



## Meeting Highlights November 29 and 30, 2017 Victoria, BC

The *Meeting Highlights*<sup>1</sup> document is a summary of issues that were considered, or decisions that were made, by the Municipal Pension Board of Trustees (board) at their latest board meeting.

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### Items of Note

#### ***Trustee Appointments***

Hilary Brown will be chair of the board for 2018. Gary Yee was elected vice chair for 2018 and will be chair in 2019.

The board reappointed Gary Yee and Mary Procter to the Pension Corporation pension management board effective January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020.

Hilary Brown, Chris Finding, Lyn Kocher, Bonnie Pearson, Patti Price and Mary Procter were reappointed as primary trustees effective January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020.

Rons Amos, Trevor Davies, and Kelly Knox were reappointed as alternate trustees effective January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that the *official Board Minutes* record the business conducted by the Municipal Pension Board of Trustees and their 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.

Don Sutton was appointed as an alternate trustee, effective January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020, replacing Barbara Sinclair.

The board recognized departing trustees Barbara Sinclair and Todd Sweet at its annual board dinner on November 29, 2017.

### ***COLA for Pensions in 2018***

The board approved a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to pensions of 1.6 per cent, effective January 1, 2018. This is the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) between September 2016 and September 2017.

### ***Annual General Meeting***

The 2017 Annual General Meeting was held on October 12, 2017 with approximately 270 people in attendance, including 40 trustees and service providers.

Gary Yee, Board Chair, welcomed attendees. Presentations regarding the financial highlights of the plan, Municipal Pension Plan website demo and information about what's ahead were delivered by Hilary Brown, Board Vice Chair; Corina De Guire, Director of Communications, Pension Corporation and Gary Yee, Board Chair, respectively. An overview of the current investment climate and challenges was delivered by Gordon Fyfe, CEO/CIO of bcIMC. A Question & Answer session followed.

The presentation slides and audio recording from the AGM are available on the plan website [here](#).

The 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held on October 11, 2018, at the Anvil Centre, New Westminster, BC.

### ***Board Governance***

The Board approved a budget of \$2,103,086, including applicable taxes for board operations and a budget of \$1,145,468, including applicable taxes for secretariat services, for the fiscal period January 1 to December 31, 2018.

### **Reports from Service Providers**

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

#### **A. Plan Administration – Report from the Pension Corporation (corporation)**

The corporation reported on service performance metrics for the six months ending September 30, 2017. The report included service statistics on meeting member expectations, transaction volumes and on-time service results against performance targets established in the corporation's [Service Delivery Plan](#).

## **B. Plan Investments – Report from the British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (bcIMC)**

The Municipal Pension Plan’s preliminary return as at June 30, 2017 was 10.8 percent compared to the benchmark of 10.1 per cent. The five year return was 10.3 per cent compared to a benchmark of 9.2 per cent. The market value of the fund was \$48 billion.

The board received a presentation from bcIMC providing information regarding bcIMC’s three-year strategic plan and related costs.

Further information about the Municipal Pension Plan’s investments is available on the website at <https://mpp.pensionsbc.ca/>. Go to the About us section, and select [Investments](#).

## **Committee Reports**

The Municipal Pension Board has five standing committees: Benefits, Communications & Advocacy, Governance, Investment, Valuation, and an Appeals Panel.

### **C. Benefits Committee**

The 2018 post-retirement group benefits premiums, effective February 1, 2018, are as follows:

	Extended Health	Essential Dental	Enhanced Dental
Single	\$ 78.00	\$ 29.29	\$ 54.11
Couple	\$ 156.00	\$ 55.81	\$ 102.52
Family	\$ 304.00	\$ 93.87	\$ 145.08

The board approved the Pacific Blue Cross administrative service changes for the extended health care plan in the amount of \$3.96 monthly (\$47.56 annually) per plan member.

The board approved various Group 5 and new employer applications, and various employer withdrawals and modification of participation.

### **D. Communications and Advocacy Committee**

The board approved holding the Municipal Pension Plan’s 2018 AGM in person at the Anvil Center, New Westminster, BC on October 11, 2018.

### **E. Governance Committee**

The committee reported on the renewal of fiduciary liability insurance and on expenditures under the Board’s Significant Life Events Policy.

### **F. Investment Committee**

There are no items to report.

## **G. Valuation Committee**

The board approved a draft submission to the Actuarial Standards Board Designated Group regarding proposed amendments to Section 3500 of the Practice-Specific Standards for Pension Plans – Pension Commuted Values.

The submission will be posted on the plan website.

## **H. Appeals Panel**

The Board's Appeals Panel did not need to meet this past quarter.

## **Interplan Committee Reports**

Municipal Pension Trustees also represent the board on two standing interplan committees with the other BC public sector pension plans (the College, Public Service and Teachers' Pension Boards of Trustees): the Interplan Audit and Interplan Trustee Education committees. Municipal Pension Board trustees also participate in ad hoc or special purposes interplan committees such as the Interplan Website Review Committee.

### **I. Interplan Audit Committee**

The Interplan Audit Committee assists the four public section pension boards in meeting their duties in respect of the financial administration of the plans.

The board approved the Interplan Audit Committee's 2018/2019 funding request to the four pension boards in the amount of \$32,000 for professional and other expert resources, and for committee education. The amount is to be split equally between the four pension boards.

### **J. 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 of Trustees and is held annually to provide training and information of mutual interest to the four boards.

The board approved that the 2019 BC Public Sector Pension Conference be held on April 24 and 25, 2019, at the Delta Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort, Victoria, BC.

### **K. Interplan Website Review Committee**

There was no report for the period.

## **Future Board Meeting Dates**

The next regular meeting of the board will take place March 28 and 29, 2018, in Victoria, BC.

The board's next Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018, at the Anvil Centre in New Westminster, BC.

The dates and locations for additional 2018 board meetings are as follows:

- Wednesday and Thursday, June 20 and 21, 2018, Victoria, BC
- Tuesday and Wednesday, November 13 and 14, 2018, Victoria, BC

### **Coming Up**

Some of the issues that the board is considering at future meetings include:

- an asset-liability review that will help the board confirm or adjust the long-term strategic asset allocation for the Municipal Pension Plan's investments,
- a review of the group health and dental plan design and carrier

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