



Making APEX Fairer for All Members

Dear APEX Contributing Member,

On December 8, 2021, an Order in Council was passed by the Province of Alberta permitting supplementary pension plans to align their commuted value (CV) calculation method with the one used by the plan it supplements. The Order also requires the supplemental plan to use the same rules for calculating excess contributions that are used by the public sector plan. APEX Pension Plan is a supplemental plan to the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP) which implemented the funding interest rate calculating method in April, 2020.

On May 18, 2022, the Alberta Municipalities Board approved an amendment to the APEX Supplementary Pension plan to implement the changes outlined in the Order in Council. Effective July 1, 2022 APEX Pension Plan will implement the plan funding interest rate for CV amounts and plan member interest, along with the 100% excess test. Now, regardless of whether you take a monthly pension or the CV lump sum, the benefit you receive from the plan will be equal in value. Additionally, your pension plan will continue to be financially strong, with stable future costs.

APEX will continue to be able to offer you the option of taking a monthly pension or converting your pension to a CV lump sum, regardless of your age on termination. The stable benefit calculations means you will now be able to determine with greater certainty if the monthly pension or the CV withdrawal is best in your personal retirement plan.

We will have additional information on our APEX website at:

<https://www.abmunis.ca/products-services/retirement-services>