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1. **If PSAB is studying this issue, are other Canadian jurisdictions dealing with this as well?**

No other province has similar governance frameworks for their jointly-sponsored pension plans that are in a surplus position.

Pension assets for BC's jointly sponsored pension plans are not reported on British Columbia's consolidated financial statements. The governance framework in BC is different than Ontario's and would appear to justify different accounting treatment under PSAB standards.

Specifically, the Boards of Trustees of the BC Plans, unlike their Ontario counterparts, **are permitted to utilize ongoing surpluses** through the amendment of the Plan rules governing contributions and benefits, so long as the amendment of the Plan rules does not result in an increased contribution rate for employees or employers, does not create or increase an unfunded liability in the Plan and is otherwise compliant with applicable legislation and the Trustees' fiduciary obligations.

In contrast, the governance arrangements with respect to the OTPP provide that the Partners that sponsor that arrangement, being the Minister of Education and the OTF, may utilize ongoing surpluses as they believe appropriate, subject only to the Ontario *Pension Benefits Act.* The Board of Directors of the OTPP, being the OTPP administrator for purposes of the PBA, has **no authority** with respect to the use of Plan surpluses.

The OPTrust governing documents also stipulate that it is the Sponsors of the OPTrust, being the Province of Ontario and OPSEU, who have the authority to utilize ongoing Plan surpluses. OPTrust's Board of Trustees, being the OPTrust administrator for purposes of the Ontario PBA, has **no authority** to utilize ongoing Plan surpluses.
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