



Civil Service Superannuation Fund
ANNUAL REPORT
2016-2017



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The Honourable Darlene Compton
Minister of Finance
Province of Prince Edward Island
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Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8



Dear Madam:

In accordance with section 4.1 of the *Civil Service Superannuation Act*, I am pleased to present to you the Annual Report of the Province of Prince Edward Island Civil Service Superannuation Fund for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Harris'.

Cindy Harris, Chair
Civil Service Superannuation Commission

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12,145 MEMBERS

7,365 ACTIVES

3,910 PENSIONERS

643 DEFERRED PENSIONERS

227 INACTIVE

AVERAGE AGE OF ACTIVE MEMBER	AVERAGE AGE AT RETIREMENT	AVERAGE AGE OF PENSIONER
47	62.2	70

\$17,524

AVERAGE ANNUAL PENSION

 NEW MEMBERS 259	 NEW PENSIONERS 226
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Did you know?


73%
 of active members are female


11
 pensioners* are over 100 years old
* includes survivors

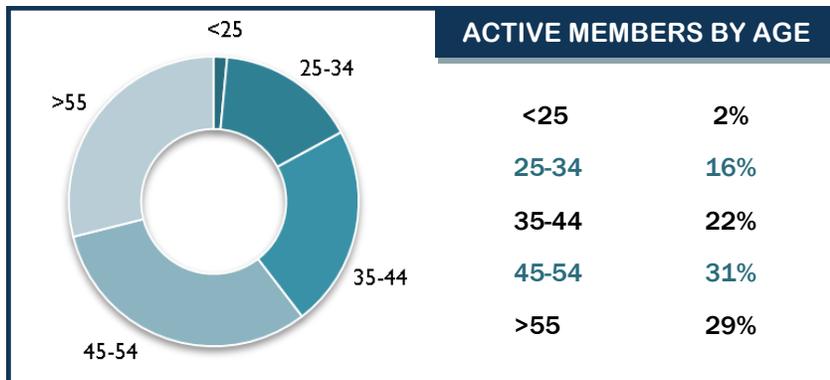
\$52,998

AVERAGE PENSIONABLE EARNINGS OF ACTIVE MEMBER

→ **x 8.09%**
 (contribution rate for pensionable earnings under the YMPE)

↓
= \$4,288

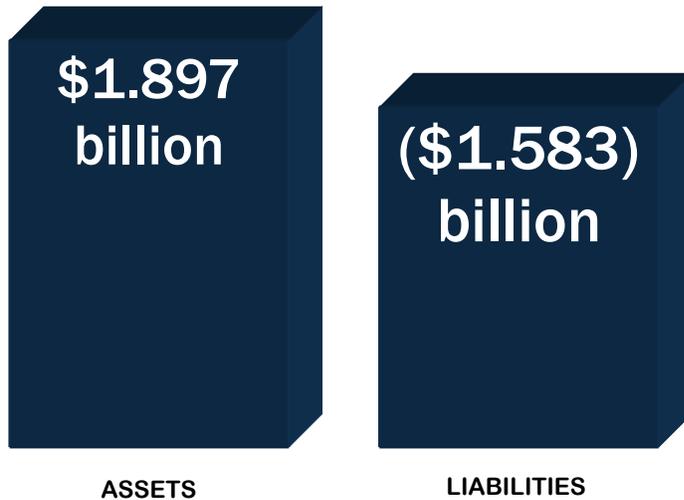
Average annual contribution of an active member



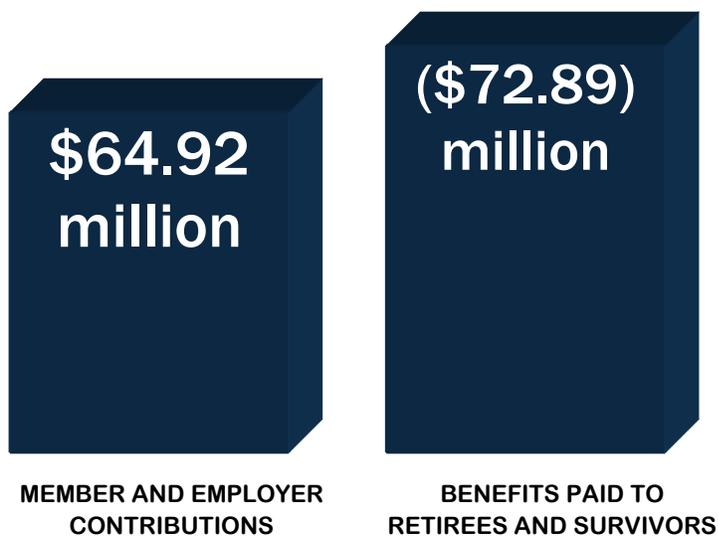
**All figures as at April 1, 2017
 The annual report is for convenience only. For an authoritative statement, refer to the actuarial valuation as at April 1, 2017.*

FUNDED RATIO 119.9%

Plan Assets and Liabilities



Contributions Received and Benefits Paid



MASTER TRUST INVESTMENT RETURNS

As at
March 31, 2017



↑ FISCAL YEAR ↑



↑ 5 YEAR RATE ↑



↑ SINCE INCEPTION ↑

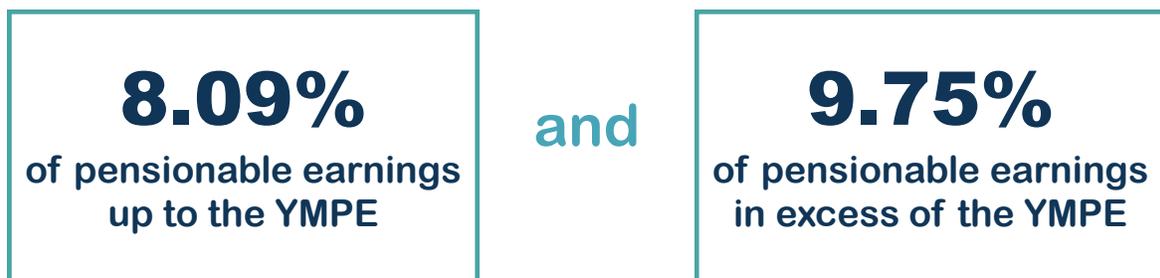
About THE PLAN

The Civil Service Superannuation Fund (the Plan) is a Defined Benefit Registered Pension Plan that provides members with a lifetime of monthly payments upon retirement.

Members contribute to the Plan through regular payroll deductions, which are matched by the employer. Plan assets are invested by external investment managers to generate further earnings to support the Plan.

All permanent employees are required to contribute a percentage of their bi-weekly earnings to the Plan beginning upon employment. The employer matches these contributions each pay period.

The percentage of contributions for 2016 - 2017 is as follows:



The YMPE is the Year's Maximum Pensionable Earnings, which is an amount determined by the Canada Pension Plan.

The YMPE was \$54,900 for 2016 and \$55,300 for 2017.

Please note:

In the event of a discrepancy between the annual report and Civil Service Superannuation Act, the legislation shall prevail.

Pension

FORMULA

Your CSSF pension will likely be one of your most valuable financial assets in retirement.

Your pension is calculated using this simplified formula, which does not reflect the offset at age 65 for Canada Pension Plan (CPP) benefits:



* For salaries below the CPP's YMPE, the 2% benefit is comprised of a 1.3 percent lifetime benefit and a 0.7 percent temporary bridge benefit, payable from the date of retirement to age 65.

Members are eligible to retire as early as their 55th birthday, which may involve a reduced pension.

Members who retire before 2019 can access an unreduced pension under the Rule of 30/60:

- attain 30 or more years of pensionable service (while being at least 55 years old); or
- attain the age of 60 with a least two years of pensionable service.

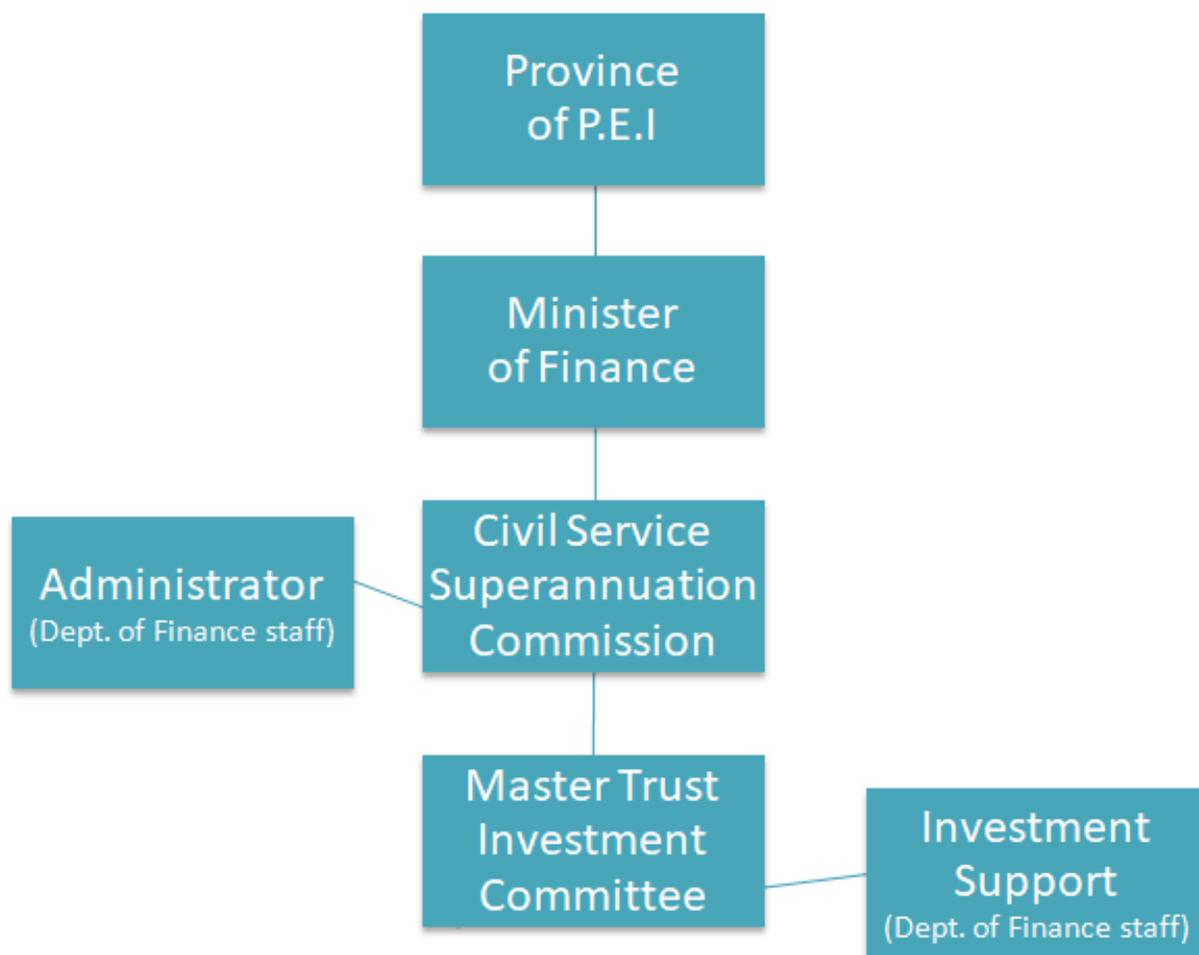
A member who is at least 55 years old and does not meet the Rule of 30/60 can still opt to retire and will receive a reduced pension. The total pension amount is reduced by the lesser of:

- 3.0 percent for each year prior to attaining 30 years of pensionable service, or
- 3.0 percent for each year prior to age 60.

Governance & ADMINISTRATION

The CSSF is governed by the Civil Service Superannuation Act (CSSA) and is sponsored by the Government of Prince Edward Island.

The Minister of Finance is responsible for the administration of the Plan. The day-to-day administrative duties have been assigned to the Pensions & Benefits and Fiscal Management divisions.



... GOVERNANCE

The Civil Service Superannuation Commission was established to assist and advise the Minister in certain aspects of plan administration and investment monitoring. The Commission strengthens governance by providing a forum which facilitates open consultation and communication among those parties who have a primary interest in the smooth functioning of the Act.

The Commission is made up of representatives from the employers, participating unions and retirees whose pension funds are invested in the Plan, as well as government staff.

The Commission held four meetings during the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

As of March 31, 2017, the Commission had the following 12 members:

Employer Representatives:		
Chairperson - Secretary to Treasury Board	Dan Campbell	Attended: 4 of 4
Department of Finance	Gordon MacFadyen	Attended: 4 of 4
PEI Public Service Commission	Tanya Rowell Elaine Hardy	Attended: 3 of 4 Attended: 4 of 4
Health PEI	Muriel MacLeod Denise Lewis Fleming	Attended: 4 of 4 Attended: 2 of 4
Retiree	Colin Younker	Attended: 3 of 4
Employee Representatives:		
Union of Public Sector Employees	Karen Jackson (Health) Mark Arsenault (Civil)	Attended: 2 of 4 Attended: 3 of 4
International Union of Operating Engineers	Gerald Poirier	Attended: 3 of 4
Canadian Union of Public Employees	Leonard Gallant	Attended: 4 of 4
PEI Nurses' Union	Blair MacDonald	Attended: 4 of 4

Commissioners are not paid for their service but they are reimbursed for any eligible travel and training fees they incur.

Upon joining the Commission, a Commissioner is expected to attain a basic level of knowledge on pension matters by participating in approved education programs. Each Commissioner is expected to participate in at least 15 hours of training in a three-year cycle.

Plan VALUATION

An actuarial valuation is a mathematical report that measures the financial health of a pension plan. It evaluates the funded status of the Plan by calculating the value of pension promises made to members and comparing it to the assets set aside to pay for those promises.

Funded status has an impact on things such as indexation to be applied to annual pensionable earnings for active members, fund contribution rates for employees and employers, and adjustments to pension benefits for retirees.

The funded status is calculated by dividing the assets by the liabilities. When the result is expressed as a percentage, it is known as the funded ratio.



A funded ratio greater than 100% means the Plan has a surplus, while a funded ratio less than 100% means the Plan is in deficit. The Plan must use surplus funds to award indexation to both active members and pensioners. If the Plan is in deficit, indexation cannot be awarded for that fiscal year.

The funded ratio of the Plan as at April 1, 2017 is as follows:



*Figures shown above are rounded to the nearest \$1 million.

... VALUATION

The April 1, 2017 actuarial valuation was based, in part, on the following data and statement of financial position:

Table 1 - Going-Concern Financial Position

Value of Assets		
Market Value	\$1,897,161,000	
Actuarial Liability		Percentage of Total Liabilities
Active Members	\$671,303,000	42.4%
Deferred Members	36,393,000	2.3%
Retired Members and Beneficiaries	875,168,000	55.3%
Total	\$1,582,864,000	
Actuarial Surplus (Unfunded Liability)	314,297,000	
Funded Status (amount in excess of 100% represents indexation reserve)	119.9%	

Assets & Expenses

During 2016-2017, there was a net increase to CSSF assets of approximately \$154 million.

Type	Amount
Employee Contributions	\$32,213,418
Employer Contributions	32,213,425
Transfers from Other Plans	26,423
Purchased Service	465,401
Interest Income	12,239,686
Investment Income	62,690,367
Market Value Increase	95,100,562
Total Revenue	\$234,949,282

Table 3, on the left, shows the receipts and income, by source, for the fiscal year.

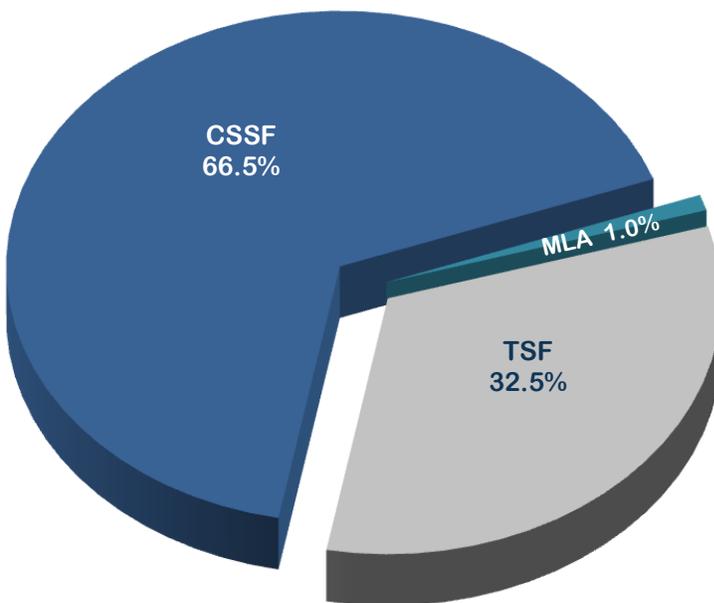
Table 4, below, shows the expenses for 2016-2017.

Type	Amount	Percentage of expenditure
Benefits Paid	\$72,891,295	
Refund	1,107,905	
Transfers	348,187	
Total Benefit Expenses	74,347,387	92.14%
Benefit Administration	781,725	
System Fees	153,106	
Investment Administration	134,355	
Pension Payroll TPA fees	13,037	
Total Administrative Expenses	1,074,569	1.33%
Consulting Fees	547,637	
Total Consulting Fees	547,637	0.68%
Investment Manager Fees	4,341,164	
Monitoring Fees	247,930	
Custodial Fees	133,653	
Total Investment Expenses	4,722,747	5.85% <i>(This represents 0.0023% of the Plan's assets)</i>
Total Expenses	\$80,692,340	100.00%

Fund

Investment Management

The CSSF's investment assets are managed by professional fund managers who must follow the Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures (SIP&P) approved by the Minister of Finance.



These investment assets are held in the Province of Prince Edward Island Master Trust. The CSSF, MLA Pension Fund and the Teachers' Superannuation Fund participate in the Master Trust.

In 2016-2017, approximately 66.5% of the funds in the Master Trust were assets of the CSSF. The total asset balance of the Master Trust as at March 31, 2017, was \$2,849,938,000.

CSSF Investment Fund Managers at March 31, 2017:

Canadian Equity:

Beutal Goodman & Company

Global Equity:

TD Asset Management
Baillie Gifford
Wellington Management

Fixed Income:

TD Asset Management
Goldman Sachs Asset Management

Canadian Real Estate:

Greystone Managed Investments
Bentall Kennedy (released in Q2 2017)

Global Real Estate:

State Street Global Advisors
Morgan Stanley

Infrastructure:

Global Infrastructure Partners
Lazard Asset Management

** Province of PEI Promissory Notes also fall under the Fixed Income asset class.*

Joint Investment Advisory Committee

At March 31, 2017, the following were members of the Joint Investment Advisory Committee (JIAC):*

Voting Members:		
Chairperson - Deputy Minister of Finance	David Arsenault	Attended: 2 of 4
Member of Legislative Assembly	Kathleen Casey	Attended: 3 of 4
PEI Teachers' Federation	Shaun MacCormac Patrick MacFadyen Rosemary Flemming* Mary Hart**	Attended: 1 of 4 Attended: 4 of 4 Attended: 0 of 2 Attended: 2 of 2
Union of Public Sector Employees	Karen Jackson Mark Arsenault	Attended: 1 of 4 Attended: 4 of 4
International Union of Operating Engineers	Gerald Poirier	Attended: 4 of 4
Canadian Union of Public Employees	Leonard Gallant	Attended: 4 of 4
PEI Nurses Union	Blair MacDonald	Attended: 4 of 4
Provincial Government	Terry Hogan Gordon MacFadyen Dan Campbell Terry Keefe* Blair Barbour***	Attended: 2 of 4 Attended: 3 of 4 Attended: 4 of 4 Attended: 3 of 4 Attended: 0 of 1
Retirees	Michel Plamondon (TSF) Colin Younker (CSSF)	Attended: 4 of 4 Attended: 4 of 4
Non-voting members:		
Ex-Officios	Tim Van Alstyne, <i>Scotia Capital Inc.</i> Nicole d'Ombraïn, <i>RBC Capital Markets</i>	
Consultants	Will DeSilva, <i>AON</i> Mario Delisle, <i>AON</i>	

* Retired mid-fiscal year

** Replaced Rosemary Flemming

**** Replaced Terry Keefe

The JIAC provides advice to the Minister of Finance on the following items:

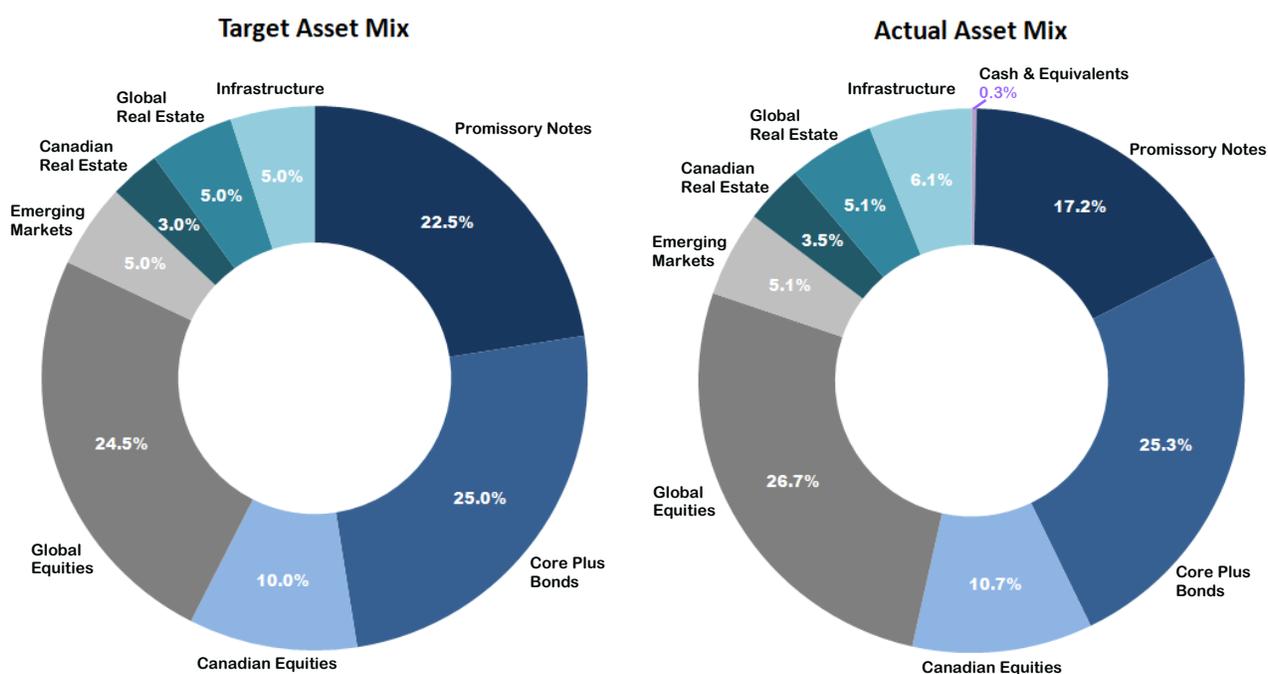
- Protection of the principal assets of the Master Trust and monitoring of costs
- Recommendations on investment fund asset mix
- Review of investment fund and fund manager performance
- Compliance with both federal and provincial requirements relating to ownership of foreign equities

Plan Asset Mix

The largest contributor to the growth of CSSF assets is normally investment income.

Our investment strategy, which is guided by the SIP&P, aims to maximize returns within a reasonable level of risk in order to meet our pension obligation. The target asset mix is a vital element of our investment strategy and is determined by the CSSF Commission through an exercise called an Asset Liability Modelling Study (ALM Study). The last ALM Study was conducted in 2015.

Asset Classes	Target Allocation from ALM	Actual Allocation as at March 31, 2017
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.0%	0.3%
Promissory Notes	22.5%	17.2%
Core Plus Bonds	25.0%	25.3%
Canadian Equities	10.0%	10.7%
Global Equities	24.5%	26.7%
Emerging Markets	5.0%	5.1%
Canadian Real Estate	3.0%	3.5%
Infrastructure	5.0%	6.1%
Global Real Estate	5.0%	5.1%



Audit Requirements

In accordance with section 13 of the *Audit Act*, the financial statements have been examined by the Office of the Auditor General whose report is included in the appendix of the annual report.

Contact Information

For further information concerning the administration of the ***Civil Service Superannuation Act***, please contact:

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Terry Hogan, Manager
Pamela MacEachern, Supervisor

For further information concerning the **Master Trust Fund**, please contact:

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Debt and Investment Management
Department of Finance
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Appendix

Audited Financial Statements for 2016-2017

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION FUND**

Financial Statements
March 31, 2017 and 2018

Management's Report

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

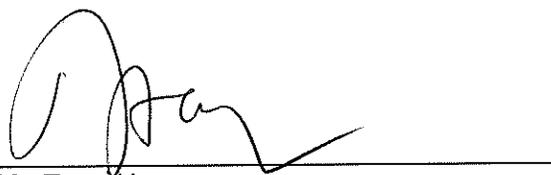
The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for pension plans and the integrity and objectivity of these statements are management's responsibility. Management is responsible for the notes to the financial statements and for ensuring that this information is consistent, where appropriate, with the information contained in the financial statements.

Management is responsible for implementing and maintaining a system of internal control to provide reasonable assurance that reliable financial information is produced.

The Civil Service Superannuation Commission is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control. The Commission reviews internal financial reports on a regular basis and externally audited financial statements yearly.

The Auditor General conducts an independent examination, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and expresses her opinion on the financial statements. The Auditor General has full and free access to financial information and management of the Prince Edward Island Civil Service Superannuation Fund to meet when required.

On behalf of the Prince Edward Island Civil Service Superannuation Fund



Mr. Terry Hogan
Manager, Pensions and Benefits Division
Department of Finance

May 15, 2019



Prince Edward Island Île-du-Prince-Édouard

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Commissioners of the Prince Edward Island Civil Service Superannuation Fund

I have audited the financial statements of the **Prince Edward Island Civil Service Superannuation Fund** which comprise the statements of financial position as at March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2018, and the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits and changes in pension obligations for the years then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted the audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2018, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits and its pension obligations for the years then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for pension plans.

B. Jane MacAdam, FCPA, CA
Auditor General

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
May 15, 2019

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION FUND**

Statement of Financial Position
March 31, 2017 and 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Assets		
Cash	4,066,498	3,531,275
Investments (Note 3)	1,695,491,603	1,568,644,693
Note receivable (Note 5)	306,910,700	321,986,840
Receivables		
Contributions - employee	1,995,307	1,892,121
- employer	1,974,932	1,880,572
Accrued interest	3,489,356	3,694,720
Other	<u>751,892</u>	<u>640,321</u>
Total Assets	<u>2,014,680,288</u>	<u>1,902,270,542</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2,225,043	1,767,434
Remittances payable	1,235,545	1,150,418
Investment fees payable	1,855,578	1,125,510
Due to the Province of Prince Edward Island	<u>898,078</u>	<u>1,066,280</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>6,214,244</u>	<u>5,109,642</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u>2,008,466,044</u>	<u>1,897,160,900</u>
Accrued Pension Obligation (Note 4)	<u>2,008,466,044</u>	<u>1,897,160,900</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u> -</u>	<u> -</u>

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

Approved on behalf of the Prince Edward Island Civil Service Superannuation Fund


Chairperson


Commissioner

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION FUND**

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
for the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Increase in Assets		
Investment income (Note 3(a))		
Interest	8,956,174	7,986,792
Dividends	73,688,195	54,703,575
Change in fair value of investments	<u>37,437,664</u>	<u>95,100,562</u>
	120,082,033	157,790,929
Other interest income	11,831,340	12,239,686
Contributions		
Employee	32,998,501	32,213,419
Employer	32,999,183	32,213,425
Transfers from other plans	183,741	26,423
Purchased service	<u>769,128</u>	<u>465,401</u>
	<u>198,863,926</u>	<u>234,949,283</u>
Decrease in Assets		
Benefits paid	78,651,156	72,891,296
Operating expenses (Note 6)	6,771,208	6,344,995
Refunds	1,620,422	1,107,905
Transfers	<u>515,996</u>	<u>348,187</u>
	<u>87,558,782</u>	<u>80,692,383</u>
Change in Net Assets	111,305,144	154,256,900
Net Assets Available for Benefits, beginning of the year	<u>1,897,160,900</u>	<u>1,742,904,000</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits, end of year	<u>2,008,466,044</u>	<u>1,897,160,900</u>

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

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION FUND**

Statement of Changes in Pension Obligation
for the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Accrued Pension Obligation, beginning of year	<u>1,897,160,900</u>	<u>1,742,904,000</u>
Change in Accrued Pension Obligation		
Interest accrued on benefits	97,809,978	90,799,699
Benefits accrued	47,435,127	47,083,700
Increase due to purchases of service	952,870	491,824
Benefits paid	(80,787,574)	(74,347,386)
Gain on Plan amendment and benefit design changes ¹	-	(2,990,000)
Loss on experience, assumption changes and contingent indexation	<u>45,894,743</u>	<u>93,219,063</u>
Change in Accrued Pension Obligation	<u>111,305,144</u>	<u>154,256,900</u>
Accrued Pension Obligation, end of year (Note 4)	<u>2,008,466,044</u>	<u>1,897,160,900</u>

¹ Plan amendment includes a change to the minimum guaranteed death benefit, and a change to the spousal benefits.

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

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION FUND

Notes to Financial Statements
March 31, 2017 and 2018

1. Plan Description

The following description of the Prince Edward Island Civil Service Superannuation Pension Plan (the Plan) is a summary only. For more complete information, reference should be made to the *Civil Service Superannuation Act* and *Regulations*.

a) General

The Plan is a contributory defined benefit plan covering members as defined in the *Civil Service Superannuation Act*.

b) Contributions

Under the Plan, members make contributions amounting to 8.09 percent of that part of the members' salary up to the amount of the year's maximum pensionable earnings (YMPE) as defined in the *Canadian Pension Plan Act* and 9.75 percent of the amount that exceeds the YMPE. Participating employers match member contributions. Herein these are considered the Base Contributions. Beginning in 2017, variable contributions have been introduced based on the funded benefits ratio as defined below (note that contribution changes by funded level are total and not cumulative).

Funded Benefits Ratio	Employee Contributions ¹	Participating Employer Contributions ¹
<100% ²	Base Contributions plus 1%	Base Contributions plus 4%
100% to 110% ³	Base Contributions plus 1%	Base Contributions plus 2%
110% to 135%	Base Contributions	Base Contributions
135% to 145% ⁴	Base Contributions less 1%	Base Contributions less 2%
145% + ⁵	Base Contributions less 1%	Base Contributions less 4%

¹ Subject to the Income Tax Act Rules for maximum contributions.

² If triggered, contributions based on funded benefits ratio <100% remain in effect until funded benefits ratio of ≥ 105% is attained.

³ If triggered, contributions based on funded benefits ratio <110% remain in effect until funded benefits ratio of ≥ 115% is attained.

⁴ If triggered, contributions based on funded benefits ratio ≥135% remain in effect until funded benefits ratio of ≤ 130% is attained.

⁵ If triggered, contributions based on funded benefits ratio ≥145% remain in effect until funded benefits ratio of ≤ 140% is attained.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION FUND

Notes to Financial Statements
March 31, 2017 and 2018

1. Plan Description (continued...)

c) Retirement Benefits

Pension Formula: The annual pension is based on the number of years of service times two percent of average salary with a reduction at age 65 for estimated Canada Pension Plan (CPP) benefits. The reduction is referred to as a bridge pension and only payable to age 65. The bridge is based on the number of years of service times 0.7% of average salary to a maximum of the average CPP year's maximum pensionable earnings. For Service prior to December 31, 2013, average salary and year's maximum pensionable earnings is based on the best three year average. For service commencing January 1, 2014, average salary and year's maximum pensionable earnings is based on career average.

Pre-Retirement Indexation: Benefits earned during 2014 to 2016 were automatically indexed at 1.5 percent per annum. As this indexation is guaranteed, it is included in the Base Benefits, which are the Plan benefits prior to any future contingent indexation. In 2017 and beyond, pre-retirement indexation will only be awarded if the funded benefits ratio (as determined at the April 1st immediately prior to the calendar year in which indexation is to be awarded) is greater than 100 percent. If there are years that full indexation is not awarded, and if the funded benefits ratio subsequently reaches 115 percent, then a portion of Plan funds is available to make up for missed indexation in the past. The maximum indexation is 100 percent of the increase in the Average Industrial Wage (AIW) in Canada, however, if in any year the assets available to be spent on inflation protection are not adequate to provide the full amount, partial indexation will be awarded.

Post-Retirement Indexation: For 2014 to 2016, post-retirement indexation was automatically awarded at 1.5 percent per annum. As this indexation is guaranteed, it is included in the Base Benefits. In 2017 and beyond, post-retirement indexation will only be awarded if the funded benefits ratio (as determined at the April 1st immediately prior to the calendar year in which indexation is to be awarded) is greater than 110 percent. If there are years that full post-retirement indexation is not awarded, and if the funded benefit ratio subsequently reaches 118 percent, then a portion of Plan funds is available to make up for missed past indexation on a go-forward basis (i.e. no retroactive payments). The maximum indexation is 100 percent of the consumer price index (CPI); however, if the Plan cannot afford that amount, partial indexation will be awarded. Indexation also applies to deferred vested benefits and is applied in the same manner as the post-retirement indexation.

Retirement Age: For pensionable service prior to January 1, 2019, the earliest unreduced retirement age remains at the earlier of 30 years of pensionable service (minimum of age 55) and attained age 60. For pensionable service after December 31, 2018, the earliest unreduced retirement age will be the earlier of 32 years of pensionable service (minimum of age 55) and attained age 62. The earliest retirement age is 55 with two years of continuous service.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION FUND

Notes to Financial Statements
March 31, 2017 and 2018

1. Plan Description (continued...)

d) Death Benefits

Less than two years of continuous service: On the death of a member prior to completing two years of pensionable service, or after completing two years of service but leaving no surviving spouse, or dependent children, the member's accumulated contributions with interest will be refunded.

Greater than or equal to two years of continuous service: If a member dies prior to retirement but after completing two years of service, the member's spouse is entitled to an immediate lifetime pension equal to 60 percent of the accrued, unreduced pension of the member at the time of death. In addition to the spousal pension, an allowance equal to one-sixth of the pension paid to the surviving spouse is payable in respect of each dependent child, up to a maximum of four children, until the child is no longer a dependent child or upon the death of the dependent child.

If the spouse of the member dies before the member, or where having survived the member the surviving spouse dies leaving children by the member, the sixty per cent pension that was payable to the spouse will be paid to the dependent child or the guardian of that child, if the member or vested former member is survived by only one dependent child, or the oldest dependent child or the guardian of that child.

e) Termination and Portability of Benefits

In the event of termination of employment for reasons other than retirement or death, a member may elect to receive either:

- a refund of the member's own contributions with interest (provided the member is 60 years of age or less at the time the refund application is received), or
- if the member has completed at least two years of service, a deferred pension subject to the provisions outlined in the Retirement Age section above.

Where there are portability arrangements between the Plan and other plans, members may be able to carry certain pension rights to those other plans or transfer contributions and service from those other plans to increase pension benefits under the Plan.

f) Marriage Breakdowns

Upon application, the pension benefits to which a person is entitled may be divided between the person and the spouse or former spouse.

g) Income Tax

The Fund is a Registered Pension Plan as defined under the federal *Income Tax Act* and is not subject to taxation.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for pension plans as outlined in the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada (CPA) Handbook Section 4600, Pension Plans. For accounting policies that do not relate to either investments or pension obligations, the Fund has elected to comply on a consistent basis with accounting standards for International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in Part I of the CPA Handbook. To the extent that IFRS in Part I is inconsistent with Section 4600, Section 4600 takes precedence.

Included in the determination of the accrued pension obligation for pension retirement benefits is a liability for contingent indexation.

For the years ended March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2018, the contingent indexation liability is calculated based on total plan assets less the accrued pension obligation assuming no further contingent indexation. This calculation does not incorporate the potential impact of future events such as contributions, gains and losses on asset returns and new benefit accruals.

Significant judgment is involved in the accounting treatment of contingent indexation. Management recognizes that the contingent indexation liability represents a new challenge for pensions in Canada. Going forward, management will continue to monitor developments in the accounting standards and practices when assessing the most appropriate accounting treatment for plans with a contingent indexation liability component.

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis and present the aggregate financial position of the Fund as a separate reporting entity.

a) Use of Estimates and Measurement Uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for pension plans requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of the revenues and expenses during the period. Items requiring the use of significant estimates include investments, accrued interest, accrued liabilities, and the accrued pension obligation.

Estimates are based on the best information available at the time of preparation of the financial statements and are reviewed annually to reflect new information as it becomes available. Measurement uncertainty exists in these financial statements. Actual results could differ from these estimates and the differences could be material.

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b) Foreign Currency Translation

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollars at the rate of exchange prevailing on the transaction date. The fair value of foreign investments and cash held at year-end are translated at the rates in effect at that date. The resulting gain or loss from changes in these rates is included in the current period change in fair value of investments.

c) Fair Value Measurement

Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction on the measurement date.

When available, the Fund measures the fair value of an instrument using quoted prices in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available and represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

If a market for a financial instrument is not active, then the Fund establishes fair value using a valuation technique. Valuation techniques include using recent arm's length transactions between knowledgeable, willing parties (if available), reference to the current fair value of other instruments that are substantially the same, and/or discounted cash flow analysis.

d) Financial Instruments

The Fund's financial instruments include cash, contributions and other receivables, accrued interest, notes receivable, investments, accounts payable, accrued liabilities, remittances payable, amounts due to the Province of Prince Edward Island, investment fees payable, and accrued pension obligation. Due to their nature, the Fund's financial instruments, with the exception of investments, are carried at cost which approximates their fair value. Investments are carried at fair value and are subject to interest rate, price, credit, foreign currency, and liquidity risks as described in Note 3.

e) Investments

Investments represent a pool of assets held in a master trust and allocated to each member by units of participation. The Prince Edward Island Master Trust represents a contract between the members (contributors) and the trustee (Minister of Finance). All investments held by the Master Trust are classified as held for trading. Investments are designated at fair value through the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. Investment purchase and sale decisions are based on their fair value in accordance with the Master Trust's Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures.

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Significant accounting policies for the pool of assets held in the Master Trust consist of:

(i) Investment transactions

Investment transactions are recognized on the transaction date. Distributions are recognized on the record date. Investments include receivables and payables at March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2018, for interest, dividends, and settled derivative contracts.

(ii) Income recognition

Income from investments is recorded on an accrual basis and includes interest and dividends as well as realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments.

(iii) Investment valuation

Equity and debt

Equity and debt investments are valued at fair value based on quoted market values. Changes in the market value of investments, including realized and unrealized gains and losses, are reflected in the financial statements as a change in the fair value of investments.

Equity investment in real estate

Investment in real estate is represented by an equity investment in a corporation that invests in real estate, participating mortgages, and property for development or resale. Properties within the corporation are valued annually by independent appraisers in accordance with generally accepted appraisal practices and procedures. The appraisal methodology followed is an income approach which is mainly based on discounted cash flows. In estimating future cash flows, certain assumptions are made with respect to future economic conditions and rates of return.

Pooled funds

Pooled funds are valued at the unit values supplied by the pooled fund administrator, which represents the Fund's proportionate share of underlying net assets at fair values determined using closing market prices.

Derivative contracts

The derivative contracts held by the Fund are stated at fair value and are valued using quoted market indices. Realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments from derivative contracts are included in the change in the fair value of investments.

Investment in foreign infrastructure

The Fund owns units in a foreign infrastructure partnership. The partnership invests in portfolio companies that own, operate, develop, manage, and support infrastructure assets. Fair value is based upon a number of factors, including readily

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available market quotes with appropriate adjustments for trading restrictions, the most recent round of financings, earning-multiple analysis using comparable companies or discounted cash flow analysis.

(iv) Transaction costs

Investment management fees are costs directly attributable to the external management of the assets. Fees incurred on the management of equity holdings in real estate and foreign infrastructure investments are paid directly as a reduction in the fair value of the investment. Fees incurred on the management of other investments are recorded as an investment expense.

f) Revenues and Expenses

Revenues and expenses are recorded on an accrual basis in the period in which the transaction or event that gave rise to the revenue or expense occurred.

g) Accrued Pension Obligation

The value of the accrued pension obligation of the Fund is based on an annual actuarial valuation prepared on an accounting basis by an independent actuary using the projected unit credit method pro-rated on service and best estimate assumptions. The accrued pension obligation is measured in accordance with accepted actuarial methods using actuarial assumptions and methods adopted by the Fund.

3. Investments and Derivatives

a) Investments

Investments consist of units held in the Master Trust. At year-end, there were 1,230,667.845 units held in the Master Trust (2017 - 1,109,112.423), with a fair value of \$1,377.70 (2017 - \$1,414.32) per unit.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>%</u>
	\$		\$	
Cash and Short-Term Investments	9,318,443	0.4	14,357,433	0.6
Long Core Plus Bond	151,727,174	6.1	-	-
Core Plus Bond	735,053,555	29.6	706,523,439	30.6
Canadian Equities	287,129,218	11.6	293,421,249	12.8
Global Equities	911,730,086	36.8	888,943,129	38.5
Canadian Real Estate	76,166,697	3.1	97,603,925	4.2
Global Real Estate	164,427,514	6.6	141,212,169	6.1
Global Infrastructure	148,407,339	6.0	170,318,640	7.4
Currency Overlay	<u>(3,612,801)</u>	<u>(0.2)</u>	<u>(3,568,100)</u>	<u>(0.2)</u>
Total	2,480,347,225	<u>100.0</u>	2,308,811,884	<u>100.0</u>
Fund's pro-rated share	<u>68.3570%</u>		<u>67.9416%</u>	
Fund investments *	<u>1,695,491,603</u>		<u>1,568,644,693</u>	

*Rounded

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Investment income and realized and unrealized gains (losses) of the Master Trust consist of the following:

	Investment Income 2018 \$	Change in Fair Value of Investments 2018* \$	Investment Income 2017 \$	Change in Fair Value of Investments 2017* \$
Cash and Short-Term Investments	297,164	2,690	371,239	(14,854)
Long Core Plus Bond	4,257,763	(2,107,260)	-	-
Core Plus Bond	20,829,792	(13,633,333)	20,988,323	(4,351,330)
Canadian Equities	8,786,708	3,594,654	9,485,546	37,717,889
Global Equities	75,527,333	48,659,620	41,322,666	82,156,130
Canadian Real Estate	798,494	7,046,826	2,343,073	3,987,635
Global Real Estate	269,774	1,251,719	-	4,622,341
Global Infrastructure	10,405,072	3,362,621	17,999,729	3,603,059
Currency Overlay	(72,863)	6,989,834	-	12,912,572
Total	<u>121,099,237</u>	<u>55,167,371</u>	<u>92,510,576</u>	<u>140,633,442</u>
Fund's pro-rated share	68.2452%	67.8620%	67.7656%	67.6230%
Fund investments**	<u>82,644,369</u>	<u>37,437,664</u>	<u>62,690,367</u>	<u>95,100,562</u>

* Includes realized gains of \$119.8 million (2017 - gains of \$86.5 million) and unrealized losses of \$64.6 million (2017 - gains of \$54.1 million).

** Rounded

Investments include amounts which investment managers of the Master Trust have invested in their own pooled funds. The fair values of these investments are as follows:

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Beutel, Goodman & Company Limited	26,816,051	29,313,385
Morgan Stanley Prime Property Fund	68,877,139	-
Baillie Gifford Overseas Limited	292,218,716	352,345,727
Bentall Kennedy (Canada) LP	-	50,273,009
Greystone Managed Investments Inc.	76,166,697	47,330,916
Global Infrastructure Partners (GIP)	83,565,488	58,505,561
Goldman Sachs Asset Management	442,243,747	352,056,616
State Street Global Advisors Ltd.	95,550,374	141,212,169
Lazard Asset Management LLC	64,841,852	111,813,079
Wellington Global PERSP (CAD)	194,280,998	-
TD Asset Management	869,767,355	891,064,226
Royal Bank of Canada	-	7,393,087
Total	<u>2,214,328,417</u>	<u>2,041,307,775</u>
Fund's pro-rated share	68.3570%	67.9416%
Fund's pooled funds*	<u>1,513,649,057</u>	<u>1,386,898,010</u>

* Rounded

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b) Derivative Contracts

Derivative contracts are financial contracts, the value of which is "derived" from the value of underlying assets or exchange rates. Derivative contracts provide flexibility in implementing investment strategy.

Forward contracts are used to manage currency exposure and mitigate risk with respect to investments held in foreign currencies. The net notional amount of the currency forwards represents the volume of the outstanding transactions and serves as the basis upon which the return and market value of the contract is determined.

The following provides details of the Master Trust's derivative contracts outstanding as of March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2018:

	<u>2018</u> \$	<u>2017</u> \$
Notional Amount	497,511,828	543,955,159
Fair Value	(3,612,801)	(3,568,100)

c) Fair Value Disclosure

Fund investment assets recorded at fair value have been categorized based upon a fair value hierarchy of significant inputs used in measuring fair value. The following fair value hierarchy tables present information about the Fund's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2018.

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1: Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the investment manager has the ability to access at the measurement date. Level 1 primarily includes publicly listed investments.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices, that are observable either directly or indirectly, including inputs in markets that are not considered to be active. Level 2 primarily includes debt securities and derivative contracts not traded in an open market.

Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable. There is little, if any, market activity. Inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment and/or estimation. Level 3 primarily consists of foreign infrastructure investments.

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The following tables illustrate the classifications of the Fund's financial instruments using the fair value hierarchy as at March 31:

	2018			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash and Short-Term Investments	9,318,443	-	-	9,318,443
Long Core Plus Bond	-	151,727,174	-	151,727,174
Core Plus Bond	-	735,053,555	-	735,053,555
Canadian Equities	287,129,218	-	-	287,129,218
Global Equities	911,730,086	-	-	911,730,086
Canadian Real Estate	-	76,166,697	-	76,166,697
Global Real Estate	-	164,427,514	-	164,427,514
Global Infrastructure	64,841,851	-	83,565,488	148,407,339
Currency Overlay	-	(3,612,801)	-	(3,612,801)
Total financial assets at fair value	<u>1,273,019,598</u>	<u>1,123,762,139</u>	<u>83,565,488</u>	2,480,347,225
Fund's pro-rated share				68.3570%
Fund investments *				<u>1,695,491,603</u>

*Rounded

	2017			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash and Short-Term Investments	14,357,433	-	-	14,357,433
Core Plus Bond	-	706,523,439	-	706,523,439
Canadian Equities	293,421,249	-	-	293,421,249
Global Equities	888,943,129	-	-	888,943,129
Canadian Real Estate	-	97,603,925	-	97,603,925
Global Real Estate	-	141,212,169	-	141,212,169
Global Infrastructure	111,813,079	-	58,505,561	170,318,640
Currency Overlay	-	(3,568,100)	-	(3,568,100)
Total financial assets at fair value	<u>1,308,534,890</u>	<u>941,771,433</u>	<u>58,505,561</u>	2,308,811,884
Fund's pro-rated share				67.9416%
Fund investments *				<u>1,568,644,693</u>

* Rounded

There were no significant transfers between any financial instrument levels during the years ended March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2018.

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The following table details changes in fair value measurement in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	\$	\$
Level 3 investments, April 1	58,505,561	28,155,780
Net purchases	20,561,212	24,236,410
Realized gains	24,594	131,989
Unrealized gains	6,801,487	2,910,067
Foreign exchange gains (losses)	<u>(2,327,366)</u>	<u>3,071,315</u>
Total financial assets at fair value	83,565,488	58,505,561
Fund's pro-rated share	<u>68.3570%</u>	<u>67.9416%</u>
Level 3 investments, March 31	<u>57,122,861</u>	<u>39,749,614</u>

d) Investment Risk Management

Risk management relates to the understanding and active management of risks associated with all areas of the business and the associated operating environment. Investments are primarily exposed to interest rate, price, credit, foreign currency, and liquidity risks. The Fund has set formal goals, policies, and operating procedures that establish an asset mix among equity and fixed income, require diversification of investments within categories, and set limits on the size of exposure to individual investments and counter parties. Risk and credit considerations are periodically assessed in consultation with external consultants, the Department of Finance and the Master Trust Investment Advisory Committee. Plan sponsor oversight, procedures, and compliance functions are incorporated into Fund processes to achieve consistent controls and to mitigate operational risk.

(i) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk refers to the fact that the Fund's financial position will change with market interest rate changes as fixed income securities are sensitive to changes in nominal interest rates. Interest rate risk is inherent in the management of a pension plan due to prolonged timing differences between cash flows related to the Fund's assets and liabilities.

Assuming all other variables are held constant, a one percentage point change in nominal interest rates would change the fair value of the Fund by \$49.5 million (2017 - \$34.1 million).

	<u>Value of Fixed Income Securities</u>	<u>Weighted Average Duration</u>	<u>Percentage Point Change</u>	<u>Impact on Fair Value of the Master Trust</u>	<u>Fund's Pro-rated Share</u>	<u>Pro-rated Impact on Fair Value of the Fund</u>
	\$	yrs	%	\$	%	\$
2017	706.5 m	7.11	1	50.2 m	67.9416	34.1 m
2018	886.8 m	8.16	1	72.4 m	68.3570	49.5 m

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(ii) Price Risk

Price risk is the risk of fluctuation in market values of investments from influences specific to a particular investment or from influences on the market as a whole. Price risk includes interest rate and foreign currency risk. Market price risk is managed by the Fund through the use of diversified investment portfolios traded on various markets and across various industries. Assuming all other variables are held constant, a 10 percent change in market values of all public equities would change the fair value of the Fund by \$98.4 million (2017 - \$96.6 million).

	<u>Value of Public Equities</u> \$	<u>Percentage Change</u> %	<u>Impact on Fair Value of the Master Trust</u> \$	<u>Fund's Pro-rated Share</u> %	<u>Pro-rated Impact on Fair Value of the Fund</u> \$
2017	1,421.2 m	10	142.1 m	67.9416	96.6 m
2018	1,439.5 m	10	143.9 m	68.3570	98.4 m

(iii) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of loss in the event the counter party to a transaction fails to discharge an obligation and causes the other party to incur a loss. Credit risk associated with the Fund is periodically assessed in consultation with external consultants, the Department of Finance and the Master Trust Investment Advisory Committee.

Fixed income

The Fund is exposed to credit risk from interest earning investments at March 31, as follows:

	<u>2018</u> <u>(millions)</u> \$	<u>2017</u> <u>(millions)</u> \$
Federal government	78.5	75.6
Provincial government	318.6	209.9
Corporate	472.7	380.8
Government agencies	17.0	40.2
Total investment credit risk exposure	886.8	706.5
Fund's pro-rated share	<u>68.3570%</u>	<u>67.9416%</u>
Fund's investment credit risk exposure	606.2	480.0
Provincial government promissory note	306.9	322.0
Fund's total credit risk exposure	<u>913.1</u>	<u>802.0</u>

All fixed income investments are considered to have low credit risk.

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Security Lending

The Fund participates in a Securities Lending Program whereby it lends securities for a fee to approved borrowers. To alleviate the credit risk, borrowers must provide collateral with a value of 105 percent when the value of the securities lent is denominated in a different currency and 102 percent when denominated in the same currency. The market value of the collateral is monitored by the custodian at least daily to ensure that the security thresholds are maintained. In addition, security loans are allocated across various borrowers within the program and the Fund holds indemnification coverage, which mitigates the credit and market risk on the collateral.

The fair value of security loans outstanding and collateral held is as follows:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	\$	\$
Total security loans outstanding	66,859,690	123,874,157
Fund's pro-rated share	<u>68.3570%</u>	<u>67.9416%</u>
Fund's security loans outstanding	<u>45,703,278</u>	<u>84,162,084</u>
Total collateral held	69,950,237	130,159,820
Fund's pro-rated share	<u>68.3570%</u>	<u>67.9416%</u>
Fund's collateral held	<u>47,815,884</u>	<u>88,432,664</u>

Derivatives

The Fund is exposed to credit related losses in the event of non performance by counter parties to derivative financial instruments. In order to mitigate this risk, the Fund deals only with highly-rated counter parties, with whom International Swap and Derivative Association agreements have been executed, normally major financial institutions with a minimum credit standard of "A" rating, as supported by a recognized credit rating agency.

Credit risk represents the maximum amount that would be at risk as at the reporting date if the counter parties failed completely to perform under the contracts and if the right of offset proved to be non enforceable. Credit risk exposure on derivative financial instruments is represented by the receivable replacement cost of contracts with counter parties, less any prepayment collateral or margin received as at the reporting date.

(iv) Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the value of the future cash flow of the financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Consequently, the Fund is exposed to the risk that the exchange rates of the various currencies may change in a manner that has an adverse effect on the value of the portion of the Fund's assets denominated in currencies other than the Canadian

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dollar. Foreign currency exposure arises from the holding of investments denominated in foreign currencies. A policy of hedging a portion of the currency exposure is used to mitigate this risk.

The Fund's unhedged currency exposure from net investment assets as at March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2018 is summarized in the following table.

	2018	2017
	(millions)	(millions)
	\$	\$
Currency		
China	19.8	16.1
Euro Zone	20.6	36.2
United Kingdom	22.3	24.2
India	11.1	7.8
Japan	88.6	91.3
Korean Republic	13.3	6.6
Sweden	25.1	14.6
Taiwan	31.9	11.2
United States	231.2	230.8
South Africa	13.0	11.5
Other	<u>60.2</u>	<u>23.2</u>
Total	537.1	473.5
Fund's pro-rated share	<u>68.3570%</u>	<u>67.9416%</u>
Fund's foreign currency exposure	<u>367.1</u>	<u>321.7</u>

After the effect of hedging, and without a change in all other variables, a 10 percent change in the Canadian dollar against all other currencies would change the fair value of the Fund by \$36.7 million (2017 - \$32.2 million).

(v) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk of not meeting the cash obligations of the Fund in an efficient manner. Cash obligations are fulfilled from contributions to the Fund, cash income of the Fund, and disposition of Fund assets as required. Cash requirements of the Fund are reviewed on an ongoing basis to provide for the orderly availability of resources to meet the financial obligations of the Fund.

The Fund's cash management policy ensures that the quality and liquidity of the investment vehicles within the portfolios are consistent with the needs of the Fund.

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4. Accrued Pension Obligation

a) Actuarial Valuation

The present value of the accrued pension obligation was determined using the projected unit credit method pro-rated on service and management's best estimate, as at the valuation date, of future economic events and involve economic and non-economic assumptions. The non-economic assumptions include considerations such as mortality and retirement rates. The primary economic assumptions include the return on investment, discount, inflation, and salary escalation rates.

The most recent actuarial valuations for accounting purposes, prepared by the actuarial consulting firm Morneau Shepell, disclosed a base benefit liability of \$1,620,263,000 as at April 1, 2018 and \$1,582,863,000 as at April 1, 2017.

The actuarial valuations on April 1, 2018 and April 1, 2017 were based on data as at January 1st of the previous year and the actuarial liability was then extrapolated to April 1st, based on current period benefit cost, benefit payments and interest and adjusted for changes in actuarial assumptions. As at April 1, 2017, this represents a change in methodology from the previous valuation. An actuarial valuation of the Civil Service Superannuation Fund is performed annually as at April 1st and is required to be completed by December 31st of each year.

The total accrued pension obligations consist of the following:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	\$	\$
Base benefit liability	1,620,263,000	1,582,863,000
Contingent indexation liability ¹	<u>388,203,044</u>	<u>314,297,900</u>
Total accrued pension obligation	<u>2,008,466,044</u>	<u>1,897,160,900</u>

¹ The contingent indexation liability is calculated based on total plan assets less the accrued pension obligation assuming no future contingent indexation. This calculation does not incorporate the potential impact of future events such as contributions, gains or losses on asset returns and new benefit accruals.

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4. Accrued Pension Obligation (continued...)

The assumptions for the most recent valuations performed are as follows:

	2018	2017	2016
Inflation	2.15%	2.20%	2.25%
Discount Rate	5.60%	5.20% for 10 years, 5.85% thereafter	5.25% for 10 years, 5.90% thereafter
Expected Rate of Return of Plan Assets	5.60%	5.20% for 10 years, 5.85% thereafter	5.25% for 10 years, 5.90% thereafter
Salary Escalation	Basic increase of 2.65% per annum + promotional scale	Basic increase of 2.70% per annum + promotional scale	Basic increase of 2.75% per annum + promotional scale
Pre-Retirement Indexation	0.70% per annum for 2018, 2.65% per annum for 16 years, 0% thereafter	0.84% per annum for 2017, 2.70% per annum for 14 years, 0% thereafter	1.50% per annum for 2016, 2.75% per annum for 10 years, 0% thereafter
Post-Retirement Indexation (includes deferred pensioners)	1.52% per annum for 2018, 2.15% per annum for 10 years, 0% thereafter	1.05% per annum for 2017, 2.20% per annum for 6 years, 0% thereafter	1.50% per annum for 2016, 2.25% per annum for 4 years, 0% thereafter
Mortality	Same	Same	CPM2014Publ with future improvements based on CPM Scale B and adjustments of 1.10 for males and 0.95 for females
Termination	Same	Same	Tenure - based scale
Retirement Age	Same	Same	Service and age - based scale
Proportion Married	Same	Same	Age and gender - based scale
Age Difference for Spouses	Same	Same	Males 2 years older than female spouses

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4. Accrued Pension Obligation (continued...)

b) Sensitivity of Changes in Major Assumptions

The Fund's future experience may differ from the assumptions used in the actuarial valuation. Any differences between the actuarial assumptions and future experience could be significant and will emerge as experience gains or losses in future valuations which will affect the financial position of the Fund.

5. Funding Policy

Prior to plan amendments in 2014, the Province was committed to make payments if the assets of the Fund were insufficient to provide for pension payments as they became due. In addition, a funding policy existed which required the Province to make special contributions when the Fund's funding level declined below 90 percent.

Special contributions made under this funding policy were as follows:

- (i) As a result of an unfunded liability at April 1, 2011, the Province of Prince Edward Island made a special contribution through the signing of a \$150,761,400 promissory note. The note, issued December 11, 2012, is held by the Fund and is receivable in ten equal annual instalments of \$15,076,140 beginning April 1, 2013. Interest on the note is accrued from April 1, 2012 at a rate of 2.9 percent per annum and is receivable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1.

The following is a schedule of principal and interest payments as disclosed in the promissory note:

<u>Date of Payment</u>	<u>Principal Payments</u>	<u>Interest Payments</u>	
	<u>Principal Payment</u> \$	<u>April 1</u> \$	<u>October 1</u> \$
April 1, 2012	-	-	2,186,041
April 1, 2013	15,076,140	2,186,041	1,967,436
April 1, 2014	15,076,140	1,967,436	1,748,832
April 1, 2015	15,076,140	1,748,832	1,530,228
April 1, 2016	15,076,140	1,530,228	1,311,624
April 1, 2017	15,076,140	1,311,624	1,093,020
April 1, 2018	15,076,140	1,093,020	874,416
April 1, 2019	15,076,140	874,416	655,812
April 1, 2020	15,076,140	655,812	437,208
April 1, 2021	15,076,140	437,208	218,604
April 1, 2022	<u>15,076,140</u>	<u>218,604</u>	-
	<u>150,761,400</u>	<u>12,023,221</u>	<u>12,023,221</u>

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5. Funding Policy (continued...)

As part of the plan amendments in 2014, the Province's requirement to make payments if the assets of the Fund were insufficient to provide for pension payments as they became due was removed, the funding policy was rescinded and they were replaced by the following Government guarantee:

- Beginning on April 1, 2016, if the funded benefits ratio of the Plan falls below 100 percent (of base benefits) and, after reflecting the future contributions as described in Note 1(b), the Plan is still not projected to achieve a funded benefits ratio of at least 100 percent within five years, the Province is required to make an additional contribution within six months equal to one fifth of the additional amount required to restore the funded benefits ratio to 100 percent within five years. This is reviewed on an annual basis and the contribution amount will be subject to change each year.

In addition, the Province committed to make a one-time transitional contribution (transitional government funding amount) to the Plan on or before December 31, 2014 such that, if that contribution had been made on January 1, 2014, the total assets of the Fund would have equalled:

1. 122 percent of the total liabilities of the Fund excluding the liabilities for salary indexing and pension indexing for any year after 2013; plus
2. 100 percent of the liabilities for salary indexing and pension indexing for 2014, 2015 and 2016.

The transitional government funding amount was contributed to the Fund by the Province of Prince Edward Island through the signing of a \$231,530,000 promissory note. The note, issued December 29, 2014, is held by the Fund and is receivable in seven equal annual instalments of \$33,075,714 beginning January 1, 2023. Interest on the note is accrued from January 1, 2014 at a rate of 4.14 percent per annum and is receivable semi-annually on January 1 and July 1. At March 31, 2014, a receivable was recognized for the outstanding note and classified as an employer special contribution.

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5. Funding Policy (continued...)

The following is a schedule of principal and interest payments as disclosed in the promissory note:

<u>Date of Payment</u>	<u>Principal Payments</u>	<u>Interest Payments</u>	
	<u>Principal Payment</u> \$	<u>January 1</u> \$	<u>July 1</u> \$
January 1, 2014	-	-	4,792,671
January 1, 2015	-	4,792,671	4,792,671
January 1, 2016	-	4,792,671	4,792,671
January 1, 2017	-	4,792,671	4,792,671
January 1, 2018	-	4,792,671	4,792,671
January 1, 2019	-	4,792,671	4,792,671
January 1, 2020	-	4,792,671	4,792,671
January 1, 2021	-	4,792,671	4,792,671
January 1, 2022	-	4,792,671	4,792,671
January 1, 2023	33,075,714	4,792,671	4,108,004
January 1, 2024	33,075,714	4,108,004	3,423,336
January 1, 2025	33,075,714	3,423,336	2,738,669
January 1, 2026	33,075,714	2,738,669	2,054,002
January 1, 2027	33,075,714	2,054,002	1,369,335
January 1, 2028	33,075,714	1,369,335	684,667
January 1, 2029	<u>33,075,716</u>	<u>684,667</u>	-
	<u>231,530,000</u>	<u>57,512,052</u>	<u>57,512,052</u>

Subsection 5(5) of the *Civil Service Superannuation Act* stipulates that none of the above promissory notes may be cancelled or recalled by the Province prior to maturity unless the Province contributes to the Fund assets equal to or greater than the value of the promissory notes on the date of cancellation or recall.

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6. Operating Expenses

The Fund is charged with administrative and operating expenses. The following is a summary of these expenses:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	\$	\$
Administration expenses - pension section	905,126	940,256
- investment section	<u>126,135</u>	<u>134,355</u>
	1,031,261	1,074,611
Consulting fees	405,650	476,001
Actuarial fees	95,455	71,636
Investment expenses		
Custodian	104,526	133,653
Monitoring	133,015	247,930
Management	<u>5,001,301</u>	<u>4,341,164</u>
	<u>6,771,208</u>	<u>6,344,995</u>

7. Related Party Transactions

The Province of Prince Edward Island is the sponsor of the Plan. At the financial statement date, the Province has committed to the funding requirements as defined by the Funding Policy (Note 5). As a participating employer, the Province contributes regular bi-weekly employee, employer, and eligible prior period service contributions. Employee and employer contributions receivable from the Province as at March 31, 2018 totalled \$1,405,444 (2017 - \$1,368,257).

The Province provides pension and investment administration services to the Fund. A portion of the Province's costs relating to these services is recovered annually from the Fund. Costs recovered for the Pension section totalled \$754,870 (2017 - \$774,647) and recoveries related to the Investment section totalled \$126,135 (2017 - \$134,355). Other costs recovered by the Province totalled \$152,402 (2017 - \$153,106).

The total amount payable to the Province at March 31, 2018, was \$898,078 (2017 - \$1,066,280).

Total notes, special contribution and interest receivable from the Province at March 31, 2018, was \$310,400,056 (2017 - \$325,681,560).

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8. Capital Management

The main objective of the Fund is to sustain a level of net assets in order to meet the pension obligations of the Fund. The Plan sponsor manages the contributions received and benefits paid as required by the *Civil Service Superannuation Act*.

In an effort to utilize economies of scale, contributions for the Province's three registered pension plans are pooled and invested together in the Province's Master Trust. Each pension plan holds units of the Master Trust in proportion to the value of contributions made. The Province has developed a Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures (SIP&P) to provide the framework for how the Master Trust's assets are to be invested, monitored, and evaluated. Assets are managed by engaging knowledgeable, external investment managers who are charged with the responsibility of investing new and existing funds in accordance with the SIP&P. A Master Trust Investment Advisory Committee exists for the purpose of protecting the pension fund assets, monitoring asset mix, reviewing costs, reviewing investment returns, and assessing investment manager performance, as well as providing advice to the Minister of Finance who serves as Trustee for the Province's three registered pension plans.

9. Commitments

The Master Trust has entered into an arrangement with Global Infrastructure Partners (GIP). GIP is an independent infrastructure fund manager that invests in high quality infrastructure assets in the energy, transport, water, and waste sectors. The Master Trust has committed to invest \$35 (US) million in its GIP II Fund; \$31.6 (US) million has been invested as of the audit report date. The Master Trust has committed to invest \$75 (US) million in its GIP III Fund; \$52.5 (US) million has been invested as of the audit report date.

The Master Trust has also entered into an arrangement where it has committed to invest \$53 (US) million with CBRE Global Investment Partners Global Alpha Fund. Subsequent to year-end, the full amount has been invested.

