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> Halifax Regional Council September 27, 2005

TO:

Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

Councillor Bill Karsten, Co-Chair, Investment Policy Advisory Committee

Derek Tynski, Co-Chair, Investment Policy Advisory Committee

DATE:

September 12, 2005

SUBJECT:

Investment Policy Advisory Committee Report - Quarter Ending

March 31, 2005

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 on May 14, 2002. The Policy was approved in accordance with Section 100 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

The mandate of the Investment Policy Advisory Committee (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.

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 March 31, 2005 and accepts the report and the findings contained in the report that the investment activities reported for that Quarter are in full compliance with the Policy.

As a subsequent event to the end of the March 31, 2005 Quarter, staff reported to the Committee that due to some unusual market conditions around the beginning of June a decision was made to temporarily not fully invest new cash received by HRM to keep within the Sector Weights of the Investment Policy. As a result of this decision the Sector Weight for the HRM interest bearing Bank Account was exceeded by \$8,049,000 for one day. The Committee accepts staff's explanation of this variance and does not believe it had a material negative impact on the Policy Objectives.

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 will comment on variances reported on a case by case basis.

An additional aspect of the mandate of the Committee is to review the continued relevance of the Investment Policy. The Committee has undertaken an examination of the Policy and will be reporting shortly to Council on the results.

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.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Sector Weight Schedules @ March 31, 2005 (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.

Report Approved by: Councillor Bill Karsten, Co-Chair, Investment Policy Advisory Committee

Derek Tynski, Co-Chair, Investment Policy Advisory Committee

Report Prepared by: Derek Tynski, Co-Chair, Investment Policy Advisory Committee

Total Investments Sector Weights @ March 31, 2005

	Catagory Status	Cumulative Amount Invested @ Book Value	<u>%</u>	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 Farm Credit Corp	Open Open Open Open Open Open Open Open	\$125,884,249 \$117,089,862 \$3,860,337 \$0 \$0 \$0	82% 76% 3% 0% 0%	\$153,644,709	100%	\$27,760,460	18%
Provincial Governments & their Guarantees Total Alberta (R-1 High) Alberta (R-1 High) Alberta Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 High) Alberta Treasury Branches (R-1 High)	R-1 Mid or Greater Open Open Open Open	\$1,979,500 \$0 \$0	1% 0%	\$153,644,709 \$38,411,177	100% 25%	\$151,665,209 \$38,411,177	99% 25%
British Columbia (R-1 Mid) Manitoba (R-1 Low) New Brunswick (R-1 Low) New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 Low) Nova Scotia (R-1 Low) Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 Low)	Open Closed Closed) Closed Closed Closed Closed		404	\$38,411,177 \$38,411,177 \$38,411,177 \$38,411,177 \$38,411,177	25% 25% 25% 25% 25% 25%	\$38,411,177 \$38,411,177 \$38,411,177 \$38,411,177 \$38,411,177 \$38,411,177	25%
Ontario (R-1 Mid) Prince Edward Island (R-1 Low) Quebec (R-1 Low) Saskatchewan (R-1 Low)	Open Closed Closed Closed	\$1,979,500	1%	\$38,411,177 \$38,411,177 \$38,411,177 \$38,411,177	25% 25% 25% 25%	\$36,431,677 \$38,411,177 \$38,411,177 \$38,411,177	24%
Municipal Governments & their Guarantees* Calgary (R-1 Mid) Edmonton (R-1 High) Winnipeg (R-1 Mid)	R-1 Mid or Greater Open Open Open	\$0		\$38,411,177 \$15,364,471 \$15,364,471 \$15,364,471	25% 10% 10% 10%	\$38,411,177 \$15,364,471 \$15,364,471 \$15,364,471	25% 10% 10% 10%
Financial Institutions & their Guarantees Bank of Montreal (R-1 Mid) Bank of Nova Scotia (R-1 Mid) Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (R-1 Mid) Laurentian Bank (R-1 Low) National Bank of Canada (R-1 Low) Poyal Bank (R 1 Mid)	BA's Schedule A Canadain Banks R-1 Mid Open Open Open Closed Closed	\$25,780,960 \$0 \$8,949,050 \$4,982,250	17% 0% 6% 3%	\$38,411,177 \$15,364,471 \$15,364,471 \$15,364,471 \$15,364,471	25% 10% 10% 10% 10%	\$12,630,217 \$15,364,471 \$6,415,421 \$10,382,221 \$15,364,471 \$15,364,471	8% 10% 4% 7%
Royal Bank (R-1 Mid) Royal Bank 1 Day BA Toronto Dominion (R-1 Mid)	Open Open	\$0 } \$11,849,660 } \$0	8% 0%	\$15,364,471 \$15,364,471	10% 10%	\$3,514,811 \$15,364,471	2% 10%
Corporations & their Guarantees	Closed						
TOTAL CASH & EQUIVALENTS		\$153,644,709	100%				
FIXED (Bonds, etc. over one year)							
Federal Government & its Guarantees Federal Government (AAA) Province of Nova Scotia (A-Low)		\$14,604,214 \$107,000,000					
TOTAL FIXED		\$121,604,214					
EQUITIES							
Bank of Montreal		\$6,410					
TOTAL EQUITIES		\$6,410					
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		\$275,255,333					
Interest Bearing Bank Accounts - O/S Cheque	Coverage	\$15,232,405					
TOTAL INVESTMENTS & O/S Cheques Coveraç	ge	\$290,487,738					

Operating Fund Sector Weights @ March 31, 2005

		<u>Cumulative</u>					
	.	Amount Invested					21
	Catagory Status	@ Book Value	%	Guideline Limit	%	Limit Available	%
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CASH & EQUIVALENTS							
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Federal Government & its Guarantees	Open	\$8,929,739	82%	\$10,929,921	100%	\$2,000,182	18%
Federal Government	Open	\$8,296,091	76%				
Business Development Bank	Open	\$278,143	3%				
Canada Mortgage & Housing Corp.	Open	\$0	0%				
Canadian Wheat Board	Open	\$0	0%				
Export Development Canada	Open						
Farm Credit Corp	Open	\$355,506	0%				
Provincial Governments & their Guarantees	R-1 Mid or Greater	\$142,626	1%	\$10,929,921	100%	\$10,787,295	99%
Total Alberta (R-1 High)	Open	\$0	0%	\$2,732,480	25%	\$2,732,480	25%
Alberta (R-1 High)	Open						
Alberta Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 High)	Open						
Alberta Treasury Branches (R-1 High)	Open	\$0					
British Columbia (R-1 Mid)	Open	*-		\$2,732,480	25%	\$2,732,480	25%
Manitoba (R-1 Low)	Closed			\$2,732,480	25%	\$2,732,480	20,0
New Brunswick (R-1 Low)	Closed			\$2,732,480	25%	\$2,732,480	
New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 Low)	Closed			\$2,732,480	25%	\$2,732,480	
Nova Scotia (R-1 Low)	Closed						
				\$2,732,480	25%	\$2,732,480	
Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 Low)	Closed	0440.000	40/	\$2,732,480	25%	\$2,732,480	0.40/
Ontario (R-1 Mid)	Open	\$142,626	1%	\$2,732,480	25%	\$2,589,854	24%
Prince Edward Island (R-1 Low)	Closed			\$2,732,480	25%	\$2,732,480	
Quebec (R-1 Low)	Closed			\$2,732,480	25%	\$2,732,480	
Saskatchewan (R-1 Low)	Closed			\$2,732,480	25%	\$2,732,480	
Municipal Governments & their Guarantees* Calgary (R-1 Mid)	R-1 Mid or Greater Open	\$0		\$2,732,480 \$1,092,992	25% 10%	\$2,732,480 \$1,092,992	25% 10%
Edmonton (R-1 High)	Open			\$1,092,992	10%	\$1,092,992	10%
Winnipeg (R-1 Mid)	Open			\$1,092,992	10%	\$1,092,992	10%
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	BA's Schedule A Canadain Banks R-1						
Financial Institutions & their Guarantees	Mid	\$1,857,556	17%	\$2,732,480	25%	\$874,924	8%
Bank of Montreal (R-1 Mid)	Open	\$0	0%	\$1,092,992	10%	\$1,092,992	10%
Bank of Nova Scotia (R-1 Mid)	Open	\$644,792	6%	\$1,092,992	10%	\$448,200	4%
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (R-1 Mid)	Open	\$358,978	3%	\$1,092,992	10%	\$734,014	7%
Laurentian Bank (R-1 Low)	Closed			\$1,092,992	10%	\$1,092,992	
National Bank of Canada (R-1 Low)	Closed			\$1,092,992	10%	\$1,092,992	
Royal Bank (R-1 Mid)	Open	\$0 }	8%	\$1,092,992	10%	\$239,207	2%
Royal Bank 1 Day BA	•	\$853,785 }					
Toronto Dominion (R-1 Mid)	Open	\$0	0%	\$1,092,992	10%	\$1,092,992	10%
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Corporations & their Guarantees	Closed						
FIXED (Bonds, etc. over one year)	Closed						
Total Investments		\$10,929,921	100%				
Interest Bearing Bank Accounts - O/S Cheque C	overage	\$15,232,405					
Total Cash and Investments		\$26,162,326					
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Capital Fund Sector Weights @ March 31, 2005

	Catagory Status	Cumulative Amount Invested @ Book Value	<u>%</u>	Guideline Limit	%	<u>Limit</u> Available	%
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	¢Ω	00/				
Farm Credit Corp	Open	\$0	0%				
Provincial Governments & their Guarantees	R-1 Mid or Greater	\$0	0%	\$0	100%	\$0	0%
Total Alberta (R-1 High)	Open	\$0	0%	\$0	25%	\$0	0%
Alberta (R-1 High)	Open	\$0		• "			
Alberta Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 High)	•						
Alberta Treasury Branches (R-1 High)	Open	\$0					
British Columbia (R-1 Mid)	Open			\$0	25%	\$0	0%
Manitoba (R-1 Low)	Closed			\$0	25%	\$0	
New Brunswick (R-1 Low)	Closed			\$0	25%	\$0	
New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 Low				\$0	25%	\$0	
Nova Scotia (R-1 Low)	Closed			\$0 \$0	25%	\$0 *0	
Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 Low)	Closed	\$0	0%	\$0 \$0	25% 25%	\$0 \$0	0%
Ontario (R-1 Mid) Prince Edward Island (R-1 Low)	Open Closed	ΦΟ	U 70	\$0 \$0	25%	\$0 \$0	U /0
Quebec (R-1 Low)	Closed			\$0 \$0	25%	\$0 \$0	
Saskatchewan (R-1 Low)	Closed			\$0 \$0	25%	\$0	
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Municipal Governments & their Guarantees*	R-1 Mid or Greater	\$0		\$0	25%	\$0	0%
Calgary (R-1 Mid)	Open	45		\$0	10%	\$0	0%
Edmonton (R-1 High)	Open			\$0	10%	\$0	0%
Winnipeg (R-1 Mid)	Open			\$0	10%	\$0	0%
	BA's Schedule A						
	Canadain Banks R-1						
Financial Institutions & their Guarantees	Mid	\$0	0%	\$0	25%	\$0	0%
Bank of Montreal (R-1 Mid)	Open	\$0	0%	\$0	10%	\$0	0%
Bank of Nova Scotia (R-1 Mid)	Open	\$0	0%	\$0	10%	\$0	0%
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (R-1 Mid)	•	\$0	0%	\$0	10%	\$0	0%
Laurentian Bank (R-1 Low)	Closed			\$0	10%	\$0	
National Bank of Canada (R-1 Low)	Closed			\$0	10%	\$0	
Royal Bank (R-1 Mid)	Open	\$0 }	0%	\$0	10%	\$0	0%
Royal Bank 1 Day BA	_	\$0 }				••	00/
Toronto Dominion (R-1 Mid)	Open	\$0	0%	\$0	10%	\$0	0%
Corporations & their Guarantees	Closed						
FIXED (Bonds, etc. over one year)	Closed						
Total Investments		\$0	0%				

Reserve Funds Sector Weights @ March 31, 2005

	Catagory Status	Cumulative Amount Invested @ Book Value	%	Guideline Limit	%	Limit Available	<u>%</u>
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	\$114,688,206 \$106,688,283 \$3,511,603 \$0 \$0	44% 41% 1% 0% 0%	\$261,490,892	100%	\$146,802,685	56%
Farm Credit Corp	Open	\$4,488,320	2%			•	
Provincial Governments & their Guarantees Total Alberta (R-1 High) Alberta (R-1 High) Alberta Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 High)		\$1,800,677 \$0	1% 0%		100% 25%	\$259,690,215 \$65,372,723	99% 25%
Alberta Treasury Branches (R-1 High) British Columbia (R-1 Mid) Manitoba (R-1 Low) New Brunswick (R-1 Low) New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 Low) Nova Scotia (R-1 Low)	Closed	\$0		\$65,372,723 \$65,372,723 \$65,372,723 \$65,372,723 \$65,372,723	25% 25% 25% 25% 25%	\$65,372,723 \$65,372,723 \$65,372,723 \$65,372,723 \$65,372,723	25%
Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 Low) Ontario (R-1 Mid) Prince Edward Island (R-1 Low) Quebec (R-1 Low) Saskatchewan (R-1 Low)	Closed Open Closed Closed Closed	\$1,800,677	1%	\$65,372,723 \$65,372,723 \$65,372,723 \$65,372,723 \$65,372,723	25% 25% 25% 25% 25% 25%	\$65,372,723 \$63,572,046 \$65,372,723 \$65,372,723 \$65,372,723	24%
Municipal Governments & their Guarantees* Calgary (R-1 Mid) Edmonton (R-1 High) Winnipeg (R-1 Mid)	R-1 Mid or Greater Open Open Open	\$0		\$65,372,723 \$26,149,089 \$26,149,089 \$26,149,089	25% 10% 10% 10%	\$65,372,723 \$26,149,089 \$26,149,089 \$26,149,089	25% 10% 10% 10%
	BA's Schedule A Canadain Banks R-1						
Financial Institutions & their Guarantees Bank of Montreal (R-1 Mid) Bank of Nova Scotia (R-1 Mid) Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (R-1 Mid) Laurentian Bank (R-1 Low) National Bank of Canada (R-1 Low) Royal Bank (R-1 Mid)	Mid Open Open	\$23,451,969 \$0 \$8,140,614 \$4,532,165	9% 0% 3% 2% 4%	\$26,149,089 \$26,149,089 \$26,149,089 \$26,149,089 \$26,149,089	25% 10% 10% 10% 10% 10%	\$26,149,089 \$18,008,475 \$21,616,924 \$26,149,089 \$26,149,089	16% 10% 7% 8%
Royal Bank 1 Day BA Toronto Dominion (R-1 Mid)	Open	\$10,779,190 } \$0	0%	\$26,149,089	10%	\$26,149,089	10%
Corporations & their Guarantees	Closed						
TOTAL CASH & EQUIVALENTS		\$139,940,853	54%	=			
FIXED (Bonds, etc. over one year)	Open (Special)						
Federal Government (AAA) Province of Nova Scotia (A-Low)		\$14,550,039 \$107,000,000	41%	•			
Total Investments		\$261,490,892	100%	=			

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Sector Weights
March 31, 2005

	Catagory Status	Cumulative Amount Invested @ Book Value	<u>%</u>	Guideline Limit	<u>%</u>	Limit Available	%
CASH & EQUIVALENTS							
Federal Government & its Guarantees Federal Government Business Development Bank Canada Mortgage & Housing Corp. Canadian Wheat Board Export Development Canada Farm Credit Corp	Open Open Open Open Open Open Open Open	\$2,266,303 \$2,105,488 \$70,591 \$0 \$0 \$90,225	80% 74% 2% 0% 0% 3%	\$2,834,520	100%	\$568,217	20%
Provincial Governments & their Guarantees Total Alberta (R-1 High) Alberta (R-1 High) Alberta Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 High)		\$36,197 \$0	1% 0%	\$2,834,520 \$708,630	100% 25%	\$2,798,323 \$708,630	99% 25%
Alberta Treasury Branches (R-1 High) British Columbia (R-1 Mid) Manitoba (R-1 Low) New Brunswick (R-1 Low) New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 Low) Nova Scotia (R-1 Low) Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 Low)	Open Open Closed Closed Closed Closed Closed Closed	\$0		\$708,630 \$708,630 \$708,630 \$708,630 \$708,630 \$708,630	25% 25% 25% 25% 25% 25%	\$708,630 \$708,630 \$708,630 \$708,630 \$708,630 \$708,630	25%
Ontario (R-1 Mid) Prince Edward Island (R-1 Low) Quebec (R-1 Low) Saskatchewan (R-1 Low)	Open Closed Closed Closed	\$36,197	1%	\$708,630 \$708,630 \$708,630 \$708,630	25% 25% 25% 25%	\$672,433 \$708,630 \$708,630 \$708,630	24%
Municipal Governments & their Guarantees* Calgary (R-1 Mid) Edmonton (R-1 High) Winnipeg (R-1 Mid)	R-1 Mid or Greater Open Open Open	\$0	0%	\$708,630 \$283,452 \$283,452 \$283,452	25% 10% 10% 10%	\$708,630 \$283,452 \$283,452 \$283,452	25% 0% 0% 0%
Financial Institutions & their Guarantees	BA's Schedule A Canadain Banks R-1 Mid	\$471,434	17%	\$708,630	25%	\$237,196	8%
Bank of Montreal (R-1 Mid) Bank of Nova Scotia (R-1 Mid) Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (R-1 Mid) Laurentian Bank (R-1 Low) National Bank of Canada (R-1 Low)	Open Open Open Closed Closed	\$0 \$163,644 \$91,106	0% 6% 3%	\$283,452 \$283,452 \$283,452 \$283,452 \$283,452	10% 10% 10% 10% 10%	\$283,452 \$119,808 \$192,346 \$283,452 \$283,452	10% 4% 7%
Royal Bank (R-1 Mid) Royal Bank 1 Day BA Toronto Dominion (R-1 Mid)	Open Open	\$0 } \$216,685 } \$0	8% 0%	\$283,452 \$283,452	10% 10%	\$66,767 \$283,452	2% 10%
Corporations & their Guarantees	Closed						
TOTAL CASH & EQUIVALENTS		\$2,773,935	98%				
FIXED (Bonds, etc. over one year)							
Federal Government & its Guarantees							
Federal Government		\$54,175	2%				
TOTAL FIXED							
EQUITIES							
Bank of Montreal		\$6,410	0%				
TOTAL EQUITIES							
Total Investments		\$2,834,520	100%	:			