity;
- the dissolution or liquidation of the Company except in connection with the distribution of assets of the Company to one or more Persons which were Affiliated entities prior to such event; or

• the occurrence of a transaction requiring approval of the Company's shareholders involving the acquisition of the Company by an entity through purchase of assets, by amalgamation, reverse takeover or otherwise.

# DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

# **Director Compensation Table**

The Company has no standard arrangement pursuant to which directors are compensated by the Company for their services in their capacity as directors except for the granting from time to time of incentive Options and fees related to those outside of the mandate of director's.

# Narrative Discussion

The Company has no arrangements, standard or otherwise, pursuant to which directors were compensated by the Company for their services as directors, for committee participation, for involvement in special assignments during the most recently completed financial year.

The Company has its Option Plan for the granting of Options to the directors, officers, employees and consultants. The purpose of granting such Options is to assist the Company in compensating, attracting, retaining and motivating the directors, officers, employees and consultants and to closely align the personal interests of such persons to that of the shareholders.

# Incentive Plan Awards - Value Vested or Earned During the Year

During the financial year ended December 31, 2022, the directors who were not NEOs received the following compensation for services provided to the Company:

Name	Fees earned (\$)	Share-based awards (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation (\$)	Pension value (\$)	All other compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Marco Contardi <sup>(1)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Alex Rechichi <sup>(2)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Mark Rechichi <sup>(3)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Kevin Cole <sup>(4)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(1) Mr. Contardi served as a director of the Company from April 4, 2018 to January 31, 2023.

(2) Mr. Alex Rechichi has served as a director of the Company since June 21, 2021.

(3) Mr. Alex Rechichi has served as a director of the Company since June 21, 2021.

(4) Mr. Cole has served as a director of the Company since June 21, 2021.

On June 1, 2021, the Company entered into a strategic advisory agreement with 2085086 Ontario Inc. (the "**Advisors**") represented by Sean Black, Mark Rechichi and Alex Rechichi to assist with the private placement and to arrange for Alex Rechichi, Mark Rechichi and Kevin Cole to join the board of directors of the Company. In consideration for the assistance with the private placement and the arrangement of strategic appointments to the Board, the Company agreed to issue an aggregate of 27,000,000 (2 million to an unrelated company) non-transferrable share purchase warrants ("**Advisory Warrants**") to the Advisors. Each Advisory Warrant entitles the holder to acquire one share at a price of \$0.20 for a period of five years from their date of issue and vest upon the occurrence of the vesting triggers noted below:

Number of Advisory Warrants Vested	Vesting Trigger
5,200,000	Closing of the June 2021 private placement
2,700,000	$0.50^{(1)}$
2,750,000	\$0.75 <sup>(1)</sup>
5,400,000	$$1.00^{(1)}$
5,450,000	$$1.50^{(1)}$
5,500,000	\$2.00 <sup>(1)</sup>

(1) Closing price of the common shares on the Canadian Securities Exchange (or any other stock exchange that the common shares may trade) required to trigger vesting of Advisory Warrants.

Share based consideration, as calculated with a Black and Scholes model, equates to the equivalent of \$734,736.63 for each of Alex Rechichi, Mark Rechichi, Sean Black and Kevin Cole.

# **Outstanding Option-based Awards**

The following table sets forth for each director, other than those who are also NEOs of the Company, all awards outstanding at the end of the most recently completed financial year ended December 31, 2022, including awards granted before the most recently completed financial year.

	Option-based Awards				
Name	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the-money options (\$)	
Marco Contardi	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Alex Rechichi	Nil	N/A	N/A	Nil	
Mark Rechichi	Nil	N/A	N/A	Nil	
Kevin Cole	Nil	N/A	N/A	Nil	

# Aggregated Options – Value Vested or Earned during the Most Recently Completed Financial Year

The following table sets forth, for each director, other than those who are also NEOs of the Company, the value of all incentive plan awards vested during the financial year ended December 31, 2022:

Name	Option-based awards- Value vested during the year (\$)	Share-based awards - Value vested during the year (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation - Value earned during the year (\$)
Marco Contardi	Nil	Nil	Nil
Alex Rechichi	Nil	Nil	Nil
Mark Rechichi	Nil	Nil	Nil
Kevin Cole	Nil	Nil	Nil

# **Narrative Discussion**

The Company has no arrangements, standard or otherwise, pursuant to which directors were compensated by the Company for their services as directors, for committee participation, for involvement in special assignments during the most recently completed financial year.

# Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

The following table sets out equity compensation plan information as at the year ended December 31, 2022:

	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (\$)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
Plan Category	(a)	(b)	(c)
Equity compensation plans approved by securityholders	7,585,000	0.28	8,496,080
Equity compensation plans not approved by securityholders	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total:	7,585,000	N/A	8,496,080

# INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

No individual who is or who at any time during the last financial year was a director or executive officer or employee of the Company, a proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company or an associate of any such director, officer or proposed nominee is, or at any time since the beginning of the last completed financial year has been, indebted to the Company or any of its subsidiaries and no indebtedness of any such individual to another entity is, or has at any time since the beginning of such year been, the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

# INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

Except as disclosed herein, since the commencement of the Company's last completed financial year, no informed person of the Company, nominee for election as a director of the Company, or any associate or affiliate of an informed person or nominee, has or had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction or any proposed transaction which has materially affected or will materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

# MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

Except as set out herein, there are no management functions of the Company which are to any substantial degree performed by a person or company other than the directors or senior officers of the Company.

# PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

# **Re-Approval of Stock Option Plan**

The Board adopted the Option Plan on July 26, 2021 and the shareholders of the Company approved the Option Plan on December 19, 2022.

The material terms of the Option Plan are disclosed in the Company's Circular dated July 14, 2020, which was filed on SEDAR+ at <u>www.sedarplus.ca</u> on August 24, 2020.

# Shareholder Approval

At the Meeting, the Company's shareholders will be asked to consider and vote on the ordinary resolution to reapprove the Option Plan, with or without variation, as follows:

# "UPON MOTION DULY MADE, IT WAS RESOLVED AS AN ORDINARY RESOLUTION THAT:

- 1. The Stock Option Plan (the "**Option Plan**") as more particularly described in the information circular of the Company dated November 10, 2023, be ratified and approved.
- 2. To the extent permitted by law, the Company be authorized to abandon all or any part of the Option Plan if the board of directors deems it appropriate and in the best interests of the Company to do so.
- 3. Any one or more of the directors and officers of the Company be authorized to perform all such acts, deeds and things and execute, under seal of the Company or otherwise, all such documents as may be required to give effect to these resolutions."

# The Board recommends that shareholders vote in favour of the Option Plan. Unless such authority is withheld, the persons named in the enclosed Proxy intend to vote FOR the approval of the foregoing ordinary resolution.

An ordinary resolution is a resolution passed by the shareholders of the Company at a general meeting by a simple majority of the votes cast in person or by proxy.

A copy of the Option Plan is available for inspection at the Company's registered and records offices at Suite 400 – 1681 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6J 4M6.

# **Re-Approval of Restricted Share Unit Plan**

The Board adopted the RSU Plan on August 14, 2020 and the shareholders of the Company approved the RSU Plan on September 11, 2020.

The material terms of the RSU Plan are disclosed in the Company's Circular dated July 14, 2020, which was filed

#### Shareholder Approval

At the Meeting, the Company's shareholders will be asked to consider and vote on the ordinary resolution to reapprove the RSU Plan, with or without variation, as follows:

## **"UPON MOTION DULY MADE, IT WAS RESOLVED AS AN ORDINARY RESOLUTION THAT:**

- 1. The Restricted Share Unit Plan (the "**RSU Plan**") as more particularly described in the information circular of the Company dated November 10, 2023, be ratified and approved.
- 2. To the extent permitted by law, the Company be authorized to abandon all or any part of the RSU Plan if the board of directors deems it appropriate and in the best interests of the Company to do so.
- 3. Any one or more of the directors and officers of the Company be authorized to perform all such acts, deeds and things and execute, under seal of the Company or otherwise, all such documents as may be required to give effect to these resolutions."

# The Board recommends that shareholders vote in favour of the RSU Plan. Unless such authority is withheld, the persons named in the enclosed Proxy intend to vote FOR the approval of the foregoing ordinary resolution.

An ordinary resolution is a resolution passed by the shareholders of the Company at a general meeting by a simple majority of the votes cast in person or by proxy.

A copy of the RSU Plan is available for inspection at the Company's registered and records offices at Suite 400 – 1681 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6J 4M6.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Financial information is provided in the audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended December 31, 2022 and in the related management discussion and analysis (together, the "**Financial Statements**"). The Financial Statements were filed on SEDAR+ on April 24, 2023, at <u>www.sedarplus.ca</u> and will be placed before the Meeting.

Additional information relating to the Company and a copy of the Financial Statements may be obtained at <u>www.sedarplus.ca</u>, and upon request from the Company at Suite 400 – 1681 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, BC, V6J 4M6, telephone: (604) 737-2303 or fax: (604) 737-1140. Copies of the above documents will be provided, upon request, free of charge to security holders of the Company. The Company may require the payment of a reasonable charge from any person or company who is not a security holder of the Company, who requests a copy of any such document.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

The Board is not aware of any other matters which they anticipate will come before the Meeting as of the date of mailing of this Circular.



VIA SEDAR

December 30, 2022

Buchanan Barry LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants 840 6 Avenue Southwest Calgary AB T2P 3E5 Dale Matheson Carr-Hilton Labonte, Chartered Professional Accountants 1500 and 1700-1140 West Pender Street Vancouver, BC V6E 4G1

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

# RE: Notice of Change of Auditors dated effective December 30, 2022 Pursuant to National Instrument 51-102 *Continuous Disclosure Obligations* (the "Instrument") of the Canadian Securities Administrators

The Company hereby provides notice pursuant to the Instrument of a change of auditor by Happy Belly Food Group Inc. (the "**Company**") from Dale Matheson Carr-Hilton Labonte, Chartered Professional Accountants to Buchanan Barry LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants.

The Company confirms that:

(a) The Company has decided to change its auditor from Dale Matheson Carr-Hilton Labonte, Chartered Professional Accountants (the "Former Auditors") to Buchanan Barry LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants (the "Successor Auditors"). The Former Auditors submitted their resignation effective December 30, 2022. The Successor Auditors have agreed to their appointment as the Company's new auditors.

At the next annual general meeting of the Company, the shareholders of the Company will be asked to approve the appointment of the firm, Buchanan Barry LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants as Successor Auditors.

- (b) There were no reservations contained in the Former Auditors' Reports for either of the Company's two most recently completed fiscal years or for any period subsequent thereto for which an audit report was issued, preceding the date of this notice.
- (c) The Company's Audit Committee and board of directors have participated and approved the change of auditor for the Company and have also approved the appointment of Buchanan Barry LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants as Successor Auditors.
- (d) In the opinion of the Company, no "reportable events", as that term is defined in the Instrument have occurred prior to the date of this notice.

The Company requested that each of Dale Matheson Carr-Hilton Labonte, Chartered Professional Accountants and Buchanan Barry LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants provide the Company with a letter, in digital format, addressed to the regulatory authorities stating whether or not it agrees with the above statements.

Yours truly,

# HAPPY BELLY FOOD GROUP INC.

Per: "Shawn Moniz"

Shawn Moniz CEO



December 30, 2022

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**Ontario Securities Commission** 20 Queen Street West, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor Toronto ON M5H 3S8

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

# **RE:** Happy Belly Food Group Inc. (the "Company") – Notice Regarding Change of Auditor

As required by National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*, and in connection with our proposed engagement as auditor of the Company, we have reviewed the information contained in the Company's Notice of Change of Auditor (the "Notice") dated December 30, 2022, and agree with the information contained therein, based upon our knowledge of the information related to the said Notice and Company at this time.

Yours very truly,

Buchanan Bany LLP

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December 30, 2022

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Alberta Securities Commission

Dear Sirs:

# Re: Happy Belly Food Group Inc. (the "Company") Notice Pursuant to National Instrument <u>51-102</u> - Change of Auditor

As required by the National Instrument 51-102 and in connection with our resignation as auditor of the Company, we have reviewed the information contained in the Company's Notice of Change of Auditor, dated December 30, 2022 and agree with the information contained therein, based upon our knowledge of the information relating to the said notice and of the Company at this time.

Yours very truly,

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DALE MATHESON CARR-HILTON LABONTE LLP CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS