



Starting something new...

Welcome to Evolve, the first newsletter from the Canadian Public Pension Leadership Council (CPPLC). We are excited to bring this new product to you and keep you informed of the work the Council is doing to evolve the discussion about retirement income security for working Canadians.

We've been busy progressing on our mission for almost a decade, CPPLC was formed back in 2013. Now we are starting something new with this newsletter... keeping our peers informed about our work. We will distribute this newsletter annually (or more often if we have lots to tell you about) to provide updates on the work we are doing and show you how you can get involved.

As this is our first newsletter we are going to do a few reminders about who we are and what we do as well as telling you about the exciting work we have underway for release later this year.

Thanks for taking time to read Evolve and giving retirement security a moment of your day. Please visit our website or get in touch if you'd like to find out more about membership or our current initiatives.

Meet the Council co-chairs - Derek Dobson and Judy Payne.

Derek is CEO and Plan Manager at CAAT Pension Plan. With over 25 years of experience in the pension industry Derek is a tireless advocate for shared-risk, multi-employer defined benefit pension plans.



When asked what he thought CPPLC's greatest achievement has been, Derek commented that:

"The greatest achievement of CPPLC to date is the fact that it exists. Coordinating the busy schedules of Canadian pension leaders is challenging but the outcomes have been worthwhile and have led to efficiencies and broader thinking in our member organizations. Engaging dialogue and a focus on filling retirement system research gaps has led to better fact based decisions that benefit Canada and Canadians."

Judy is Executive Director of the British Columbia Municipal Pension Plan. For over two decades Judy has been involved in pensions, giving her a rich understanding of the issues plans face.



When asked what she thought the biggest threat might be for retirement income security in Canada, Judy told us:

"While there are many things that can derail retirement plans for working Canadians (e.g., market risk, inflation, unexpected expenses), running out of money is the biggest concern. Choosing to maximize RRSP and/or TFSA contributions and participate in an employment-based pension plan are two of the best decisions individuals can make to help ensure an adequate income in retirement."

On a mission

Like every organization we have a mission. Here's ours and what it means to us.

The CPPLC mission is to promote collaboration between Canadian public sector pension plans, to provide leadership and research on issues of public pension policy, and to facilitate evidence-based dialogue

Promote—That's why we've started this newsletter

Collaboration —Senior pension administrators and professionals from across Canada come together

Leadership and research—We are thoughtful about undertaking research projects to help evolve the discussions.. stay tuned for more on this later in the year

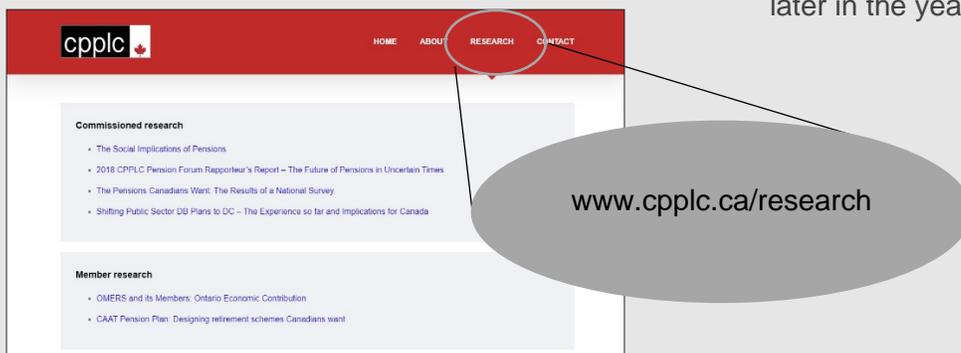
Evidence-based dialogue—We want to talk about important issues with evidence to support our views

We are a resourceful bunch

When new research becomes available we enjoy taking a look and having a healthy discussion about it. Many research documents related to retirement income security are collated in one place on our website. It's a helpful tool for us and we've made it available to you too. So take a look at the research page on our website and you'll see all the great research we've done and lots from others all collated in one handy spot.

Sneak peek at what's coming later this year?

The CPPLC are working on a research project to demonstrate the economic contribution public sector pension plans bring to the Canadian economy. The findings are expected to be released in the fall of this year. Similar projects have been researched in the past but they have been at a plan or provincial level. This will be the first to look at the economic contribution nationally. We are excited to share this with you, watch out for details later in the year.



Fun facts

- CPPLC members represent 1.6 million members and over \$350 billion in pension plan assets.
- We represent pension plans from coast to coast in Canada (and that's why we start almost every meeting with a discussion about the weather).