Hello everyone,

It's hard to believe that on June 1 it will be the 4th anniversary of the Trust already. Where does the time go? I'm happy to report that the Trust continues to run very smoothly – and you can learn more about that in this report.

Last year was a busy one for all of us. On behalf of all the Trustees, thank you to everyone who provided the thoughtful feedback on our member survey last summer, and for the wonderful turnout to our meeting in September. It was great to meet so many of you in person and to be able to listen to your questions.

Mark your calendar:
Our fall meeting is September 10

Of members who attended last year’s meeting, most said they would like to have another meeting this year – so I’m happy to report that it’s already booked for Tuesday, September 10. We listened to other feedback too. This year, to provide better accessibility, the meeting will be at the Winnipeg Clarion Hotel, and we’ve arranged for an upgraded selection for lunch!

If you can attend, it will be a great opportunity to get together, see old work friends, and get updates on the Trust and your benefits. We’ll also offer options for you to call in to listen, or see and hear the presentation through a webcast. Watch for your invitation in the summer, and make sure you mark your calendar to attend if you can!

Good news – some benefits enhancements coming soon

The Trust continues to be in a strong financial position – and as always, we must be careful because the money must be sustained to pay for your benefits for many years into the future.

However, based on good claims results combined with strong investment returns from our prudent investment policy and asset mix, the financial position of the plan has improved. You’ll be happy to learn that the Trustees have been pursuing the possibility of making a few enhancements to your benefits plan.

We’re still ironing out the details and are working to finalize them over the summer. We look forward to sharing the changes with you by early September – so you have time to review before the member meeting, where we’ll also discuss the changes in more detail. If you can’t attend the meeting, you can always email questions to the Trust or call J&D Benefits directly. Any changes to the plan will take effect January 1, 2020.

As your Trustees, we continue to stay focused on the reason we’re here – to manage the money, and the Trust, sensibly and sustainably, so you and your family will continue to have benefits coverage for as long as you need it.

Best regards,

David Pennycook, Chair
On behalf of your Trustees:
Sym Gill, Larry Nentwig, Bob Romphf

Moving soon?

Please let us know your new address. Contact J&D Benefits at 1-800-218-7018 or cwbrt@jdbenefits.com.
2018 year in review
Keeping things running...

Governance
As part of their commitment to the Trust, during the 2018 plan year, your Trustees:

• Met quarterly
• Reviewed regular reports from investment managers, and the overall financial status of the Trust
• Regularly reviewed and assessed benefit plan costs, premiums and expenses
• Finalized the Trust’s claims appeal policy – this helps the Trustees have a clear process to review claims appeals
• Finalized the Trust’s conflict of interest policy – this helps the Trustees identify situations that present potential conflicts of interest
• Completed a review of the investment policy and made no changes
• Participated in education sessions on investment strategy and medical cannabis
• Renewed the contracts for all advisors and administration
• Conducted an actuarial valuation of the plan at December 31, 2018

Trust administration and support
The Trustees continue to work together with a team of skilled and qualified experts to help achieve their fiduciary duties and deliver on the Trust’s promises to plan members:

• Good administration and support, with consistent providers and exceptionally responsive service
• A change to the operational banking provider in order to streamline the process for paying providers
• A clean audit with no qualifications from our auditors, including a review of the trust structure and allocation of funds

Benefits plan
• Dental implants can now be considered for coverage
• For plan 7168 members, there was no increase to the member contribution rate
• Life insurance premium rate increased on January 1, 2019 – Trust pays, but the increase will affect your 2019 taxable benefit amount (we are working with our insurer to try to keep this rate low)
• Began new payment of Ontario and Quebec sales taxes on health care costs and life insurance premiums

Membership services/communication
• Provided an annual member report in May 2018
• Summer member survey – gathered member feedback and preferences about the Trust and communication
• Member meeting in September 2018 – included a presentation and Q&A session – and provided phone/online access to the meeting for those who were unable to attend (presentation also available on website)
• Emergency travel healthcare coverage support – negotiated a 10% discount with Manitoba Blue Cross and notified members in November
• Sent out T4As with a notice of taxable benefit increase related to Life Insurance for 2019
• Maintained and updated the cwbrtrust.ca website – including addition of the claims appeal process
• Ongoing member support through J&D Benefits and Eckler Ltd., with email correspondence through info@cwbrtrust.ca

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AS OF DECEMBER 31/18, THE TRUST PROVIDES BENEFITS COVERAGE FOR:

376 retirees/
surviving spouses
+ 221 dependants

= 597 PARTICIPANTS

MEMBERSHIP
Financial review/summary
We continue to do well financially

With the assets returns exceeding expectations and the benefits claiming usage lower than expected, the financial position has improved. The results of our actuarial valuation – which must be conducted at least every three years – show that the plan remains well-funded for the future.

On the investment front: Our investment strategy, as well as the claims and investment fluctuation reserve, allowed us to weather the challenging markets through the fourth quarter of 2018. At the end of 2018, the Trust remains fully funded, and has continued to perform well financially into 2019.

According to the investment policy developed by the Trustees – with input from our financial advisors – the Trust's funds are invested primarily in conservative fixed income securities. This helps to protect from swings in the equity markets and ensure there is money available when needed to pay claims and expenses.

Operating expenses: Benefits claims by members, as well as the Trust's operating expenses, have been slightly below projections, and therefore our expectations for the future remain strong.

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<td>Assets available at beginning of period</td>
<td>$53,220,000</td>
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<td>Benefits costs (drugs, dental, etc.)</td>
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<td>Claims and investment fluctuation reserve</td>
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<td><strong>$56,334,000</strong></td>
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*Following downturns in the fourth quarter of 2018, markets rebounded in the first quarter of 2019. As of March 31, 2019, the Trust's assets were $58.1 million.

Claims and investment fluctuation reserve: Since the Trust has no further income coming from the government or the former Canadian Wheat Board, we secured a healthy claims and investment fluctuation reserve at plan inception and have been able to keep it strong, to be drawn upon if needed. These funds can also be drawn upon for any additional plan costs that are outside of original expectations, or if investment returns decrease.
Is your beneficiary information up-to-date?
If you have life insurance, please be sure!
We want to ensure that your current wishes are on file. You can check by contacting J&D Benefits at 1-800-218-7018. You can change your beneficiary at any time. The beneficiary form is on the website, under Forms. Simply complete it and send to J&D Benefits.

In memoriam...
We extend our condolences to the family and friends of...

David Suderman, age 80  March 2018
Fred Van Alstyne, age 85  June 2018
Gene Perry, age 83  July 2018
Ragnar Kristjanson, age 87  August 2018
Howard Ferguson, age 85  September 2018
Gilbert Champagne, age 91  November 2018
Annette Dratwa, age 93  December 2018
George Smith, age 82  January 2019
Annette Dratwa, age 93  December 2018
Verna Scanes, age 86  February 2019
Forrest Hetland, age 93  February 2019
Gordon Davis, age 92  March 2019
Tom Cowell, age 86  March 2019

Stay informed and up-to-date
If you need any information about your benefits or the Trust, use cwbrtrust.ca as your central resource. You can learn about your benefits and any news or changes, identify the right contacts, and submit any questions you might have.
You can also email questions directly to info@cwbrtrust.ca.

Key benefits contacts
You can always refer to cwbrtrust.ca, or to your handy CWBR Trust fridge magnet for your key benefits contacts (if you need a new magnet, let us know).

Your Trustees
David Pennycook
Executive Vice Chairman, Fiera Capital

Sym Gill
Retired Director of Pension and Benefits, CAW (now Unifor)

Larry Nentwig
Retired CFO, Canadian International Grains Institute and former VP Finance, Canadian Wheat Board

Bob Romphf
Retired Labour Relations Officer, Manitoba Nurses Union

The final word
This member report is intended to provide summary information about the CWBR Trust Retiree Benefits Plan. It is not intended to be comprehensive. The specific details of the benefits are contained in the actual plan contracts that govern the program. If there is any discrepancy between the information presented here and the terms of the plan contracts, the plan contracts will prevail.