



Meeting Highlights

March 27 and 28, 2019

Victoria, BC

Meeting Highlights¹ is a summary of issues considered or decisions made by the Municipal Pension Board of Trustees (board) at its latest board meeting.

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¹ Please note: the official Board Minutes record the business conducted by the Municipal Pension Board of Trustees and its decisions. If there are any discrepancies between the Meeting Highlights and the official Board Minutes, the official Board Minutes shall govern. Disclosure of any document referred to in the Meeting Highlights or the official Board Minutes is subject to applicable board policies.

Items of note

Trustee appointments

Talitha Dekker was appointed as an alternate trustee, effective December 20, 2018 to December 31, 2020, replacing Jim Calvin.

Dominique Roelants was appointed as an alternate trustee, effective January 25, 2019 to December 31, 2021, replacing Lorne Burkart.

Committee appointments

The board filled some committee vacancies, on an interim basis, resulting from trustee appointments expiring December 31, 2018 and other departures. The board reconstitutes its committees biennially, and will be determining committee appointments at its June 25 and 26, 2019 meeting, for the subsequent two year period.

The board nominated Diana Lokken to the Interplan Audit Committee, subject to ratification by the College, Public Service and Teachers' Pension Boards.

Board governance

The board approved a cost allocation budget in the amount of \$45,535,000 for the delivery of administrative services to the Municipal Pension Plan by the BC Pension Corporation, for the period April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020, plus a one per cent variance tolerance of \$455,000 and net GST of \$1,518,000, for a total budget of \$47,508,000.

The board approved the estimated internal and external direct investment management fees for the Municipal Pension Plan in the amount of \$213.7 million (36.4 basis points), for the BC Investment Management Corporation's fiscal year ending March 31, 2020.

More information about the trustees and their appointments can be found on the plan website at mpp.pensionsbc.ca. Click About Us > Who we are > [Municipal Pension Plan](#)

Reports from service providers

Administration services are provided by BC Pension Corporation, and investment services are provided by BC Investment Management Corporation. Both agents report to the board at each regular board meeting.

Plan administration – report from Pension Corporation

The board received a report from the Pension Corporation regarding progress on delivery of the service plan initiatives, including launch of the new online learning module for mid-career members, the new My Account Message Centre for secure online messaging within the member's personal My Account, and the employer outreach program.

Plan investments – report from BC Investment Management Corporation

The preliminary five-year return for the total plan fund, as at December 31, 2018, was 7.6 per cent, compared to the weighted benchmark of 6.6 per cent.

More information about Municipal Pension Plan investments can be found on the plan website at mpp.pensionsbc.ca. Click About us > [Investments](#).

Committee reports

The board has five standing committees (Benefits, Communications and Advocacy, Governance, Investment and Valuation) and an Appeals Panel.

A. Benefits Committee

The board received an update on the progress of the post-retirement group benefits review, and planning for the post-retirement group benefits member consultation scheduled for 2019.

The board approved various applications for participation in the plan, and an employer withdrawal from participation.

B. Communications and Advocacy Committee

The draft 2018 Report to Members was approved, with final approval delegated to the Communications and Advocacy Committee. The 2018 Report to Members will be published in May 2019, and distributed to members in June 2019.

The board approved the communications plan regarding the BCI Climate Action Plan. More information about the Climate Action Plan is available on the plan website, at mpp.pensionsbc.ca. Click About Us > Investments > [Responsible Investing](#).

C. Governance Committee

The board approved the Information Governance Framework and Strategy, that supports the board in refreshing its management and security of information to reflect best practices.

The Trustee Expense Policy, which consolidates the Trustee Travel and Business Expense Policy and the E-Board Policy, was approved. The policy is available on the plan website at mpp.pensionsbc.ca. Click About Us > [Board policies](#).

D. Investment Committee

The board approved proposed amendments to the Municipal Pension Plan Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures (SIPP) regarding participation in BCI's Global Partnership Fund (fund), including the maximum allocation to the fund and benchmarks. The SIPP sets investment guidelines and direction for BCI in accordance with the investment policies and objectives

established by the board. The SIPP is available on the plan website at mpp.pensionsbc.ca. Click About us > [Governance Documents](#).

E. Valuation Committee

The board's December 31, 2018 actuarial valuation of the Municipal Pension Plan is underway. The board received a primer regarding the purpose and process of the triennial valuation, the funding methods and approaches and consideration for setting the economic and demographic assumptions. At its June 25-26, 2019 meeting, the board will approve the economic and demographic assumptions to be used in the valuation, and following its September 10-11, 2019 meeting, the board will announce the valuation results.

The board approved revisions to the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Policy that reflect the employer rate simplification, stochastic modelling capabilities, outcomes of the asset-liability review and administrative updates. The Funding Policy outlines principles that will guide the board and actuary in managing the financial position of the plan. The Funding Policy is available on the plan website at mpp.pensionsbc.ca. Click About us > [Governance Documents](#)

F. Appeals Panel

There were no items to report for the period.

Interplan committee reports

Municipal trustees also represent the board on two standing interplan committees with the other BC public sector pension plan boards (College, Public Service and Teachers' pension boards of trustees): the Interplan Audit and Interplan Trustee Education committees.

G. Interplan Audit Committee

The Interplan Audit Committee helps the four public sector pension boards meet their duties regarding financial administration of the plans.

The board approved the nomination made by the Teachers' Pension Board of Trustees of Rob Taylor for appointment as a member of the Interplan Audit Committee.

H. Interplan Trustee Education Committee

The Interplan Trustee Education Committee organizes the BC Public Sector Pension Conference and provides recommendations for updating the board's Trustee Orientation, Mentoring and Education Policy. The conference is an initiative of the College, Municipal, Public Service and Teachers' pension boards and held annually to provide training and information of mutual interest to the four boards.

There were no items to report for the period.

Future board meeting dates

The next regular board meeting will take place June 25 and 26, 2019, in Victoria, BC.

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2019, at the Anvil Centre in New Westminster, BC.

Coming up

Issues for board consideration at future meetings include:

- Member consultation for post-retirement group benefits
- Actuarial valuation as at December 31, 2018

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