

### SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Teachers' Pension Plan Trustee Inc. social media accounts is to engage with the Teachers' Pension Plan Membership and the general public through the use of various social media platforms. TPPTI's social media accounts will:

- promote an understanding of the Plan and educate the Plan Members on their pension benefit
- raise awareness of the Plan's financial health
- improve the dialogue and build trust with Plan Membership
- correct information misconceptions and errors

All use of TPPTI's social media accounts must adhere to all TPPTI policies.

TPPTI's social media accounts will be managed and monitored by NS Pension.

#### **Definitions**

Board the Board of Directors of TPPTI

Board Director/Director a member of the Board

Chair chairperson of the Board

Committee the internal committees established by the Board, being Investment;

Audit and Actuarial; Governance, Communications and Member

Services

Committee Chair chairperson of a Committee

NS Pension Nova Scotia Pension Services Corporation

NS Pension Director a Board Director who also sits on the board of directors of NS

Pension

Plan Teachers' Pension Plan (TPP)

Plan Membership/

Plan Members active and deferred members, pensions and survivors

Sponsors Province of Nova Scotia and Nova Scotia Teachers Union

TPPTI/Trustee Teachers' Pension Plan Trustee Inc. (TPPTI)

Users Any individual(s) and/or corporation(s) or other entities who engage

in communication with TPPTI and/or NS Pension through use of

TPPTI's social media accounts.

#### **Content Guidelines**

Only public information will be published on TPPTI's social media accounts. Personal or any identifying information, such as a social insurance number, phone number or professional number, will not be disclosed. Confidential information will not be disclosed because it includes information not publicly disclosed which is of a sensitive or proprietary nature.

Information on TPPTI's social media accounts is made available for independent use and is not intended to provide Plan Members with benefits, retirement, or investment advice.

TPPTI and NS Pension are not responsible for any direct or indirect damages relating to errors, omissions or discrepancies on TPPTI's social media accounts. Plan Members and the general public are encouraged to contact NS Pension with any specific questions or concerns.

The information contained on TPPTI's social media accounts is for information distribution and discussion purposes only. In the event of a conflict between the information contained on TPPTI's social media accounts and the information contained in Plan Member communications and official TPP documents, the information contained in Plan Member communications and official Plan documents will govern.

Please see Appendix "A" to review the Terms of Use for TPPTI's social media accounts.

## Monitoring

NS Pension will monitor TPPTI's social media accounts during regular business hours. The views of participants commenting on TPPTI social media feeds do not necessarily represent the views of TPPTI or NS Pension. TPPTI and NS Pension are not responsible for any online information posted about their programs, services, benefits, representatives, or stakeholders that is not posted or authorized by TPPTI or NS Pension.

### **Privacy**

TPPTI and NS Pension are not responsible for any personal, confidential, or otherwise inappropriate information posted by Plan Members or other individuals using TPPTI's social media accounts. TPPTI and NS Pension may remove posts that contain personal, confidential, or otherwise inappropriate information, but are not responsible for any damages caused by any delay or failure to remove posts that contain personal, confidential, or otherwise inappropriate information. Individuals who enter personal or confidential information on TPPTI's social media accounts do so at their own risk.

## Reporting

To assist in ongoing planning and assessment of TPPTI's social media accounts, there will be regular reporting of the activity in the accounts to the Board.

### **Policy Review**

The TPPTI Governance, Communications and Member Services Committee is responsible for the biennial review of this Policy.

# **Enquiries**

Any questions pertaining to the application of this Policy should be referred to the Chair.

APPROVED BY MOTION at the Teachers' Pension Plan Trustee Inc. meeting of November 18, 2014, with subsequent revisions on:

- o September 27, 2019 (Twitter Account Policy becomes Social Media Policy)
- o December 9, 2021
- o September 12, 2023

### **APPENDIX 'A'**

## SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY TERMS OF USE

By engaging with TPPTI through its social media accounts, Users agree to be subject to these terms of use and guidelines. Among other things, TPPTI and/or NS Pension:

- 1. may review tweets, posts, comments, and messages, but may not reply to and/or moderate all discussion on TPPTI social media feeds. Being followed by TPPTI social media accounts does not imply endorsement of any kind. Users may occasionally share content that TPPTI and/or NS Pension deem of interest to the Plan audience. Retweeting or sharing a post by TPPTI's social media accounts should not be interpreted as an endorsement of the originator, the content of the tweet or post, or any organization the tweet or post refers to.
- 2. reserve the right to block Users, or delete, edit or report their tweets, posts, comments, and messages, for any reason, including tweets, posts, comments, and messages that:
  - express racist, hateful, sexist, homophobic, slanderous, insulting, or life-threatening messages
  - are aggressive, coarse, violent, obscene, or pornographic in tone
  - are offensive to an individual or an organization, rude in tone, or otherwise abusive
  - are not sent by the author; put forward for advertising purposes and/or are written in a language other than English or French
  - are unintelligible, or otherwise inconsistent with the purposes of TPPTI social media accounts
  - are repetitive or spamming of threads
  - include links to non-TPPTI sites
  - infringe on intellectual property rights
- 3. reserve the right to remove, delete, or edit any tweets, posts, comments, and messages that are factually incorrect or misleading. TPPTI and NS Pension cannot and do not guarantee the correctness, accuracy, timeliness, reliability or appropriateness of the content posted by non-TPPTI representatives. Any use or reliance on any content or materials posted via tweets, posts, comments, and messages or obtained through TPPTI's social media accounts is at the User's own risk.

Disagreements and constructive arguments are welcome as part of the discussions; however, inappropriate, abusive, discriminatory, offensive or unlawful comments are prohibited and will be subject to deletion.

TPPTI and NS Pension do not represent or warrant the correctness, accuracy, timeliness, reliability or appropriateness of the content contained in TPPTI's social media accounts or that the content is free of viruses or other harmful code.

TPPTI and NS Pension are not responsible or liable for any damages, whether direct, indirect, incidental, special, or consequential, in any way arising out of or in connection with TPPTI's social media accounts, including their content.