



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE
REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 08/10/2020

ITEM NO: 4

DATE: August 3, 2020
TO: Council Finance Committee
FROM: Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Receive the Town of Los Gatos Retiree Healthcare Plan June 30, 2019 Actuarial Valuation as Prepared by Bartel Associates, LLC

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the Town of Los Gatos Retiree Healthcare Plan June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation as prepared by Bartel Associates, LLC..

BACKGROUND:

The Town's healthcare plan pays all, or a portion of, health insurance premiums for qualified retirees and their survivors and dependents. Healthcare benefits are also referred to as Other Post-Employment Benefits or OPEB. The Town's healthcare plan is an Internal Revenue Code Section 115 Trust which is administered by the Town Pension and OPEB Trusts Oversight Committee. The Oversight Committee is responsible for the management and control of the healthcare assets. The healthcare assets are maintained at CalPERS and invested in the CalPERS managed California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT) Strategy 1.

In 2009, the Town proactively opted to transition from a "pay-as-you-go" (PayGo) funding policy for OPEB benefits and adopted a ten-year phase-in approach to prefunding the OPEB obligations. Since implementation of the ten-year phase in of prefunding, the healthcare plan has gone from zero percent funded to the current 67.9% funding ratio. Since 2009 the Town has prefunded \$13,060,000 in contributions beyond the PayGo funding.

For the healthcare plan, the Town Pension and OPEB Trusts Oversight Committee retain the services of Bartel Associates to analyze the respective assets and liabilities of the Healthcare Plan. In order for the Town to understand the value of future healthcare benefit

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BACKGROUND (continued):

payments, an actuarial valuation is performed every other year for the healthcare plan with the last valuation occurring in 2017.

DISCUSSION:

Attachment 1 to this staff report presents the June 30, 2019 Actuarial Valuation Final Results from the Town’s actuary, Bartel Associates. Since the 2017 valuation, the total OPEB Actuarial Accrued Liability increased from \$24.8 million to \$27.0 million as of June 30, 2019. However, the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability decreased from approximately \$11.2 million as of June 30, 2017 to \$8.7 million as of the June 30, 2019. The decrease in the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability since 2017 was primarily the result of positive investment and demographic experience. The net result is an increase in the funded status for the OPEB plan as of June 30, 2019 to 67.9% from 54.9%.

	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2019
Actuarial Value of Plan Assets	\$13,605,000	\$18,341,000
Actuarial Accrued Liability	24,773,000	27,017,000
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	11,168,000	8,676,000
Funded Status	54.9%	67.9%

In addition, the development of the actuarial valuation requires assumption recommendations by the Town’s actuary. The following table provides the primary actuarial assumptions utilized in development of the 2019 valuation. These assumptions were considered and approved by the Town’s Pension and OPEB Trusts Oversight Committee at its August 4, 2020 meeting. This report is being provided to the Town Council Finance Committee for its information.

Assumption	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2019
General Inflation	2.75%	2.75%
Discount Rate	6.75%	6.75%
Payroll Increases	3.00%	3.00%
Amortization UAL	20 Years	18 Years

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CONCLUSION:

Receive the Town of Los Gatos Retiree Healthcare Plan June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation as prepared by Bartel Associates, LLC and approved by the Pension/OPEB Committee.

Attachment:

1. June 30, 2019 OPEB Actuarial Valuation Final Results