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Growth and Opportunity

Insights from MEPP's Outgoing Chair

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After years of service as Chair of the MEPP Commission, Ashley Stradeski is stepping away from the role at a very different time for the Plan than when he first joined.

"When I first became involved, funding was a key concern," Stradeski reflects. "**Today, the Plan is very well-funded.**"

Helping guide MEPP from a period of financial uncertainty to one of strength and stability remains one of his proudest accomplishments.

For Stradeski, the improvement represents years of careful stewardship and a commitment to keeping MEPP strong for future generations.

Building a stronger foundation

The creation of Plannera brought MEPP and the Public Employees Pension Plan (PEPP) together, creating opportunities to share expertise, build organizational capacity and strengthen services for members.

One of the most significant changes Stradeski has seen is in the conversations about MEPP's future.

"For many years, the focus was on what wasn't possible," he says. "Now we have the opportunity to focus on what can be achieved with a strong, well-funded plan."

That shift from responding to financial pressures to considering new possibilities is what makes him particularly optimistic about what comes next.

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Listening to members

Member feedback has played a vital role in shaping Commission decisions. Conversations with members and retirees have provided valuable insight into what matters to the people who rely on MEPP.

“Those conversations helped keep **members at the centre of our decision-making**,” says Stradeski.

Feedback about pension increases, for example, has reinforced how important retirement income is to members and the value of exploring opportunities to improve outcomes when the Plan’s financial position and long-term sustainability allow.

“The opportunities available today simply didn’t exist a few years ago,” Stradeski says. “That’s what makes the future so exciting.”

His message to members

As Stradeski prepares to leave the Chair role, he has one piece of advice for members: **take the time to understand the pension you’re building**.

“A workplace pension is something truly valuable,” he says. “Many people don’t have access to that kind of retirement security.”

Whether retirement is decades away or quickly approaching, Stradeski encourages members to use the resources available through MEPP and ask questions along the way.

“**Take advantage of the resources available to you.** Take the time to understand your pension and engage with it early in your career.”

Closing one chapter

While Stradeski is stepping away as Chair, he isn’t leaving MEPP behind. He will continue to participate in the Plan as a member while refocusing on his finance career.

“It has been an honour to serve as Chair of the MEPP Commission,” he says.

After seeing MEPP move from uncertainty to strength, he leaves the role confident that the Plan, and its members, have much to look forward to in the future.

Your MEPP benefit

As a MEPP member, **you have access to free meetings** with our Financial Planning Team.

Our planners specialize in **retirement income planning, tax-efficient pension strategies, estate planning, and budgeting** for life after work.

Contact the team
at fpteam@plannera.ca
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