



*telecommunication workers pension plan*

**2009 REPORT TO MEMBERS**

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**THE PENSION PLAN**

The Telecommunication Workers Pension Plan (TWPP) is a type of Defined Benefit Plan, referred to as a negotiated cost, target benefit plan. The TWPP is a career average plan that specifies the formula for determination of benefit entitlements and members are provided a “defined” amount of pension. The defined amount of pension provided by the TWPP is based on a formula of 1.75% of gross earnings. On an annual basis, the Trustees, at their discretion and taking into consideration the Plan’s financial performance, approve Annual Earnings updates to average earnings in the previous 3-years. The formula for the “update” is 1.75% x Average Earnings x years of Credited Service. The member’s pension entitlement is based on the greater of the amounts before and after the update.

Currently the Employer contribution rate is 10% of gross earnings and the Employees contribution rate ranges from 3% to 6% of gross earnings, depending on the age of the member. The benefits provided by the TWPP are determined by the Trustees based on the contributions and cost of benefits, which is determined on an actuarial basis as the total amount of money required to provide the given level of benefits for all members of the plan.

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The following is a summary of net assets available for benefits at December 31, 2008. The complete Audited Financial Report is available for viewing at the Pension Administration office.

<i>(All amounts in this table are in thousands of dollars.)</i>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Investments</b>	\$3,082,898	\$3,193,818
<b>Receivables</b>		
Employers’ contributions	* 3,014	17,501
Employees’ contributions	1,986	1,914
Other	284	2,282
	5,284	21,697

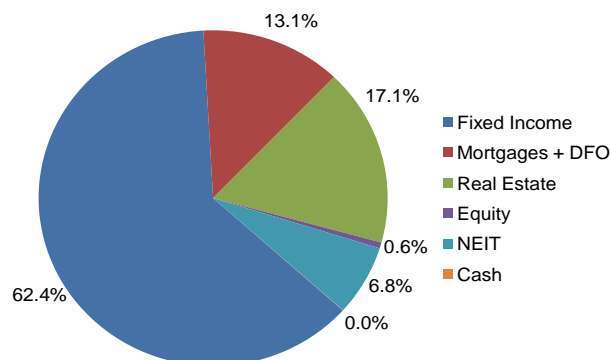
<b>Cash</b>	13,375	10,534
<b>Total Assets</b>	3,101,557	3,226,049
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	592	710
Terminations Payable	158	383
Death Benefits Payable	258	86
Voluntary Contributions	0	0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	1,008	1,179
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits</b>	3,100,549	3,224,870

\*The 2008 amount reflects lower contributions due to funding of the LTD Plan.

### ASSET ALLOCATION AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

The following table is a breakdown of the current asset allocations within each asset class.

	<b>Percentage of Total</b>
Real Estate	17.1%
Fixed Income	
▪ Bonds	62.0%
▪ Mortgage Fund One	4.5%
▪ Mortgage Fund Two	4.5%
▪ Debenture Fund One	0.8%
▪ Individual Canadian Mortgages	3.3%
Equities	0.6%
NEIT IV	
▪ Hedge Funds	4.4%
▪ Cash and other	2.4%
VanCity Credit Union - GIC	0.4%
Cash (including notes of less than one year)	0.0%
Please note: actual cash amount is 0.02% of total assets and is immaterial	
<b>Total Asset</b>	<b>100%</b>



The TWPP adopted an investment strategy, which matches the assets and liabilities of the Plan in terms of duration and cash flow. Consequently, the Plan's investments are in assets, which have continued to provide excellent protection for the benefits promised by the Plan. Most of the Plan's assets are in fixed income investments, such as Canadian and Provincial Government bonds, high quality corporate bonds and mortgages. The Plan also has investments in income producing real estate, such as Concert Properties, hedge funds and equities. The Plan's exposure to equities is very small at less than 1% of the total portfolio.

The Plan's investment strategy is designed to ensure that the Plan's benefits can be provided with a high degree of certainty. Annual actuarial valuations and asset / liability modeling analyses are performed to determine if adjustments to the investment strategy are required. In between annual reviews, the Plan's professional advisors monitor the performance of the assets, and provide regular updates to the Board of Trustees. This ensures that the Plan continues to meet its goals and provides the level of pension benefits reported to the Plan members annually.

### **INTERIM ACTUARIAL VALUATION RESULTS AT JANUARY 1, 2009**

The interim Actuarial Valuation results as of January 1, 2009 show that the Plan continues to be soundly funded. The Plan is well positioned to provide the benefits accrued to date and those expected to accrue in the future.

The assets at the valuation date exceeded the liabilities for benefits accrued to date by about \$463 million. The excess is based on various assumptions and forecasts, which by their nature are forward looking and may prove to be inaccurate. Plan members should be mindful not to place undue reliance on such statements as a number of factors could cause the excess to vary significantly. In addition while this excess is substantial, it is needed to help provide for:

- (i) the benefits that will accrue in the future to active members; and
- (ii) the annual update of benefits for active members, so that members retiring and leaving the Plan receive a benefit based on earnings immediately before retirement or leaving the Plan.

Any remaining excess will be used to provide a contingency reserve for unanticipated events, such as investments performing worse than expected, and for other Plan

improvements as may be determined by the Trustees. These might include benefit increases for retired members such as the increase provided as of July 1, 2007.

A complete copy of the most recent formal Actuarial Report as at January 1, 2008 can be found on the TWPP website at [www.twplans.com](http://www.twplans.com).

## STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The following statistics are based on membership data as of January 1, 2009.

	Males	Females	Total
Active Participants	3056	1953	5009
Average Age of Active Participants	45.9	45.5	
Disabled Participants	127	264	391
Retired Participants	3495	2527	6022
Survivors (Spouse of Deceased Participant)	62	343	405
Beneficiary (non-spouse of Deceased Participant)	4	4	8
Term-vested Participants *	597	1737	2334
Transferred to Management	280	278	558

\*Term-vested participant is a terminated member who elected to remain as a participant of the Plan and retire at a later date.

## THE TRUSTEES

The current Trustees of the Plan are:

### Company Trustees

Rob Gardner

Rob Beynon

Garnet Andrews

Michel Belec

### Union Trustees

Sherryl Anderson

Carol Nagy

George Doubt

Lee Riggs

The Trustees are responsible for the overall operation of the Plan. Some of the key responsibilities include adopting an Investment Policy and funding strategies, Plan Document and Trust Agreement amendments, Plan design and improvements, review actuarial reports, appoint and review advisors, consultants, service providers etc., review fund performance, approve payments and Plan communications.

## WHO TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

If you have any questions about your retirement benefits or need to change any information concerning your pension payment, please contact any of the following staff members who would be pleased to help you.

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If you would like more information regarding your benefits with the TW Pension Plan please log onto our website at [www.twplans.com](http://www.twplans.com) where you will find booklets, important notices, forms to download, etc.