



## A newsletter for you - our retirees!



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Welcome to the first edition of the **MEPP Messenger**. This newsletter is specifically for our valued MEPP pensioners.

With 472 new pensioners in 2021, our MEPP pensioner group has grown to 6,790. You can expect to receive the **MEPP Messenger** annually beginning January 2023.

The MEPP team is always here to answer your questions and share information, because staying connected to you matters to us!

## PEBA transitioning to non-profit corporation

The Public Employees Benefits Agency (PEBA) is pursuing a new operating structure as a non-profit corporation, separate from the Government of Saskatchewan.

“PEBA is one of the last provincial government agencies in Canada that administers pensions on behalf of pension plan boards,” PEBA Assistant Deputy Minister, Jeremy Phillips said. “The boards of the largest pension plans PEBA administers requested the Government facilitate this change, so it has been initiated.”

This effort was conceived and spearheaded by the Public Employees Pension Board (PEPB, the Board), with 67,000 members and \$12 billion in assets and the Municipal Employees’ Pension Commission (MEPC, the Commission), with 26,000 members and \$3 billion in assets. They will jointly own the new non-profit corporation, which will continue to be based in Regina.

“The Canadian pension plan landscape continues to evolve,” the MEPC chair Ashley Stradeski said. “Our commission is excited about moving toward Canadian best practice.”

There will be no changes to the pension and benefits plans that PEBA manages. Members and participating employers will not be impacted in any way. Similarly, there will be no changes that affect PEBA employees during this transition. Salaries, benefits, and union affiliations will not be impacted.

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will not be  
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any way.**

PEBA has been and continues to work with the Government of Saskatchewan and expert consultants on the design and transition to the new governance and operating structures.

In 2022, a legislative process will begin to allow PEBA to operate as a non-profit corporation, separate from the Government of Saskatchewan. It is anticipated this transition will be complete by 2024.

If you have any questions about this change, please contact us at 1-306-787-3988 or toll-free at 1-877-374-1147. Members can also register on the Municipal Employees’ Pension Plan (MEPP) website for an online member forum to learn more and ask questions.



# Member Satisfaction Survey results

In August 2021, PEBA contracted Insightrix Research Inc. to conduct a survey of MEPP members. The data was collected between October 15 to November 30 and results were recently presented to the Commission.

Objectives of the survey were to:

- assess member impressions, knowledge and information-seeking activities;
- understand preferred and currently used methods of communicating;
- report member satisfaction with communication and information services; and
- gain insight to help improve future member experiences.

## The lucky winners of the \$100 gift cards are:

- Theresa M. – Punnichy
- Derek B. – Grenfell
- Dorothy N. – Weyakwin
- Nicole W. – Dilke
- Regan M. – Dodsland



Respondents are quite satisfied with our communication channels and their interactions with MEPP. Those members who are retired, or are approaching retirement, have the highest satisfaction as they tend to have more interactions and refer to pension information more frequently. The MEPP *Matters* newsletter and the website are the most well-known and frequently used sources of information.

These results show us that our focus on member experience is working. The communication channels are doing what we need them to do, and our interactions are making an impact.

*Thank you to all those who took time to complete the survey.*

## Are YOU collecting your pension?

Periodically, we send a letter to all our pensioners. This letter must be signed by the pensioner and returned to MEPP by the deadline. If the letter is not returned by the deadline, your pension may be suspended.

This process helps to ensure pension payments are being made to the correct person.

**Expect your letter this fall.**

## Keep personal information up-to-date

If you've had a change in your life, please let us know. This includes your contact information or beneficiary contact information, change in relationship status or your banking information.

You may email, phone and/or use the *Personal Data Change* form to update your address.



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