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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Tim Outhit, Co-Chair, Investment Policy Advisory Committee

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Derek Tynski, Co-Chair, Investment Policy Advisory Committee

**DATE:** September 11, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Investment Policy Advisory Committee Report - Quarter Ending June

30, 2009

### **INFORMATION REPORT**

## **ORIGIN**

The Halifax Regional Municipality Investment Policy requires that the Investment Policy Advisory Committee report to Council on compliance by staff with the Investment Objectives of the Investment Policy not less frequently than quarterly.

#### BACKGROUND

The Halifax Regional Municipality Investment Policy (the Policy) was adopted by Council April 23, 2002 and was approved by the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations (the Minister) on May 14, 2002. Amendments to the Policy, as recommended by the Investment Policy Advisory Committee (the Committee), were approved by Council and the Minister in 2005, 2007and 2008. Policy approvals are in accordance with Section 121 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter.

The mandate of the Committee is to recommend an investment policy to Council as well as provide ongoing monitoring of investment activities. Following adoption and approval of the Policy, the activities of the Committee have shifted to the monitoring role as well as annual reviews of the Policy.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Investment Policy Advisory Committee is pleased to provide this report to Council under the provisions of the Policy. The primary focus of this report will be to report on compliance with the objectives of the Policy.

The six objectives of the Policy, stated in order of priority of importance, are as follows:

- 1. Adherence to Legal Requirements
- 2. Preservation of Capital
- 3. Liquidity
- 4. Diversification of Investment Portfolio
- 5. Competitive Return on Investments
- 6. Regular Review of Performance

Copies of the Sector Weight schedules recommended under the Policy are attached.

The Committee has reviewed the information provided by staff in the Treasurer's report to the Committee for the Quarter ending June 30, 2009 and accepts the report and the findings contained in the report that the investment activities reported for that Quarter are in compliance with the Policy with the exception noted below.

The Royal Bank Sector Weight was exceeded for one business day due to the amount of cash received during the day on June 30. Investments were made on the next business day to return the Sector Weights back into full compliance with the Investment Policy.

As indicated in previous reports, the Committee recognizes that from time to time there may be short term variances from the Sector Weights as set out in the Policy. Management discretion is recognized in dealing with varying market conditions and cash flows. The Committee believes that staff acted appropriately.

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

The Committee has been advised by staff that this report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Sector Weight Schedules @ June 30, 2009 (Schedules A, B, C, D & E)

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Report Approved by: Councillor Tim Outhit, Co-Chair, Investment Policy Advisory Committee

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Total Investments Sector Weights @ June 30, 2009

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		Cumulative					
		Amount Invested					
	Catagory Status	@ Book Value	%	Guideline Limit	%	Limit Available	%
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CASH & EQUIVALENTS							
Federal Government & its Guarantees	Open	111,257,060	34%	327,812,999	100%	216,555,939	66%
Federal Government	Open	111,257,060	34%				
Business Development Bank	Open	0	0%				
Canada Mortgage & Housing Corp	Open	0	0%				
Canadian Wheat Board	Open	0	0%				
Export Development Canada	Open	0	0%				
Farm Credit Corp	Open	U	U 76				
Provincial Governments & their Guarantees	R-1 Mid or Greater	118,767,191	36%	327,812,999		209,045,808	64%
Total Alberta (R-1 High)	Open	28,602,001	9%	81,953,250	25%	53,351,249	16%
Alberta (R-1 High)	Open	0					
Alberta Capital Finance Authority (R-1 High)	Open	28,602,001					
Alberta Treasury Branches (R-1 High)	Open	0		04.050.050	050/	50 450 074	4.00/
British Columbia (R-1 High)	Open	23,799,576	7%	81,953,250	25%	58,153,674	18%
Manitoba (R-1 Mid)	Open	0	0%	81,953,250	25%	81,953,250 66,994,850	25% 20%
New Brunswick (R-1 Mid)	Open	14,958,400	5%	81,953,250	25% 25%	81,953,250	25%
New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 Mid)	Open	20 250 500	9%	81,953,250 81,953,250	25%	51,694,562	16%
Ontario (R-1 High)	Open	30,258,688	9% 4%	81,953,250	25%	67,362,388	21%
Quebec (R-1 Mid)	Open	14,590,862 6,557,664	2%	81,953,250	25%	75,395,586	23%
Saskatchewan (R-1 Mid)	Open	0,557,004	2 70	01,333,230	2070	75,555,555	2070
Municipal Governments & their Guarantees*	R-1 Mid or Greater	0		81,953,250	25%	81,953,250	25%
Calgary (R-1 High)	Open			32,781,300	10%	32,781,300	10%
Edmonton (R-1 High)	Open			32,781,300	10%	32,781,300	10%
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Financial Institutions & their Guarantees /Corporat	ions	97,788,748	30%	163,906,500	50%	66,117,752	20%
T (Tital)	BA's Schedule A						
	Canadian Banks R-1						
Tier 1 - Financial Institutions & their Guarantees	Mid	90,790,288	28%	163,906,500	50%	73,116,212	22%
Bank of Montreal (R-1 High)	Open	5,998,260	2%	32,781,300	10%	26,783,040	8%
Bank of Nova Scotia (R-1 High)	Open	16,994,960	5%	32,781,300	10%	15,786,340	5%
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (R-1 High)	Open	14,996,230	5%	32,781,300	10%	17,785,070	5% -3%
Royal Bank (R-1 High)	Open	0 }	13%	32,781,300	10%	-8,726,532	-370
Royal Bank - Effective Cash	Open	41,507,832 }	3%	32,781,300	10%	21,488,294	7%
Toronto Dominion (R-1 High)	Open	11,293,006	370	32,761,300	1070	21,400,234	7 70
Tier 2 - Financial Institutions & Corporations	R-1 Mid/High***	6,998,460	2%	81,953,250	25%	74,954,790	23%
National Bank of Canada (R-1 Mid)	Open	6,998,460	2%	16,390,650	5%	9,392,190	3%
OMERS Realty Corporation (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	16,390,650	5%		5%
CDP Financial Inc (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	16,390,650	5%		5%
Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	16,390,650	5%		5%
Desigrdins Total		0	0%	16,390,650	5%	16,390,650	5%
Desjardins Group (R-1 High)	Open	0					
Caisse Centale Desjardins (R-1 High)	Open	U					
Total Cash and Equivalents		327,812,999	100%				
FIXED (Bonds, etc. over one year)							
Federal Government		6,986,957	2%				
Total Fixed		6,986,957					
Equities							
Equities Bank of Montreal		6,410					
Total Equities		6,410					
, oto, Equitor		224 866 266					
Total Investments		334,806,366					
Interest Bearing Bank Accounts - O/S Cheque Covera	age	6,856,168	*				
Total Investments and O/S Cheques Coverage		341,662,534					
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Operating Funds Sector Weights @ June 30, 2009

		Cumulative					
		Amount Invested			0.4	Liveta Averthele	0/
	Catagory Status	@ Book Value	%	Guideline Limit	%	Limit Available	%
CASH & EQUIVALENTS							01
Pedelal Covernition of the Care	Open	54,121,305	34%	159,465,542	100%	105,344,237	66%
Federal Government	Open	54,121,305	34% 0%				
Business Development Bank	Open	0	0%				
Callada Moltgage & Housing 4-1	Open	0	0%				
Calladian Wheat board	Open	· ·	070				
Export Development Canada	Open Open	0	0%				
Farm Credit Corp	Орен	-					
Provincial Governments & their Guarantees	R-1 Mid or Greater	57,774,629	36%	159,465,542	100%	101,690,913	64%
Provincial Governments & their Carrier	Open	13,913,523	9%	39,866,385	25%	25,952,863	16%
I Dial Alberta (N-1 11911)	Open	0					
Alberta Capital Finance Authority (R-1 High)	Open	13,913,523					
Alberta Treasury Branches (R-1 High)	Open	0				00 000 010	400/
British Columbia (R-1 High)	Open	11,577,370	7%	39,866,385	25%	28,289,016	18%
Manitoba (R-1 Mid)	Open	0	0%	39,866,385	25%	39,866,385	25% 20%
New Brunswick (R-1 Mid)	Open	7,276,555	5%	39,866,385	25%	32,589,830 39,866,385	25%
New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 Mid)	Open		00/	39,866,385		25,146,963	16%
Ontario (R-1 High)	Open	14,719,423	9%	39,866,385		32,768,620	21%
Quebec (R-1 Mid)	Open	7,097,765	4% 2%	39,866,385 39,866,385		36,676,392	23%
Saskatchewan (R-1 Mid)	Open	3,189,994	270	35,000,505	2070	00,010,002	20.0
	R-1 Mid or Greater	0		39,866,385	25%	39,866,385	25%
Municipal Governments & their Guarantees*		·		15,946,554	10%	15,946,554	10%
Calgary (R-1 High)	Open Open			15,946,554	10%	15,946,554	10%
Edmonton (R-1 High)	Ореп			, .			
	<b>1</b>	47,569,607	30%	79,732,771	50%	32,163,163	20%
Financial Institutions & their Guarantees /Corporat	BA's Schedule A	41,303,001	00 /0	10,10=,		,,	
	Canadian Banks R-1						
m	Mid	44,165,187	28%	79,732,771	50%	35,567,584	22%
Tier 1 - Financial Institutions & their Guarantees	Open	2,917,870	2%	15,946,554	10%	13,028,684	8%
Bank of Montreal (R-1 High)	Open	8,267,245	5%	15,946,554	10%	7,679,309	5%
Bank of Nova Scotia (R-1 High) Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (R-1 High)	Open	7,294,958	5%	15,946,554	10%		5%
Royal Bank (R-1 High)	Open	0 }	13%	15,946,554	10%	-4,245,046	-3%
Royal Bank - Effective Cash	,	20,191,600 }					
Toronto Dominion (R-1 High)	Open	5,493,514	3%	15,946,554	10%	10,453,040	7%
		2 404 420	2%	39,866,385	25%	36,461,965	23%
Tier 2 - Financial Institutions & Corporations	R-1 Mid/High***	<b>3,404,420</b> 3,404,420	2%	7,973,277			3%
National Bank of Canada (R-1 Mid)	Open	3,404,420	0%	7,973,277			5%
OMERS Realty Corporation (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	7,973,277			5%
CDP Financial Inc (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	7,973,277			5%
Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	7,973,277		7,973,277	5%
Desjardins Total	Open	0					
Desjardins Group (R-1 High)	Open .	0					
Caisse Centale Desjardins (R-1 High)	open .						
Total Investments		159,465,542	100%				
Interest Bearing Bank Accounts - O/S Cheque Covera	age	6,856,168	*				
		166,321,710					
Total Investments and O/S Cheques Coverage							

Captial Funds Sector Weights @ June 30, 2009

	Catagory Status	Cumulative Amount Invested @ Book Value	%	Guideline Limit	%	Limit Available	9,	%
CASH & EQUIVALENTS								
Federal Government & its Guarantees	Open	0	0%	0	100%	0	(	0%
Federal Government	Open	0	0%					
Business Development Bank	Open	0	0%					
Canada Mortgage & Housing Corp.	Open	0	0%					
Canadian Wheat Board	Open	0	0%					
Export Development Canada	Open		0%					
Farm Credit Corp	Open	0	0%					
A Abelia Charantons	R-1 Mid or Greater	0	0%	0	100%	0	(	0%
Provincial Governments & their Guarantees	Open	0	0%	0	25%	0	(	0%
Total Alberta (R-1 High)	Open 1	0						
Alberta (R-1 High) Alberta Capital Finance Authority (R-1 High)	Open	0						
Alberta Treasury Branches (R-1 High)	Open	0						
British Columbia (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	0	25%	0		0%
Manitoba (R-1 Mid)	Open	0	0%	0	25%	0		0%
New Brunswick (R-1 Mid)	Open	0	0%	0	25%	0		0%
New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 Mid)	Open			0	25%	0		0%
Ontario (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	0		0		0% 0%
Quebec (R-1 Mid)	Open	0	0%	0		0		0% 0%
Saskatchewan (R-1 Mid)	Open		0%	U	25%	U		U 70
Municipal Governments & their Guarantees* Calgary (R-1 High) Edmonton (R-1 High)	R-1 Mid or Greater Open Open	0		<b>0</b> 0 0	10%	<b>0</b> 0 0		<b>0%</b> 0% 0%
Financial Institutions & their Guarantees /Corporat	ions	0	0%	0	50%	0		0%
	BA's Schedule A							
Tier 1 - Financial Institutions & their Guarantees	Canadian Banks R-1 Mid	0	0%	0	50%	. 0		0%
Bank of Montreal (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	0				0%
Bank of Nova Scotia (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	0				0%
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	0				0%
Royal Bank (R-1 High)	Open	0)		0	10%	. 0	•	0%
Royal Bank - Effective Cash		0 )			4000			0%
Toronto Dominion (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	O	10%	. 0	,	0%
Tier 2 - Financial Institutions & Corporations	R-1 Mid/High***	0	0%	C				0%
National Bank of Canada (R-1 Mid)	Open	0	0%	Ç				0%
OMERS Realty Corporation (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	C				0%
CDP Financial Inc (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	C				0% 0%
Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation (R-1 High)	Open	0,	0%	(				0% 0%
Desiardins Total		0	0%	·	5%	, u	,	J /0
Desiardins Group (R-1 High)	Open	0						
Caisse Centale Desjardins (R-1 High)	Open	U						
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Total Cash and Equivalents		•	-,-					

Reserve Funds Sector Weights @ June 30, 2009

		Cumulative					
	Catagory Status	Amount Invested  @ Book Value	%	Guideline Limit	%	Limit Available	%
	Catagory Status	@ 200K Value	,,				
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CASH & EQUIVALENTS							
Federal Government & its Guarantees	Open	56,005,439	34%	165,017,043	100%	109,011,603	66%
Federal Government	Open	56,005,439 0	34% 0%				
Business Development Bank	Open Open	0	0%				
Canada Mortgage & Housing Corp	Open	0	0%				
Canadian Wheat Board Export Development Canada	Open						
Farm Credit Corp	Open	0	0%				
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Provincial Governments & their Guarantees	R-1 Mid or Greater	59,785,947	36%	165,017,043		105,231,096	64%
Total Alberta (R-1 High)	Open	14,397,896	9%	41,254,261	25%	26,856,364	16%
Alberta (R-1 High)	Open	0					
Alberta Capital Finance Authority (R-1 High)	Open	14,397,896 0					
Alberta Treasury Branches (R-1 High)	Open	11,980,415	7%	41,254,261	25%	29,273,846	18%
British Columbia (R-1 High)	Open Open	11,000,410	0%	41,254,261	25%	41,254,261	25%
Manitoba (R-1 Mid)	Open	7,529,875	5%	41,254,261	25%	33,724,386	20%
New Brunswick (R-1 Mid) New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 Mid)	Open	.,,		41,254,261	25%	41,254,261	25%
Ontario (R-1 High)	Open	15,231,852	9%	41,254,261	25%	26,022,408	16%
Quebec (R-1 Mid)	Open	7,344,861	4%	41,254,261	25%	33,909,400	21%
Saskatchewan (R-1 Mid)	Open	3,301,048	2%	41,254,261	25%	37,953,213	23%
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Municipal Governments & their Guarantees*	R-1 Mid or Greater	0		41,254,261	25%	41,254,261	25%
	Open			16,501,704	10%	16,501,704	10%
Calgary (R-1 High) Edmonton (R-1 High)	Open			16,501,704	10%	16,501,704	10%
Editionion (iv i riigit)							
Financial Institutions & their Guarantees /Corporat	ions	49,225,656	30%	82,508,521	50%	33,282,865	20%
Financial Institutions & tilen Guarantees roofporat	BA's Schedule A	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		•			
	Canadian Banks R-1						
Tier 1 - Financial Institutions & their Guarantees	Mid	45,702,717	28%	82,508,521	50%	36,805,804	22%
Bank of Montreal (R-1 High)	Open	3,019,451	2%	16,501,704	10%	13,482,254	8%
Bank of Nova Scotia (R-1 High)	Open	8,555,054	5%	16,501,704	10%	7,946,650	5%
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (R-1 High)	Open	7,548,918	5%	16,501,704	10%	8,952,786	5%
Royal Bank (R-1 High)	Open	0 }	13%	16,501,704	10%	-4,392,829	-3%
Royal Bank - Effective Cash		20,894,533 }	3%	16,501,704	10%	10,816,944	7%
Toronto Dominion (R-1 High)	Open	5,684,761	370	10,301,704	1070	10,010,011	, ,,
Tier 2 - Financial Institutions & Corporations	R-1 Mid/High***	3,522,939	2%	41,254,261	25%	37,731,322	23%
National Bank of Canada (R-1 Mid)	Open	3,522,939	2%	8,250,852	5%	4,727,913	3%
OMERS Realty Corporation (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	8,250,852	5%	8,250,852	5%
CDP Financial Inc (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	8,250,852	5%	8,250,852	5%
Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	8,250,852	5%	8,250,852	5%
Desjardins Total		0	0%	8,250,852	5%	8,250,852	5%
Desjardins Group (R-1 High)	Open	0					
Caisse Centale Desjardins (R-1 High)	Opeń	0					
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Total Cash and Equivalents		165,017,043	100%				
FIVED (Bonds ats over one year)							
FIXED (Bonds, etc. over one year) Federal Government		6,986,957	4%				
Total Fixed		6,986,957					
Total Investments		172,004,000					

Trust Funds Sector Weights @ June 30, 2009

	Catagory Status	Cumulative Amount Invested @ Book Value	%	Guideline Limit	%	Limit Available	%
CASH & EQUIVALENTS							
Federal Government & its Guarantees Federal Government Business Development Bank Canada Mortgage & Housing Corp. Canadian Wheat Board Export Development Canada	Open Open Open Open Open Open	<b>1,130,316</b> 1,130,316 0 0 0	34% 34% 0% 0% 0%	3,330,415	100%	2,200,099	66%
Farm Credit Corp	Open	-		2 220 445	4000/	2 422 800	£ 4%.
Provincial Governments & their Guarantees  Total Alberta (R-1 High)  Alberta (R-1 High)  Alberta Capital Finance Authority (R-1 High)	R-1 Mid or Greater Open Open Open Open	<b>1,206,615</b> 290,582 0 290,582 0	<b>36%</b> 9%	<b>3,330,415</b> 832,604	100% 25%	<b>2,123,800</b> 542,022	<b>64%</b> 16%
Alberta Treasury Branches (R-1 High) British Columbia (R-1 High) Manitoba (R-1 Mid) New Brunswick (R-1 Mid) New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 Mid) Ontario (R-1 High)	Open Open Open Open Open Open	241,792 0 151,970 307,413	7% 0% 5% 9%	832,604 832,604 832,604 832,604 832,604	25% 25% 25% 25% 25%	590,812 832,604 680,634 832,604 525,191	18% 25% 20% 25% 16%
Quebec (R-1 Mid) Saskatchewan (R-1 Mid)	Open Open	148,236 66,623	4% 2%	832,604 832,604	25% 25%	684,368 765,981	21% 23%
Municipal Governments & their Guarantees* Calgary (R-1 High) Edmonton (R-1 High)	R-1 Mid or Greater Open Open	0		<b>832,604</b> 333,041 333,041	<b>25%</b> 10% 10%	<b>832,604</b> 333,041 333,041	25% 10% 10%
Financial Institutions & their Guarantees /Corpora	itions BA's Schedule A Canadian Banks R-1	993,484	30%	1,665,207	50%	671,723	20%
Tier 1 - Financial Institutions & their Guarantees Bank of Montreal (R-1 High) Bank of Nova Scotia (R-1 High) Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (R-1 High) Royal Bank (R-1 High)	Mid Open Open Open Open	922,383 60,939 172,660 152,354 0 } 421,699 }	28% 2% 5% 5% 13%	1,665,207 333,041 333,041 333,041 333,041	50% 10% 10% 10% 10%	<b>742,824</b> 272,102 160,381 180,687 -88,657	22% 8% 5% 5% -3%
Royal Bank - Effective Cash Toronto Dominion (R-1 High)	Open	114,731	3%	333,041	10%	218,310	7%
Tier 2 - Financial Institutions & Corporations National Bank of Canada (R-1 Mid) OMERS Realty Corporation (R-1 High) CDP Financial Inc (R-1 High) Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation (R-1 High) Desjardins Total	R-1 Mid/High*** Open Open Open Open	71,101 71,101 0 0 0	2% 2% 0% 0% 0%	832,604 166,521 166,521 166,521 166,521 166,521	25% 5% 5% 5% 5% 5%		23% 3% 5% 5% 5% 5%
Desjardins Group (R-1 High) Caisse Centale Desjardins (R-1 High)	Open Open	0 0					
Total Cash and Equivalents		3,330,415	100%				
Equities Bank of Montreal Total Equities		6,410 <b>6,410</b>					
Total Investments		3,336,825					