Legislative Assembly Pension Plan

2024 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 (CSSB).

Enrolment and membership

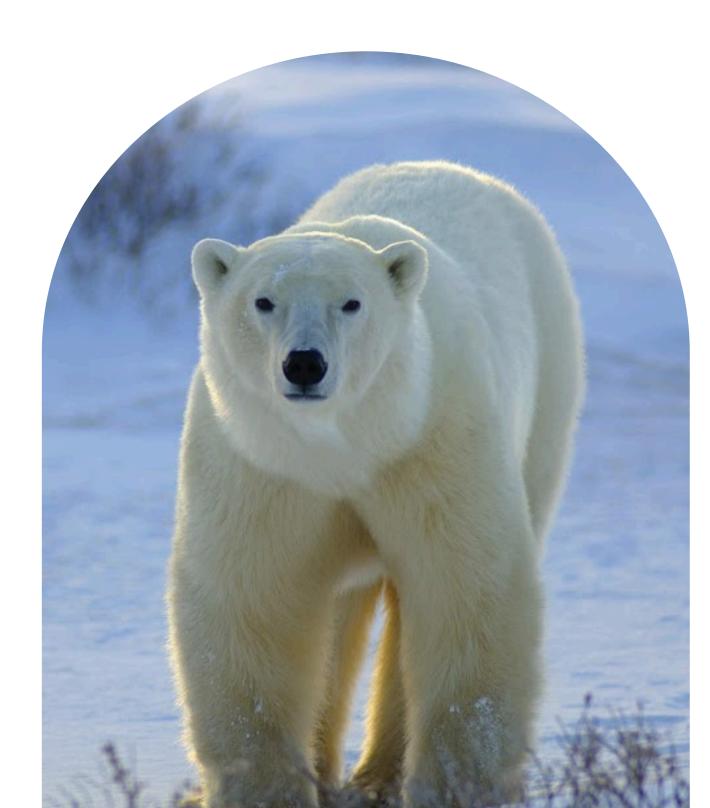
LAPP is an optional plan. New MLAs can join within six months of being elected and participation continues until the member is no longer an MLA. Contributions stop at the end of the year in which they turn 71 or when they have 35 years of pensionable service, whichever comes first. Members can retire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

Members

		2024	2023
N/A I I	Non-retired members	74	80
Membership	Retired members and other recipients	72	68
	Total members	146	148

Member Services

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



Letter of submittal



June 17, 2025

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 2024, which includes the Report of the Office of the Auditor General and audited financial statements.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmele Peter, Chair

Civil Service Superannuation Board

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Message from the GM

Bruce Schroeder

Welcome to the 2024 Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Annual Report, a summary of the plan, investments, and audited financial statements from January 1 to December 31.

Investment results

Despite a year marked by uncertainty and complex global dynamics, 2024 was a strong year for the investment team. Their expertise and discipline delivered a Total Fund return of 16.55%. This exceptional result reflects the team's commitment to protecting and growing the Fund for the benefit of all members.

Leadership transitions

Thank you Carmele Peter, outgoing Board Chair

This year marks the end of Carmele Peter's term as Board Chair, capping a long and dedicated history with CSSB. Carmele served on the Board from 1995 to 2011, and again from 2022 to 2025. As Chair, she championed modernization, fostered transparency, and strengthened communication across all committees. Her focus and collaborative spirit have made a lasting impact. On behalf of staff and the management team, I extend our sincere thanks to Carmele for her leadership and commitment.

Stepping away with gratitude

After 36 years with CSSB, I'll be retiring at the end of June. I'm proud of the innovations we've embraced over the years, particularly the technology that's made it easier for members to connect with us and get the support they need. Most of all, I'm proud of our staff, whose genuine care for members defines CSSB. I'm also grateful to the Board and our senior leadership teams, past and present, for their support, collaboration, and dedication.

Welcome new Chief Administrative Officer, Michael Emslie

As I prepare to step down, I do so with confidence in what lies ahead. I am pleased to introduce Michael Emslie as CSSB's new Chief Administrative Officer, effective July 14, 2025.

Michael is a long-time senior executive in the Manitoba public sector who brings financial expertise and a deep understanding of the pension landscape to his new role. Under Michael's leadership, CSSB will continue its strong and productive collaboration with government.

During this transition, the Board and staff remain focused on our members and on supporting the new CAO in the months ahead.

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 benefits. The commissioner implements these changes and reports their decisions to the Speaker.

Civil Service Superannuation Board

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 Scott Wilson

Chair

Employer Representative

Jody Gillis

Employee Representative

Lynn Zapshala-Kelln

Employer Representative

Samantha Probetts

Employee Representative

Human Resources and Governance Committee

JoAnne Reinsch

Chair

Employer Representative

Doug Troke

Employee Representative

Randal T Smith

Employer Representative

C. Reed Winstone

Employee Representative

Investment Committee

The Investment Committee manages the assets of the Civil Service Superannuation Fund, the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan, and other smaller plans.

The committee includes:

- one employee representative
- the Deputy Minister of Finance
- the CSSB General Manager
- the CSSB Board Chair
- a chairperson
- up to four external 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*

Retired, 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^

Employee Representative Civil Service Superannuation Board

Carmele Peter^

Chair

Civil Service Superannuation Board

Bruce Schroeder^

General Manager 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 plan 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 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 2024, the LAPP rate of return was 16.55%, exceeding our benchmark of 13.57%.

Cost-of-living adjustment

Previously, LAPP retired members received the same cost-of-living adjustment as Civil Service Superannuation Fund members. In 2024, the adjustment was 1.2%.

This approach changes in 2025. The LAPP Member's Retirement Benefits Regulations were updated on December 9, 2024, to guarantee future cost-of-living adjustments of at least two-thirds (66.67%) of the annual increase in the prior year's Canadian Consumer Price Index (CPI).



Highlights

		2024	2023
	Rate of return	16.55%	10.85%
Investments	Investments at market value	\$48,791,907	\$41,969,820
	Net investment income	\$1,137,452	\$1,008,951
	Current period change in fair value of investments	\$6,011,830	\$3,052,000
	Member contributions	\$620,400	\$612,126
Contributions and payments	Government payments	\$1,105,691	\$1,090,946
	Total	\$1,726,091	\$1,703,072
Payments from	Pension benefits paid	\$1,828,748	\$1,494,082
fund	Refunds and transfers	\$186,463	\$1,794,748
Expenses	Administrative	\$105,795	\$106,272
Expenses	Investment	\$190,857	\$189,154

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 29, 2025.

The firm of Ellement Consulting Group 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 independent 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,

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Bruce Schroeder General Manager

The Civil Service Superannuation Board

Rick Wilson

Director, Finance

The Civil Service Superannuation Board

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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, 2024, 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, 2024, 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 LAPF'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 LAPF'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 LAPF 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.

Office of the Auditor General Winnipeg, Manitoba

May 29, 2025

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PENSION FUND Statement of Financial Position As at December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
Assets		
Investments, Schedule 1, Note 2(b)	\$ 48,791,907	\$ 41,969,820
Accrued interest and dividends	77,597	90,892
Receivables		28,582
	48,869,504	42,089,294
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	114,244	88,401
Net assets available for benefits, Exhibit B	\$ 48,755,260	\$ 42,000,893
Pension Obligations and (Deficit) Surplus		
Actuarial value of pension obligations, Exhibit C, Note 9	\$ 44,507,873	\$ 43,163,585
Surplus (Deficit), Exhibit D	4,247,387	(1,162,692)
Pension obligations and (deficit) surplus	\$ 48,755,260	\$ 42,000,893

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, 2024

	2024	2023
Increase in assets		
Contributions, Note 1(a) and 4		
Employees	\$ 620,400	\$ 612,126
Employer	 1,105,691	1,090,946
Total contributions	1,726,091	1,703,072
Net investment income, Schedule 2	1,137,452	1,008,951
Current period change in fair value of investments,		
Note 6	 6,011,830	3,052,000
Total increase in assets	 8,875,373	5,764,023
Decrease in assets		
Benefits paid	1,828,748	1,494,082
Refunds and transfers	186,463	1,794,748
Administrative expenses, Note 8	 105,795	106,272
Total decrease in assets	 2,121,006	3,395,102
Increase in net assets available	6,754,367	2,368,921
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	42,000,893	39,631,972
Net assets available for benefits, end of year,		
Exhibit A	\$ 48,755,260	\$ 42,000,893

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, 2024

	2024	2023
Pension obligations, beginning of year	\$ 43,163,585	\$ 42,690,118
Change in pension obligations		
Change in actuarial assumptions - beginning of year	-	(1,353,053)
Experience (gain)	(976,720)	1,265,549
Benefits accrued	1,542,739	1,703,072
Benefits and administrative expenses paid	(2,121,006)	(3,429,798)
Interest accrued on benefits	2,649,131	2,507,495
Change in reserves	125,002	49,845
Change in actuarial assumptions	125,142	(269,643)
	1,344,288	473,467
Pension obligations, end of year, Exhibit A	\$ 44,507,873	\$ 43,163,585

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

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PENSION FUND Statement of Changes in Surplus (Deficit) For the year ended December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
(Deficit), beginning of year	\$ (1,162,692) \$	(3,058,146)
Increase in net assets available Change in pension obligations	 6,754,367 (1,344,288)	2,368,921 (473,467)
	5,410,079	1,895,454
Surplus (Deficit), end of year, Exhibit A	\$ 4,247,387 \$	(1,162,692)

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

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. Legislation states however that the cost-of-living adjustments must not be less than two-thirds of the increase in the Consumer Price Index. 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.

(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.

(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).

(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 Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2024

(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 18.3% (2023 - 20.7%) of its assets in fixed income securities as at December 31, 2024, which generated a rate of return of 3.82% (2023 - 8.50%). The returns on fixed income securities are particularly sensitive to changes in nominal interest rates. As at December 31, 2024, 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 \$732,355 (2023 - \$764,280). 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.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PENSION FUND Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2024

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

	Actual Currency						
As at December 31, 2024	2024 Exposure						
Canadian dollar	\$	24,192,796	49.6 %				
US dollar		14,024,853	28.7				
Euro		2,399,672	5.0				
Japenese yen		1,763,639	3.6				
Pound sterling		1,529,260	3.1				
Hong Kong dollar		1,018,494	2.1				
Australian dollar		785,791	1.6				
Other currencies		3,077,402	6.3				
Total investments	\$	48,791,907	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 \$2,459,900 (2023 - \$2,069,200).

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 public equities, with all other variables held constant, will impact the Fund's investments by an approximate loss or gain of \$2,608,242 (2023 - \$2,356,300). A decline or increase of 10 percent in fair values of private market investments, with all other variables held constant, will impact the Fund's investments by an approximate loss or gain of \$1,376,789 (2023 - \$973,200).

(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, 2024, the Fund's maximum credit risk exposure relates to bonds and debentures, short-term investments and cash totaled \$8,941,600 (2023 - \$8,675,198), receivable of \$ 0 (2023 - \$28,582) and accrued interest of \$77,597 (2023 - \$90,892) totaled \$9,019,197 (2023 - \$8,794,672). 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	2024 Fair V		2023 Fair Va	ılue
AAA	\$ 2,070,816	26.4%	\$ 1,840,974	23.8%
AA	3,094,622	39.4	1,459,751	18.8
A	2,223,705	28.4	3,759,580	48.6
BBB+	329,750	4.2	428,169	5.5
BBB and lower	126,842	1.6	257,775	3.3
	7,845,735	100.0%	7,746,249	100.0%
Cash and short-term	(309,244)		265,351	
Total bonds and debentures	\$ 7,536,491		\$ 8,011,600	

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 2024 or 2023.

(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	2024	2023
Less than one year	\$ 1,095,866	\$ 928,951
One to five years	1,567,912	1,777,110
Over five years	6,277,821	5,969,137
Total fixed income investments	\$ 8,941,600	\$ 8,675,198

(d) Fair Value

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 in the measurement of the fair value of the Fund's investments based on the fair value hierarchy:

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	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3	Total
	Quoted		Significant			2024
	Prices	es Other			Significant	
	in Active	(Observable	Uı	nobservable	
	Markets		Inputs		Inputs	
Assets						
Short-Term	\$ 193,875	\$	1,211,234	\$	-	\$ 1,405,109
Bonds and						
debentures	_		7,536,491		-	7,536,491
Equities	22,820,421		3,261,994		-	26,082,415
Infrastructure	-		-		5,089,412	5,089,412
Private equity	-		-		1,555,335	1,555,335
Private credit	-		-		2,527,834	2,527,834
Real estate	-		-		4,595,311	4,595,311
Total investments, Note 2(b)						_
and Schedule 1	\$ 23,014,296	\$	12,009,719	\$	13,767,892	\$ 48,791,907

	Level 1 Level 2		Level 3		Total	
	Quoted	Quoted Significant				2023
	Prices		Other	Si	gnificant	
	in Active	(Observable	Unc	bservable	
	Markets		Inputs		Inputs	
Assets						_
Short-Term	\$ 115,299	\$	548,299	\$	-	\$ 663,598
Bonds and						
debentures	-		8,011,600		-	8,011,600
Equities	20,478,480		3,084,292		-	23,562,772
Infrastructure	-		-	2	2,800,248	2,800,248
Private equity	-		-		646,958	646,958
Private credit	-		-	•	1,694,169	1,694,169
Real estate	-		-	2	1,590,475	4,590,475
Total investments, Note 2(b)						
and Schedule 1	\$ 20,593,779	\$	11,644,191	\$ 9	9,731,850	\$ 41,969,820

At December 31, 2024, no equity investments were transferred from Level 1 to Level 2. All securities in Level 1 can be traded in an active market.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the reconciliation of investments measured at fair value using unobservable inputs (Level 3) is presented as follows:

		Real	Private	Private	Total
	Infrastructure	estate	equity	credit	
Beginning Balance	\$ 2,800,248 \$	4,590,475	\$ 646,958	\$ 1,694,169 \$	9,731,850
Purchases	1,869,775	166,495	542,439	765,626	3,344,335
Sales and withdrawals	(224,302)	(291,708)	-	(307,437)	(823,447)
Capitalized income	212,363	308,262	8,945	81,110	610,680
Change in unrealized					
appreciation (depreciation)	431,328	(178,213)	356,993	294,366	904,474
Ending Balance	\$ 5,089,412 \$	4,595,311	\$ 1,555,335	\$ 2,527,834 \$	13,767,892

(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

	2024	2023
Employees – regular, bi-weekly contributions Employer – regular, bi-weekly contributions	\$ 620,400 1,105,691	\$ 612,126 1,090,946
	\$ 1,726,091	\$ 1,703,072

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 – 2024
Contributions			_
Employees \$	620,400 \$	- \$	620,400
Employer	922,339	183,352	1,105,691
	1,542,739	183,352	1,726,091
Net investment income	1,132,762	4,690	1,137,452
Current period change in fair value of			
investments	5,986,885	24,945	6,011,830
Total increase in assets	8,662,386	212,987	8,875,373
Pension benefits paid	1,743,979	84,769	1,828,748
Refunds and transfers	125,108	61,355	186,463
Administrative expenses	98,124	7,671	105,795
Total decrease in assets	1,967,211	153,795	2,121,006
Increase in net assets	6,695,175	59,192	6,754,367
Net assets available for benefits,			
beginning of year	41,842,534	158,359	42,000,893
Net assets available for benefits, end of year \$	48,537,709 \$	217,551 \$	48,755,260

	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	3,052,000
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

6. Current Period Change in Fair Value of Investments

	2024	2023
Net realized gains on the sale of investments Net unrealized market gains	\$ 2,078,603 3,933,227	\$ 1,854,135 1,197,865
	\$ 6,011,830	\$ 3,052,000

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, 2024, the cost of these services amounted to \$15,637 (2023 - \$21,815).

8. Administrative Expenses

	2024	2023
Audit fees	\$ 14,445	\$ 13,910
Actuary fees	75,350	69,945
Administration fees (Note 8)	15,637	21,815
Office and administration	363	602
	\$ 105,795	\$ 106,272

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, 2023 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, 2024. 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 – 2024
Actuarial present value of pension			
obligations based on service to			
date, beginning of year	\$ 41,164,814	\$ 1,998,771 \$	43,163,585
Change in actuarial assumptions			
- beginning of year	_	_	-
Experience (gain) loss	(570,024)	(406,696)	(976,720)
Benefits accrued	1,542,739	-	1,542,739
Benefits and administrative expenses paid	(1,967,211)	(153,795)	(2,121,006)
Interest on accrued benefits	2,541,723	107,408	2,649,131
Change in reserves	125,002	-	125,002
Change in actuarial assumptions	126,128	(986)	125,142
Actuarial present value of pension			
obligations based on service to			
date, end of year	\$ 42,963,171	\$ 1,544,702 \$	44,507,873
	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

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, 2023 and 2022 actuarial valuations of the present value of the accrued basic pension obligations were:

	2023	2022
Liability discount rate Annual rate of return	5.50% 5.50%	5.50% 5.50%
Salary escalation rates: (i) general increases a) inflation component b) productivity component (ii) service, merit and promotional increases	2.00% 0.50% Nil	2.00% 0.50% Nil
Mortality rates: (i) mortality	CPM 2014 Public	CPM 2014 Public
(ii) mortality improvements	Scale B	Scale B
Indexing	2.00%	2.00%

The extrapolation to December 31, 2024 was based on the assumptions used in the 2023 actuarial valuation. The extrapolation also reflects the demographic experience to December 31, 2024.

The next actuarial valuation will be prepared as at December 31, 2024 and will be completed by the summer of 2025.

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, 2024, the Fund's share of the outstanding commitment is \$4,016,194 (2023 - \$2,539,098).

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12. Comparative Figures

Certain of the 2023 comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the presentation adopted for 2024.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PENSION FUND Summary of Investments As at December 31, 2024

	2024	2023	
Fixed income			
Short-term Bonds and debentures	\$ 1,405,109 7,536,491	\$ 663,598 8,011,600	
Total fixed income	8,941,600	8,675,198	
Equities			
Domestic Foreign	4,889,236 21,193,179	5,120,746 18,442,026	
Total equities	26,082,415	23,562,772	
Real estate	4,595,311	4,590,475	
Private equity	1,555,335	646,958	
Private credit	2,527,834	1,694,169	
Infrastructure	5,089,412	2,800,248	
Investments, Exhibit A	\$ 48,791,907	\$ 41,969,820	

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

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PENSION FUND Schedule of Investment Income For the year ended December 31, 2024

	2024			2023	
Fixed income					
Short-term	\$	52,016	\$	47,086	
Bonds and debentures	*	306,955	•	282,942	
Total fixed income		358,971		330,028	
Equities					
Domestic		156,301		146,916	
Foreign		364,146		379,156	
Total equities		520,447		526,072	
Real estate		196,699		176,968	
Private equity		9,030		5,464	
Private credit		93,141		86,577	
Infrastructure		165,182		90,556	
Security lending revenue		6,551		8,907	
Gross investment income		1,350,021		1,224,572	
Less:					
Investment management expenses		190,857		189,154	
Investment transaction costs		21,712		26,467	
		212,569		215,621	
Net investment income, Exhibit B	\$	1,137,452	\$	1,008,951	

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