

Murray Gold

Short-Term Advisory Body on Accounting for Pension Assets

Term

As this is a STAB, appointments are for a few months, or until the work is completed

Board Function

This panel will provide advice on the interpretation of public sector accounting standards as they pertain to the Province's new pension assets.

Applicant:

Murray Gold

Background:

Murray Gold is a senior pension and benefits partner (see: Chambers Canada 2017 Rankings) with a national pension and benefits practice. He is a leading practitioner in the area of pensions and employee benefits. Mr. Gold was appointed by the Premier of Ontario to Ontario's Technical Advisory Group on Retirement Security in February 2014. In 2008 he served as an expert advisor to the Ontario Expert Commission on Pensions.

Mr. Gold advises governing boards of public sector and jointly trustee pension and benefits plans across Canada in regard to compliance and best-practice issues. He represents pension boards, as well as plan sponsors, retiree groups and active members in pension litigation in pension regulatory and judicial proceedings. Mr. Gold is lead counsel for Koskie Minsky in regard to current pension reform initiatives in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Ontario and Alberta, and in health benefit plan reforms in Ontario and British Columbia. He represented stakeholder interests in insolvency proceedings involving Air Canada in 2003 and 2009, and Stelco in 2005. In 2009 – 2010, he lead Koskie Minsky's team in establishing Canada's first funded postretirement health care trust in the auto sector. This involved the creation of new tax laws governing the tax treatment of postretirement benefit trusts and the negotiation and implementation of arrangements to govern Canada's first funded employee life health trust. Murray Gold is a Fellow of the Ontario Teachers' Federation, an honor in recognition of his work in regard to the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan.

Murray served on the Firm's Executive Committee and then as the Firm's Managing Partner from 2012-2016.

Education:

University of Toronto Law School
Juris Doctor (J.D.), Law
1981 – 1984

Harvard University
A.B., Social Studies
1976 – 1981

Professional:

- Member of the Board of Directors, ORPP Administration Corporation 2015-2016
- Senior Partner, Pensions and Benefits – Koskie Minsky LLP 1986 – Present
- Expert Advisor, ORPP Technical Advisory Committee 2014-2015
- Expert Advisor, Ontario Expert Commission on Pensions 2006-2008

Community Involvement:

- Fellow, Ontario Teachers' Federation
- Member and Former Chair, Ontario Bar Association Pension and Benefits Section
- Member and Former Chair, Canadian Pension and Benefits Institute

Political Contributions:

Ontario (Searched "Gold")

Note – Hansard search indicated a OLP riding president in late 2000s was named Murray Gold

OLP 2013 Party Return 976

OLP 2009 Party return 120

OLP 2008 Party return 440

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NDP 2007 Candidate return – Oshawa 500

None in Canada (Searched "Murray Gold", "Gold")

Hansard:

7 Mentions. 4 most recent by Minister Hunter, between 2014 and 2016 when discussing ORPP

1 mention is a different individual (OLP riding president in Wellington – Halton Hills)

Final 2 entries describe his work at a Partner at Koskie Minsky

Internet/Commentary search:

Many posts announcing his appointment to the ORRP board of directors:

<https://kmlaw.ca/murray-gold-appointed-to-board-of-ontario-retirement-pension-plan-administration-corporation/>

<http://news.morningstar.com/all/canada-news-wire/20151126C4964/koskie-minsky-partner-murray-gold-appointed-to-board-of-ontario-retirement-pension-plan-administration-corporation.aspx>

<https://kmlaw.ca/murray-gold-appointed-to-board-of-ontario-retirement-pension-plan-administration-corporation/>

<http://www.benefitscanada.com/news/murray-gold-appointed-to-orpp-administration-corporation-74403>

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/koskie-minsky-partner-murray-gold-205000411.html>

<http://business.financialpost.com/legal-post/koskie-minskys-murray-gold-joins-orpp-board-and-other-moves-and-grooves-this-week>

The applicant's name appears on the following pages:

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/murray-gold-01743539>

Other:

Publications:

- Climate Change and the Fiduciary Duties of Pension Fund Trustees in Canada
- Pension Reform: Current Issues April 2011

Ontario Lobbyist Registry search:

Active registered for the Presbyterian Church of Canada

Inactive – Multi-sector pension plan in 2010

Inactive – CAW in 2009

Inactive – Ontario Medical Association in 2009

Canadian Lobbyist Registry search:

Registered Lobbyist for CUPE in 2005

Federal Appointments search:

No Results found through searching online, and no mention of any federal appointments in any biographies.