

Legislative Assembly Pension Plan 2023 Annual Report



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Overview

The Legislative Assembly Pension Plan (LAPP) is a defined benefit pension plan for Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba. The plan is designed to provide participating members with retirement income for life.

LAPP was established in 2005 and is administered by The Civil Service Superannuation Board.

Enrollment and Membership

LAPP is an optional plan. New MLAs can join within six months of being elected and participation continues until the member is no longer an MLA. Contributions stop at the end of the year in which they turn 71 or when they have 35 years of pensionable service, whichever comes first. Members can retire at age 55 with at least one year of service.

Members

		2023	2022
Membership	Non-retired members	80	69
	Retired members and other recipients	68	55
	Total members	148	124

Member Services

LAPP members can get information and discuss their accounts with CSSB staff in person, virtually, by email or phone. Members are always welcome to include their spouse, financial planner, or anyone involved in key financial decisions.

Letter of Submittal



Civil Service
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June 17, 2024

Honourable Tom Lindsey
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Room 244-450 Broadway
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8

Your Honour:

The *Members' Retirement Regulation under The Legislative Assembly Act* includes Section 21:

The administrator must prepare and provide to the Speaker of the Assembly, on or before June 30 of each year, a report of the plan and the pension fund for the preceding fiscal year.

I am pleased to provide the enclosed Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Annual Report for 2023, which includes the Report of the Office of the Auditor General and audited financial statements.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carmele Peter'.

Carmele Peter, Chair
The Civil Service Superannuation Board

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Message from the GM

Bruce Schroeder

Welcome to the 2023 Legislative Assembly Pension Plan (LAPP) Annual Report, a summary of the plan, investments, and audited financial statements from January 1 to December 31.

A year of transition

In 2023, much of our pension administration activities related to the October provincial election. As part of this, we welcomed newly elected MLAs into the plan, ensuring they understood the benefits of becoming a LAPP member. For those leaving the plan or transitioning into retirement, we worked hard to ensure members were well informed about their options.

Investment results

In 2023, despite many challenges—rising interest rates and ongoing geopolitical conflicts to name a few—the pension plan achieved a strong overall return of 10.85%. This success highlights good management and the ability to seize emerging opportunities. This was especially true in the fourth quarter when optimism grew around potential interest rate cuts.

Thank you

I would like to extend my gratitude to our dedicated Board members. Your commitment has been instrumental to our success in 2023. I also want to thank our hardworking staff for their efforts during this particularly busy year. Your care and consideration in providing each LAPP member with tailored and timely information ensured they could make the best decisions for their particular situation.

CSSB Leadership

Administration

Bruce Schroeder
General Manager

Hans Berger
Director
Management Information Systems

Erin Polcyn Sailer
Director
Communications and Member Services

Dawn Prokopowich
Director
Client Services Administration

Rick Wilson
Director
Finance and Investment Communications
and Management Services

Investments

Peter Josephson, CFA
Chief Investment Officer

Clancy Ethans, MBA, CFA
Managing Director, Alternative Assets

Advisory Services and Regulatory Oversight

Consulting Actuary
Ellement Consulting Group

Legal Counsel
Fillmore Riley

Auditor
Office of the Auditor General



Governance

The Legislative Assembly Management Commission appoints a commissioner to decide on salary, allowances, and pension. The commissioner implements these changes and reports their decisions to the Speaker.

The Civil Service Superannuation Board (Governing Body)

The Board is the pension plan trustee. They are fiduciaries, responsible for overseeing the pension plan’s administration and management of the Fund, ensuring investments benefit all members and beneficiaries.

Chair

Carmele Peter
 President
 Exchange Income Corporation

Employee Representatives

Jody Gillis
Doug Troke
Samantha Probetts
C. Reed Winstone

Employer Representatives

JoAnne Reinsch
Randal T Smith
Scott Wilson
Lynn Zapshala-Kelln

Finance and Audit Committee

Doug Troke
 Chair
 Employee Representative

Scott Wilson
 Employer Representative

Lynn Zapshala-Kelln
 Employer Representative

Samantha Probetts
 Employee Representative

Human Resources and Governance Committee

C. Reed Winstone
 Chair
 Employee Representative

JoAnne Reinsch
 Employer Representative

Randal Smith
 Employer Representative

Jody Gillis
 Employee Representative

Investment Committee

The Investment Committee manages the assets of the Civil Service Superannuation Fund, LAPP, and the Manitoba Hydro Employer Fund. They also manage three Centra Gas portfolios and the Province of Manitoba trust account.

The committee includes one elected employee representative, the Deputy Minister of Finance, the CSSB General Manager, a chairperson, the Board Chair, and up to four outside investment professionals.

Elizabeth Marr, CFA^{*}

Chair
Retired, Vice President and Director,
Institutional Relationships
TD Asset Management

A. Scott Penman^{*}

Retired, Executive Vice-president and
Chief Investment Officer
Investors Group Inc.

Brian Allison^{*}

Executive Vice-president,
Chief Investment Officer
The Canada Life Assurance Company

Richard Brownscombe^{*}

President
Montrose Mortgage Corporation Ltd.

BJ Reid^{*}

Retired, IG Wealth Management
Chief Financial Officer, Mutual Funds and
Vice President, Fund Services

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Deputy Minister of Finance
Province of Manitoba

C. Reed Winstone[^]

Civil Service Representative

Carmelee Peter[^]

Chair
The Civil Service Superannuation Board

Bruce Schroeder[^]

General Manager
The Civil Service Superannuation Board

Susan Stephen⁺

Treasurer
Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board

* Appointed based on investment expertise

[^] Required by legislation

⁺ Appointed by Manitoba Hydro to represent Hydro Fund only

Contributions and Funding

LAPP is funded by member contributions, provincial government contributions, and investment income. Members contribute 9% of their salary to the plan. The Province pays the balance of the cost for pension benefits and other expenses, such as administrative costs.

The Formula

The defined benefit pension formula is based on years of service and the average of the best five years of pensionable earnings while in the plan. If a member hasn't worked five years, CSSB uses the average of all years worked while in the plan, subject to *Income Tax Act* limits.

The maximum pension is 70% of the best five-year average pensionable earnings.

Rate of Return

To the extent possible, LAPP is invested like the Civil Service Superannuation Fund. In 2023, the LAPP rate of return was 10.85%.

Cost-of-Living Adjustment

LAPP pensioners receive the same percentage cost-of-living adjustment as Civil Service Superannuation Fund recipients. In 2023, the adjustment was 1.57%.

Adjustments Falling Short of Target

Cost-of-living adjustments for the Civil Service Superannuation Fund are determined by the Plan actuary and Board.

The Civil Service Superannuation Act caps the potential annual cost-of-living adjustment at 66.67% of the prior year's Canadian Consumer Price Index until the account can cover the next 20 years of adjustments in advance.

In 2022, the index was 6.32%. The 1.57% adjustment is only 24.9% of the index, falling short of the target for the second year in a row.

If the current funding approach continues, the actuary has warned that adjustments will not keep pace with inflation. Cost-of-living adjustments are not guaranteed.

Highlights

		2023	2022
Investments	Rate of return	10.85%	-6.64%
	Investments at market value	\$41,969,820	\$39,595,873
	Net investment income	\$1,008,951	\$971,829
	Current period change in fair value of investments	\$3,052,000	(\$3,962,042)
Contributions and payments	Member contributions	\$612,126	\$585,100
	Government payments	\$1,090,946	\$1,042,782
	Total	\$1,703,072	\$1,627,882
Payments from fund	Pension benefits paid	\$1,494,082	\$1,423,603
	Refunds and transfers	\$1,794,748	\$147,899
Expenses	Administrative	\$106,272	\$96,068
	Investment	\$189,154	\$167,475

Financials

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying financial statements of the Legislative Assembly Pension Fund are the responsibility of management and have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for pension plans, as stated in the notes to the financial statements. Management maintains internal controls to provide reasonable assurance of the reliability and accuracy of the financial information and to safeguard the assets of the Fund. In management's opinion, the financial statements have been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality, incorporating management's best judgement regarding all necessary estimates and all other data available up to May 30, 2024.

The firm of Ellement Consulting Corp. has been appointed as consulting actuary for the Fund. The role of the actuary is to complete the triennial actuarial valuations of the Fund in accordance with actuarial practice and estimate the obligations for benefits for inclusion in the annual financial statements.

The Auditor General performs an audit of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. The resulting opinion is set out in the Auditor's Report attached to the financial statements.

Ultimate responsibility for the financial statements rests with the members of the Civil Service Superannuation Board. The Board established a Finance and Audit Committee to meet with Board staff and representatives of the Auditor General. It is the responsibility of the Finance and Audit Committee to review the financial statements, ensure that each group has properly discharged its respective responsibilities and make a recommendation to the Board regarding approval of the financial statements. The auditors have full and unrestricted access to the Board and to the Finance and Audit Committee.

The Board has reviewed and approved these financial statements. On behalf of Management,



Bruce Schroeder

General Manager



Rick Wilson

Director, Finance



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba
To the Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Legislative Assembly Pension Fund (LAPF) which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits, the statement of changes in pension obligations and the statement of changes in surplus (deficit) for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the LAPF as at December 31, 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits, the changes in its pension obligations and the changes in its surplus (deficit) for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for pension plans.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the LAPF in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for pension plans, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the LAPF's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless an intention exists to liquidate the LAPF or to cease operations, or there is no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the LAPF's financial reporting process.



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the LAPP's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the LAPP's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the LAPP to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Office of the Auditor General".

Office of the Auditor General
Winnipeg, Manitoba
May 30, 2024

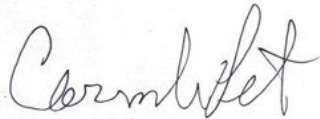
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PENSION FUND
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
Assets		
Investments, Schedule 1, Note 2(b)	\$ 41,969,820	\$ 39,595,873
Accrued interest and dividends	90,892	83,743
Receivables	28,582	22,835
	42,089,294	39,702,451
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	88,401	70,479
	\$ 42,000,893	\$ 39,631,972

Pension Obligations and (Deficit) Surplus		
Actuarial value of pension obligations, Exhibit C, Note 9	\$ 43,163,585	\$ 42,690,118
(Deficit), Exhibit D	(1,162,692)	(3,058,146)
	\$ 42,000,893	\$ 39,631,972

The accompanying notes and schedules are an integral part of these financial statements.

Signed on behalf of the Civil Service Superannuation Board



 Chairperson of the Board



 Chairperson, Finance and Audit
 Committee

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PENSION FUND
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For the year ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
Increase in assets		
Contributions, Note 1(a) and 4		
Employees	\$ 612,126	\$ 585,100
Employer	1,090,946	1,042,782
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Total contributions	1,703,072	1,627,882
Net investment income, Schedule 2	1,008,951	971,829
Current period change in fair value of investments, Note 6	3,052,000	-
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Total increase in assets	5,764,023	2,599,711
Decrease in assets		
Current period change in fair value of investments, Note 6	-	3,962,042
Benefits paid	1,494,082	1,423,603
Refunds and transfers	1,794,748	147,899
Administrative expenses, Note 8	106,272	96,068
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Total decrease in assets	3,395,102	5,629,612
Increase (Decrease) in net assets available	2,368,921	(3,029,901)
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	39,631,972	42,661,873
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Net assets available for benefits, end of year, Exhibit A	\$ 42,000,893	\$ 39,631,972

The accompanying notes and schedules are an integral part of these financial statements.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PENSION FUND
Statement of Changes in Pension Obligations
For the year ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
Pension obligations, beginning of year	<u>\$ 42,690,118</u>	<u>\$ 39,830,325</u>
Change in pension obligations		
Change in actuarial assumptions - beginning of year	(1,353,053)	-
Experience (gain)	1,265,549	(32,033)
Benefits accrued	1,703,072	1,627,882
Benefits and administrative expenses paid	(3,429,798)	(1,667,569)
Interest accrued on benefits	2,507,495	2,327,976
Change in reserves	49,845	(61,544)
Change in actuarial assumptions	<u>(269,643)</u>	<u>665,081</u>
	473,467	2,859,793
Pension obligations, end of year, Exhibit A	\$ 43,163,585	\$ 42,690,118

The accompanying notes and schedules are an integral part of these financial statements.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PENSION FUND
Statement of Changes in (Deficit) Surplus
For the year ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
(Deficit) Surplus, beginning of year	\$ (3,058,146)	\$ 2,831,548
Increase (Decrease) in net assets available	2,368,921	(3,029,901)
Change in pension obligations	(473,467)	(2,859,793)
	1,895,454	(5,889,694)
(Deficit), end of year, Exhibit A	\$ (1,162,692)	\$ (3,058,146)

The accompanying notes and schedules are an integral part of these financial statements.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PENSION FUND
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2023

1. Description of Plan

The Legislative Assembly Pension Fund (the “Fund”) was established on March 31, 2005, with an effective date of December 7, 2005. The Legislative Assembly Pension Plan (the “Plan”) provides benefits to members of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly (“MLA”).

The following description of the Plan is a summary only. For more complete information, reference should be made to the *Members’ Retirement Benefits Regulation of The Legislative Assembly Act*.

The Fund is a registered Pension trust as defined in the Income Tax Act and is not subject to income taxes.

(a) Funding

The Act requires members to contribute 9% of pensionable earnings and the Province to fund the balance of costs associated with the pension plan. In addition, as members of the Plan, employees can elect to purchase pensionable service for all or any part of the period they were an MLA between April 25, 1995 and the beginning of the pay period for which the member began making contributions by source deduction to the Fund. The Province of Manitoba is required to contribute sufficient funds to pay all pensions and other liabilities as they come due.

(b) Basic Pension Benefit

The lifetime monthly pension calculation equals:

- (i) 2.0% of the average of the five best annual salaries received during which pensionable service was accrued or, if the member has less than five years of pensionable service, the average of the annual salaries for their pensionable service,
- (ii) multiplied by the lesser of thirty five years and the member’s years of pensionable service
- (iii) divided by twelve months.

(c) Indexing Benefit

Whenever an indexing benefit is provided for pensions being paid out of the Civil Service Superannuation Fund, a similar benefit is to be provided for both deferred members and pensioners of this Plan. In the Civil Service Superannuation Plan, the cost-of-living benefit payments are limited to the extent that the amount in the separate Indexing Benefit Account is actuarially able to finance approximately one- half of that payment. Legislation limits the maximum annual adjustment to two- thirds of the increase in the Consumer Price Index (Canada) until the Indexing Benefits Account can pre-fund anticipated adjustments for the next twenty years.

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(d) Retirement

A member with at least one year of service as an MLA is eligible to retire at age 55 once they have ceased to be an MLA.

(e) Death Benefits Pre-retirement

Upon the death of an active member, a survivor's benefit is payable to a spouse or partner or the member's estate when there is no survivor.

(f) Death Benefits Post-retirement

A death refund is payable to the estate of a pensioner or survivor where such pensions have not been paid to the full extent of the member's contributions plus interest.

(g) Withdrawal Refunds

Participants who cease to be an MLA may apply (subject to lock-in provisions) to withdraw funds from the Plan. Members may choose to leave their contributions in the Plan as a vested member.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Presentation

The financial statements are prepared on a going-concern basis as a separate financial reporting entity, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for pension plans. The Fund has selected Part II (accounting standards for private enterprises) of the CPA Canada Handbook for issues not directly addressed by these standards. In accordance with these standards, statements prepared include the statement of financial position, the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits, the statement of changes in pension obligations and the statement of changes in surplus (deficit). They are prepared to assist participants and others in reviewing the financial activities of the Plan for the fiscal year.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PENSION FUND
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(b) Investments

Investments are recorded at fair value on a trade date basis. The basis of determining the fair values of the investment categories is described below.

Fixed Income

- (i) Short-term investments are valued at cost, which approximates market value.
- (ii) Bonds and debentures are valued at market by independent sources.

Equities

- (i) Publicly traded securities are valued at year end market prices as listed on the appropriate stock exchange.
- (ii) Pooled equity funds are valued at market by the external manager based on the fair value of the underlying assets.

Other Investments

- (i) Real estate investments are valued at fair value based on the most recent appraisals or external managers' valuations of the underlying properties.
- (ii) Private equity, Infrastructure, and Private credit investments are valued at the fair value of the underlying investments as established by the external managers or at cost, which approximates fair value, when no valuation has been prepared.

(c) Foreign Currency Translation

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollars at the exchange rates prevailing on the dates of the transactions. The foreign currency translation of these transactions (except for any foreign currency translation related to the acquisition of investments) is included in investment income or the current period change in fair value of investments (net realized gains or losses on the sale of investments) or administrative expenses.

The fair value of investments denominated in foreign currencies is translated into Canadian dollars at the exchange rate in effect at year-end and the resulting change from the translation at acquisition (or the prior year end) is included in the current period change in fair value of investments (net unrealized market gains or losses).

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(d) Forward Contracts

A forward contract is a contractual obligation to buy or sell a specified amount of foreign currency at a predetermined future date and exchange rate. Forward contracts are recorded at fair value which is the estimated amounts that the Fund would receive or pay to terminate the contracts at the reporting date. Realized and unrealized gains or losses on forward contracts are recognized with the current period change in fair value of investments.

(e) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for pension plans requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingencies at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of changes in net assets available for benefits during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Items requiring the use of significant estimates include Level 3 investments and Obligations for pension benefits.

(f) Related Party Transactions

The Plan's sponsor and administrator (and their close family members) are related parties of the Legislative Assembly Pension Fund. The sponsor of the Plan is the Government of the Province of Manitoba and the administrator of the Plan is the management of the Civil Service Superannuation Board (CSSB).

CSSB management and their close family members include board members, external committee members and senior management, as well as their spouses, and any controlled business or business subject to significant influence.

All related party transactions are recorded at the exchange amount. Material transactions, in aggregate, and balances are disclosed separately.

(g) Net Investment Income and Current Period Change in Fair Value of Investments

Dividend income is recognized based on the ex-dividend date; interest income and income from real estate, infrastructure, private equity, private credit, and security lending are recognized on the accrual basis as earned. Investment management expenses and transaction costs are reductions to gross investment income. Current period change in fair value of investments includes both realized and unrealized gains and losses. Unrealized gains and losses are recognized only when the fair value of the investment is based on a quoted market price in an active market or a valuation using appropriate valuation techniques is performed and approved by management.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PENSION FUND
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(h) Benefits

Benefit payments to members, termination refunds to former members, and transfer payments to other plans are recorded in the period in which they are paid or payable.

3. Risk Management

Fair values of investments are exposed to market risk (interest rate risk, currency risk and price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

(a) Market Risk

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk refers to the impact of interest rate changes on the Fund's cash flows, financial position and income. This risk arises from differences in the timing and amount of cash flows related to the Fund's assets and liabilities. The value of the Fund's assets is affected by changes in interest rates.

The Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is concentrated in its investments in bonds and debentures. To properly manage the Fund's interest rate risk, appropriate guidelines on the weighting and duration for bonds and debentures are set and monitored by the Fund's Investment Committee.

The Fund has invested approximately 20.7% (2022 – 21.3%) of its assets in fixed income securities as at December 31, 2023, which generated a rate of return of 8.50% (2022 - -14.67%). The returns on fixed income securities are particularly sensitive to changes in nominal interest rates. As at December 31, 2023, if prevailing interest rates were raised or lowered by 100 basis points, with all other factors held constant, fixed income investments would likely have decreased or increased respectively by approximately \$764,280 (2022 - \$631,349). The Fund's interest rate sensitivity was determined based on portfolio weighted duration.

Currency Risk

Currency risk relates to the possibility that foreign currency-denominated investments will change in value due to future fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. The impacts can be positive or negative and can be significant given the volatility of foreign exchange rates. CSSB management and external managers hedge some of the Fund's currency exposure in invested assets using forward contracts. As at December 31, 2023, the notional amount of all forward contracts held by the Fund was \$3,632,619 (2022 - \$3,483,711) with unrealized gains (losses) of \$(6,030) (2022 – (\$21,994)).

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PENSION FUND
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2023

The Fund's exposure in cash and investments to foreign currencies, net of hedging, reported in Canadian dollars is shown below:

As at December 31, 2023	Actual Currency Exposure	
Canadian dollar	\$ 21,277,486	50.7 %
US dollar	11,764,803	28.0
Euro	2,279,258	5.4
Japanese yen	1,663,213	4.0
Pound sterling	1,194,224	2.8
Australian dollar	688,625	1.6
Hong Kong dollar	636,788	1.5
Other currencies	2,465,423	6.0
Total investments	\$ 41,969,820	100.0 %

A 10 percent increase or decrease in exchange rates, net of hedging, with all other variables held constant, would result in a change in unrealized gains (losses) of \$2,069,200 (2022 - \$1,792,300).

Price Risk

Price risk is the risk that the value of an investment will fluctuate as a result of a change in market conditions (other than those arising from interest rate or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual investment, or factors affecting all securities traded in the market. The Fund's equity and other equity-based investments are sensitive to market fluctuations. To assist in mitigating the impact of price risk, the Fund's Investment Committee has established appropriate guidelines on asset diversification to address specific security, geographic, sector and investment manager risks which they monitor on a regular basis. A decline or increase of 10 percent in fair values of equities and other equity-based investments, with all other variables held constant, will impact the Fund's investments by an approximate loss or gain of \$3,329,500 (2022 - \$3,117,100).

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(b) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of loss from the failure of a counter party to discharge its contractual obligations. At December 31, 2023, the Fund's maximum credit risk exposure relates to bonds and debentures, short-term investments and cash totaled \$8,675,198 (2022 - \$8,425,292), receivable of \$28,582 (2022 - \$22,835) and accrued interest of \$47,695 (2022 - \$41,671) totaled \$8,751,475 (2022 - \$8,489,798). The Fund's Investment Committee limits credit risk by concentrating on high quality securities and adhering to a Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures. The Policy establishes investment ownership limits and acceptable credit ratings. In the case of bonds and debentures, all bonds must be rated BBB- or higher at the time of purchase.

All transactions in listed securities are settled upon delivery using approved investment managers. The risk of default is considered minimal, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the investment manager has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been received by the investment manager. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation.

The breakdown of the Fund's bond and debentures portfolio by credit rating from various rating agencies is presented below:

Credit Rating	2023 Fair Value		2022 Fair Value	
AAA	\$ 1,840,974	23.8%	\$ 1,385,460	21.2%
AA	1,459,751	18.8	469,254	7.2
A	3,759,580	48.6	4,139,387	63.4
BBB+	428,169	5.5	456,227	7.0
BBB and lower	257,775	3.3	78,648	1.2
Cash and short-term	7,746,249	100.0%	6,528,976	100.0%
	265,351		194,708	
Total bonds and debentures	\$ 8,011,600		\$ 6,723,684	

Credit risk associated with contributions receivable is minimized due to their nature. Contributions are collected from participating members through the payroll process. No provision for doubtful contributions receivable has been recorded in either 2023 or 2022.

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(c) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the possibility that investments of the Fund cannot be readily converted into cash when required to meet contractual obligations. The Fund may be subject to liquidity constraints because of insufficient volume in the markets for the securities of the Fund or other securities may be subject to legal or contractual restrictions on their resale. Liquidity risk is managed by investing the majority of the Fund's assets in investments that are traded in an active public market and can be readily sold. Although market events could lead to some investments becoming illiquid, the diversity of the Fund's portfolio and current contribution levels should ensure that liquidity is available for benefit payments.

The term to maturity and related market values of fixed income investments are as follows:

Term to Maturity	2023	2022
Less than one year	\$ 928,951	\$ 1,896,317
One to five years	1,777,110	1,227,814
Over five years	5,969,137	5,301,161
Total fixed income investments	\$ 8,675,198	\$ 8,425,292

(d) Fair Value

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 in the measurement of the fair value of the Fund's investments based on the fair value hierarchy:

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	Level 1 Quoted Prices in Active Markets	Level 2 Significant Other Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs	Total 2023
Assets				
Cash	\$ 1,590,432	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,590,432
Short-Term Bonds and debentures	-	1,213,810	-	1,213,810
Equities	18,687,621	7,746,243	-	21,771,913
Infrastructure	-	-	2,786,599	2,786,599
Private equity	-	-	644,869	644,869
Private credit	-	-	1,654,016	1,654,016
Real estate	-	-	4,561,938	4,561,938
Total investments, Note 2(b) and Schedule 1	\$ 20,278,053	\$ 12,044,345	\$ 9,647,422	\$ 41,969,820

	Level 1 Quoted Prices in Active Markets	Level 2 Significant Other Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs	Total 2022
Assets				
Cash	\$ 213,238	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 213,238
Short-Term Bonds and debentures	-	1,959,839	-	1,959,839
Equities	18,919,971	6,528,975	-	21,249,962
Infrastructure	-	-	2,512,856	2,512,856
Private equity	-	-	447,009	447,009
Private credit	-	-	1,626,396	1,626,396
Real estate	-	-	5,057,598	5,057,598
Total investments, Note 2(b) and Schedule 1	\$ 19,133,209	\$ 10,818,805	\$ 9,643,859	\$ 39,595,873

At December 31, 2023, no equity investments were transferred from Level 1 to Level 2. All securities in Level 1 can be traded in an active market.

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During the year ended December 31, 2023, the reconciliation of investments measured at fair value using unobservable inputs (Level 3) is presented as follows:

	Infrastructure	Real estate	Private equity	Private credit	Total
Beginning Balance	\$ 2,512,856	\$ 5,057,598	\$ 447,009	\$ 1,626,396	\$ 9,643,859
Purchases	71,550	301,867	127,762	94,916	596,095
Sales and withdrawals	(70,643)	(603,425)	-	(163,698)	(837,766)
Capitalized income	90,583	544,527	5,684	89,215	730,009
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	182,253	(738,629)	64,414	7,187	(484,775)
Ending Balance	\$ 2,786,599	\$ 4,561,938	\$ 644,869	\$ 1,654,016	\$ 9,647,422

(e) Security Lending

The Fund participates in a securities lending program through the lending agent, State Street Trust Company Canada. Under the program, the Fund will lend various securities in its possession to borrowers approved by the lending agent. The loans can be secured by either securities or cash collateral. The Fund has risks under this program including borrower default and reinvestment risk, mitigated by an indemnification clause in the securities lending agreement with State Street Bank and Trust Company.

4. Contributions

	2023	2022
Employees – regular, bi-weekly contributions	\$ 612,126	\$ 585,100
Employees – reciprocal transfer in	-	-
Employer – regular, bi-weekly contributions	1,090,946	1,042,782
	\$ 1,703,072	\$ 1,627,882

5. Part III and Part IV Benefits

Pursuant to the *Income Tax Act Regulation 8503 (3)(c) and 8504*, there is a maximum annual pension benefit from a registered pension plan. Any amount in excess of the defined benefit limit is not considered registered and therefore must be paid outside of the registered pension plan (Part IV benefits). In accordance with section 46 of the *Members' Retirement Benefits Regulation of The Legislative Assembly Act*, there is no maximum salary limit or early retirement reductions; therefore, a member does not lose any benefits.

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The breakdown of Part III (registered) and Part IV (unregistered) cash flows is as follows:

	Part III	Part IV	Total – 2023
Contributions			
Employees	\$ 612,126	\$ -	\$ 612,126
Employer	960,210	130,736	1,090,946
	1,572,336	130,736	1,703,072
Net investment income	1,003,505	5,446	1,008,951
Current period change in fair value of investments	3,035,526	16,474	0
Total increase in assets	5,611,367	152,656	5,764,023
Pension benefits paid	1,421,935	72,147	1,494,082
Refunds and transfers	1,610,988	183,760	1,794,748
Administrative expenses	86,282	19,990	106,272
Total decrease in assets	3,119,205	275,897	3,395,102
(Decrease) Increase in net assets	2,492,162	(123,241)	2,368,921
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	39,350,372	281,600	39,631,972
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	\$ 41,842,534	\$ 158,359	\$ 42,000,893
	Part III	Part IV	Total – 2022
Contributions			
Employees	\$ 585,100	\$ -	\$ 585,100
Employer	905,334	137,448	1,042,782
	1,490,434	137,448	1,627,882
Net investment income	965,316	6,513	971,829
Total increase in assets	2,455,750	143,961	2,599,711
Current period change in fair value of investments	3,936,796	25,246	3,962,042
Pension benefits paid	1,356,284	67,319	1,423,603
Refunds and transfers	147,899	-	147,899
Administrative expenses	91,970	4,098	96,068
Total decrease in assets	5,532,949	96,663	5,629,612
(Decrease) Increase in net assets	(3,077,199)	47,298	(3,029,901)
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	42,427,571	234,302	42,661,873
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	\$ 39,350,372	\$ 281,600	\$ 39,631,972

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6. Current Period Change in Fair Value of Investments

	2023	2022
Net realized gains on the sale of investments	\$ 1,854,135	\$ 373,010
Net unrealized market gains (losses)	1,197,865	(4,335,052)
	<u>\$ 3,052,000</u>	<u>\$ (3,962,042)</u>

7. Related Party Transactions and Balances

In accordance with the *Members' Retirement Benefits Regulation*, The Civil Service Superannuation Board is the administrator of the Plan. The related costs of administering the Plan are to be charged to the Fund. These administrative services were received in terms and conditions comparable to market terms and conditions. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the cost of these services amounted to \$21,815 (2022 - \$16,252).

8. Administrative Expenses

	2023	2022
Audit fees	\$ 13,910	\$ 13,375
Actuary fees	69,945	65,840
Administration fees (Note 8)	21,815	16,252
Office and administration	602	601
	<u>\$ 106,272</u>	<u>\$ 96,068</u>

9. Obligations for Pension Benefits

In accordance with *The Legislative Assembly Act*, an actuarial valuation of the Plan is required at least every three years. The actuarial valuation was last completed as at December 31, 2021 by Ellement Consulting Group.

The actuarial present value of pension obligations including indexing benefits, based on service to date, was extrapolated by the actuary to December 31, 2023. The principal components of the changes in actuarial present value during the year are as follows (also refer to Exhibit C):

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	Part III	Part IV	Total – 2023
Actuarial present value of pension obligations based on service to date, beginning of year	\$ 41,040,367	\$ 1,649,751	\$ 42,690,118
Change in actuarial assumptions			
- beginning of year	(1,297,173)	(55,880)	(1,353,053)
Experience (gain) loss	788,548	477,001	1,265,549
Benefits accrued	1,572,336	130,736	1,703,072
Benefits and administrative expenses paid	(3,119,155)	(310,643)	(3,429,798)
Interest on accrued benefits	2,401,208	106,287	2,507,495
Change in reserves	49,845	-	49,845
Change in actuarial assumptions	(271,162)	1,519	(269,643)
Actuarial present value of pension obligations based on service to date, end of year	\$ 41,164,814	\$ 1,998,771	\$ 43,163,585
	Part III	Part IV	Total – 2022
Actuarial present value of pension obligations based on service to date, beginning of year	\$ 38,192,711	\$ 1,637,614	\$ 39,830,325
Experience (gain) loss	115,959	(147,992)	(32,033)
Benefits accrued	1,490,434	137,448	1,627,882
Benefits and administrative expenses paid	(1,596,152)	(71,417)	(1,667,569)
Interest on accrued benefits	2,234,573	93,403	2,327,976
Change in reserves	(61,544)	-	(61,544)
Change in actuarial assumptions	664,386	695	665,081
Actuarial present value of pension obligations based on service to date, end of year	\$ 41,040,367	\$ 1,649,751	\$ 42,690,118

The Plan liabilities may change significantly in the next year based on variances between actual versus expected investment and demographic experience.

Significant long-term actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2022 and 2021 actuarial valuations of the present value of the accrued basic pension obligations were:

	2022	2021
Liability discount rate	5.50%	5.25%
Annual rate of return	5.50%	5.25%
Salary escalation rates:		
(i) general increases		
a) inflation component	2.00%	2.00%
b) productivity component	0.50%	0.50%
(ii) service, merit and promotional increases	Nil	Nil

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Mortality rates:		
(i) mortality	CPM 2014 Public	CPM 2014 Public
(ii) mortality improvements	Scale B	Scale B
Indexing	2.00%	1.33%

The extrapolation to December 31, 2023 was based on the assumptions used in the 2022 actuarial valuation. The extrapolation also reflects the demographic experience to December 31, 2023.

The next actuarial valuation will be prepared as at December 31, 2023 and will be completed by the summer of 2024.

10. Capital Disclosures

In the context of the Fund, capital is defined as the net assets available for pension benefits. Externally-imposed capital requirements relate to the administration of the Fund in accordance with the terms of the Fund and the provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada). The Fund has developed appropriate risk management strategies, as described in Note 3, to preserve the net assets available for benefits. The Fund has complied with externally-imposed capital requirements during the year.

11. Future Commitments

The Fund has contractual obligations for future investment transactions, which may be funded over the next several years in accordance with the terms and conditions agreed to. As at December 31, 2023, the Fund's share of the outstanding commitment is \$2,539,098 (2022 - \$3,010,352).

SCHEDULE 1

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PENSION FUND
Summary of Investments
As at December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
Fixed income		
Short-term Bonds and debentures	\$ 663,598	\$ 1,701,608
	8,011,600	<u>6,723,684</u>
Total fixed income	8,675,198	<u>8,425,292</u>
Equities		
Domestic	5,120,746	5,302,284
Foreign	18,442,026	<u>16,163,778</u>
Total equities	23,562,772	<u>21,466,062</u>
Real estate	4,590,475	5,077,381
Private equity	646,958	447,452
Private credit	1,694,169	1,645,902
Infrastructure	2,800,248	2,533,784
Investments, Exhibit A	\$ 41,969,820	\$ 39,595,873

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SCHEDULE 2

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PENSION FUND
Schedule of Investment Income
For the year ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
Fixed income		
Short-term	\$ 47,086	\$ 36,017
Bonds and debentures	282,942	232,228
Total fixed income	330,028	268,245
Equities		
Domestic	146,916	145,809
Foreign	379,156	318,615
Total equities	526,072	464,424
Real estate	176,968	238,135
Private equity	5,464	4,001
Private credit	86,577	84,738
Infrastructure	90,556	93,544
Security lending revenue	8,907	10,087
Gross investment income	1,224,572	1,163,174
Less:		
Investment management expenses	189,154	167,475
Investment transaction costs	26,467	23,870
	215,621	191,345
Net investment income, Exhibit B	\$ 1,008,951	\$ 971,829

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