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## Plan provides 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive full cost of living adjustment

Fredericton, New Brunswick - The Board of Trustees of the New Brunswick Public Service Pension Plan (NBPSPP) is pleased to announce that it has once again provided its 37,900 members with a full cost of living adjustment (COLA). It is the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that COLA has been awarded to members, and this year's amount is the highest awarded by the NBPSPP to date. Based on Canada's Consumer Price Index, this year's COLA is 1.88%. This adjustment is applied to the benefits of all Plan members, whether they are actively employed, have chosen to defer their pension, or are retired. The increase helps ensure members' current and future pension benefits reflect the increase in today's cost of living.

The announcement was made by the chair of the Board of Trustees, Marilyn Quinn, after she and the Board reviewed the pension plan's financial position, along with the results of a series of risk management tests required by the Plan's funding policy to determine the financial health of the Plan.

"We've continued to have strong returns through 2017, allowing us to again provide the full cost of living adjustment to our members. Being able to do so every year since the Plan's conversion in 2014 is a very positive achievement," Quinn said. "It is important to keep in mind that as a Shared Risk Plan, the Plan is susceptible to external factors such as economic downturn and changes in plan demographics, for example. For these reasons, the Board remains vigilant in ensuring the plan is well governed and positioned for long-term sustainability."

The Plan's assets, managed by Vestcor, saw an investment return of 7.81% (gross of investment management fees), exceeding the performance benchmark of 6.73% and yielding \$559.2 million in net investment income being added to the Plan.

Additional information can be found in the Plan's 2017 Annual Report now available at [www.vestcor.org/nbpspp](http://www.vestcor.org/nbpspp). These results will be discussed in more detail at the Plan's Annual General Meeting being held in Bathurst on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The AGM will also be broadcast online. Visit [www.vestcor.org/nbpspp-agm](http://www.vestcor.org/nbpspp-agm) for event details.

The NBPSPP Board is currently comprised of nine trustees (one vacancy) and two observers. Four trustees have been appointed by Unions and five have been appointed by the Provincial Government. The trustees and observers are:

- Marilyn Quinn, Chair – Retired Registered Nurse and past president of the New Brunswick Nurses Union

- Leonard Lee-White, Vice-Chair – Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance, Treasury Division
- Denise Pinette, Trustee – Financial Liaison Officer, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
- Katherine Greenbank, Trustee – Retired Corporate Director, Service New Brunswick
- Mark Gaudet, Trustee – Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure
- Ross Galbraith, Trustee – Business Manager of Local 37 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
- Sébastien Deschênes, Trustee – Dean of the Faculty of Administration of the Université de Moncton and professor of accounting
- Susie Proulx-Daigle, Trustee – President of the New Brunswick Union
- Odette Robichaud, Trustee – Court Stenographer and President of the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1840 and executive board member of CUPE New Brunswick Division
- Leigh Sprague, Observer – Legal counsel for the New Brunswick Union
- William Murray, Observer – Facilities Supervisor with the New Brunswick Community College (Moncton)

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