

# PAYWARD CANADA INC.

## CRYPTO ASSET STATEMENT

### VELO

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#### What is Velodrome Finance and how does it work?

Velodrome Finance is a decentralised exchange (DEX) and automated market maker on Optimism, Ethereum's layer-2 network. It acts as the ecosystem's main liquidity hub by letting users trade, create pools and earn incentives, while a weekly on-chain vote decides which pairs receive new rewards. Upgrades such as Slipstream concentrated-liquidity pools and the cross-chain SuperSwaps router now extend this low-slippage trading model across multiple OP-Stack chains.

VELO is the protocol's native utility token. Users can lock VELO for up to four years to mint veVELO, a non-transferable NFT that gives voting power over weekly emissions, plus a share of trading fees and any external "bribe" rewards. Pools that attract more veVELO votes receive a larger portion of newly minted VELO, which is then distributed to their liquidity providers - aligning incentives among traders, liquidity providers and long-term token holders.

#### Who is behind the Project?

Velodrome Finance was founded in 2022 by Alexander Cutler.

## Tokenomics of VELO

VELO has a maximum supply of 2.39 billion tokens, which were distributed as follows:

Category	Amount
Liquidity & Governance Emissions (ongoing)	83.29%
Airdrop (initial community distribution)	10.02%
Partner Protocol Allocations	4.01%
Velodrome Foundation	1.67%
Optimism Treasury Grant	0.84%
Genesis Liquidity Pool	0.17%

## General Risks

Like all other digital assets, there are some general risks to investing in VELO. These include short history risk, volatility, and liquidity risk, demand risk, forking risk, code defects, cryptography risk, regulatory risk, concentration risk, electronic trading risk and cyber security risk. For more information on general risks associated with smart contracts and digital assets, see [Kraken's Risk Statement](#).

## Risks specific to VELO

### *Competition*

The Velodrome Finance network faces competition from other decentralised exchanges operating on Optimism such as Uniswap and OPX Finance. VELO's value derives from its broader adoption in the market. If the Velodrome Finance network fails to achieve sufficient adoption compared to the other options in the market, this could negatively impact the value of VELO.

## Due Diligence

Prior to listing on the Kraken platform, Kraken performed due diligence on VELO and determined that VELO is unlikely to be a security or derivative under Canadian securities legislation. Our analysis generally includes, but is not limited to, reviewing publicly available information on the following:

- The creation, governance, usage and design of VELO, including the source code, security and roadmap for growth in the developer community and, if available, the background of the developer(s) that created VELO;
- The supply, demand, maturity, utility and liquidity of VELO;
- Material technical risks associated with VELO, including any code defects, security breaches and other threats concerning VELO and its supporting blockchain (such as the susceptibility to hacking and impact of forking), or the practices and protocols that apply to them; and

- Legal and regulatory risks associated with VELO, including (i) any pending, potential, or prior civil, regulatory, criminal, or enforcement action relating to the issuance, distribution, or use of VELO, and (ii) consideration of statements made by any regulators or securities regulatory authorities in Canada, other regulators of the International Organization of Securities Commissions, or the regulator with the most significant connection to VELO about whether VELO, or generally about whether the type of crypto asset, is a security and/or derivative.