

# Pension Administration Report— Retiring Allowances Act and Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act The Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly

March 31, 2009

#### **About This Material**

The Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly provides pension benefits to its elected members under the Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act (RAA) and the Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act (SRAA). Section 21 of the RAA and section 11.1 of the SRAA require that a report on the administration of each Act be presented to the Assembly by the Board of Management each fiscal year.

This report summarizes the current active membership, inactive members and plan assets. An appendix to this report summarizes all of the positions held, past and present, of the current 19 members.

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## **Membership Information**

#### **Overview**

There are several categories of membership under the Act:

- Active members are the current elected Members of the Assembly;
- Deferred non-vested members are former Members of the Assembly who left prior to becoming eligible for a pension (vested). If they return to the Assembly and become vested, they will be eligible for their full pensions;
- Deferred vested pensioners are former active members who are entitled to a pension, but have not yet commenced receiving it.
- Pensioners are former members or survivors of former members who are currently in receipt of a pension.

The following table provides a reconciliation of the RAA Plan membership from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009:

#### RAA

	Active	Deferred Non–Vested Members	Deferred Vested Pensioners	Pensioners
Members at April 1, 2008	19	13	2	35
New Members				
Retirements			(1)	1
Terminations				
<ul><li>■ Elected lump sum payment</li><li>■ Elected deferred pension</li></ul>				
■ Non–Vested				
Deaths				
■ No continuation of benefit				
■ Child benefit stopped				(0)
<ul><li>With survivor</li><li>Survivor entitled to benefit</li></ul>				(2)
Members at March 31, 2009	19	13	1	38

The following table provides a reconciliation of the SRAA Plan membership from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009:

#### **SRAA**

	Active	Deferred Vested Pensioners	Pensioners
Members at April 1, 2008	19	3	37
New Members			
Retirements		(1)	1
Terminations ■ Elected lump sum payment ■ Elected deferred pension ■ Non–Vested			
Deaths ■ No continuation of benefit ■ Child benefit stopped ■ With survivor			(2)
■ Survivor entitled to benefit			4
Members at March 31, 2009	19	2	40

#### **Actives**

There are nineteen (19) Members at March 31, 2009. The nineteen (19) Members held the following position(s) at March 31, 2009:

Name	Position(s)
Abernethy, Glen	MLA, Deputy Chairperson
Beaulieu, Tom	MLA, Chairperson
Bisaro, Wendy	MLA, Caucus Chairperson
Bromley, Robert	MLA, Deputy Chairperson
Delorey, Paul A.	MLA, Speaker
Groenewegen, Jane M.	MLA, Chairperson
Hawkins, Robert M.	MLA, Chairperson
Jacobson, Jackie	MLA
Krutko, David M.	MLA, Deputy Speaker
Lafferty, Jackson	MLA, Minister
Lee, Sandy	MLA, Minister
McLeod, Michael V.	MLA, Minister
McLeod, Robert C.	MLA, Minister
McLeod, Robert R.	MLA, Minister
Menicoche, Kevin A.	MLA, Chairperson
Miltenberger, J. Michael	MLA, Minister
Ramsay, Yazmarr D.	MLA, Chairperson
Roland, Floyd K.	MLA, Premier
Yakeleya, Norman S.	MLA

A number of Members are entitled to a deferred pension for positions (such as Minister or Chairperson) which they held in the past, but no longer hold. Appendix A summarizes these positions for each of the current Members.

Members who have held a position for less than one year are not vested in a pension for these positions. However, if they resume a position and complete, in aggregate, one year of service in the position, they will be entitled to a deferred pension. Therefore, Appendix A also tracks these non-vested positions.

#### **Pensioners**

On March 31, 2009 there were thirty-eight (38) prior members or survivors of prior members receiving monthly pensions from the RAA and forty (40) from the SRAA, as outlined in the following table.

Two pensioners died during the plan year. They are listed at the bottom of the following table.

On January 1 each year, pensions are increased to reflect changes in the cost of living as measured by the average Consumer Price Index to September 30 of the previous year. The January 1, 2009 increase was 2.50%.

Pages six (6) and seven (7) show the pensions payable at April 1, 2009 to each Member under both the RAA and the SRAA. The table also shows the amount of pension each Member received in the twelve months from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009.

Appendix B provides a history of annual pension increases.

		FOR PRE -1992 RAA BENEFIT AND PRE-4/1/1996 SRAA BENEFIT			FOR POST-1991 RAA BENEFIT AND POST-4/1/1996 SRAA BENEFIT		
Pensioner	Date of Retirement	Form of Pension	G'tee	% to Spouse	Form of Pension	G'tee	% to Spouse
Allen, Roger	1-Nov-2004	n/a	n/a	n/a	J	5	66.7
Allooloo, Titus S.	1-Nov-1995	J	0	75	J	5	66.7
Antoine, James L.	1-Dec-2003	J	0	75	J	5	66.7
Appaqaq, Moses <sup>2</sup>	1-Jan-1995	J	0	75	n/a	n/a	n/a
Arlooktoo, Joe	1-Nov-1991	J	0	75	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ballantyne, Penny A.		<u> </u>					
(spouse)	1-Nov-1995	S	0	0	S	0	0
Ballantyne, Alexandra							
(daughter)	1-Nov-1995	С	0	0	С	0	0
Ballantyne, Nicholas (son)	1-Nov-1995	С	0	0	С	0	0
Braden, William A.	1-Jun-2008	n/a	n/a	n/a	J	5	66.7
Butters, Thomas H.	1-Nov-1991	J	0	75	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cournoyea, Nellie Joy	1-Nov-1995	J	0	75	J	5	66.7
Curley, Tagak <sup>2</sup>	1-Oct-1993	J	0	75	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dent, Charles A	1-Oct-2007	J	0	75	J	5	66.7
Elias, Betty M. (spouse)	1-Dec-2003	n/a	n/a	n/a	S	0	0
Fraser, Ellen (spouse)	1-Dec-1983	S	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gargan, Samuel	1-Jan-2000	J	0	75	n/a	n/a	n/a
Handley, Joseph L	1-Nov-2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	J	5	66.7
Irniq, Peter	1-Dec-1991	J	0	75	n/a	n/a	n/a
Kakfwi, Stephen	1-Dec-2003	J	0	75	J	5	66.7
Kilabuk, Nellie A. (spouse)	1-Nov-1991	S	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lafferty, Leon	1-Dec-2003	n/a	n/a	n/a	J	5	66.7
Lewis, Brian W.	1-Nov-1995	J	0	75	J	5	66.7
MacQuarrie, Robert H.	1-May-1990	S	15	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Marie-Jewell, Jeannie	1-Nov-1995	J	0	75	J	5	66.7
McCallum, Arnold J.	1-Nov-1987	J	0	75	n/a	n/a	n/a
McLaughlin, Bruce A.	1-Nov-1991	S	10	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Morin, Donald A.	1-Jan-2000	J	0	75	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nerysoo, Richard William	1-Nov-1995	J	0	75	J	5	66.7
Ng, Kelvin	1-Apr-1999	J	0	75	J	5	66.7
Ningark, John	1-Aug-1999	J	0	75	J	5	66.7

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Pensioner	Date of Retirement	Form of Pension	G'tee	% to Spouse	Form of Pension	G'tee	% to Spouse
Ootes, Jake J.	1-Dec-2003	n/a	n/a	n/a	J	5	66.7
Patterson, Dennis G.	1-Nov-1995	J	0	75	J	5	66.7
Pedersen, Asger Rye	1-Nov-1991	S	10	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pokiak, Calvin	1-Oct-2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	J	5	66.7
Pollard, John D.	1-Nov-1995	J	0	75	J	5	66.7
Pudluk, Ludy Kalluk	1-Nov-1995	J	0	75	J	5	66.7
Rabesca, James <sup>2</sup>	1-Jan-2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	J	5	66.7
Searle, David H. <sup>2</sup>	1-Nov-1992	J	0	75	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sibbeston, Nick G.	1-Nov-1991	J	0	75	n/a	n/a	n/a
Todd, John H.	1-Apr-1999	J	0	75	J	5	66.7
Villeneuve, Robert J.	1-Oct-2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	J	5	66.7
Wah-Shee, James J.1,2	1-Mar-1995	J	0	75	n/a	n/a	n/a
Whitford, Anthony W. J.	1-Nov-1995	J	0	75	S	10	0
Wray, Gordon Leslie <sup>3</sup>	1-Feb-1992	J	0	75	n/a	n/a	n/a
Zoe, Henry	1-Nov-1995	J	0	75	J	5	66.7
Pensioner	Date of Death						
Ballantyne, Michael A.	19-Jun-2008		· · · · ·				
McCallum, Arnold J.	25-May-2008						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>These members have dependants, but no spouse

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>These members are not entitled to a pension under the SRAA Plan <sup>3</sup>This member passed away on June 17, 2009

#### **Deferred Vested Members**

The following member has left the Assembly and is entitled to a pension from the RAA:

Name	Date of Termination	Monthly Unreduced Pension	Earliest Unreduced Retirement Date
Bell, Brendan R.	October 1, 2007	\$ 1,501.19	September 1, 2031

The following members have left the Assembly and are entitled to a pension from the SRAA:

Name	Date of Termination	Monthly Unreduced Pension	Earliest Unreduced Retirement Date
Bell, Brendan R.	October 1, 2007	\$ 1,501.19	September 1, 2031
Nitah, Steven	November 24, 2003	\$ 570.58	May 1, 2027

The RAA and SRAA deferred pensions shown above will be indexed each year until retirement. The amounts shown here include indexing from the date of termination to January 1, 2009.

#### Non-Vested Terminated Members (Deferred Non-Vested)

There are thirteen (13) former Members in total who left the Assembly before becoming eligible for a pension. They have not been re-elected for more than two Assemblies; therefore, we have not shown details for these former Members. Such former Members who are re-elected must pay back to the RAA pension fund their contributions that were refunded when they left with interest in order to be reinstated in their previous service.

#### **Additional SRAA Payment**

Section 10.1 of the SRAA provides for a payment equal to 6.50% of a member's remuneration from the date they were first elected to March 31, 1996 plus interest for members who:

- (a) Were first elected in the Thirteenth Assembly, or
- (b) Were first elected in the Twelfth Assembly but had less then two years of service in the Twelfth Assembly.

The payment is payable when the member ceases to be a member. The accumulated entitlements at March 31, 2009 of the remaining four members are summarized in the following table:

Name	Contribution Balance at March 31, 2009
Groenewegen, Jane M.	\$4,064.24
Krutko, David M.	\$4,562.35
Miltenberger, J. Michael	\$4,462.72
Roland, Floyd K.	\$4,120.52

#### **Maximum Benefit**

Section 20.1 of the Act states that the combined allowance payable under the RAA and the SRAA must not exceed, in total, 75% of the best average earnings of a member at retirement. There are currently no members who will reach the 75% maximum in the next five years.

#### **Retiring Allowances Act**

#### 1. Details of the Fund

The funds are currently held by CIBC Mellon and invested by UBS Global Asset Management and McLean Budden Investment Managers. The details of the fund between April 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009 are summarized below.

	\$
Market Value at April 1, 2008	20,224,868
Contributions	
■ Members' Regular Contributions	194,700
■ Other Contributions	9
■ Assembly Contributions	0
Investment Income	(2,826,784)
Benefits	
■ Pension Payments	(622,214)
■ Lump Sum Payments	0
Fees	
■ Investment Management Fees	(52,077)
■ Administration Expenses	(25,453)
■ Actuarial Consulting Fees	(63,644)
■ Other Fees	(24,749)
Market Value at March 31, 2009	16,804,647
Amounts Payable and Receivable:	
■ Amounts Receivable	0
■ Amounts Payable	(16,788)
Adjusted Market Value at March 31, 2009	16,787,859

#### 2. Rate of Return

The fund earned a rate of return of -14.96% (net of all fees and expenses) during the fiscal year.

#### 3. Interest Credited on Contributions

The interest credited on required contributions by Members was 2.59% for the period April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009.

A history of interest rates credited on contributions appears in Appendix B.

#### **Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act**

#### 1. Details of the Fund

The assets of the SRAA form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and are held by CIBC Mellon and invested by UBS Global Asset Management and McLean Budden Investment Managers. They constitute assets of the Government, not the Assembly. The details of the fund between April 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009 are summarized below:

	\$
Market Value at April 1, 2008	26,131,665
Contributions	
■ Members' Regular Contributions	0
■ Assembly Contributions	0
Investment income	(3,515,992)
Benefits	
■ Pension Payments	(903,258)
■ Lump Sum Payments	0
Fees	
■ Investment Management Fees	(65,913)
■ Administration Expenses	(30,180)
■ Actuarial Consulting Fees	(63,644)
■ Other Expenses	(24,749)
Market Value at March 31, 2009	21,527,929
Amounts Payable and Receivable:	
■ Amounts Receivable	0
■ Amounts Payable	(20,017)
Adjusted Market Value at March 31, 2009	21,237,912

#### 2. Rate of Return

The fund earned a rate of return of -14.41% (net of all fees and expenses) during the fiscal year.

## Asset Information (continued)

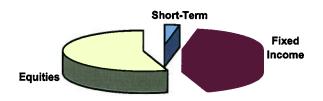
#### **Asset Mix**

The following is a summary of the asset mix of the RAA at April 1, 2008 and April 1, 2009.

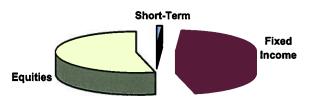
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Assets	ets April 1, 2008	
Equities	55%	54%
Fixed Income	42%	45%
Short-Term	3%	1%
Total	100%	100%





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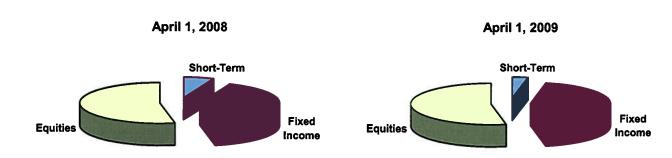
## Asset Information (continued)

#### Asset Mix (continued)

The following is a summary of the asset mix of the SRAA at April 1, 2008 and April 1, 2009.

Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act

Assets	April 1, 2008	April 1, 2009
Equities	53%	53%
Fixed Income	41%	44%
Short-Term	<u>6%</u>	3%
Total	100%	100%



## Appendix A—Summary of Positions

Below is a history of the positions which the nineteen (19) Members have held and/or are currently holding:

Name	Position	Date in Position
1. Abernethy, Glen	MLA	October 1, 2007-present
•	Deputy Chairperson	October 19, 2007-present
2. Beaulieu, Tom	MLA	October 1, 2007-present
	Chairperson	October 7, 2008–present
3. Bisaro, Wendy	MLA	October 1, 2007-present
	Caucus Chairperson	October 18, 2007-present
4. Bromley, Robert	MLA	October 1, 2007-present
	Deputy Chairperson	October 19, 2007-present
5. Delorey, Paul A.	MLA	December 7, 1999-present
	Deputy Chairperson	February 23, 2000–October 24, 2003
	Chairperson	January 20, 2004–June 4, 2004
	Speaker	June 5, 2004-present
6. Groenewegen, Jane M.	MLA	October 16, 1995–present
	Minister	January 18, 2000-October 26, 2001
	Deputy Chairperson	December 13, 1995-October 21, 1999
	Deputy Speaker	December 12, 2003-August 30, 2007
	Chairperson	June 19, 2004-August 30, 2007
	Chairperson	October 29, 2007-present
7. Hawkins, Robert M.	MLA	November 25, 2003-present
	Chairperson	November 29, 2007-present
8. Jacobson, Jackie	MLA	October 1, 2007-present
9. Krutko, David M.	MLA	October 16, 1995-present
	Deputy Speaker	April 1, 1999-October 21, 1999
	Chairperson	November 25, 1995-October 21, 1999
	Deputy Speaker	February 23, 2000-October 24, 2003
	Speaker	December 11, 2003-June 4, 2004
	Minister	June 5, 2004-October 17, 2007
	Deputy Speaker	October 19, 2007-present
10. Lafferty, Jackson	MLA	July 19, 2005-present
	Chairperson	October 24, 2006-August 30, 2007
	Minister	October 22, 2007-present

# Appendix A—Summary of Positions (continued)

Name	Position	Date in Position
11. Lee, Sandy	MLA	December 7, 1999–present
•	Chairperson	January 20, 2004-August 30, 2007
	Minister	October 22, 2007-present
12. McLeod, Michael V.	MLA	December 7, 1999-present
	Minister	December 12, 2003-present
13. McLeod, Robert C.	MLA	November 25, 2004-present
	Chairperson	November 28, 2007-October 6, 2008
	Minister	October 7, 2008-present
14. McLeod, Robert R.	MLA	October 1, 2007-present
	Minister	October 22, 2007-present
15. Menicoche, Kevin A.	MLA	November 25, 2003-present
	Chairperson	April 10, 2004-October 23, 2006
	Minister	October 24, 2006-October 17, 2007
	Chairperson	November 27, 2007-present
16. Miltenberger, J. Michael	MLA	October 16, 1995-present
	Chairperson	November 22, 1995–March 29, 1999
	Minister	March 30, 1999-January 17, 2000
	Chairperson	January 23, 2000-November 2, 2001
	Minister	November 5, 2001-October 19, 2006
	Minister	October 22, 2007-present
17. Ramsay, Yazmarr D.	MLA	November 25, 2003-present
	Chairperson	April 10, 2004-August 30, 2007
	Chairperson	November 27, 2007-present
18. Roland, Floyd K.	MLA	October 16, 1995-present
	Minister	December 14, 1998-January 17, 2000
	Chairperson	January 23, 2000-October 24, 2003
	Minister	December 12, 2003-October 17, 2007
	Premier	October 18, 2007-present
19. Yakeleya, Norman S.	MLA	November 25, 2003-present
	Minister	October 22, 2007-July 25, 2008

## Appendix B—Historical Interest Rates

Below is a history of interest rates credited on required contributions and a history of cost-of-living increases that have been applied to pensions in payment.

Year Ending March 31	Interest on Required Contributions %	Pension Increase %
2009	2.59	2.50
2008	3.10	1.88
2007	2.91	2.23
2006	2.48	2.24
2005	2.78	1.69
2003	2.75	3.29
2003	3.71	3.29 1.57
2002	3.73	3.03
2002	4.92	2.55
2000	5.03	2.55 1.42
1999	4.22	0.96
1998	4.43	1.87
1997	5.17	1.57
1996	6.09	1.65
1995	7.51	0.64
1994	5.06	1.84
1993	6.25	2.07
1992	6.58	5.83
1991	8.10	4.83
1990	10.33	4.71
1989	-	4.06
1988	_	4.39
1987	_	4.14
1986	_	3.85
1985	_	4.56
1984	<del>-</del>	7.07
1983	_	11.45