The Queen’s Pension Plan (QPP) returned -0.5% net of fees in July, bringing the cumulative net return for the 2016-17 plan year to 6.3%.

The S&P/TSX Composite Index was flat during the month despite the rally in Energy (+2.1%) and Materials (+1.7%). In the U.S., the S&P 500 reached a new all-time high as equities were supported by a number of factors including positive economic data.

The FTSE/TMX Canada Universe Bond Index declined 1.9% during the month as yields rose and corporate credit spreads tightened. The Bank of Canada raised its benchmark interest rate for the first time in seven years to 0.75%. The Government and Corporate sectors outperformed the index with returns of -1.6% and -1.4%, respectively, while the Provincial sector underperformed with a return of -2.7%.

The Canadian dollar appreciated 3.9% against the U.S. dollar in July to close the month at 80.1 cents U.S.

The monthly commentary includes the performance of various asset classes and managers, as well as a breakdown of the current asset mix and performance analysis. The asset mix visualization is included, showing the allocation of assets between Canadian Equity, Global Equity, Fixed Income, Real Estate, Infrastructure, and Cash & Other. The performance analysis table details the annualized returns and excess returns for different time periods, including 1 month, 1 year, 4 year, and 10 year, along with the benchmark comparisons. The capital market returns table provides the growth of $10,000 since August 31, 2006, and the Queen’s Pension Plan returns by plan year.