



Meeting Highlights

March 9 and 10, 2022

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

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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

The board welcomed new trustees Claire Moglove, Janice Morrison, Megan Pratt and Sam Myers to the board, replacing Richard Taylor, Dennis Blatchford, Philip Twyford and Angie Sorrell.

The board appointed Lucas Corwin as a director to the BC Pension Corporation pension management board, effective March 10, 2022, replacing Philip Twyford.

Various trustee appointments and reappointments to the board and committees occurred. 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](#).

Board governance

The board approved a cost allocation budget in the amount of \$53.1 million, inclusive of a one per cent variance tolerance and GST, for the delivery of administration services to the Municipal Pension Plan by the BC Pension Corporation for the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

The board approved the estimated internal and external direct investment management fees in the amount of \$296.9 million (38.9 basis points), for the delivery of investment management services to the Municipal Pension Plan by the BC Investment Management Corporation (BCI), for the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

Reports from service providers

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

Plan administration – report from BC Pension Corporation

The board received a report from the BC Pension Corporation regarding various service delivery plan accomplishments and ongoing operational activities, including the launch of a new *Income verification letter* digital service for all retired plan members.

Plan investments – report from BCI

The board received the pension fund performance and strategy report as of December 31, 2021. The market value of the Municipal Pension Fund as at December 31, 2021 was \$72.8 billion. The annualized return for the total plan fund over the five years ended December 31, 2021 was 9.3 per cent, compared to the benchmark of 8.5 per cent.

The board received a report from BCI summarizing achievements for the quarter ended December 31, 2021, progress on BCI's three-year business plan, and an update on client engagement.

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 approved one employer withdrawal.

B. Communications and Advocacy Committee

The board approved a communications plan regarding the Canadian Public Pension Leadership Council's commissioned research, [Economic Benefits of Canadian Public Sector Pension Plans](#). Findings in the report show how public sector pension plans provide stability to British Columbians through retired member spending and demonstrate how residents of BC benefit in different ways.

The agenda and schedule for the 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was approved. It was noted that the 2022 AGM will take place virtually on Thursday, October 13, 2022.

The draft 2021 Report to Members was approved, with final approval delegated to the Communications and Advocacy Committee. The 2021 Report to Members will be published in May 2022, and distributed to members in June 2022.

The board approved posting a message from the Municipal Retiree Benefit Trust (MRBT) in a new *About us* section of the plan website at mpp.pensionsbc.ca, that will be dedicated to MRBT.

C. Governance Committee

There were no items to report for the period.

D. Investment Committee

The board concluded its 2021 asset-liability (A-L) review by approving a new long-term strategic asset mix for the plan, as well as an asset mix management framework, benchmark transition framework, and revised asset class benchmarks.

The board approved amendments to the Municipal Pension Plan Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures (SIPP) regarding the outcomes of a comprehensive investment governance review, the outcomes of the 2021 A-L review, responsible investing, and other housekeeping amendments, effective April 1, 2022.

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, 2021 actuarial valuation of the Municipal Pension Plan is underway. The board received a primer regarding the purpose and process of the triennial valuation and a presentation regarding funding approaches, assumption principles, and types of assumptions. At its June 22 and 23, 2022 meeting, the board will approve the economic and demographic assumptions to be used in the valuation, and following its September 19 and 20, 2022 meeting, the board will announce the valuation results.

Interplan committee reports

Municipal plan 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.

F. Interplan Audit Committee

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

There were no items to report for the period.

G. Interplan Trustee Education Committee

The Interplan Trustee Education Committee organizes the BC Public Sector Pension Conference (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 22 and 23, 2022.

The next AGM will be held virtually on Thursday, October 13, 2022. Visit the plan website at mpp.pensionsbc.ca for updates on how to participate. Click About us > Who we are > Municipal Pension Plan > [Annual general meeting](#).

Coming up

Issues for board consideration at future meetings include:

- Actuarial valuation as at December 31, 2021
- Initiatives related to implementation of [Strategic Plan June 2020-23](#)

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