

MY UNION PLAN
@Work



2022 Annual Report

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Message from the Chair



Since the inception of MyUnionPlan@Work, many Participants and their beneficiaries have benefited from the coverage provided for Weekly Indemnity (Disability) Benefit and the Family Income Security Benefits consisting of Life Insurance and Survivor Income Benefits.

MyUnionPlan@Work is a unique plan designed and supported by Union Members for you, Union Members. We are proud to provide affordable peace of mind to members and their families during times of need.

We are looking forward to ongoing work with USW 1944 to expand our plan to other USW members.

Message from the Administrator



MyUnionPlan@Work delivers comprehensive insurance protection for our members, covering Weekly Indemnity Benefits (Disability) and the Family Income Security Benefits consisting of Life Insurance and Survivor Income Benefits.

We encourage members who are not enrolled in the Plan and who would like more information on the benefits of the Plan to contact the administration office. A staff member would be happy to provide this information and answer any questions they may have. Any union local wishing to arrange a presentation should contact the Administrator directly at the Plan office.

Members are reminded they should apply at the first opportunity to do so. Like any insurance program, any member who initially declines to participate in the Plan but then wishes to enroll at a later date will be required to complete a short medical questionnaire which must be reviewed as a part of the membership application. Thus, if a member waits too long and a medical condition arises, they might risk the opportunity to be eligible for enrolment in the Plan.

We are here for you.

Meet Your Trustees

MyUnionPlan@Work is run by a volunteer Board of Trustees who are all members of USW Local 1944. In addition to attending quarterly Trustees' meetings, Board members must participate in industry standard trustee education certification programs and other similar education programs. Your current Board of Trustees are:



Sister Tamara Marshall joined the Board in 20XX representing members in the XXX region. She joined the Trust because...



Brother Harleigh Hansen joined the Board in 20XX representing members in the XXX region. He joined the Trust because...



Sister Rachel Worley joined the Board in 20XX representing members in the XXX region. She joined the Trust because...



Brother Czar Loquia joined the Board in 20XX representing members in the XXX region. He has served as Board Chairperson since 2008. He joined the Trust because...



Plan Overview

PLAN OVERVIEW

Our Mission

To provide peace of mind to members and their families during times of need by delivering group benefits with a high degree of security.

MyUnionPlan@Work

Formerly known as the “TWU-USW Employee Life and Health Plan (ELHP)”, MyUnionPlan@Work is your member-funded life and disability insurance plan. The Plan focuses on addressing gaps in your existing benefit coverage.

MyLifePlan@Work

Life Insurance

Lump-Sum Payment = 1 x Annual Earnings, rounded to nearest \$1,000 + \$2,000

Family Income Security Benefit

Whether you are a one-income or two-income family, your lifestyle was built around a dependable source of income. This benefit provides your loved one(s) with long-term financial support.

Monthly Benefit = 25% of Annual Earnings / 12

If your beneficiary is your spouse, MyUnionPlan@Work’s Family Income Security Benefit will provide a stream of income for their lifetime or ten years, whichever is longer. If your beneficiary is not your spouse, the benefit is payable for ten years.

MyDisabilityPlan@Work

Safeguard the life you lead and the people you love, should something happen to you.

Weekly Indemnity (“WI”) Benefit*

This benefit is a top-up to company-provided benefits. In times when the costs of living are so high, and most people are struggling to save, receiving only parts of your income while on disability is just too risky. This benefit is paid out once per month.

Company Benefits +

MY DISABILITY PLAN @Work = similar to pre-disability income net of taxes

Easy Enrollment

There is no need to provide medical evidence of insurability for new union members.

You only need to complete your enrolment form or tick off the box on your union membership form within 60 days of being hired to qualify.

After 60 days, you can still enroll, but you will be required to complete a short medical questionnaire.

The Fine Print

Low cost

MyUnionPlan@Work is funded by the members for the benefit of the members, not for the profit of an insurance company.

**The current contribution rate is: 1.5% of Salary for Regular Employees
1.2% for Temp and Term Employees (Life Benefits only)**

We encourage you to compare those rates to those of insurance companies for similar coverage.

Benefits are non-taxable

Since the cost of benefits is member paid, any benefits paid out are non-taxable to you and your beneficiaries.

Payroll deductions

After your enrolment in the Plan has been accepted, we will notify your employer to start making payroll deductions. The deduction will show on your payroll statement as “ELH”.

About Us

We are a union-sponsored employee benefits plan funded by member contributions to provide group benefits to eligible union members.

Learn more about your benefits with videos

The Plan Office created videos to provide snapshots of how the plan works and benefits members like you. To find the videos, visit www.twplans.com, hover over MyUnionPlan@Work, then click on Resources from the scroll down menu.



Life and Family Income Security Benefits



Our Story



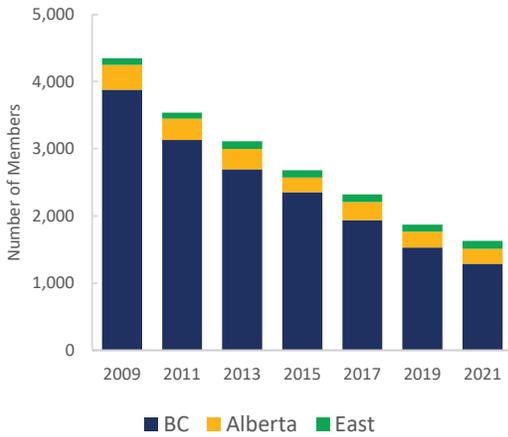
Disability Benefits



Plan Demographics

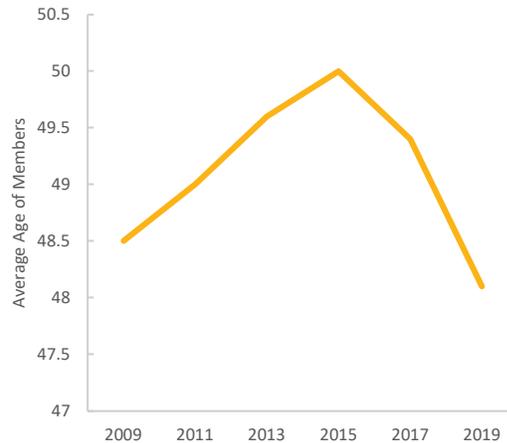
PLAN DEMOGRAPHICS

Member Summary



Since 2009, there has been an overall 63% decrease in the number of members (8% per year). Within BC, there has been a 67% decrease; within Alberta, a 39% decrease; and within the East, a 21% increase.

Average Age



The average age of members has been relatively stable (between 47% and 49%). The membership aged between 2008 and 2016, before decreasing as older members left or retired.

Family Income Security Benefit Claims

The total number of claimants has increased from 134 at the beginning of 2008 to 175 at the end of 2020. This increase is expected since claims last at least 10 years. The number of new claims, on the other hand, is decreasing, as active membership decreases.

Short Term Disability Benefits Claims

The number of claimants has been decreasing from 71 in 2008 to 30 in 2020. The rate of claimants per 1,000 active members is reasonably stable. It decreased during the period of 2012 to 2018 period, and in 2019/2020 returned to the levels experienced between 2008 and 2011.

Financial Update



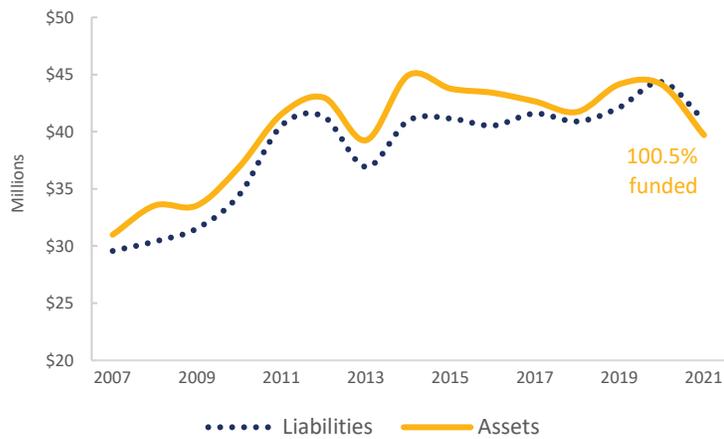
FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Union appointed Plan Trustees on an annual basis review the financial solvency of the Plan as well as the adequacy of the required contribution rate. To maintain the operation of the Plan on a sound actuarial basis, the Trustees have the right to change the contribution rate as required to achieve this goal. It is important to note that since the current form of the Plan commenced in 1985, there has only been one contribution rate increase. In 2003, the rate was increased from 1.2% to 1.5% of pay.

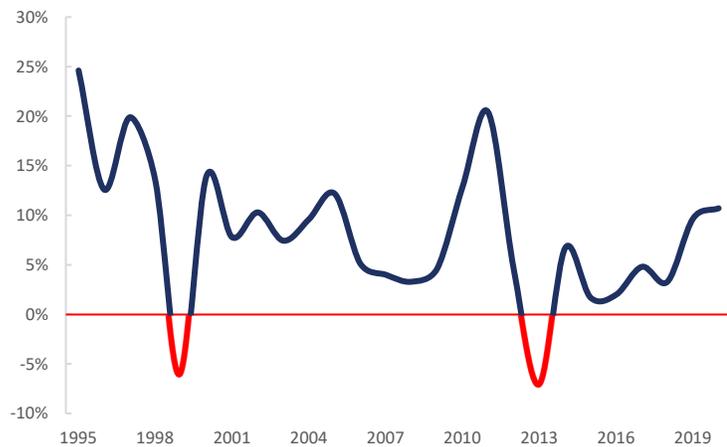
At December 31, 2020, the assets were \$44,343,817 and liabilities were \$44,126,128 for an excess of \$217, 689 which resulted in a funding ratio of 100.5%.

Since the Plan’s inception, the Trustees have utilized a ‘liability aware’ investment strategy which focuses on ensuring that the Plan can pay its benefit obligations regardless of what is happening in the broader economy. Over time, the Trustees have expanded the pool of underlying asset classes and this, in turn, has resulted in excess returns which have allowed the Plan to maintain the contribution rate at 1.5%. With the advice of our actuaries and advisors, the Board continues to seek ways of improving investment performance while ensuring that our underlying obligations to members and their families can be paid regardless of prevailing market conditions.

Funded Position

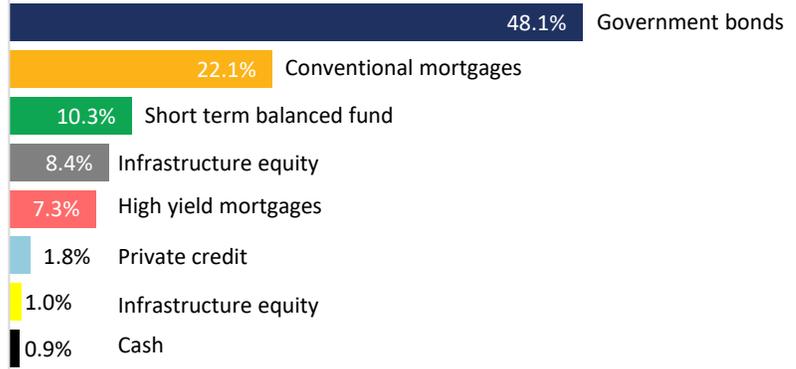


Plan Rate of Return



Asset Mix

The total market value at June 30, 2021 is \$52.0 million.



Did you know ... that in 2021:

- The Plan paid out just over \$3.3 million in monthly benefits to family members through the Family Income security benefit program.
- Of the 175 recipients, 154 were spouses and will receive these benefits for life.
- The average monthly benefit paid out in 2021 was \$1,106.
- The average age of a spouse at the commencement of benefits was 50 years old with the youngest being in receipt of benefits since they were 24 years old.





Retiree Benefits

RETIREE BENEFITS

MyUnionPlan@Work Retiree Benefits

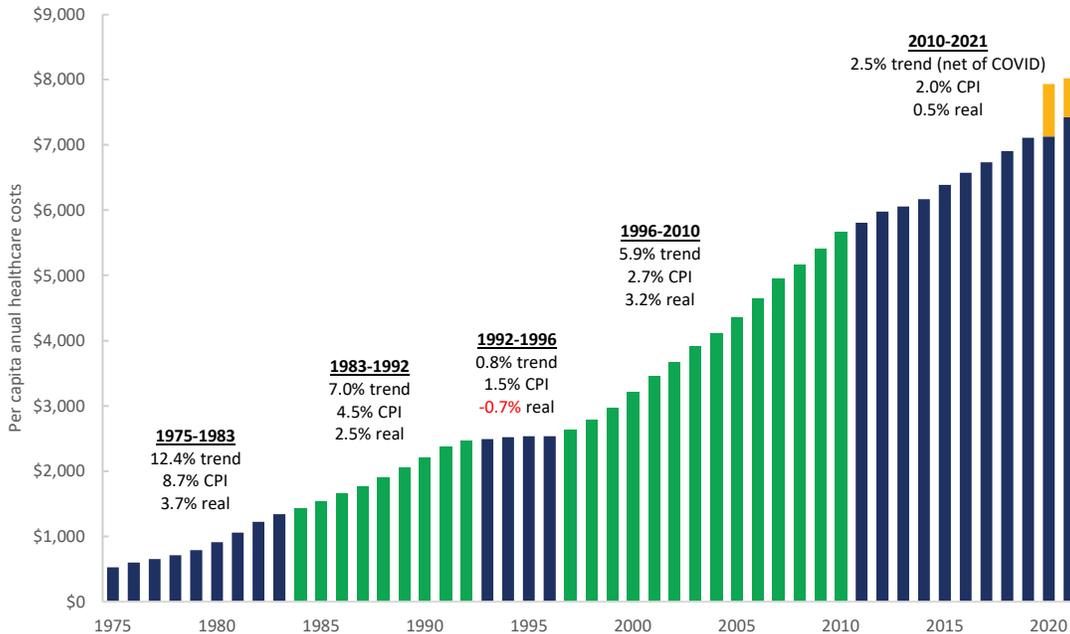
The retiree benefit program is managed by the Board of Trustees who review the plan design, premium rates and eligibility criteria on an annual basis. It provides Extended Health and Dental coverage to over 4,800 TW Pension Plan retirees and their families on a cost-effective basis.

Coverage details on the Retiree Benefit program can be found on the My Union Plan @Work website: <https://www.twplans.com/retirees-basic-extended-health-enhanced-extended-health-benefit-comparison>

Why Retiree Benefits?

Health care costs in Canada continue to rise faster than the rate of inflation. At the same time, most provincial programs exclude coverage for some prescription drugs, paramedical services, vision care and other “non-essential” health care items. MyUnionPlan@Work includes a retiree benefit plan designed to meet the needs of retirees of the TW Pension Plan.

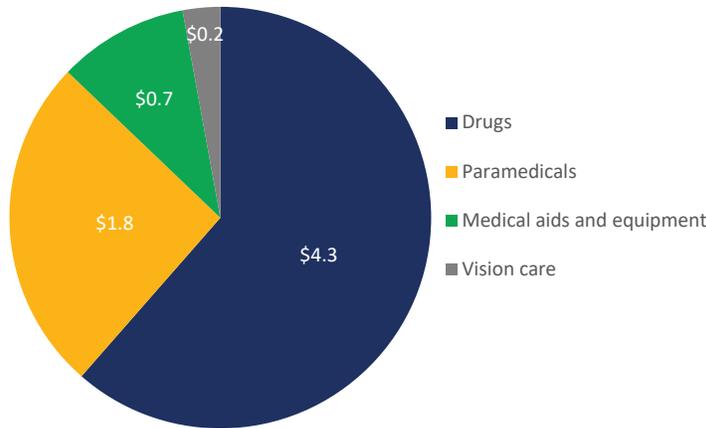
Growth in Canadian healthcare costs



Source: Canadian Institute for Health Information.

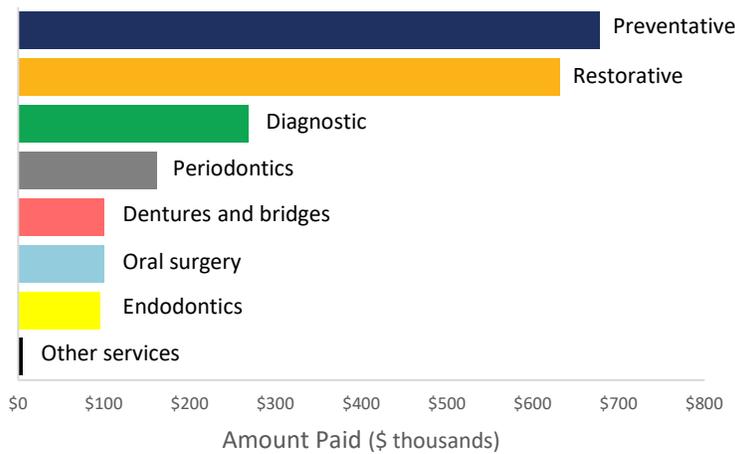
Extended Health Care Benefits

EHC Usage by Category 2021
(\$ millions)



The Plan’s two Extended Health Care options allow retirees to select the coverage that best meets their healthcare needs. In 2021, the Plan paid out approximately \$7,000,000 in Extended Health Care benefits. Of that, \$4.3 million was paid out for prescription drug coverage while \$1.8 million was used for paramedical coverage such as massage, chiropractic and physiotherapy.

Dental Usage 2021



Over the same period, the retiree program paid approximately \$2,000,000 in dental claims. \$680,000 was paid out for preventative dental care while \$630,000 was paid out for restorative work such as fillings, crowns, bridges and other work required to restore members’ teeth to good working condition.

Premium Summary

The last review of the Retiree program was conducted in June 2022. At that time the Board approved the following monthly rates for the one-year period commencing September 1, 2022:

	Single	Couple	Family
Basic EHC	\$44.38	\$91.56	\$91.56
Enhanced EHC	\$111.90	\$230.02	\$230.02
Dental	\$39.65	\$79.36	\$116.36

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Brother Czar Loquia (Chair)

Sister Tamara Marshall

Sister Rachel Worley

Brother Harleigh Hansen

PLAN SERVICE PROVIDERS

Plan Administrator	Auditor	Actuaries and Consultants	Strategic Consultants	Legal Counsel
Jennifer Bucholtz	Smythe LLP	PBI Actuarial Consultants Ltd.	George Bell	Victory Square Law Offices

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