



CAAT's New Model

- Innovation in

Pension Coverage



#### Introduction to CAAT Pension Plan

- Multi-employer, jointly sponsored
- \$5.6 billion in assets
- 24 participating employers Ontario Colleges
- 103% funded surplus of \$154 million
- 33,700 members

"Dedicated to the retirement security of Ontario's college community."



#### **CAAT Pension Plan - 2022**

- Multi-employer, Jointly sponsored
- \$18.2 billion in assets
- 211 participating employers
- 124% funded \$4.3 billion surplus
- 75,000 members
- Two integrated plan designs DBprime and DBplus



# **CAAT's Mission, Vision, Purpose**



**Mission:** To provide secure, valuable and sustainable workplace retirement solutions



Vision: To be Canada's workplace pension solution of choice



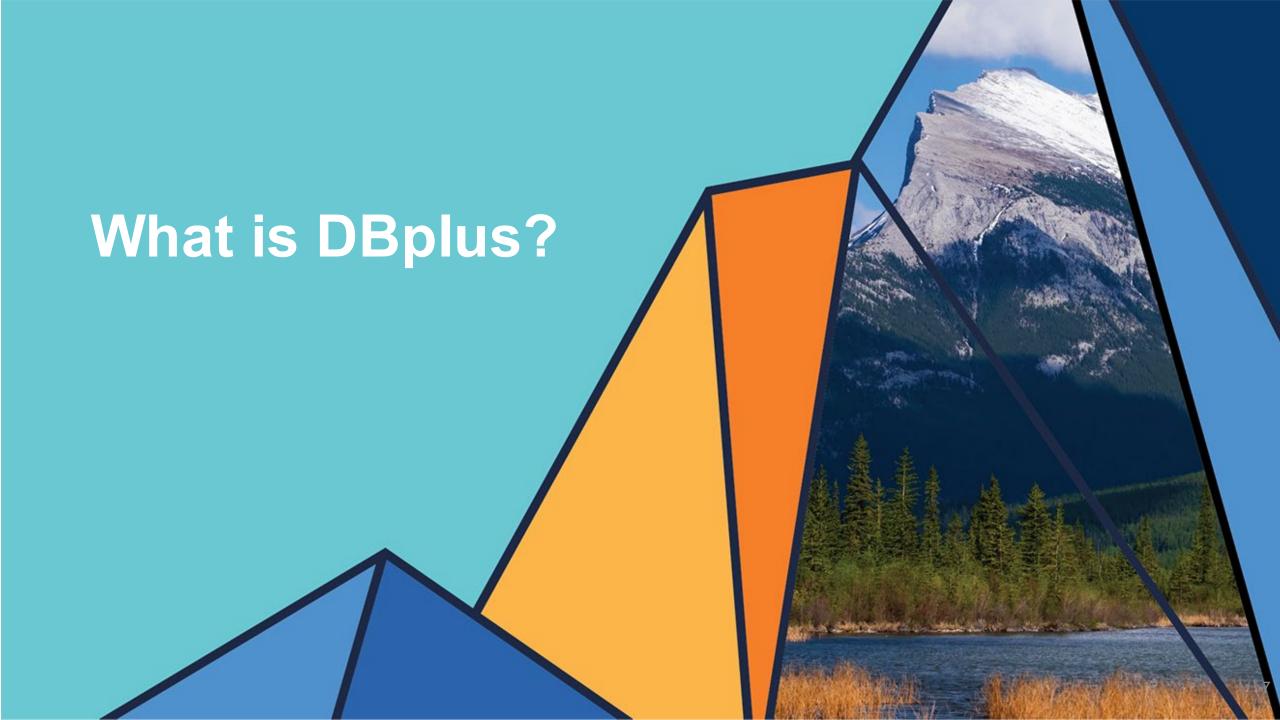
Purpose: To improve retirement income security for Canadians



# **Agenda**

- 1. Reassessing the needs of stakeholders
- 2. Starting with a solid foundation
- 3. Breaking through barriers







# **DBplus: Blending the Best of DB and DC**



Accrued pensions including granted enhancements cannot be reduced

# In addition to secure, predictable, lifetime retirement income, members enjoy:

- ✓ Spousal benefits
- ✓ Subsidized early retirement
- ✓ Wage inflation enhancements\*
- ✓ Price inflation enhancements\*
- ✓ Increased pension factor\*
- ✓ Pension purchases



<sup>\*</sup> Conditional enhancements granted based on Plan funding.

# **Expanding coverage by enhancing flexibility**



10 to 18%

Same for all employees



with **Contribution Choice** 

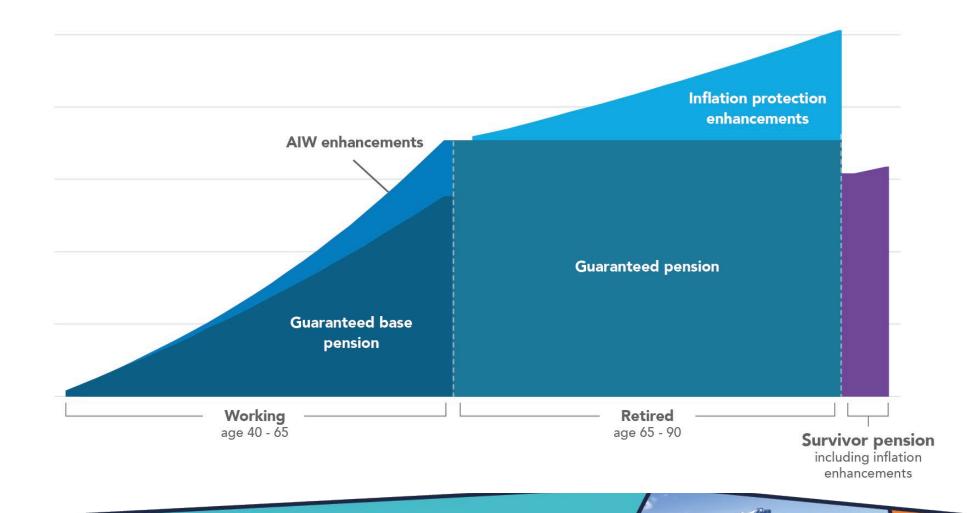
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Base plus member choice

# **DBplus formula**



#### **Guaranteed and conditional benefits**



# "Profit for member" model means more enhancements as funding improves

		100%	funded		124% funded as of January 1, 2022		
	LEVERS OF CONTROL	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 6
DBplus	Post-retirement conditional inflation protection increases (75% of CPI)	None	Applied	Applied plus consider- catch-up	Applied plus reserves	Applied plus reserves	Consider increases above 75% of CPI
	Pre-retirement benefit increase (100% of AIW)	None	None	Applied	Applied plus consider catch-up	Applied	Applied
	Lifetime annual pension factor (PF)	Consider reduction below 8.5%	8.5% plus consider catch-up	8.5%	8.5%	Consider 8.5% to 9.5%	9.5% (Consider an increase beyond 9.5%)
	Early retirement factor (ERF) (from age 65)	5% or higher	5%	5%	Consider 3%, 4% or 5% (currently 3%)	3%	3%
	Discount rate reserves	Fully used	Marginal	Consider up to 0.5%	Consider up to 1%	1% plus up to 7.5% increase in liabilities	Further build, up to tax limit

# What makes DBplus innovative?

- Flexible design to meet employer needs
- DB for members, DC for employer (higher value proposition for same cost)
- Open participation
- A profit-for-member model





# Reassessing the needs of stakeholders

- Changing workforces
- Decline in retirement financial readiness
- Desire for financial security
- Rising risks for public pension plans



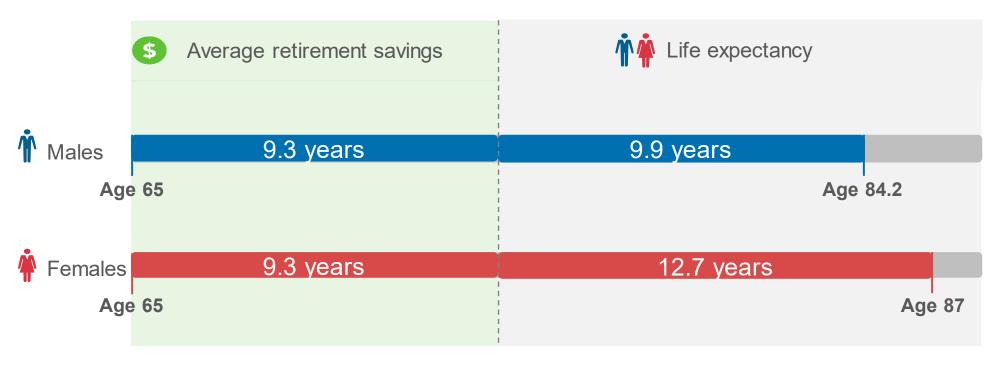
#### **Need drives innovation**

# Canada's workforce is changing

'Gig' Economy is on the rise						
2005	2016	2021				
5.5%	8%	13%				



# **Average savings gap in Canada**



Investing in (and for) Our Future, (World Economic Forum, June 2019)



### Offering employees what they want

More than ever, employees expect a workplace pension.

"...80 % [of Canadians] say a retirement plan is a critical company benefit. In fact, sixty per cent report they would be unlikely to work for a company which doesn't provide one..."

Employers share responsibility in funding employee retirement.

"...77% said employers are responsible for offering a pension plan to help fund retirement."2

Job seekers show preference for employers who provide retirement plans.

"...60 % of employees would be unlikely to work for a company that doesn't offer a retirement plan."

- 1. Manulife Investment Management, Manulife Canada Retirement Study: Stress, Finances, Well-being, 2022
- 2. Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan and Abacus Data, 2021 Canadian Retirement Survey, May 2021.



# Many Canadians find retirement planning stressful

One in three Canadians say financial stress is making them unwell, an 18% increase from 2020

Of those stressed about their finances, 35% identified saving enough for retirement as a cause of their financial anxiety

The FP Canada 2021 Financial Stress Index





# **Starting with a solid foundation**

- Ensure the house is in order
- Patience is a virtue
- Establish capabilities
- Have a business-oriented mindset



Focus is needed



# **Breaking through barriers**

- Nurture stakeholder support
- Demonstrate benefits
- Address hurdles

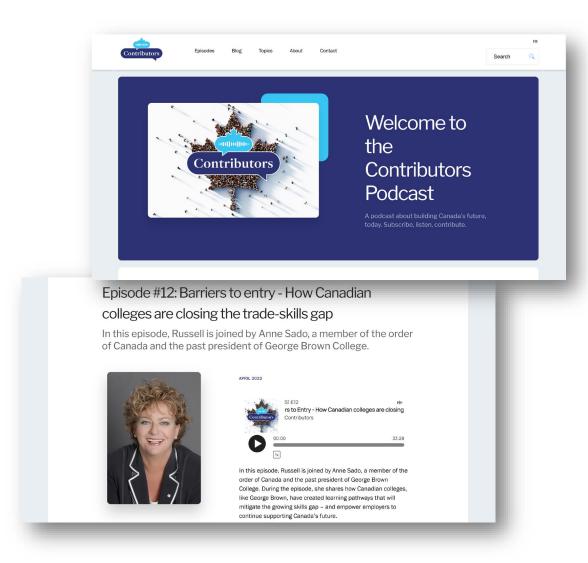


### **Starting slowly helps**



# **Contributors podcast**

- Very strong guest list
- 2021 downloads: 23,000+



#### Have the innovations worked?

- Over 200 employers from 11 industrial sectors
- In 3 years, more members in DBplus than DBprime
- Members in every province
- Support of 17 unions and associations
- Overwhelming 97% support in DB merger conversions



# **Final thoughts**

- There is both need and desire
- It is a mind shift
- Having support is key



