



## **Diversified Royalty Corp. Announces January 2016 Cash Dividend and Election by Board of Directors and CEO to Receive Compensation in Restricted Share Units**

**Vancouver, B.C., January 4, 2016, For Immediate Release** – Diversified Royalty Corp. (TSX: DIV) (the “Corporation” or “DIV”) is pleased to announce that its board of directors has approved a cash dividend of \$0.01854 per common share for the period of January 1, 2016 to January 31, 2016, which is equal to \$0.2225 per common share on an annualized basis. The dividend will be paid on January 29, 2016 to shareholders of record on January 15, 2016.

### Board of Directors and CEO Elect to Receive Compensation in Restricted Share Units in Lieu of Cash for 2016

During 2016 the board of directors of DIV have elected to receive all compensation in the form of Restricted Share Units and Sean Morrison, the CEO, has elected to receive at least 45% of his base salary in Restricted Share Units. The Restricted Share Units will be issued quarterly pursuant DIV’s Long Term Incentive Plan at the five day weighted average trading price of DIV’s common shares as at the end of each quarter. The election by the board of directors and the CEO to receive compensation in Restricted Share Units of DIV demonstrates their commitment to DIV and further aligns their interests with those of DIV’s shareholders.

### Dividend Reinvestment Plan

DIV currently has a dividend reinvestment plan (the “DRIP”) in place. The DRIP allows eligible holders of the Corporation’s common shares (“Common Shares”) to reinvest their cash dividends paid in respect of their Common Shares in additional Common Shares, which, at the Corporation’s election, will be issued from treasury or purchased on the open market. If the Corporation elects to issue Common Shares from treasury, such Common Shares will be purchased under the DRIP at a 3% discount to the volume weighted average of the closing price for the Common Shares on the TSX for the five trading days immediately preceding the relevant dividend payment date. The Corporation may, from time to time, in its sole discretion, change or eliminate the discount applicable to Common Shares issued from treasury.

To be eligible to participate in the DRIP, holders of Common Shares must be resident in Canada. Participation in the DRIP does not relieve shareholders of any liability for taxes that may be payable in respect of dividends that are reinvested in new Common Shares under the DRIP. Shareholders should consult their tax advisors concerning the tax implications of their participation in the DRIP having regard to their particular circumstances.

The full text of the DRIP is available under the “Investor Relations” section of the Corporation’s website located at <http://diversifiedroyaltycorp.com> and on Computershare’s website located at [www.investorcentre.com](http://www.investorcentre.com). Eligible beneficial shareholders who wish to participate in the DRIP should contact their investment advisor, bank or brokerage firm to enroll in the DRIP. Eligible registered shareholders may enroll online at Computershare’s web portal located at [www.investorcentre.com](http://www.investorcentre.com).

Shareholders should carefully read the complete text of the DRIP before making any decisions regarding participation in the DRIP.

### About Diversified Royalty Corp.

DIV is a multi-royalty corporation, engaged in the business of acquiring top-line royalties from well-managed multi-location businesses and franchisors in North America. DIV's objective is to acquire predictable, growing royalty streams from a diverse group of multi-location businesses and franchisors.

DIV currently owns the Franworks, Sutton, and Mr. Lube trademarks. Franworks operates mid-tier casual neighborhood pub restaurants under the Original Joe's, State & Main, and Elephant & Castle brands across Canada and in select US markets and generates approximately \$225 million of gross sales annually. Sutton is among the leading residential real estate brokerage franchisor businesses in Canada with approximately 8,000 agents and 200 offices across Canada. Mr. Lube is the leading quick lube service business in Canada with 169 locations across Canada and approximately \$200 million of annual system sales.

DIV is currently paying a dividend and expects to increase cash flow per share by making accretive royalty purchases and through the growth of purchased royalties. DIV expects to pay a predictable and stable dividend to shareholders and increase the dividend as cash flow per share increases allow.

### Forward Looking Statements

*Certain statements contained in this news release may constitute forward-looking statements which involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. The use of any of the words "anticipate", "continue", "estimate", "expect", "intend", "may", "will", "project", "should", "believe", "confident", "plan" and "intends" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. Specifically, forward-looking statements in this news release include, but are not limited to, statements made in relation to: the amount and timing of the January 2016 dividend to be paid to DIV's shareholders; the DRIP; the issuance of Restricted Share Units to DIV's board of directors and CEO in lieu of cash compensation; and DIV's corporate objectives. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results or events, performance, or achievements of DIV to differ materially from those anticipated or implied in such forward-looking statements. DIV believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable but no assurance can be given that these expectations will prove to be correct. In particular there can be no assurance that DIV will: be able to make monthly dividend payments to the holders of its common shares; keep the DRIP in place; issue Restricted Share Units to its board of directors and CEO in lieu of cash compensation on the terms described in this news release, or at all; or achieve any of its corporate objectives. Given these uncertainties, readers are cautioned that forward-looking statements included in this news release are not guarantees of future performance, and such forward-looking statements should not be unduly relied upon. These statements speak only as of the date of this news release. DIV undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as expressly required by law.*

*In formulating the forward-looking statements contained herein, management has assumed that business and economic conditions affecting DIV and its royalty partners will continue substantially in the ordinary course, including without limitation with respect to general industry conditions, general levels of economic activity and regulations. These assumptions, although considered reasonable by management at the time of preparation, may prove to be incorrect.*

*All of the forward-looking statements made in this news release are qualified by these cautionary statements and other cautionary statements or factors contained herein, and there can be no assurance that the actual results or developments will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on, DIV.*

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Additional Information

Additional information relating to the Corporation and other public filings, is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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