Financial Statements of

MEMBERS' RETIRING ALLOWANCES PLAN AND MEMBERS' SUPPLEMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES PLAN

Year ended March 31, 2015

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Independent auditor's report

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To the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board,
Province of Nova Scotia

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Members' Retiring Allowances Plan and the Members' Supplementary Retiring Allowances Plan established Under the Members' Retiring Allowances Act (the "Plans"), which comprise the statements of financial position as at March 31, 2015 and the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits and statements of changes in pension obligations for the years then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for pension plans, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Plans as at March 31, 2015, and the changes in net assets available for benefits, and changes in pension obligations for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for pension plans.

Grant Thornton LLP

Halifax, Canada
June 30, 2015

Chartered accountants

MEMBERS' RETIRING ALLOWANCES PLAN AND MEMBERS' SUPPLEMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES PLAN

Statements of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2015, with comparative figures for 2014

Members' Retiring Allowances Plan

		2015		2014
Net Assets Available for Benefits				
Assets:				
Due from administrator (note 8)	$	6,742	$	-
Members' Retiring Allowances Account (note 1)		34,552,258		34,856,469
Total assets		34,559,000		34,856,469
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$	2,600	$	4,469
Total liabilities		2,600		4,469
Net assets available for benefits	$	34,556,400	$	34,852,000
Accrued Pension Obligation				
Accrued pension obligation (note 6)		34,556,400		34,852,000
Accrued pension obligation	$	34,556,400	$	34,852,000

Members' Supplementary Retiring Allowances Plan

		2015		2014
Net Assets Available for Benefits				
Assets:				
Due from administrator (note 8)	$	11,918	$	-
Members' Retiring Allowances Account (note 1)		62,969,079		59,734,637
Total assets		62,980,997		59,734,637
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$	4,597	$	8,137
Total liabilities		4,597		8,137
Net assets available for benefits	$	62,976,400	$	59,726,500
Accrued Pension Obligation				
Accrued pension obligation (note 6)		62,976,400		59,726,500
Accrued pension obligation	$	62,976,400	$	59,726,500

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Approved: Diana Whalen

Minister of Finance and Treasury Board

MEMBERS' RETIRING ALLOWANCES PLAN AND MEMBERS' SUPPLEMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES PLAN

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year ended March 31, 2015, with comparative figures for 2014

Members' Retiring Allowances Plan

	2015	2014
Increase in Assets		
Interest	$ 2,862,549	$ 2,781,846
Contributions (note 4)	1,662,049	1,574,400
Actuarial adjustment to Members' Retiring Allowances Account (note 6)	-	700,476
Total increase in assets	4,524,598	5,056,722
Decrease in Assets		
Benefits paid (note 7)	2,143,864	1,932,947
Administrative expenses (note 8)	36,982	27,175
Actuarial adjustment to Members' Retiring Allowances Account (note 6)	2,639,352	-
Total decrease in assets	4,820,198	1,960,122
Net (decrease) increase in net assets	(295,600)	3,096,600
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	34,852,000	31,755,400
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	$ 34,556,400	$ 34,852,000

Members' Supplementary Retiring Allowances Plan

	2015	2014
Increase in Assets		
Interest	$ 5,060,526	$ 5,065,079
Contributions (note 4)	1,376,300	1,821,500
Actuarial adjustment to Members' Retiring Allowances Account (note 6)	402,266	-
Total increase in assets	6,839,092	6,886,579
Decrease in Assets		
Benefits paid (note 7)	3,523,816	3,362,962
Administrative expenses (note 8)	65,376	49,480
Actuarial adjustment to Members' Retiring Allowances Account (note 6)	-	5,297,337
Total decrease in assets	3,589,192	8,079,709
Net increase (decrease) in net assets	3,249,900	(1,823,200)
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	59,726,500	61,549,700
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	$ 62,976,400	$ 59,726,500

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

MEMBERS' RETIRING ALLOWANCES PLAN AND MEMBERS' SUPPLEMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES PLAN

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Pension Obligations

Year ended March 31, 2015, with comparative figures for 2014

Members' Retiring Allowances Plan

	2015	2014
Accrued pension obligation, beginning of year	$ 34,852,000	$ 31,755,400
Increase in accrued pension benefits:		
Interest on accrued pension obligation	1,344,600	1,326,700
Current service cost	1,615,600	1,574,400
Changes in actuarial assumptions	-	781,200
Net experience losses	738,400	1,346,700
	3,698,600	5,029,000
Decrease in accrued pension benefits:		
Adjustment to accrued pension obligation, beginning of year, (note 6)	1,734,600	-
Benefits paid (note 7)	2,143,864	1,932,947
Difference in estimated benefits paid used in actuarial valuation versus actual benefits paid	115,736	(547)
	3,994,200	1,932,400
Net (decrease) increase in accrued pension benefits	(295,600)	3,096,600
Accrued pension obligation, end of year	$ 34,556,400	$ 34,852,000

Members' Supplementary Retiring Allowances Plan

	2015	2014
Accrued pension obligation, beginning of year	$ 59,726,500	$ 61,549,700
Increase in accrued pension benefits:		
Adjustment to accrued pension obligation, beginning of year, (note 6)	1,734,600	-
Interest on accrued pension obligation	2,471,600	2,554,000
Current service cost	1,376,300	1,821,500
Changes in actuarial assumptions	-	1,514,100
Net experience losses	1,400,600	-
	6,983,100	5,889,600
Decrease in accrued pension benefits:		
Benefits paid (note 7)	3,523,816	3,362,962
Difference in estimated benefits paid used in actuarial valuation versus actual benefits paid	209,384	(1,162)
Net experience gains	-	4,351,000
	3,733,200	7,712,800
Net increase (decrease) in accrued pension benefits	3,249,900	(1,823,200)
Accrued pension obligation, end of year	$ 62,976,400	$ 59,726,500

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

1. Authority and Description of Plans:

The following description of the Members' Retiring Allowances Plan and the Members' Supplementary Retiring Allowances Plan ("the Plans") is a summary only. For more complete information, reference should be made to the Plans legislative documents and agreements.

General:

The Plans are governed by the Members' Retiring Allowances Act (the "Act") as part of the Acts of Nova Scotia. The Act established both the Members' Retiring Allowances Plan, a registered pension plan under the Income Tax Act, and the Members' Supplementary Retiring Allowances Plan. The Act established a Members' Retiring Allowance Account and a Members' Supplementary Retiring Allowance Account (the "Accounts" or the "Plan") in the General Revenue Fund of the Province of Nova Scotia (the "Province") for the purpose of crediting government and employee contributions and meeting the Plan's obligations. The Nova Scotia Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (the "Minister") is the trustee of the Plan. If at any time the balances of the Accounts are insufficient to make required payments, an amount will be credited to the Accounts from the General Revenue Fund.

The detailed provisions of the Plan, including pension eligibility criteria and benefit formulas, are contained in the Act and in the Regulations made under the Act.

Funding:

Plan benefits are funded by contributions and an amount representing interest calculated. Contributions are made by active Members of Legislative Assembly ("members") and are matched by the Province. In accordance with the Act the Province makes additional contributions to the accounts equal to the current service cost (annual cost of benefits accrued) less members' contributions and the Province's matching contributions.

The Province also contributes an amount representing interest to the Accounts in each fiscal year. As set out in the Rates of Interest Regulations made under the Act effective April 1, 1995 the interest rate is 8.5% compounded annually.

In accordance with plan regulations members contribute 10% of base indemnity plus 10% of any additional indemnity received as Premier, a member of the Executive Council, Leader of the Opposition, Leader of a Recognized Party, Speaker, or Deputy Speaker. Members are required to make contributions until they reach the maximum pensionable service.

Maximum pensionable service if first elected prior to October 8, 2013 is 15 years, and maximum pensionable service if first elected on or after October 8, 2013 is 20 years. Pensionable service begins the first day of the month in which the member was elected, regardless of the day of the month the election is held. Pensionable service ends the last day of the month in which the member ceases to be a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

There are 51 seats in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly. At year end, 49 members were active contributors to the Plans, one seat was vacant, and one member had ceased contributing because the member had reached the maximum pensionable service.

The determination of the value of the benefits and required contributions is made on the basis of periodic actuarial valuations (Note 6).

1. Authority and Description of Plans (continued):

Retirement Benefits:

For service prior to October 2013 the basic pension formula is 5% times years of base indemnity service times three year highest average annual base indemnity plus 5% times years of additional indemnity times three year highest average annual additional indemnity to a maximum of 15 years of service (75% of highest average base indemnity plus 75% highest average additional indemnity). For service after September 2013 the basic pension formula is 3.5% times years of base indemnity times three year highest annual base indemnity plus 3.5% times years of additional indemnity times three year highest average annual additional indemnity to a maximum of 20 years of service (70% of highest average base indemnity plus 70% highest average additional indemnity).

Vesting occurs for members who were a Member of Legislative Assembly on or after November 1, 2014 after two years. For members of the Plan who were not a Member of Legislative Assembly on or after November 1, 2014 vesting occurred after five years of service and being elected twice.

A member qualifies for pension benefits on ceasing to be a Member of Legislative Assembly and upon reaching any of the following criteria:

- age 60
- age 55 plus service factor of 80
- age 50 plus two years of service (reduced pension)
- becomes totally and permanently disabled
- has died

Indexing:

Indexing (or cost of living adjustment) in a given year for pensions is equal to the indexing in a given year for pensions paid under the Public Service Superannuation Act.

From January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2015, indexing of pensions in pay will be at a rate of 1.25% annually. Starting January 1, 2016, the annual rate of indexing will be set by the Public Service Superannuation Plan Trustee Inc. for five year periods, based on the funding level of the Public Service Superannuation Plan and the advice of the Public Service Superannuation Plan's actuary.

After January 1, 2011 a vested member who has deferred their pension until they satisfy one of the above eligibility criteria will not be credited with any cost of living adjustment for the period the pension is deferred. When the member begins receiving pension payments indexing will be applied as described above.

Death Benefits:

Upon the death of a vested member first elected prior to April 6, 2010:

Member with surviving spouse and/or children

- Surviving spouse is entitled to 66 2/3% of member's pension benefit for life
- Surviving children are entitled to 10% of member's pension benefit up to 18 years of age, or up to 25 years of age if in continuous full-time attendance at a post-secondary institution
- If there are more than three surviving children, 33 1/3% of member's pension benefit is divided equally among the children.

1. Authority and Description of Plans (continued):

Member with surviving children only, or on the death of surviving spouse

- Children up to 18 years of age, or up to 25 years of age if in continuous full-time attendance at a post-secondary institution, are entitled to an equal share of 66 2/3% survivor pension. The division of the 66 2/3% survivor pension replaces the children's benefit of 10% each

Member without surviving spouse or children

- Surviving dependents of the member (other than a spouse or children) are entitled to 50% of the member's pension benefit. If there is more than one surviving dependent the benefit is split equally between them

Upon the death of a vested member first elected after April 6, 2010:

Member with surviving spouse and/or children

- Surviving spouse is entitled to 60% of member's pension benefit for life
- Surviving children are entitled to 10% of member's pension benefit up to 18 years of age, or up to 25 years of age if in continuous full-time attendance at a post-secondary institution
- If there are more than four surviving children, 40% of member's pension benefit is divided equally among the children.

Member with surviving children only, or on the death of surviving spouse

- Children up to 18 years of age, or up to 25 years of age if in continuous full-time attendance at a post-secondary institution, are entitled to an equal share of 60% survivor pension. The division of the 60% survivor pension replaces the children's benefit of 10% each

Member without surviving spouse or children

- Surviving dependants of the member (other than a spouse or children) are entitled to 50% of the Member's pension benefit. If there is more than one surviving dependant the benefit is split equally between them

Upon the death of a non-vested member the spouse, children or dependants are entitled to either:

- Pension benefits listed above if contributions equal to the contributions the member would have paid into the Plan are deducted from the pension paid from the death of the member until the period in which the member would have been vested.
- A refund of the contributions paid by the member

1. Authority and Description of Plans (continued):

Disability Benefits:

Vested members who become totally and permanently disabled are entitled to apply for a disability pension from the plan. Non-vested members who become totally and permanently disabled are entitled to apply for a disability pension from the plan provided an amount equal to the contributions the member would have paid into the Plan are deducted from the pension paid from the period the member ceased to be a Member of Legislative Assembly until the period in which the Member would have become vested. Non-vested members who become totally and permanently disabled may choose to receive a refund of the contributions paid by the member.

Termination Benefits:

When a member ceases to be a Member of Legislative Assembly through electoral defeat or voluntary resignation, a vested member may choose to defer their pension until they satisfy one of the above eligibility criteria, or they may remove their contributions plus interest from the plan.

Refunds:

The benefit payable when a non-vested member ceases to be a Member of Legislative Assembly through electoral defeat, voluntary resignation, or death is a lump sum payment of the member's contributions with interest.

When a member ceases to be a Member of Legislative Assembly through expulsion from the House, the benefit payable is a lump sum payment of the member's contributions with interest less all court ordered sums payable to the Province.

When a member is convicted of an indictable offence that is punishable by imprisonment for a maximum of more than five years, and the offence occurred in whole or in part when the person was a member of the House, the benefit payable is a lump sum payment of the member's contributions with interest less any pension benefits received by the member under the Act and all court ordered sums payable to the Province.

Deduction from Payment:

The Minister may deduct from any benefit payable under the Act sums necessary to make good any debts due to the Province by a Member, or former Member, of Legislative Assembly.

2. Basis of preparation:

a) Basis of presentation:

The Plans adopted Canadian accounting standards for pension plans in Part IV of the Chartered Professional Accountants Canada (CPA) Handbook, Section 4600 Pension Plans ("Section 4600"), on January 1, 2011 with a transition date of January 1, 2010. Section 4600 provides specific accounting guidance on investments and pension obligations. For accounting policies that do not relate to either investments or pension obligations, the Plans must consistently comply with either International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") in Part I of the CPA Handbook or accounting standards for private enterprises in Part II of the CPA Handbook. The Plans have elected to comply on a consistent basis with IFRS in Part I of the CPA Handbook. To the extent that IFRS in Part I is inconsistent with Section 4600, Section 4600 takes precedence.

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis and present the aggregate financial position of the Plans as separate reporting entities.

b) Functional and presentation currency:

These financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Plans' functional currency.

c) Use of estimates and judgments:

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Section 4600 and IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the statement of financial position, the reported amounts of changes in net assets available for benefits and accrued pension benefits during the year. Actual results may differ from those estimates. Significant estimates included in the financial statements relate to the determination of the accrued pension obligation.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future years affected.

3. Significant accounting policies:

a) Basis of consolidation:

These financial statements include the following pension plans:

- Members' Retiring Allowances Plan (registered pension plan)
- Members' Supplementary Retiring Allowances Plan

b) Financial instruments:

All financial instruments are initially measured in the statement of financial position at fair value, where fair value is defined as the amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability could

3. Significant accounting policies (continued):

be settled between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction on the measurement date. All financial instruments are classified into one of five categories: fair value through profit and loss, held to maturity, loans and receivables, available for sale financial assets, or other financial liabilities. The Plans' financial assets include receivables (classified as loans and receivables). Financial liabilities are payables and accruals (classified as other financial liabilities). Subsequent measurement of these assets and liabilities are measured at amortized cost.

Financial instruments risk:

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Plans are not exposed to significant credit risk, liquidity risk, and market risk arising from its financial instruments.

c) Non-investment assets and liabilities:

The fair value of non-investment assets and liabilities are equal to their amortized cost value and are adjusted for foreign exchange where applicable.

d) Accrued pension obligation:

The value of the accrued pension obligation of the Plans is based on a going concern method actuarial valuation prepared by an independent firm of actuaries using the projected unit credit method. The accrued pension obligation is measured in accordance with accepted actuarial methods using actuarial assumptions and methods adopted by the Plans for the purpose of establishing the long-term funding requirements of the Plans. The actuarial valuation included in the financial statements is consistent with the valuation for funding purposes.

e) Contributions:

Members contribute 10% of indemnities and salaries to the Members' Retiring Allowance Account. The Province contributes an equal amount. The Province makes additional contributions to the Accounts equal to the current service cost (annual cost of benefits accrued) less Members' contributions and the Province's matching contributions.

f) Benefits:

Benefit payments to retired members and refunds of contributions to former members are recorded in the period in which they are paid. Accrued benefits are recorded as part of accrued actuarial liabilities.

g) Operating expenses:

Operating expenses, incurred for plan administration services, are recorded on an accrual basis. Plan administration expenses represent expenses incurred to provide direct services to the Plans' members and to the Province.

h) Income taxes:

The Accounts are the funding vehicle for a registered pension plan, as defined by the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, accordingly are not subject to income taxes.

3. Significant accounting policies (continued):

i) Adoption of new accounting standards:

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations effective for the year ended March 31, 2015, have been applied in preparing these consolidated financial statements.

- Amendment to IFRS 7, Financial Instruments - Disclosures, requiring incremental disclosures regarding the offsetting of financial assets and financial liabilities. The adoption of the new standard has not had a material impact on the Plans.

- IFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement clarifies the definition of fair value, provides a clear framework for measuring fair value, and enhances the disclosures about fair value measurements. IFRS 13 is not only limited to financial instruments, but also to fair value measurement in other IFRS, such as impairment and employee future benefits. The adoption of the new standard has not had a material impact on the Plans.

4. Contributions:

	2015	2014
Members' Retiring Allowances Plan:		
Employer:		
Matched current service	$ 523,754	$ 497,439
Unmatched current service	568,093	579,522
	1,091,847	1,076,961
Employee:		
Matched current service	$ 523,754	$ 497,439
Unmatched current service	46,448	0
	570,202	497,439
	$ 1,662,049	$ 1,574,400

	2015	2014
Members' Supplementary Retiring Allowances Plan:		
Employer:		
Unmatched current service	$ 1,376,300	$ 1,821,500
	1,376,300	1,821,500

5. Investments:

There are no invested assets.

6. Accrued pension obligation:

Actuarial valuations provide an estimate of the Plans' accrued pension obligations and are calculated using various economic and demographic assumptions, based on membership data as at the valuation date. The Plans' consulting actuary, Mercer (Canada) Limited, performed an actuarial valuation for funding purposes as at December 31, 2013 and issued their report in June 2014.

The results of the December 31, 2013 valuations were extrapolated to March 31, 2015. The accrued pension obligations as at March 31, 2014 were restated in the March 31, 2015 extrapolation as adjustments to the accrued pension obligation at the beginning of the year. The adjustment made to the Members' Retiring Allowances Plan was a decrease of $1,734,600 and the adjustment to the Members' Supplementary Retiring Allowances Plan was an increase of $1,734,600.

The results of the extrapolations with comparative figures are summarised as follows:

Members' Retiring Allowances Plan	
Extrapolation as at March 31, 2015	$ 34,556,400
Extrapolation as at March 31, 2014	$ 34,852,000

Members' Supplementary Retiring Allowances Plan	
Extrapolation as at March 31, 2015	$ 62,976,400
Extrapolation as at March 31, 2014	$ 59,726,500

The actuarial present values of the accrued pension obligations are estimates of the values of the pension obligations of the Plans in respect of benefits accrued to date for all active and inactive members including pensioners and survivors. The actuarial assumptions used to calculate the present values of the accrued pension obligations involve both economic and demographic assumptions. Economic assumptions include the discount rate, the inflation rate, the pensionable earnings escalation rate, and the indexing rate. Demographic assumptions include considerations such as mortality and retirement rates.

The major economic assumptions used in the March 31, 2015 extrapolation of the December 31, 2013 valuation remained unchanged from those used in the March 31, 2014 extrapolation, with the exception of the mortality table which changed from 100% of UP 94 with 100% of the Scale AA generational mortality improvements projected to 2014 using 150% of scale AA to 120% of Fully generational CPM2014Publ using CPM-B improvement scale (Fully generational UP94 using 150% of scale AA for March 31, 2014 obligation).

6. Accrued pension obligation (continued):

The major economic and demographic assumptions used for the two most recent extrapolations of the last actuarial valuations for funding purposes are as follows:

	Extrapolation as at March 31, 2015	Extrapolation as at March 31, 2014
Inflation	2.25% per annum	2.25% per annum
Indexing	1.25% each Jan 1 until Jan 1, 2015, 0% for 5 years, and 50% of CPI thereafter	1.25% each Jan 1 until Jan 1, 2015, 0% for 5 years, and 1.125% thereafter
Total rate of return on assets (i.e. discount rate)	4.10% per annum	4.10% per annum
Average retirement age	Latest of: a) age 55 b) 4 years since last election c) Earliest of i. 8 years since last election ii. 12 years of service iii. age 65 with 5 years of service	Latest of: a) age 55 b) 4 years since last election c) Earliest of i. 8 years since last election ii. 12 years of service
Mortality	120% of Fully generational CPM2014Publ using CPM-B improvement scale (Fully generational UP94 using 150% of scale AA for March 31, 2014 obligation)	100% of UP-94 with 100% of the Scale AA generational mortality improvements projected to 2014 using 150% of scale AA

6. Accrued pension obligation (continued):

The actuarial valuations for funding purposes project liabilities for each member on the basis of service earned to date and the employee's projected three year average basic indemnity, and additional indemnity (where applicable, see Note 1) at the expected date of retirement. The valuations prepared as at December 31, 2013 reflect plan amendments set out in the Members' Pension Review Implementation (2011) Act which took effect October 8, 2013 (see Note 1).

The projected unit credit method was adopted for the actuarial valuations to determine the current costs and actuarial liabilities. The December 31, 2013 valuations' results were adjusted for any changes in economic assumptions, and extrapolations to March 31, 2015 were performed. Actuarial adjustments were recorded to the Members' Retiring Allowances Accounts to adjust net assets to the revised estimates as of March 31, 2015.

7. Benefits:

	2015	2014
Members' Retiring Allowances Plan		
Benefits paid to pensioners	$ 1,766,962	$ 1,428,283
Benefits paid to surviving members	180,425	154,263
Refunds paid to terminated members	196,477	350,401
	$ 2,143,864	$ 1,932,947

	2015	2014
Members' Supplementary Retiring Allowances Plan		
Benefits paid to pensioners	$ 3,197,336	$ 3,035,147
Benefits paid to surviving members	326,480	327,815
	$ 3,523,816	$ 3,362,962

8. Administration Expenses:

The Plans are charged by their service providers for professional services, including Nova Scotia Pension Services Corporation, for certain professional and administrative services. The following is a summary of these administrative expenses.

	2015	2014
Plan administration:		
Office and administration services	$ 81,496	$ 49,591
Actuarial services	2,500	12,000
Audit fees	5,200	5,000
	89,196	66,591
HST	13,162	10,064
	$ 102,358	$ 76,655

Plan administration expenses and HST are allocated to the Plans based on the average actuarial value of the Accounts' registered balance for the fiscal year. Plan administration expenses allocated to the Members' Retiring Allowances Plan for 2015 were $36,982 (2014 - $27,175), while plan administration expenses allocated to the Members' Supplementary Retiring Allowances Plan for 2015 were $65,376 (2014 - $49,480).

The Plans advance cash to Nova Scotia Pension Service Corporation to pay expenses incurred in order to service the Plans. At March 31, 2015, the amount due to the Members' Retiring Allowances Plan was $6,742 (2014 - nil), and the amount due to the Members' Supplementary Retiring Allowances Plan was $11,918 (2014 - nil).

9. Capital Management:

The Minister of Finance and Treasury Board manages the administration of the Plans as required by the Members' Retiring Allowances Act (Note 1). The Plans exercise due diligence and have established written policies, procedures, and approval processes. Operating budgets, audited financial statements, actuarial valuations and reports, and as required, the retention of supplementary professional, technical and other advisors, are part of the Plans' governance structure.