





## **Retirees Pension Plan**

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERSHIP

**JUNE 2020** 

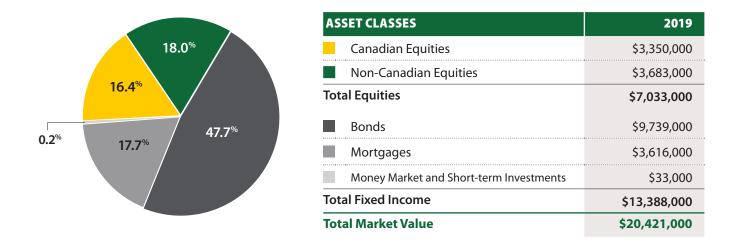


#### THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS:

- to review the actuarial valuation information and special payment requirements of the Retirees Pension Plan as at December 31, 2019
- to review investments and investment performance of the Plan in 2019

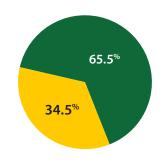
### Pension Plan Information at December 31, 2019

#### MARKET VALUE OF PENSION PLAN ASSETS



#### **Distribution of Assets Among Investment Managers**

Investment Manager	2019
TD Greystone	\$13,375,000
Jarislowsky Fraser Limited	\$7,046,000



#### **INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE**

The long-term investment goal of the Plan is to achieve an annualized total rate of return of a least 3.5%. To achieve this goal, the Plan has adopted an asset mix that has a bias in favour of fixed income investments, and uses a custom liability matching bond strategy. The Plan's asset mix is designed to be 70% custom bonds and 30% equities.

The responsibility for investing the assets of the Plan has been delegated to two professional investment fund managers with different mandates to ensure adequate investment diversification.

Investment Performance	2019	Last 4 years	Last 10 years
Return*	10.4%	5.2%	6.5%
Benchmark*	10.1%	4.8%	5.6%

The Plan's Return Benchmark is a performance standard developed by the Investment Consultant, Aon. The investment fund managers of the Plan are expected to meet or surpass the benchmark.

## Actuarial Valuation at December 31, 2019

#### **GOING-CONCERN FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE PLAN**

The financial position of the Plan on a going-concern basis is measured by comparing the market value of assets to the actuarial liabilities assuming the Plan is continuing for the long-term. The following outlines the financial position of the plan as at December 31, 2019. Comparative numbers for the previously filed valuation at December 31, 2018 is also shown.

Going-Concern Financial Position	2019	2018
Actuarial value of assets	\$20,548,000	\$21,374,000
Actuarial liability	\$22,746,000	\$25,002,000
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$2,198,000)	(\$3,628,000)
Going Concern ratio (assets/liabilities)	90%	85%

#### **FUNDING REQUIREMENTS**

The Plan last filed a valuation report with the regulators at December 31, 2019. Total special payments being paid by the university for the funded liabilities are shown in the following table, based on the most recent valuation report at December 31, 2019.

Required Contributions Going-concern deficit (unfunded liability) payments	Monthly	Annual
December 31, 2012 valuation	\$62,100	\$745,200
December 31, 2015 valuation	\$1,000	\$12,000
Total Special Payments	\$63,100	\$757,200

#### HYPOTHETICAL WIND-UP POSITION OF THE PLAN

The Pension Benefits Act (Saskatchewan) requires the University to review whether the assets of the Plan would be sufficient to cover the liabilities of the Plan in the event of a plan wind-up. The following table outlines the wind-up position of the plan at December 31, 2019. Comparative numbers as at December 31, 2018 are also shown.

Hypothetical Wind-Up Financial Position	2019	2018
Actuarial value of assets	\$20,548,000	\$21,274,000
Actuarial liability	\$23,539,000	\$26,049,000
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$3,091,000)	(\$4,775,000)
Solvency ratio(assets/liabilities)	87%	82%

<sup>\*</sup>THE PLAN HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS A "SPECIFIED PLAN" AND IS NOT REQUIRED TO FUND SOLVENCY DEFICIENCIES.

#### **MEMBERSHIP DATA**

**Active Members** 2019



**Active Members** 2018



130

Age of Pensioners and Beneficiaries	2019	2018
65-79	3	3
80-84	29	36
85-89	44	47
90-94	33	30
95-99	11	12
100+	2	2
Total	122	130
Average Age	88.8	88.0



In spite of the difficult financial situation, there will be no decrease in current monthly pension payments received by pensioners. Due to the current financial position of the Plan, there will be no ad-hoc increases to current pensions.

## **Retirees Pension Plan Information**

#### **PLAN DOCUMENTS**

Copies of the following documents are on file in the Pension and Benefits office. They are available for inspection by any member of the Plan during regular working hours by prior arrangements.

- Plan Text
- Financial Statements
- Actuarial Reports
- Auditor's Report

#### Other Agents of the Plan

Actuary: Aon, Saskatoon
Investment Consultant: Aon, Vancouver
Custodian: CIBC Mellon



# USASK **PENSION**



#### PENSION ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

Pension and Benefits Office, Finance and Resources Room E180, Administration Building 105 Administration Place Saskatoon, SK S7N 5A2

Tel: 306-966-6633

Email: pensions.inquiries@usask.ca

Web: wellness.usask.ca/benefits/pension.php

