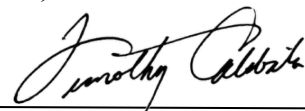


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Investment Policies  
and Goals**

Saskatchewan  
Pension Plan  
Contribution Fund

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on behalf of the Board of Trustees

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# Section 1—Overview

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## **1.01 Purpose of Statement**

The purpose of this policy statement is to provide a framework for management of the pension assets within acceptable risk levels. The policy provides the investment managers with a written statement of specific quality, quantity and rate of return standards.

A major goal of this policy statement is to establish ongoing communication between the Board and the investment manager. Effective communication will contribute to management of the portfolios in a manner that is consistent with market conditions and with the objectives of the Board. Consultation between the parties will take the form of regular meetings supplemented, from time to time, by informal contact requested by either party.

This Policy is based on the “prudent person portfolio approach” to ensure the prudent investment and administration of the assets of the Plan, within the parameters set out in applicable legislation.

## **1.02 Background of the Plan**

The Saskatchewan Pension Plan was established by the Government of Saskatchewan to provide a means of retirement income planning for all Saskatchewan residents, and particularly for those residents with little or no access to the Canada Pension Plan or other pension plans. The Plan was created by The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Act (the Act).

Section 5 of the Act authorizes the Board to invest the Plan's money in securities authorized for investment pursuant to The Pension Benefits Act 1992.

Section 5 of the Act requires the Board to develop and implement an investment policy for the Plan.

## **1.03 Plan Profile**

In order to establish an appropriate Policy for the investment and administration of Plan assets, it is important to understand the nature of the Plan. Accordingly, this section of the Policy summarizes various aspects of the Plan that impact investment return requirements and risk tolerance.

The Saskatchewan Pension Plan is unique in its design. Non-Retired and variable benefit members have two options in which to invest their assets, the Balanced Fund and the Diversified Income Fund. These two funds are collectively known as the Contribution Fund. Assets of retired members choosing a Saskatchewan Pension Plan annuity are held in the Annuity Fund. This policy sets the investment parameters for the Contribution Fund. A separate investment policy governs the Annuity Fund.

The Balanced Fund and Diversified Income Fund hold assets supporting members' pension credits prior to retirement and those who have chosen the variable benefit option. The assets are accumulated under a defined contribution (money purchase) arrangement. Under this arrangement, plan members bear the investment risk and reap the rewards of superior investment performance, as there is no guarantee of pension benefits by a plan sponsor.

Membership in the Plan is open to all individuals between the ages of 18 and 71. Members are allowed to contribute any amount within their individual's RRSP contribution room. Members can also transfer-in any amount from other unlocked registered savings (RPPs, DPSs, RRSPs and RRIFs).

Contributions and related earnings are locked in to age 55. Retirement options include purchase of an annuity from the Plan or an external provider, elect the Variable Benefit (VB) option or members may transfer assets to another financial institution for the purchase of a Prescribed Registered Retirement Income Fund (PRRIF), a Locked-in Retirement Account (LIRA) or Life Annuity Contract (LAC). Benefit payments from Annuities must commence and transfers must take place no later than the end of the year the member turns 71 and can commence as early as age 55. The amount of funds available to a member to purchase pension benefits at retirement is equal to cumulative contributions and accumulated earnings.

In the VB the member makes an election at the beginning of each year to use their own or their spouse's age for the minimum payment. There are no minimum payments required from the VB until age 72. Participants may choose to receive funds monthly or annually and they may elect to take ad hoc payments throughout the year. VB members are able to transfer in from existing RRSPs, RRIFs, DPSPs and RPPs however other contributions are not permitted. Subsequent to the VB election, members will be able to convert all of their remaining balance to an SPP annuity or transfer out to a PRRIF or LIRA.

#### **1.04 Objective of the Funds**

The purpose of the Saskatchewan Pension Plan Balanced Fund is to accumulate the assets of members and invest these assets in a prudent, risk-controlled manner to provide for long-term growth.

The purpose of the Diversified Income Fund is to provide members with an investment option designed to deliver low risk returns through investing in diversified sources of income.

#### **1.05 Investment and Risk Philosophy**

##### **(a) Investment Philosophy**

Plan Assets should be prudently managed.

The Balanced Fund is designed to meet the needs of members with varying risk tolerances. It targets a well-diversified portfolio with a slight bias to equities over fixed income investments, providing a balance between growth potential and stability.

The Diversified Income Fund is designed for members who are seeking a lower risk option that offers income.

**(b) Risk Philosophy**

In order to achieve the long-term investment goals, the Balanced Fund invests in assets that may have uncertain returns, such as public equities, alternatives and bonds. However, the Board attempts to reduce the overall level of risk by diversifying the asset classes, diversifying within each individual asset class and diversifying by manager style. Risk is also addressed through quality, quantity and diversification guidelines set out in this document. In addition, the Board further addresses risk by retaining an Investment Consultant who monitors investment performance and reports to the Board on Investment Manager related issues that may have an impact on performance. As a further risk control, management reviews compliance on a monthly basis of each of the managers with the quality and quantity guidelines contained in this policy. Finally, investment managers provide quarterly or annual reports to the Board on compliance with the investment policy throughout the reporting period.

Investment Managers invest relative to a Benchmark Portfolio. The return from the benchmark portfolio represents an achievable return for the Balanced Fund given the capital market conditions in which it is invested. The specific weights for each asset class are set based on the risk tolerance of the Balanced Fund. Risk tolerance is assessed through a detailed review of the Plan and the investment markets that considers:

- Investment time horizon
- Liquidity needs
- Regulatory environment including tax issues
- Other unique plan-specific factors
- Historical and prospective risk (volatility) and return of various asset classes and benchmark portfolios.

The Diversified Income Fund reduces risk by investing in diversified sources of income that are expected to provide a measure of protection from interest rate and credit risks.

**(c) Environmental, Social and Governance Considerations**

The Board recognizes that environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues may have an impact on the performance of investment portfolios. As a result, the Board will consider ESG risks alongside financial, economic, and other risks as part of the investment decision-making process. The consideration of ESG risks includes the consideration of climate change-related risks.

The Board, with the aid of the Plan's investment consultant as required, is expected to fulfill key responsible investing criteria that include, but are not limited to:

- (i) obtaining the necessary education for Board members to have a common understanding of the nature of investment risks and opportunities regarding ESG and climate change;
- (ii) engaging with the Plan's investment managers, to assess to what extent ESG and climate change risks are considered during the investment decision-making process;
- (iii) monitoring the Plan's investment managers to ensure that they are meeting the responsible investing responsibilities described below; and

- (iv) assessing a prospective investment manager's approach to ESG, including how the investment manager analyzes and reports on climate change risk, when evaluating potential new investment managers.

The Board expects each investment manager to fulfill key responsible investing criteria that include, but are not limited to:

- (i) incorporating ESG factors, including climate change impact, into their investment analysis and decision-making processes; and
- (ii) providing regular reporting on ESG and climate change considerations, including developments on their firm's ESG strategies and/or team, key applicable metrics, ESG engagement activities, and other applicable activities (e.g. proxy voting records) as they relate to the investment manager's respective asset class(es) and stated expectations.

**(d) Investment Beliefs**

The key investment beliefs that shape the management of the Plan are provided in Appendix G.

## **1.06 Administration**

In accordance with *The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Act*, a Board of Trustees is established to administer the Plan and act as Trustee of the Funds.

Responsibility for safekeeping of the assets, income collection, settlement of investment transactions, and accounting for the investment transactions has been delegated to a trust company. Responsibility for investing the assets of the funds has been delegated to professional investment managers. The Board has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure the investments are managed prudently.

## **1.07 Distinction of Responsibilities**

The Board is responsible for investment of Plan assets.

Duties of the Board as relates to Investments are to:

- Approve a Statement of Investment Policies and Goals;
- Set an appropriate investment structure;
- Appoint investment managers;
- Appoint the custodian;
- Monitor investment performance; and
- Review the investment policy on an annual basis.

## Section 2—Asset Mix and Diversification Policy

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### 2.01 Portfolio Return Expectations

#### (a) **Balanced Fund**

The investment managers appointed by the Plan are directed to achieve a satisfactory long-term real rate of return through a diversified portfolio within their mandate, consistent with acceptable risks and prudent management. The long-term investment goal of the Balanced Fund is to achieve a minimum annualized rate of return of three percentage points in excess of the Canadian Consumer Price Index. This 3% real return objective is consistent with the overall investment risk level that the Balanced Fund could assume and normally will be assessed over annualized rolling four-year periods.

To achieve this long-term investment goal, the Balanced Fund has adopted an asset mix that has a bias to return seeking investments. The Balanced Fund employs a mix of active management styles. Active management provides the opportunity to outperform specific investment benchmarks.

#### (b) **Diversified Income Fund**

The long-term investment goal of the Diversified Income Fund is to provide members with an investment option designed to deliver low risk returns through investing in diversified sources of income. The Diversified Income Fund is expected to achieve an annualized rate of return at least equal to the Benchmark Portfolio set out in Section 4.02 (Performance Measurement). This return objective normally will be assessed over annualized rolling four-year periods.

### 2.02 Expected Volatility

The volatility of the Balanced Fund and the Diversified Income Fund are directly related to the asset mix. Since the Investment Managers do not have the authority to make any type of leveraged investment, the volatility should be similar to the volatility of the Benchmark Portfolio set out in Section 4.02 (Performance Measurement), after taking into consideration any inflation-based and absolute return benchmarks. In addition, the Diversified Income Fund should avoid the loss of capital over annualized rolling four-year periods.



## 2.03 Asset Mix

### (a) Balanced Fund Asset Mix

Taking into consideration the investment and risk philosophy of the Fund, the following asset mix has been established:

Assets (as a % of market value)	Minimum %	Long Term Benchmark %	Maximum %
Canadian equities	3	10	17
U.S. equities	5	12.5	20
Non-North American equities	5	12.5	20
Total Foreign equities	10	25	40
Private Equity	0	7.5	15
<b>Total Equities</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>57.5</b>
Real estate	0	5	15
Infrastructure	0	25	35
<b>Total Real Assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>
Bonds*	4	14	30
Mortgages	0	5	10
Private Debt	0	7.5	15
Short-term investments	0	1	10
<b>Total Fixed Income</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total Fund</b>		<b>100</b>	

*\*Includes core plus bond, multi credit, and global bond funds.*

*The Benchmark is effective when all outstanding commitments are invested.*

For the purpose of the total asset mix described above, the Investment Managers' asset class funds are deemed to be 100% invested, even though these funds may contain a portion held in cash & cash equivalent instruments.

### (b) Diversified Income Fund Asset Mix

Taking into consideration the investment and risk philosophy of the Fund, the following asset mix has been established:

Assets (as a % of market value)	Minimum %	Benchmark %	Maximum %
Short-term Investments	40	50	60
Short-term Core Plus Bonds	40	50	60
<b>Total Fund</b>		<b>100</b>	

*The Benchmark is effective January 1, 2024.*

For the purpose of the Diversified Income Fund asset mix described above, the Investment Manager's asset class funds are deemed to be 100% invested, even though the fund may contain a portion held in cash & cash equivalent instruments.

### (c) Transition Period

The Balanced Fund's long-term benchmark contains allocations to asset classes with restricted liquidity (e.g. mortgages, private debt, private equity, real estate and infrastructure) that will take time to implement (the "transition period"). The Board recognizes that there may be short-term deviations from the asset mix ranges outlined in this section until the transition is complete.

## 2.04 Management Structure

### (a) Philosophy

A balanced management structure has been adopted for management of the Balanced Fund assets, consisting of two active balanced managers with offsetting styles, a specialist private debt manager, a specialist private equity manager, and a specialist infrastructure manager.

This structure employs active management, which provides the opportunity to outperform common market indices over the long-term, with a reasonable degree of excess risk.

A specialist management structure has been adopted for management of the Diversified Income Fund assets, consisting of a single specialist fixed income manager.

### (i) Manager Allocation

The Board has established the following long-term parameters for allocation of the Balanced Fund assets:

<b>Assets (as a % of market value)</b>	<b>Long Term Benchmark %</b>
TDAM	47.5
Leith Wheeler	27.5
Ninepoint	7.5
Fengate	10
Private Equity Manager	7.5

The specialist private debt manager, specialist private equity manager, and specialist infrastructure manager are expected to remain fully invested in their applicable investment fund at all times.

The Board shall consider the necessity to rebalance the Balanced Fund assets between managers on an ongoing basis. Asset classes with restricted liquidity, including private debt, mortgages, private equity, real estate and infrastructure, will not be re-balanced unless it is practical to do so.

## Section 3—Permitted and Prohibited Investments

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### 3.01 General Guidelines

The investments of the Plan must comply with the requirements and restrictions imposed by the applicable legislation, including but not limited to the requirements of *The Saskatchewan Pension Benefits Act, 1992*, which refers to the federal *Pension Benefits Standards Act, 1985* on investment related issues, the *Income Tax Act and Regulations*, and all subsequent amendments.

### 3.02 Permitted Investments

#### (a) Balanced Fund and Diversified Income Fund

In general, and subject to the restrictions in this Section 3, an Investment Manager may within its mandate, and as described within their specific appendix for balanced managers, invest the Plan assets in any of the following asset classes and in any of the investment instruments listed below:

#### (i) Canadian and Foreign Equities

- (A) Equity securities traded through a marketplace, as well as listed equity substitutes that are convertible into equities traded through those same marketplaces.
- (B) Unlisted equity securities, such as private placement equities, where the investment manager determines the security will become eligible for trading through a marketplace within a reasonable and defined timeframe, not to exceed six months, and the issuing company is publicly listed through a marketplace.
- (C) Equity in privately held companies that are not issued or traded on the public markets (i.e. private equity) is permitted through holding units in open-or closed-ended investment funds, limited partnerships or other corporate structures designed to limit liability and achieve tax efficiency. These entities may be domestic or foreign domiciled. All structures must be permissible investments under The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Act and require prior approval by the Board.
- (D) Permitted investments in private equity will be governed by the terms and conditions set out in the respective investment fund contract, Offering Memorandum, Trust Agreement or similar document that is applicable to each Investment Manager.

#### (ii) Fixed Income, including Mortgages and Private Credit

- (A) Bonds, notes and other debt instruments of Canadian and foreign issuers.
- (B) Mortgages on income producing commercial property and multi-unit residential properties in Canada, held in investment funds deemed permissible by the Board.
- (C) Term deposits and guaranteed investment certificates.
- (D) Private placements of bonds subject to Section 3.03(a)(v).
- (E) Debt issued to privately held companies that is not issued or traded on the public markets (i.e. private credit) is permitted through holding units in open-or closed-ended

investment funds, limited partnerships or other corporate structures designed to limit liability and achieve tax efficiency. These entities may be domestic or foreign domiciled. All structures must be permissible investments under The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Act and require prior approval by the Board.

- (F) Permitted investments in private credit will be governed by the terms and conditions set out in the respective investment fund contract, Offering Memorandum, Trust Agreement or similar document that is applicable to each Investment Manager.

**(iii) Cash and Short-Term Investments**

- (A) Cash on hand and demand deposits.
- (B) Treasury bills issued by the federal and provincial governments and their agencies.
- (C) Obligations of trust companies and Canadian and foreign banks chartered to operate in Canada, including bankers' acceptances and bearer deposit notes.
- (D) Commercial paper and term deposits.

**(iv) Real Estate**

Investment in real estate by way of participation in an investment fund is permissible, where the Board has provided explicit approval to the manager. While it is recognized any real estate fund in which the Plan participates is governed by its own investment policy, desirable traits in selection of a real estate manager and fund include:

- (A) An institutional investment focus;
- (B) A core style of real estate investing that is predominately focused on developed income-producing properties;
- (C) A well-diversified portfolio by property type and by region; and
- (D) Modest use of leverage, not to exceed 75% on individual properties and 50% on Total Fund assets.

**(v) Infrastructure**

Infrastructure assets are permitted through holding units in open-or closed-ended investment funds, limited partnerships or other corporate structures designed to limit liability and achieve tax efficiency. These entities may be domestic or foreign domiciled. All structures must be permissible investments under The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Act and require prior approval by the Board.

Permitted investments in infrastructure will be governed by the terms and conditions set out in the respective investment fund contract, Offering Memorandum, Trust Agreement or similar document that is applicable to each Investment Manager.

**(vi) Co-Investments**

A co-investment is an investment made by a fund alongside an Investment Manager in underlying assets and securities. The Plan is permitted to invest in co-investment opportunities, subject to the following restrictions and guidelines:

- (A) All co-investment opportunities shall be subject to a comprehensive review process and require formal approval by the Trustees. The Investment Consultant shall provide an independent evaluation of each co-investment opportunity to assist the Trustees in their decision-making process. Due consideration shall be given to the implications of the co-investment on the fund's diversification, liquidity, asset allocation, and risk exposure.
- (B) Co-investments shall only be made alongside the Plan's existing Investment Managers who have demonstrated expertise in managing such opportunities. Co-investments shall only be made on the same or better terms as those provided to the commingled vehicle or other primary investment vehicle participating in the same transaction.
- (C) Co-investments must align with the overall investment strategy and ensure diversification by avoiding over-concentration in any single asset, sector, or investment strategy. Each co-investment opportunity will have established minimum and maximum investment amounts, and investments must not exceed a predetermined percentage of the total allocation. Co-investments must also adhere to this Policy, including the quality and quantity restrictions outlined in Section 3, as well as any specific limitations set by the Trustees for individual co-investments. These may include restrictions on asset type, geographic region, investment duration, or exposure to specific risks.
- (D) Investment Managers will provide periodic updates on the performance, risks, and status of the co-investments to the Trustees. Any material changes to the terms, valuation, or underlying conditions of a co-investment must be disclosed as soon as it is reasonably practical.

**(vii) Other Investments**

- (A) Units in open-or closed-ended investment funds provided that the assets of such funds are permissible investments under the Policy.
- (B) Deposit accounts of the custodian can be used to invest surplus cash holdings.

**(viii) Derivatives**

The use of derivatives (such as options, futures and forward contracts) is permitted for hedging movements in exchange rates and interest rates, and as a substitute for direct investment, where derivatives provide a more efficient alternative to direct investment. Derivatives are not to be used for speculative trading or to create a portfolio with leverage unless approved by the Board and satisfactory limits are imposed. Sufficient assets or cash must be held to cover commitments due to the derivatives transactions.

**(ix) Investment Funds**

Holding units in investment funds is permissible. Investment funds are governed by the policies for each fund. The Board, in consultation with the investment

consultant, has reviewed the guidelines for a number of funds, listed in the appendices, and determined they are appropriate investment vehicles for a portion of the Plan assets.

From time to time the Plan may acquire units in additional funds, or existing funds whose policies may have changed during the year, provided the Board has reviewed the fund guidelines for each and deemed them appropriate for the Plan.

Investment funds reviewed and deemed appropriate are to be added to the lists of eligible funds during the next investment policy review.

While the guidelines in this Policy are intended to guide the management of the portfolio, it is recognized that, due to the use of pooled funds, there may be instances where there is a conflict between this Policy and the investment policy of a pooled fund. In that case, the pooled fund policy shall dominate. Investment Managers are required to notify the Board in writing immediately of any investment fund guideline changes.

### **3.03 Minimum Quality Requirements**

#### **(a) Balanced Fund and Diversified Income Fund**

In general, and subject to the restrictions in this Section 3, an Investment Manager may within its mandate, and as described within their specific appendix for balanced managers, invest the Plan assets in securities that meet the following requirements.

#### **(i) Quality Standards**

Within the restrictions for individual manager portfolios, including investment funds, all portfolios should hold a prudently diversified exposure to the intended market.

- (A) The investment manager is expected to maintain relatively high-quality portfolios. In general, equity investments (not including alternatives) should be limited to stocks that are publicly traded through a marketplace.
- (B) The minimum average quality standard for an Investment Manager's bond portfolio is 'BBB' or equivalent as rated by a Recognized Bond Rating Agency, at the time of purchase (includes all sub-rating levels within the overall 'BBB' rating).
- (C) The minimum quality standard for individual short-term investments is 'R-1' or equivalent as rated by a Recognized Bond Rating Agency, at the time of purchase.
- (D) All investments shall be reasonably liquid (i.e., in normal circumstances they should be capable of liquidation within 1 month), except for real estate, infrastructure, private credit and mortgage investments.
- (E) Unrated bonds should be assigned a rating by the investment manager before purchase.
- (F) The minimum quality standard for individual preferred shares is 'P-1' or equivalent as rated by a Recognized Bond Rating Agency, at the time of purchase.

(G) Asset-backed securities must have ratings from at least two Recognized Bond Rating Agencies.

**(ii) Split Ratings**

In cases where the Recognized Bond Rating Agencies do not agree on the credit rating for a bond, preferred share or asset-backed security, the security will be classified according to the methodology used by FTSE for the Canada bond indices.

**(iii) Downgrades in Credit Quality**

The Investment Manager will take the following steps in the event of a downgrade in the credit rating of a portfolio asset by a recognized bond rating agency to below the purchase standards set out in Section 3.03(a)(i) Quality Standards:

- (A) The Executive Director will be notified of the downgrade at the earliest possible opportunity;
- (B) Within ten business days of the downgrade, the Investment Manager will advise the Executive Director in writing of the course of action taken or to be taken by the Investment Manager, and its rationale; and
- (C) The Investment Manager will provide regular reporting on the status of the asset until such time as it matures, is sold or is upgraded to a level consistent with the purchase quality standards as expressed in the above guidelines.

**(iv) Rating Agencies**

For the purposes of this Policy, the following rating agencies shall be considered to be 'Recognized Bond Rating Agencies':

- (A) DBRS Morningstar (Canadian issuers only);
- (B) S&P Global Ratings;
- (C) Moody's Investors Services; and
- (D) Fitch Ratings.

**(v) Private Placement Bonds**

Private placement bonds and asset-backed securities are permitted in investment funds and are subject to the conditions outlined in the investment policy applicable to each investment fund.

### **3.04 Maximum Quantity Restrictions**

**(a) Balanced Fund and Diversified Income Fund**

In general, and subject to the restrictions in this Section 3, an Investment Manager may within its mandate, and as described within their specific appendix for the balanced managers, invest the Plan assets in securities that adhere to the following restrictions.

**(i) Combined Fund Level**

The combined equity and debt holdings of a single corporation and its associated or affiliated companies, at the time of purchase, shall not represent more than 10% of the total market value of the assets of the Fund.

**(ii) Individual Investment Manager Level**

The Investment Manager shall adhere to the following restrictions:

**(A) Total Portfolio**

- (I) The combined equity and debt holdings of a single corporation and its associated or affiliated companies, at the time of purchase, shall not represent more than 10% of the total market value of the assets of the Investment Manager.

**(B) Public Equities**

- (I) No one equity holding shall represent more than 10% of the market value of the Investment Manager's total equity portfolio.
- (II) No one equity holding shall represent more than 10% of the voting shares of a corporation.
- (III) No one equity holding shall represent more than 10% of the available public float of such equity security.
- (IV) The 10% limit referred to in Section 3.04(a)(ii)(B)(II) does not apply to a corporation incorporated for the purpose of, and that limits its activities to, allowing a pension fund to avail itself of either:
- Expertise not otherwise available to the fund.
  - An investment opportunity in real estate, resource property or venture capital.
- (V) No more than 30% of the market value of an Investment Manager's non-North American equity portfolio shall be invested in emerging market securities.

**(C) Bonds and Short-Term**

- (I) Except for federal and provincial bonds (including government guaranteed bonds), no more than 10% of the market value of an Investment Manager's bond portfolio may be invested in the bonds or private placements of a single issuer and its related companies.



- (II) Except for federal and provincial bonds, no one bond holding shall represent more than 10% of the market value of the total outstanding for that bond issue.
- (III) Bonds rated below 'BBB' may not be purchased if the purchase would raise the holdings rated below 'BBB' to more than 35% of the market value of an Investment Manager's bond portfolio.
- (IV) No more than 50% of the market value of an Investment Manager's bond portfolio shall be invested in bonds of foreign issuers.
- (V) No more than 15% of the market value of an Investment Manager's bond portfolio shall be exposed to foreign currency movements.

### **3.05 Investment Funds**

Holdings of a single investment fund should not exceed 30% of the market value of that investment strategy, unless prior approval of the Board is obtained. For clarity, an investment strategy includes all pooled investment vehicles and separate accounts that are managed using a similar investment philosophy and approach.

### **3.06 Prior Permission Required**

The following investments are permitted provided that prior permission for such investments has been obtained from the Board:

- (a) Investments in private placement equities, other than those permitted in Section 3.02(a)(i)(B);
- (b) Direct investments in venture capital financing;
- (c) Direct investments in resource properties;
- (d) Derivatives other than those otherwise permitted in Section 3.02(a)(vii) above;
- (e) Any other investments not expressly permitted by this policy statement.

### **3.07 Prohibited Investments**

The Investment Managers shall not:

- (a) Invest in companies for the purpose of managing them;
- (b) Purchase securities on margin or engage in short sales unless it is to reduce risk exposures and permitted by applicable legislation;
- (c) Invest in securities that would result in the imposition of a tax on the Plan under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) unless they provide a prior written acknowledgement to the Board that such investments will result in a tax and receive prior written permission for such investments from the Board; and
- (d) Make any investment not specifically permitted by this Policy.

### **3.08 Securities Lending**

The securities of the Plan may be loaned by the custodian provided that:

- (a) The custodian provides indemnification against any and all losses related to counterparty risk and collateral risk;
- (b) The loans are secured by cash or readily marketable investments having a market value of at least 102% of the market value of the securities loaned;
- (c) The loans are marked to market daily to ensure the collateral continues to have a market value of at least 102% of the market value of the loaned asset; and
- (d) The securities are not loaned to facilitate a dividend rental arrangement.

Presently, the Plan has not engaged the custodian or a third party to provide securities lending services on segregated assets.

Holding units in an investment fund that permits securities lending is permissible. The investment fund manager shall disclose whether the fund uses securities lending.

### **3.09 Borrowing**

The Contribution Fund will not borrow money, except for the following purposes:

- (a) To cover a short-term contingency and the borrowing is for a period that does not exceed ninety days; and;
- (b) To cover a temporary overdraft in the normal course of daily portfolio management.

The authority for any external investment manager to borrow within pooled funds or limited partnerships will be governed by the borrowing limits set out in the investment policy or similar document of the investment vehicle.

All borrowing is subject to the provisions of applicable legislation.

## Section 4—Monitoring and Control

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### 4.01 Delegation of Responsibilities

Overall responsibility for the Plans' assets rests with the Board. The Board is responsible for the investment policy, appointment of custodians, investment managers, actuarial and consulting services, and plan changes. The Board is also charged with ensuring the Plan conforms to legislation and monitoring investment performance.

In completing the above duties a number of responsibilities have been delegated:

**(a) Investment Managers will:**

- (i) Invest the assets of each Fund in accordance with this Policy;
- (ii) Notify the Board, in writing of any significant changes in the investment manager's philosophies and policies, personnel or organization and procedures;
- (iii) Notify the Board, in writing, of any legal or regulatory proceedings or charges of which the Investment Manager may be aware, against the Investment Manager's firm or investment personnel, or sub-advisors or that firm's investment personnel;
- (iv) Meet with the Board as required and provide quarterly written reports regarding their past performance, their future strategies and other issues as requested
- (v) Reconcile account records with the custodian account records monthly; and
- (vi) File quarterly compliance reports (see Section 4.03).

**(b) The custodian will:**

- (i) Maintain safe custody over the assets of each Fund;
- (ii) Execute the instructions of the Board, as communicated by Administration, and any Investment Manager appointed to manage the assets of each Fund; and
- (iii) Record income and provide monthly financial statements as required.

**(c) The investment consultant will:**

- (i) Assist in the development and implementation of this policy and provide related research;
- (ii) Monitor the investment performance of each Fund and the Investment Managers on a quarterly basis;
- (iii) Support the Board on matters relating to investment management and administration of each Fund;
- (iv) Evaluate the appropriateness of investment fund vehicles made available to each Fund by the Investment Managers; and

(v) Meet with the Board and Administration as required.

**(d) The Executive Director:**

(i) Is appointed by the Board and is responsible for all investment matters of the Plan.

## **4.02 Performance Measurement**

The performance of each Fund shall be measured quarterly and, in accordance with industry convention, return calculations shall be as follows:

- Time weighted rates of return.
- Total returns, including realized and unrealized gains and losses and income from all sources.

Measurement against performance objectives for the Investment Managers will normally be assessed over rolling four-year periods.

**(a) Balanced Fund Benchmark**

The primary objective for the Balanced Fund is to earn a rate of return that exceeds the rate of return earned on a benchmark portfolio. The benchmark consists of the following market index total returns weighted as indicated:

<b>Balanced Fund Benchmark</b>	<b>Long Term Benchmark (%)</b>
S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index	10
S&P 500 Index (Cdn. \$)	12.5
MSCI EAFE Index (Cdn. \$)	12.5
Private Equity Benchmark	7.5
MSCI/REALPAC Canada Quarterly Property Fund Index (PFI)	5
Consumer Price Index + 5.0%	25
FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index	14
60% FTSE Canada Short Term Bond Index + 40% FTSE Canada Mid Term Bond Index + 0.5%	5
Absolute Return of 6%	7.5
FTSE Canada 91-Day T-Bills	1
	100

*The Benchmark will become effective when all outstanding commitments are invested.*

During the transition period, the Board shall not evaluate the performance of the Balanced Fund using the benchmark weights above and shall instead evaluate the Balanced Fund's performance using the actual asset class weights as at each quarter-end.

#### **(b) Diversified Income Fund Manager Benchmark**

The primary objective for the Diversified Income Fund is to earn a rate of return that exceeds the rate of return earned on a benchmark portfolio. The benchmark consists of the following market index total returns weighted as indicated:

<b>Diversified Income Fund Benchmark</b>	<b>%</b>
FTSE Canada Short-term Bond Index	50
FTSE Canada 91-Day T-Bill Index	50

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### **4.03 Compliance Reporting by Investment Manager**

Each Balanced Manager is required to complete and sign a compliance report each quarter. The compliance report should indicate whether or not the Balanced Manager's portfolio was in compliance with this Policy, or the relevant investment fund policy, during the quarter. Copies of the compliance reports must be sent to the Board and to the investment consultant. Report formats for the compliance reports are included under the appendix.

In the event that a Balanced Manager is not in compliance with this Policy, the Manager is required to advise the Administration immediately, detailing the nature of the non-compliance and recommending an appropriate course of action to remedy the situation. If it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Plan, the Board may grant permission, on a temporary basis, for the Manager to deviate from the guidelines.

If a Balanced Manager believes the Asset Mix Guidelines are inappropriate for anticipated economic conditions, the manager is responsible for advising the Board that a change in guidelines is desirable and the reasons therefore.

It is deemed acceptable for the specialist Infrastructure Manager, specialist Private Equity Manager, and specialist Private Credit Manager to provide a compliance statement that confirms that the Manager is in compliance with their pooled investment fund, provided that the pooled investment fund's investments constitute permitted investments as defined in Section 3 above and the investment vehicle's own investment policy or similar document.

### **4.04 Standard of Professional Conduct**

Each Investment Manager is expected to comply, at all times and in all respects, with the Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct as promulgated by the CFA Institute.

Each Investment Manager will manage the assets with the care, diligence and skill that a prudent person skilled as a professional investment manager would use in dealing with pension plan assets. The Investment Manager will also use all relevant knowledge and skill that it possesses or ought to possess as a prudent investment manager.

### **4.05 Suppression of Terrorism**

The Investment Managers must comply at all times and in all respects with the federal suppression of terrorism regulations.

## Section 5—Administration

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### 5.01 Conflicts of Interest

#### (a) Responsibilities

This standard applies to the members of the Board as well as to all agents employed by them, in the execution of their responsibilities to the Plan (the “Affected Persons”).

An “agent” is defined to mean a company, organization, association or individual, as well as its employees, who are retained by the Board to provide specific services with respect to the investment, administration and management of the Plan.

In carrying out their responsibilities, these parties must act at all times in the best interest of the Plan.

#### (b) Disclosure

In the execution of their duties, the Affected Persons shall disclose any material conflict of interest relating to them, or any material ownership of securities, which could impair their ability to render unbiased advice, or to make unbiased decisions, affecting the administration of the Plan.

Further, it is expected that no Affected Person shall make any personal financial gain (direct or indirect) because of his or her position. However, normal and reasonable fees and expenses incurred in the discharge of their responsibilities are permitted if documented and approved by the Board.

No Affected Person shall accept a gift or gratuity or other personal favor, other than one of nominal value, from a person with whom the individual deals in the course of performance of his or her duties and responsibilities for the Board.

It is incumbent on any Affected Person who believes that he/she may have a conflict of interest, or who is aware of any conflict of interest, to disclose full details of the situation to the attention of the Board immediately. The Board, in turn, will decide what action is appropriate under the circumstances but, at a minimum, will table the matter at the next regular meeting of the Board.

No Affected Person who has or is required to make a disclosure which is determined to be in conflict as contemplated in this Policy shall participate in any discussion, decision or vote relating to any proposed investment or transaction in respect of which he or she has made or is required to make disclosure.

## 5.02 Related Party Transactions

The administrator of the plan may not enter into a transaction with a related party unless:

- (a) The transaction is required for the operation or administration of the plan, the terms and conditions of the transaction are not less favourable to the plan than market terms and conditions, and it does not involve the making of loans to, or investments in, the related party;
- (b) The combined value of all transactions with the same related party is nominal or combined the transactions are immaterial, less than 0.5% of the Fund market value; or
- (c) The investment is exempted under Section 17 of Schedule III of the Pension Benefits Standards Regulations.

“Related party” is defined in section 1 of Schedule III to the *Pension Benefits Standards Regulations, 1985 (Canada)*. A related party includes a person who is the administrator of the plan including any officer, director or employee of the administrator, or any person who is a member of the Board. It also includes the Investment Managers and their employees, a union representing employees of the employer, a member of the plan, a spouse or child of the persons named previously, or a corporation that is directly or indirectly controlled by the persons named previously, among others. Related party does not include government or a government agency.

Under the preceding conflict of interest guidelines, it is incumbent on any person to notify the Board if a conflict arises. Such conflict includes related party transactions.

## 5.03 Selecting Investment Managers

In the event that a new Investment Manager must be selected or additional Investment Manager(s) added to the existing Investment Managers, the Board will undertake an Investment Manager search. The criteria used for selecting an Investment Manager will be consistent with the investment and risk philosophy set out in Section 1.05 (Investment and Risk Philosophy), the Management Structure Philosophy set out in Section 2.04(a), and the investment beliefs set out in Appendix G.

## 5.04 Monitoring of Investment Managers

To enable the Board to fulfill its responsibility of monitoring and reviewing the Investment Managers, the Investment Consultant will assist the Board, on an ongoing basis, in considering:

- (a) Investment Manager’s staff turnover, consistency of style and record of service;
- (b) Investment Manager’s current economic outlook and investment strategies;
- (c) Investment Manager’s compliance with this Policy, where a manager is required to complete and sign a compliance report; and,
- (d) Investment performance of the assets of the Plan in relation to the rate of return expectations outlined in this Policy.

## **5.05 Performance Reporting by Investment Managers**

On a calendar quarterly basis, the Investment Managers will provide written reports regarding their performance and portfolio, and in the case of the active Investment Managers, a strategy review for the portfolio under management.

Meetings between the Investment Managers and the Board will be scheduled as required. For each quarter, it is expected that the Managers will prepare a general economic and capital markets overview, which will be distributed to the board. In their report the Managers should address the following issues:

- (a) Review the previous period's strategy and investment results, including investment fund performance relative to the fund specific performance targets.
- (b) Discuss how the condition of the capital markets affects the investment strategy of their respective portfolios.
- (c) Economic and market expectations.
- (d) Anticipated changes in the asset mix within the limits provided in this Policy.
- (e) Discuss compliance and proxy deviations or exceptions.
- (f) Report material changes in personnel, firm structure and investment philosophy, style or approach.

An important element of the success of this policy is the link between the Investment Managers and the Board. It is expected that the Investment Managers will communicate with the Board, and/or Administration, and the Investment Consultant whenever necessary between regularly scheduled meetings.

## **5.06 Dismissal of an Investment Manager**

Reasons for considering the termination of the services of an Investment Manager include, but are not limited to, the following factors:

- (a) Performance results, which over a reasonable period of time, are below the stated performance benchmarks;
- (b) Changes in the overall structure of a Fund such that the Investment Manager's services are no longer required;
- (c) Legal or regulatory proceedings against the Investment Manager or its investment personnel, or any sub-advisor firm or that firm's investment personnel;
- (d) Change in personnel, firm structure and investment philosophy, style or approach which might adversely affect the potential return and/or risk level of the portfolio; and/or
- (e) Failure to adhere to this Policy.



## **5.07 Voting Rights**

The Board has delegated voting rights acquired through Plan investments to the custodian of the securities, to be exercised in accordance with the Investment Managers' instructions. Investment Managers are expected to vote all proxies in the best interests of the Plan members.

In exceptional circumstances, the Board may take back voting rights of assets held in segregated portfolios for specific situations.

The managers should disclose their proxy voting policies and report annually in the compliance report on (1) whether all eligible proxies were voted on the Plan's behalf and (2) if the proxy guidelines were followed and report on any deviations.

## **5.08 Soft Dollars**

A variety of brokers should be used in order to gain maximum utilization of the services available. It is the responsibility of the Investment Manager to ensure that the commission distribution is representative of the services rendered.

The Board does not use soft dollars to pay for any goods or services. Managers may use soft dollars to pay for research and other investment-related services with disclosure to the Board, provided they comply with the Soft Dollar Standards promulgated by the CFA Institute.

## **5.09 Valuation of Investments not Regularly Traded**

The following principles will apply for the valuation of investments that are not traded regularly:

### **(a) Equities**

The most recent bid price available in the market.

### **(b) Bonds**

The average of bid and ask price, as available from pricing sources. Where no market price is available, the last available market price is used.

### **(c) Mortgages**

Unless in arrears, at the outstanding principal.

### **(d) Real Estate**

A certified written appraisal from a qualified independent appraiser on each property annually. Newly acquired properties will be held at cost for a year, until the annual appraisal comes due.

### **(e) Infrastructure**

A written internal appraisal performed by the Investment Manager, using industry standard methods, completed at least once per calendar year.

### **(f) Private Credit**

A valuation framework for determining the fair value of assets, using a fair value accounting method in accordance with accounting standards.

### **(g) Private Equity**

A valuation framework for determining the fair value of assets, using a fair value

accounting method in accordance with accounting standards. Approaches may include market comparables, discounted cash flow analyses, and recent transaction data.

**(h) Others**

Securities that are not publicly traded and for which no external transaction or other evidence of market value exists, will be valued at cost.

**5.10 Policy Review**

This Policy may be reviewed and amended at any time, but it must be formally reviewed by the Board at least once in every calendar year.

## Appendix A — Balanced Manager A

### A.01 Mandate

The Balanced Manager has been engaged to manage a portion of the Balanced Fund assets. The assets are to be actively managed using a combination of segregated and investment fund strategies, in a diversified portfolio.

### A.02 Asset Mix

The following table presents the Balanced Manager benchmark and asset component ranges, based on market values.

Assets (as a % of market value)	Minimum %	Long Term Benchmark %	Maximum %
Canadian equities	5	10	15
U.S. equities	7.5	12.5	17.5
Non-North American equities	7.5	12.5	17.5
Total Foreign equities	15	25	35
<b>Total Equities</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>45</b>
Real estate	5	10	15
Infrastructure	15	30	35
<b>Total Real Assets</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>
Core plus bonds	9	14	19
Global bonds	0	0	5
Mortgages	5	10	15
Short-term investments	0	1	10
<b>Total Fixed Income</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Total Fund</b>		<b>100</b>	

For purpose of the total asset mix described above, the Investment Manager's asset class funds are deemed to be 100% invested, even though these funds may contain a portion held in cash & cash equivalent instruments.

### A.03 Balanced Manager Benchmark

The performance of the Balanced Manager shall be measured quarterly and, in accordance with industry convention, return calculations shall be as follows:

- Time weighted rates of return.
- Total returns, including realized and unrealized gains and losses and income from all sources.

Measurement against performance objectives will normally be assessed over rolling four-year periods.

<b>Balanced Benchmark A</b>	<b>Long Term Benchmark %</b>
S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index	10
S&P 500 Index (Cdn. \$)	12.5
MSCI EAFE Index (Cdn. \$)	12.5
MSCI/REALPAC Canada Quarterly Property Fund Index (PFI)	10
Consumer Price Index + 5.0%	30
FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index	14
60% FTSE Canada Short Term Bond Index + 40% FTSE Canada Mid Term Bond Index + 0.5%	10
FTSE Canada 91-Day T-Bills	1
	<b>100</b>

A secondary objective is to exceed the benchmark index in each of the asset classes in which the manager invests.

The Board recognizes it will take time to achieve the long-term asset mix. During the transition period, the Board shall not evaluate the performance of Balanced Manager A using the benchmark weights above and shall instead evaluate Balanced Manager A's performance using the actual asset class weights as at each quarter-end.

#### **A.04 Permitted Investments**

The Balanced Manager may be invested in securities issued by governments, corporations, trusts, and other commercial entities, located or whose business activities take place either in Canada or abroad. Holdings in such entities may be direct investment or indirect investment through approved funds whether or not the funds are publicly traded. All investments are subject to the guidelines found in Section 3 and the asset mix guidelines from Section A.02.

The Investment Manager must meet the requirements for eligible investments as outlined in *The Pension Benefits Act and Regulations (Saskatchewan)*, the *Income Tax Act and Regulations*, and all subsequent amendments.

#### **A.05 Investment Funds**

Holding units in investment funds is permissible. Investment funds are governed by the policies for each fund. The Board, in consultation with the Investment Consultant, has reviewed the guidelines for the following funds and determined they are appropriate investment vehicles for a portion of the Plan assets:

- TD Greystone Canadian Equity Fund
- TD Greystone International Equity Fund
- TD Greystone Mortgage Fund
- TD Greystone Real Estate Fund
- TD Greystone Infrastructure Fund (Canada) LP
- TD Emerald Canadian Short Term Investment Fund

From time to time the Plan may acquire units in additional funds, or existing funds whose policies may have changed during the year, provided the Board has reviewed the fund guidelines for each and deemed them appropriate for the Plan.

Investment funds reviewed and deemed appropriate are to be added to the list of eligible funds during the next investment policy review.

#### **A.06 Compliance Report**

As specified in section 4.01 (a) (vi), a report on compliance with the investment policy should be completed quarterly. The report format is included on the following page.

**Saskatchewan Pension Plan—Balanced Fund Management**  
**Compliance Report for the Period From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**  
(date) (date)

		Guidelines	Policy Complied With Yes/No*
		%	
Asset Mix (at Market Value)			
Equities	Canadian	5 – 15	
	U.S.	7.5 – 17.5	
	Non-North American	7.5 – 17.5	
	Total Foreign	15 – 35	
	Total	25 – 45	
Real Assets	Real Estate	5 – 15	
	Infrastructure	15 – 35	
	Total	20 - 50	
Fixed Income	Core Plus Bonds	9 – 19	
	Global Bonds	0 – 5	
	Mortgages	5 - 15	
	Short-Term & Cash	0 - 10	
	Total	15 - 35	
Permitted Investments		As per Section 3	
Constraints			
Equities	- Available for trading through a marketplace		
	- Diversification	Max 10% of the market value of a manager's total equity portfolio in any single holding	
		Max 30% of the market value of a manager's international equity portfolio in emerging market securities	
	- Concentration	Max 10% of the voting shares of any corporation	
		Max 10% of available public float	
Bonds	- Quality	Min average bond portfolio quality of 'BBB'	
		Except for federal or provincial bonds, max 10% of market value in one issuer	
		Except for federal or provincial, max 10% of market value of a bond issue	
		Max 35% of market value of bond portfolio in bonds rated below 'BBB' at time of purchase	
	- Foreign Issuers	Max 50% of market value of bond portfolio in foreign issuers	
	- Foreign Currencies	Max 15% exposure at market value to foreign currencies within the bond portfolio	
Short-Term Investments	- Minimum Quality	'R-1' rating	
Investment Funds	- Liquidity	Max 30% of the market value of the investment fund	
	- Compliance	Investment funds in compliance with fund policies	
	- Policy Changes	Board notified of policy changes during quarter	
Other Investments	- Prior Approval Required		
Other	- Statutory Requirements	Must meet requirements for eligible investments outlined in <i>The Pension Benefits Act</i> .	
		Must meet requirements for eligible investments outlined in the <i>Income Tax Act</i> .	
Conflicts of Interest	- Disclosure	Conflicts of interest (if any) disclosed to the Chairperson of the Board	

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**(date) (date)**

<b>Proxy Voting</b>	- Compliance	All proxies voted in compliance with disclosed proxy voting policy	
<b>CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct</b>	- Compliance	CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct complied with	
<b>Suppression of Terrorism</b>	- Compliance	Compliance with federal suppression of terrorism regulations	

\* Provide actual weight or range where appropriate. If policy not complied with, comment on specifics.

I believe this to be a factual representation of compliance with the Statement of Investment Policies and Goals throughout the reporting period.

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Signature and Title

TD Asset Management

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Company Name

## Appendix B — Balanced Manager B

### B.01 Mandate

The Balanced Manager has been engaged to manage a portion of the Balanced Fund assets. The assets are to be actively managed using a combination of segregated and investment fund strategies, in a diversified portfolio.

### B.02 Asset Mix

The following table presents the Balanced Manager benchmark and asset component ranges, based on market values.

<b>Assets (as a % of market value)</b>	<b>Minimum %</b>	<b>Long Term Benchmark %</b>	<b>Maximum %</b>
Canadian equities	15	20	25
U.S. equities	20	25	30
Non-North American equities	20	25	30
Total Foreign equities	40	50	60
<b>Total Equities</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>80</b>
Core plus bonds	20	29	40
Multi-credit bonds	0	0	5
Short-term investments	0	1	10
<b>Total Fixed Income</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total Fund</b>		<b>100</b>	

For purpose of the total asset mix described above, the Investment Manager's asset class funds are deemed to be 100% invested, even though these funds may contain a portion held in cash & cash equivalent instruments.

### B.03 Balanced Manager Benchmark

The performance of the Balanced Manager shall be measured quarterly and, in accordance with industry convention, return calculations shall be as follows:

- Time weighted rates of return.
- Total returns, including realized and unrealized gains and losses and income from all sources.

Measurement against performance objectives will normally be assessed over rolling four-year periods.

<b>Balanced Benchmark B</b>	<b>Long Term Benchmark %</b>
S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index	20
S&P 500 Index (Cdn. \$)	25
MSCI EAFE Index (Cdn. \$)	25
FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index	29
FTSE Canada 91-Day T-Bills	1
	<b>100</b>



A secondary objective is to exceed the benchmark index in each of the asset classes in which the manager invests.

#### **B.04 Permitted Investments**

The Balanced Manager may be invested in securities issued by governments, corporations, trusts, and other commercial entities, located or whose business activities take place either in Canada or abroad. Holdings in such entities may be direct investment or indirect investment through approved funds whether or not the funds are publicly traded. All investments are subject to the guidelines found in Section 3 and the asset mix guidelines from Section B.02.

The Investment Manager must meet the requirements for eligible investments as outlined in *The Pension Benefits Act and Regulations (Saskatchewan)*, the *Income Tax Act and Regulations*, and all subsequent amendments.

#### **B.05 Investment Funds**

Holdings units in investment funds is permissible. Investment funds are governed by the policies for each fund. The Board, in consultation with the investment consultant, has reviewed the guidelines for the following funds and determined they are appropriate investment vehicles for a portion of the Plan assets:

- Leith Wheeler U.S. Equity Pension Pooled Fund
- Leith Wheeler U.S. Small-Mid Cap Equity Fund
- Leith Wheeler International Equity Fund
- Leith Wheeler Core Plus Bond Fund
- Leith Wheeler Multi Credit Fund
- Leith Wheeler Special Canadian Equity Fund
- Leith Wheeler Money Market Fund

From time to time the Plan may acquire units in additional funds, or existing funds whose policies may have changed during the year, provided the Board has reviewed the fund guidelines for each and deemed them appropriate for the Plan.

Investment funds reviewed and deemed appropriate are to be added to the list of eligible funds during the next investment policy review.

#### **B.06 Compliance Report**

As specified in section 4.01 (a) (vi), a report on compliance with the investment policy should be completed quarterly. The report format is included on the following page.

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**Compliance Report for the Period From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**  
(date) (date)

		Guidelines	Policy Complied With Yes/No*
		%	
<b>Asset Mix (at Market Value)</b>			
<b>Equities</b>	Canadian	15 – 25	
	U.S.	20 – 30	
	Non-North American	20 – 30	
	Total Foreign	40 – 60	
	Total	60 – 80	
<b>Fixed Income</b>	Core Plus Bonds	20 – 40	
	Multi-Credit Bonds	0 – 5	
	Short-Term & Cash	0 – 10	
	Total	20 – 40	
<b>Permitted Investments</b>		As per Section 3	
<b>Constraints</b>			
<b>Equities</b>	- Available for trading through a marketplace		
	- Diversification	Max 10% of the market value of a manager's total equity portfolio in any single holding	
		Max 30% of the market value of a manager's international equity portfolio in emerging market securities	
	- Concentration	Max 10% of the voting shares of any corporation	
		Max 10% of available public float	
<b>Bonds</b>	- Quality	Min average bond portfolio quality of 'BBB'	
	- Quantity	Except for federal or provincial bonds, max 10% of market value in one issuer	
		Except for federal or provincial, max 10% of market value of a bond issue	
		Max 35% of market value of portfolio in bonds rated below 'BBB' at time of purchase	
	- Foreign Issuers	Max 50% of market value of bond portfolio in foreign issuers	
	- Foreign Currencies	Max 15% exposure at market value to foreign currencies within the bond portfolio	
<b>Short-Term Investments</b>	- Minimum Quality	'R-1' rating	
<b>Investment Funds</b>	- Liquidity	Max 30% of the market value of the investment fund	
	- Compliance	Investment funds in compliance with fund policies	
	- Policy Changes	Board notified of policy changes during quarter	
<b>Other Investments</b>	- Prior Approval Required		
<b>Other</b>	- Statutory Requirements	Must meet requirements for eligible investments outlined in <i>The Pension Benefits Act</i> .	
		Must meet requirements for eligible investments outlined in the <i>Income Tax Act</i> .	
<b>Conflicts of Interest</b>	- Disclosure	Conflicts of interest (if any) disclosed to the Chairperson of the Board	
<b>Proxy Voting</b>	- Compliance	All proxies voted in compliance with disclosed proxy voting policy	
<b>CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct</b>	- Compliance	CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct complied with	
<b>Suppression of Terrorism</b>	- Compliance	Compliance with federal suppression of terrorism regulations	

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**(date) (date)**

\* Provide actual weight or range where appropriate. If policy not complied with, comment on specifics.

I believe this to be a factual representation of compliance with the Statement of Investment Policies and Goals throughout the reporting period.

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Signature and Title

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Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel  
Company Name

## Appendix C — Specialist Private Debt Manager

### C.01 Mandate

The Specialist Private Debt Manager has been engaged to manage a portion of the Balanced Fund assets. The assets are to be actively managed using a private debt fund-of-funds strategy.

### C.02 Asset Mix

The following table presents the Specialist Private Debt Manager benchmark and asset component ranges, based on market values.

Assets (as a % of market value)	Minimum %	Long Term Benchmark %	Maximum %
Private Debt	90	100	100
Short-term investments	0	0	10
<b>Total Fund</b>		<b>100</b>	

For benchmark purposes, the Investment Manager's fund is deemed to be 100% invested, even though the fund may contain a portion held in cash & cash equivalent instruments.

### C.03 Specialist Private Debt Manager Benchmark

The performance of the Specialist Private Debt Manager shall be measured quarterly and, in accordance with industry convention, return calculations shall be as follows:

- Time weighted rates of return, net of investment management fees.
- Total returns, including realized and unrealized gains and losses and income from all sources.

Measurement against performance objectives will normally be assessed over rolling four-year periods.

Private Debt Benchmark	Long Term Benchmark %
Absolute Return of 6%	100
	<b>100</b>

### C.04 Permitted Investments

Permitted investments in private credit will be governed by the terms and conditions set out in the respective investment fund contract, Offering Memorandum, Trust Agreement or similar document that is applicable to each Investment Manager. All investments are subject to the guidelines found in Section 3 and the asset mix guidelines from Section C.02.

The Investment Manager must meet the requirements for eligible investments as outlined in *The Pension Benefits Act and Regulations (Saskatchewan)*, the *Income Tax Act and Regulations*, and all subsequent amendments.

### **C.05 Investment Funds**

Holding units in investment funds is permissible. Investment funds are governed by the policies for each fund. The Board, in consultation with the Investment Consultant, has reviewed the guidelines for the following funds and determined they are appropriate investment vehicles for a portion of the Plan assets:

Ninepoint Alternative Income Fund

### **C.06 Compliance Report**

It is deemed acceptable for the Specialist Private Debt Manager to provide a compliance statement that confirms that the Manager is in compliance with their pooled investment fund, provided that the pooled investment fund's investments constitute permitted investments as defined in Section 3 and the investment vehicle's own investment policy or similar document.

## Appendix D — Specialist Infrastructure Manager

### D.01 Mandate

The Specialist Infrastructure Manager has been engaged to manage a portion of the Balanced Fund assets. The assets are to be actively managed using a yield-focused infrastructure strategy in a pooled fund structure.

### D.02 Asset Mix

The following table presents the Specialist Infrastructure Manager benchmark and asset component ranges, based on market values.

Assets (as a % of market value)	Minimum %	Long Term Benchmark %	Maximum %
Infrastructure	90	100	100
Short-term investments	0	0	10
<b>Total Fund</b>		<b>100</b>	

For benchmark purposes, the Investment Manager's fund is deemed to be 100% invested, even though the fund may contain a portion held in cash & cash equivalent instruments.

### D.03 Specialist Infrastructure Manager Benchmark

The performance of the Infrastructure Manager shall be measured quarterly and, in accordance with industry convention, return calculations shall be as follows:

- Time weighted rates of return.
- Total returns, including realized and unrealized gains and losses and income from all sources.

Measurement against performance objectives will normally be assessed over rolling four-year periods.

Infrastructure Benchmark	Long Term Benchmark %
CPI + 5%	100
	<b>100</b>

The Specialist Infrastructure Manager has a more conservative investment strategy than Balanced Manager A. As a result, the Board recognizes that the Specialist Infrastructure Manager may at times have lower returns than Balanced Manager A. Lower returns may be acceptable provided that it is accompanied by less volatility of returns.

#### **D.04 Permitted Investments**

Permitted investments in infrastructure will be governed by the terms and conditions set out in the respective investment fund contract, Offering Memorandum, Trust Agreement or similar document that is applicable to each Investment Manager.

The Investment Manager must meet the requirements for eligible investments as outlined in *The Pension Benefits Act and Regulations (Saskatchewan)*, the *Income Tax Act and Regulations*, and all subsequent amendments.

#### **D.05 Investment Funds**

Holding units in investment funds is permissible. Investment funds are governed by the policies for each fund. The Board, in consultation with the Investment Consultant, has reviewed the guidelines for the following funds and determined they are appropriate investment vehicles for a portion of the Plan assets:

Fengate Infrastructure Yield Fund

#### **D.06 Compliance Report**

It is deemed acceptable for the Specialist Infrastructure Manager to provide a compliance statement that confirms that the Manager is in compliance with their pooled investment fund, provided that the pooled investment fund's investments constitute permitted investments as defined in Section 3 and the investment vehicle's own investment policy or similar document.

## Appendix E — Specialist Private Equity Manager

### E.01 Mandate

The Specialist Private Equity Manager has been engaged to manage a portion of the Balanced Fund assets. The assets are to be actively managed using a yield-focused infrastructure strategy in a pooled fund structure.

### E.02 Asset Mix

The following table presents the Specialist Private Equity Manager benchmark and asset component ranges, based on market values.

Assets (as a % of market value)	Minimum %	Long Term Benchmark %	Maximum %
Private Equity	90	100	100
Short-term investments	0	0	10
<b>Total Fund</b>		<b>100</b>	

For benchmark purposes, the Private Equity Manager's fund is deemed to be 100% invested, even though the fund may contain a portion held in cash & cash equivalent instruments.

### E.03 Specialist Private Equity Manager Benchmark

The performance of the Private Equity Manager shall be measured quarterly and, in accordance with industry convention, return calculations shall be as follows:

- Time weighted rates of return.
- Total returns, including realized and unrealized gains and losses and income from all sources.

Measurement against performance objectives will normally be assessed over rolling four-year periods.

Private Equity Benchmark	Long Term Benchmark %
TBD	100
	<b>100</b>



#### **E.04 Permitted Investments**

Permitted investments in private equity will be governed by the terms and conditions set out in the respective investment fund contract, Offering Memorandum, Trust Agreement or similar document that is applicable to each Investment Manager.

The Investment Manager must meet the requirements for eligible investments as outlined in *The Pension Benefits Act and Regulations (Saskatchewan)*, the *Income Tax Act and Regulations*, and all subsequent amendments.

#### **E.05 Investment Funds**

Holding units in investment funds is permissible. Investment funds are governed by the policies for each fund. The Board, in consultation with the Investment Consultant, has reviewed the guidelines for the following funds and determined they are appropriate investment vehicles for a portion of the Plan assets:

TBD

#### **E.06 Compliance Report**

It is deemed acceptable for the Specialist Private Equity Manager to provide a compliance statement that confirms that the Manager is in compliance with their pooled investment fund, provided that the pooled investment fund's investments constitute permitted investments as defined in Section 3 and the investment vehicle's own investment policy or similar document.

## Appendix F — Diversified Income Fund

### F.01 Mandate

An active manager has been engaged to manage the Diversified Income Fund option in the Plan. The assets are to be actively managed using a combination of two investment fund strategies.

### F.02 Asset Mix

The following table presents the Diversified Income Fund manager benchmark and asset component ranges, based on market values.

<b>Diversified Income Fund Benchmark and Asset Component Ranges</b>			
	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Benchmark</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
Short-Term Core Plus Bonds	40	50	60
Short-Term Investments	40	50	60
		<b>100</b>	

*Effective January 1, 2024*

*Holdings in investment funds are deemed to be fully invested in that fund's asset class even though the fund may have cash reserves.*

### F.03 Short Term Manager Benchmark

The performance of the Short-Term Manager shall be measured quarterly and, in accordance with industry convention, return calculations shall be as follows:

- Time weighted rates of return.
- Total returns, including realized and unrealized gains and losses and income from all sources.

Measurement against performance objectives will normally be assessed over rolling four-year periods.

<b>Diversified Income Fund Benchmark</b>	<b>%</b>
FTSE Canada Short-Term Bond Index	50
FTSE Canada 91-Day T-Bill Index	50
	<b>100</b>

*Effective January 1, 2024*

A secondary objective is to exceed the benchmark index in each of the asset classes in which the manager invests.

#### **F.04 Permissible Investments**

The Diversified Income Fund Manager may be invested in securities issued by governments, corporations, trusts, and other commercial entities, located or whose business activities take place either in Canada or abroad, as well as commercial mortgages, within the approved investment funds. All investments are subject to the investment guidelines found in Section 3 and the investment fund's internal guidelines. Should a conflict arise between the provisions of this Policy, and the provisions of the investment fund's policy, the Manager is required to notify the Pension Board immediately in writing, detailing the nature of the conflict and the Manager's recommended course of action.

The Investment Manager must meet the requirements for eligible investments as outlined in *The Pension Benefits Act and Regulations (Saskatchewan)*, *the Income Tax Act and Regulations*, and all subsequent amendments.

#### **F.05 Investment Funds**

Holding units in investment funds is permissible. Investment funds are governed by the policies for each fund. The Board, in consultation with the Investment Consultant, has reviewed the guidelines for the following funds and determined they are appropriate investment vehicles for a portion of the Plan assets:

TD Emerald Canadian Treasury Management Fund  
TD Greystone Short Bond Plus Fund

From time to time the Plan may acquire units in additional investment funds, or existing funds whose policies may have changed during the year, provided the Board has reviewed the fund guidelines for each and deemed them appropriate for the Plan.

Investment funds reviewed and deemed appropriate are to be added to the list of eligible funds during the next investment policy review.

#### **F.06 Compliance Report**

As specified in Section 4.01 (a) (vi), a report on compliance with the investment policy should be completed quarterly. The report format is included on the following page.

**Saskatchewan Pension Plan— Diversified Income Fund Management  
Compliance Report for the Period From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
(date) (date)**

		Guidelines	Policy Complied With Yes/No*
		%	
<b>Asset Mix (at Market Value)</b>			
Short-Term Bond Plus	Short Bond Plus Fund	40 - 60	
<b>Short-Term &amp; Cash</b>	Treasury Management Fund	40 - 60	
<b>Investment Fund</b>	- Liquidity	Max 30% of the market value of the investment fund	
	- Policy Changes	Board notified of policy changes during quarter	
	- Compliance	Investment funds in compliance with fund policies	
<b>Other</b>	- Statutory Requirements	Must meet requirements for eligible investments outlined in <i>The Pension Benefits Act</i> .	
		Must meet requirements for eligible investments outlined in the <i>Income Tax Act</i> .	
<b>Conflicts of Interest</b>	- Disclosure	Conflicts of interest (if any) disclosed to the Chairperson of the Board	
<b>CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct</b>	- Compliance	CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct complied with	
<b>Suppression of Terrorism</b>	- Compliance	Compliance with federal suppression of terrorism regulations	

\* Provide actual weight or range where appropriate. If policy not complied with, comment on specifics.

I believe this to be a factual representation of compliance with the Statement of Investment Policies and Goals throughout the reporting period.

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Signature and Title

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TD Asset Management  
Company Name

# Appendix G — Statement of Investment Beliefs

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## **G.01 Purpose of Statement of Investment Beliefs**

In order to assist in developing and evaluating the investment policies and in the interest of good governance, the Board of Trustees has developed fundamental beliefs to form the basis for current and future investment policies.

These beliefs will be reviewed periodically, and at least every five years, to ensure that they continue to reflect the beliefs of the Board of Trustees.

## **G.02 Financial Market and Asset Mix Beliefs**

The Trustees believe the following:

- (a) There is a relationship between risk and return:
  - Risk and return relationships are more predictable over the longer term. It is extremely difficult to forecast short-term investment returns.
  - Over the long term, investors should receive additional compensation for taking investment risks.
  - It is expected that equities will outperform fixed income over long time periods to compensate for their higher risk.
  - Asset classes with restricted liquidity, such as real estate, private debt, and infrastructure, are expected to provide higher returns or less volatility of return than traditional asset classes to compensate investors for their illiquidity.
- (b) The risk/return profile of the Plan can be improved through prudent diversification, that takes advantage of the lack of perfect correlation across:
  - Major asset classes, including public and private investments in equities, fixed income, and real assets;
  - Geographical regions;
  - Market capitalizations; and
  - Sectors and holdings within an asset class.
- (c) The long-term strategic asset allocation decision is the most important factor in determining investment risk and return.
- (d) The investments of the Plan can accommodate some illiquidity, but cash flow needs should be monitored.
- (e) Exploiting short-term opportunities through tactical asset allocation may not significantly improve the Plan's return, but can be undertaken if the manager has a strong view regarding a particular asset class, if there are minimal costs, and if the manager stays within their allowable ranges.
- (f) Leaving some foreign equity currency exposure unhedged moderates both gains and losses, resulting in a less volatile portfolio. However, currency hedging for specific asset classes can be employed for defensive purposes or if it is expected to reduce the volatility of income-generating investments.

### **G.03 Investment Processes**

The Trustees believe the following:

- (a) Markets are efficient to varying degrees, and short-term deviations from long-term fundamentals can occur. Active management should be undertaken in asset classes where there are sufficient opportunities for skilled managers to add value and/or reduce risk relative to passive exposure to the market. The opportunity for value added and/or reduced risk from active management should be weighed against the incremental cost of active management relative to passive management. Practical aspects should be considered when discussing the merits of active management and passive management.
- (b) No one style will consistently produce higher returns, and it is difficult to predict which style will outperform on a risk-adjusted basis over a given period.
- (c) Adding a small allocation of small cap equities to a large cap portfolio can improve returns without significantly increasing risk.
- (d) Investing in global markets can improve returns without significantly increasing risk, as well as improve portfolio diversification, relative to investing only in Canada.
- (e) Costs matter and need to be effectively managed so that a greater proportion of investment return passes on to Plan members. In addition, there is a reputation risk management aspect to cost control. Asset classes should be selected with consideration to prevailing fees, and within asset classes, managers should be selected with consideration to fees. The benefits of adding an additional manager should be weighed against the cost of potentially higher management fees, as well as the additional operational, monitoring and oversight costs required for management and the Board.
- (f) The prudent use of derivatives and leverage, in certain instances and within clearly defined limits, can enhance the risk/return profile of the Plan.

### **G.04 Organizational Beliefs**

The Trustees believe the following:

- (a) Consideration should be given as to whether assets should be managed on a separate asset class basis (specialist managers) or on a balanced fund basis (balanced fund managers) during the manager selection process. Adequate due diligence must be done to ensure that managers have thorough and robust processes regardless of manager structure.

Factors to consider when selecting a manager structure include, but are not limited to:

- Simplicity and practicality for plan members;
- Potential value added from specialist managers;
- Investment management fees; and
- Management and Board resources required for administration, rebalancing and monitoring.

- (b) It is generally more cost effective to utilize external investment management when making portfolio implementation decisions for an investor of Saskatchewan Pension Plan's size. In addition, external investment managers can often offer greater expertise and resources than internal personnel for various investment strategies.
- (c) Various asset classes, investment styles and investment managers outperform and underperform at various points in the economic cycle. Evaluating performance over rolling four-year periods is generally a reasonable amount of time in which to evaluate a manager. However, the Board recognizes that an arbitrary evaluation time period is not necessarily a true reflection of an economic cycle.
- (d) It is important for the Board to understand the risks that investment portfolios are exposed to, both to manage the overall portfolio and to communicate to stakeholders.
- (e) Asset classes or strategies that either do not provide transparency to investors or that are excessively complex should not be considered, regardless of the return potential of the investment.

## **G.05 Responsible Investing**

The Trustees believe the following:

- (a) While there are mixed results as to whether incorporating ESG adds value from a return perspective, there is increasing evidence that indicates analysis of ESG topics can help mitigate risk. The Plan's overriding obligation is to act in the best interest of the Plan's beneficiaries. In this fiduciary role, the Trustees believe that environmental, social, and corporate governance issues can affect the risk/return profile of its investment portfolios. Therefore, it will make the consideration of such matters part of its investment and due diligence processes.

## **G.06 Defined Contribution Beliefs**

The Trustees believe the following:

- (a) Offering multiple fund options with differing characteristics accommodates various member needs and allows a variety of investment choices. However, the number of fund options should still be limited as fewer fund options for members are considered to lead to better member outcomes.