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# Item No. 3 Halifax Regional Council November 13, 2012

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Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY:

Councillor Russell Walker, Chair, Audit and Finance Standing Committee

DATE:

October 22, 2012

**SUBJECT:** 

Reports from Investment Policy Advisory Committee

#### **INFORMATION REPORT**

#### **ORIGIN**

Reports from the Investment Policy Advisory Committee were received by the Audit and Finance Standing Committee at their October 17, 2012 meeting.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The investment policy calls for quarterly reporting by the Treasurer to Council and the Investment Policy Advisory Committee. Additional reports regarding the Investment Policy from the Director of finance are also included. The three attached reports:

- Staff report on Investment Activities for the Quarter ending June 30, 2012; report dated October 3, 2012.
- Report on Staff's Compliance with the Investment Policy; report dated September 27, 2012.
- Annual review of the Investment Policy; report dated October 3, 2012.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The October 3, 2012, Staff report on Investment Activities for the Quarter ending June 30, 2012; the September 27, 2012, Report on Staff's Compliance with the Investment Policy; and the October 3, 2012, Annual review of the Investment Policy were reviewed and approved by the Audit and Finance Standing Committee on October 17, 2012. A motion was passed on October 17, 2012 for the Audit and Finance Standing Committee to forward the reports, as presented, to Regional Council as an Information Item.

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

None associated with this report.

#### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

N/A as this report is for information purposes only.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Staff report on Investment Activities for the Quarter ending June 30, 2012; report dated October 3, 2012.
- 2. Report on Staff's Compliance with the Investment Policy; report dated September 27, 2012.
- 3. Annual review of the Investment Policy; report dated October 3, 2012.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/cc.html then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

Report Prepared by:

Matt Godwin, Legislative Assistant, 490-6521.



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#### Audit and Finance Standing Committee October 17, 2012

TO:

Councillor Russell Walker, Chair, and Members of the Audit and Finance Standing Committee

#### Original signed

**SUBMITTED BY:** 

Greg Keefe, Director of Finance and ICT / CFO

DATE:

October 3, 2012

**SUBJECT:** 

Investment Activities - Quarter Ending June 30, 2012

#### RECOMMENDATION REPORT

#### **ORIGIN**

Quarterly report of investment performance and adherence to approved Investment Policy.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Audit and Finance Standing Committee forward this report to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Investment Policy calls for quarterly reporting by the Treasurer to Council and the Investment Policy Advisory Committee (the Committee). The report for the Quarter ending June 30, 2012 has been reviewed by the Committee. A report from the Committee on staff's compliance with the HRM Investment Policy has also been sent to the Audit and Finance Committee for the October 17 meeting.

#### **DISCUSSION**

#### **HRM Investment Activities**

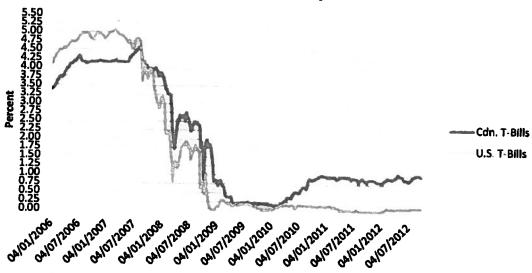
HRM Money Market investment performance is summarized below in comparison with the Mercer Investment Consulting Survey of Canadian Institutional Pooled Funds for periods ending June 30, 2012:

Money Market Funds	3 Months (to June 30, 2012)	6 Months (to June 30, 2012)	1 Year (to June 30, 2012)
5th Percentile	0.37%	0.72%	1.44%
1 <sup>st</sup> Quartile	0.30%	0.59%	1.19%
Mercer Median	0.29%	0.58%	1.17%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quartile	0.27%	0.52%	1.04%
95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	0.24%	0.46%	0.95%
Dec 91 Day T-Bills	0.27%	0.49%	0.96%
HRM	0.29%	0.56%	1.14%

HRM relative performance was at median for the reporting Quarter while somewhat below median for the 6 month and 1 year time frames on a before fee basis. After allowing for fees that would have been paid to an external management firm HRM performance would have exceeded median in all reported timeframes. The very high quality of the HRM investment portfolio was maintained.

On a historical basis interest rates in Canada have been persistently low resulting in disappointing rates of return and investment income. However by comparison, as evidenced by the graph below, the recovery in Canadian rates has been stellar when compared to the U.S. The differences are even more striking when the various additional U.S. non-conventional monetary policy stimulus measures discussed briefly later in this report are taken into consideration.

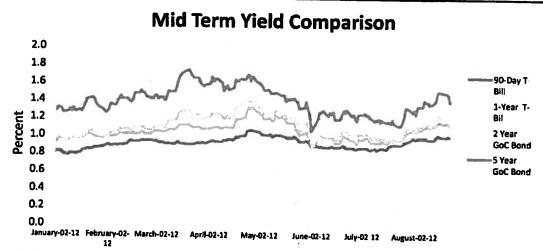
## 3 Month T-Bill Comparison



The Quarter saw 85 money market investments made at a cost of \$338,075,536 with an average term to maturity of 141 days. This compares to last year's 1st Quarter of 86 investments made at a cost of \$370,594,000 with an average term of 83 days. The longer term to maturity this year was as a result of staff locking in relatively attractive rates early in the Quarter with Government instruments near the one year term as the market speculated that rates may be rising in Canada earlier than was previously anticipated. Other funds were placed to cover shorter term cash requirements. The bank account continued to provide an attractive rate of interest relative to other short term Financial Institution instruments and was used extensively.

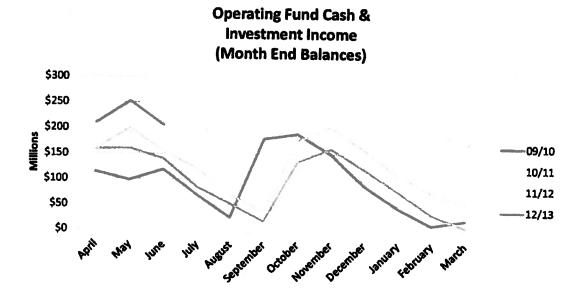
#### **HRM Short Term Bond Pool**

The Short Term Bond Pool holds bonds to a maximum term to maturity of approximately five years. The \$5,000,000 of bonds currently held have yields ranging from 2.21% to 3.07%. These bonds are guaranteed by either the Government of Canada or highly rated Provinces. There were no additions to the Bond Pool during the Quarter. Staff continues to look for opportunities to add to the Bond Pool with the ever changing outlook for future interest rates over a potential five year holding period a key consideration.



#### **Cash Flows**

Operating Fund cash flows continue to show strength versus previous years. Contributing factors are less bridge financing for the Capital Fund, an Operating surplus in the previous fiscal year and payment of Federal disaster assistance for Hurricane Juan and White Juan.



The Sector Weight guidelines for the HRM banker were exceeded for a two day period during the Quarter. These instances were reviewed in detail with the Investment Committee and they agreed with staff's assessment that this temporary variance did not constitute a significant increase in risk to the portfolio.

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The average level for the bank account for the Quarter was 93% of the maximum allowable under the Investment Policy.

#### Subsequent to End of Reporting Quarter

HRM entered into an agreement with Scotiabank to open a 'Notice Account'. This is a new product from Scotiabank that takes into consideration the new Basil III capital rules and offers a higher interest rate on balances held in this account in return for HRM agreeing to provide 30 days notice prior to withdrawing these funds. This account is part of the exposure to Scotiabank under the Sector Weight provisions of the Investment Policy and therefore reduces the amount of funds that can be held in the HRM operating bank accounts with Scotiabank. As a result of these reduced balances greater care will be required in managing HRM's liquidity position. It may also test the reliability of the cash flow forecast. Should staff be too aggressive in the amount put in the Notice Account and the total portfolio shrinks abruptly the entire allocation to Scotiabank could be used by the amount of funds on hold for 30 days. Although not anticipated, should this situation occur staff would likely sell investments to meet liquidity requirements rather than incur interest charges. This assumes that investments that meet our sale criteria are available which in the current interest rate environment would certainly be the case.

The Parti Quebecois unseated the Liberal Party in the September 4 Quebec provincial election but with a minority government and a relatively low share of the vote. At least in the short term there does not appear to be any risk of a renewed referendum that might rile financial markets. Staff were advised that after the election Quebec provincial bond spreads compared to Ontario actually contracted as markets showed relief over the minority status. Earlier in the summer staff added to the length of the term of Quebec exposure with a Floating Rate Note maturing December 2013. At this point staff certainly have no concerns with regards to investing in Quebec as even in the unlikely future event of separation a sovereign Quebec would require access to capital markets so any risk of default would be extremely low. However yields could be dramatically altered. Staff will continue to monitor the situation.

The European Central Bank announced its much anticipated bond buying program on September 6. It had immediate positive impacts on the yields of the needy countries and on most equity markets. On September 12 a German court ruled favourably on the constitutionality of the European Stability Mechanism. Should this ruling had gone the other way much of the repair work to the European financial structure may have been undone.

In a case of 'bad is good' weaker than expected job numbers in the U.S. announced September 7 failed to reverse the equity rally, at least in the short term, as it was seen as raising the odds of another round of Quantitative Easing (QE3) by the U.S. Federal Reserve sooner rather than later. Reported on the same day, Canada saw better than expected headline job growth but the details were weak with most of the jobs being part-time. Earlier in the week the Bank of Canada announced rates on hold again and maintained a very weak tightening bias with the statement that "some modest withdrawal of the present considerable monetary policy stimulus may become appropriate, consistent with achieving the 2% inflation target over the medium term".

The U.S Federal Reserve delivered on QE3 in a big way September 13 committing to buy \$40 billion of agency mortgage-backed securities a month indefinitely. It continued 'Operation Twist' to at least the end of the year and provided guidance that the federal funds rate was likely to remain between 0 and .25% until the middle of 2015. Maturing holdings of mortgage-backed securities will continue to be reinvested in other mortgage-backed securities. It also committed to do more if all these efforts don't succeed in bringing down the unemployment rate. With the U.S. Federal Reserve almost exclusively targeting the

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mortgage market, yields on U.S. Treasuries and Canadian bonds rose somewhat in the immediate aftermath of the announcement. Equity markets also responded positively. It remains to be seen if this is another 'sugar rush' from quantitative easing that will fade or whether these actions will be the catalyst to finally heal the housing and job markets.

Predictably the U.S. Federal Reserve actions put upward pressure on the Canadian dollar. This may lead the Bank of Canada to counter with a removal of any hint of a tightening bias at its next rate setting meeting on October 23. Should this come to pass the timing will be particularly unfortunate with the property tax due of October 31.

#### Outlook & Strategy

Despite the aggressive actions by Central Bank in the U.S, and Europe many challenges remain. These include the 'fiscal cliff' and other budget issues in the U.S., the politics of Europe and hard or soft landings of emerging markets such as China. The opposing paths of debt inspired deflation or debt inspired inflation both remain open. While it can be argued that recent actions favour an inflationary outcome, the counter argument that these unprecedented measures would not have been taken without a fear of deflation and that past unprecedented actions have been ineffective are also credible. With this heightened degree of uncertainty staff will continue the strategy to lock in yield through longer term Government instruments when these yields are relatively attractive and focus on covering shorter term cash needs when they are not.

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Based on somewhat better than anticipated interest rates and strong Operating Fund cash flows staff are projecting that actual Operating Fund Investment Income for the fiscal year will be 1,900,000 exceeding the budget of  $1,\overline{1}00,000$  by \$800,000.

### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Investment activities are reported quarterly to the Investment Policy Advisory Committee. The majority of members of this Committee (4 of 6) are volunteers from the general public. The Committee reports to Audit and Finance Committee of Council quarterly on staff's compliance with the Investment Policy. In addition, the Committee conducts an annual review of the Investment Policy and makes recommendations for any changes considered appropriate.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

N/A

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Sector Weight Schedules at June 30, 2012 (Schedules A,B,C,D & E)

Appendix A - Economic Statistics and Central Bank Actions

Appendix B - List of Eligible Investments

Appendix C - DBRS Rating Scale

See Consolidated Appendices at back of report

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Report Prepared by:

Derek Tynski, BA, CMA, Deputy Treasurer, 490-6471



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#### Audit and Finance Standing Committee October 17, 2012

TO:

Councillor Russell Walker, Chair, and Members of the Audit and Finance

Standing Committee \_\_\_\_\_\_

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**SUBMITTED BY:** 

Councillor Tim Outhit, Co-Chair, Investment Policy Advisory Committee

Original Signed

Derek Tynski, Co-Chair, Investment Policy Advisory Committee

DATE:

September 27, 2012

SUBJECT:

Investment Policy Advisory Committee Report - Quarter Ending June 30,

2012

#### RECOMMENDATION 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.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Audit and Finance Standing Committee forward this report to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.

#### **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, 2007, 2008, 2010 and early 2012

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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 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 three objectives and three strategies of the Policy, stated in order of priority of importance, are as follows:

#### Objective:

- 1. Preservation of Capital
- 2. Liquidity
- 3. Competitive Return on Investments

#### Strategies:

- 4. Diversification of Investment Portfolio
- 5. Regular Review of Performance
- 6. Risk Management Approach

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, 2012 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 of a two day period where the HRM bank account temporarily exceeded the Policy limits. The Committee reviewed these instances and concurred with staff that they did not constitute a material increase in risk to the portfolio.

October 17, 2012

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

#### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

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See Consolidated Appendices at back of report

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Sector Weight Schedules @ June 30, 2012 (Schedules A,B,C,D & E)

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#### Audit and Finance Standing Committee October 17, 2012

TO:

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Standing Committee

#### Original signed

**SUBMITTED BY:** 

Greg Keefe, Director of Finance and ICT / CFO

DATE:

October 3, 2012

**SUBJECT:** 

Annual Review of the Investment Policy

#### RECOMMENDATION REPORT

#### **ORIGIN**

The Halifax Regional Municipality Investment Policy requires that Policy be reviewed annually by the Investment Policy Advisory Committee

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Audit and Finance Standing Committee forward this report to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.

#### **BACKGROUND**

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#### **DISCUSSION**

The Committee discussed a number of suggestions by staff for potential changes to the Investment Policy at its meeting of September 27 2012. For the most part the changes involved incremental adjustments to the Sector Weight Schedules of the Policy that would increase exposure to Non-Government Investments both in magnitude and length of term. While over time it was anticipated that a modest increase in investment income should result from these changes it was also recognized that they would also represent an incremental increase in risk over the current exposure in the Policy. After a full discussion the consensus of the Committee was that due to the current precarious situation in financial markets and the economic outlook as evidenced by recent announcements by central bankers in the United States and Europe of more exceptional measures to support their markets and economies, it was not an appropriate at this time to add any incremental risk. However the Committee agreed to review the suggested measures in the future.

In a related discussion the Committee considered a number of ideas to increase the rate of return on Trust Fund assets. While the vast majority of HRM investments are short term as the maximum holding period is the time funds are collected versus when they are expended, Trust Fund assets are often perpetual in nature with only the income earned being spent. This creates the opportunity to consider longer term investment vehicles. The Committee discussed the potential use of various Exchange Traded Funds and Preferred Shares the use of which would require changes to the Investment Policy. While these investment vehicles have the potential to increase investment income to the Trust Funds they are also subject to much greater market volatility. Should the market value of these instruments suffer a prolonged decline Public Sector Accounting Standards may require that their value be written down on the Financial Statements of the Trust Funds. Again because of the current precarious state of markets and economies the Committee decided that it was not appropriate to further consider changing the Policy to accommodate exposure to these instruments at this time. Other options to enhance the income of the Trust Funds such as Real Return Bonds and longer term Government bonds are available under the current provisions of the Investment Policy. However the consensus was that these investments are not particularly attractive on a risk reward basis in the current market environment.

Staff want to thank the volunteer members of the Committee for their time and the diligence they show in reviewing the Investment Policy and the investment activities of staff. They are instrumental in the good governance of the HRM investment program.

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

#### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

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#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Report Prepared by:	Derek Tynski, Co-Chair, Investment Policy Advisory Committee, 490-6471

## **Consolidated Appendices**

#### Sector Weights @ June 30, 2012

SCHEDULE A

		Cumulative					
	Category Status	Amount Invested @ Book Value	*	Guideline Limit	%	Limit Avadable	%
CASH & EQUIVALENTS							
Federal Government & Its Quarantees	Open	14,841,540	4%	382,391,760	1004	343,570,334	95%
Federal Government	Open	14 841 540	4%			240,010,000	
Butmess Development Bank Canada Mortgage & Housing Corp	Open	0	0%				
Canadian Wheel Board	Open Open	0	0% 0%				
Export Development Canada Farm Credit Corp	Open Open		0%				
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Provincial Governments & their Guarantees Total Alberta (R-1 High)	R-1 Mid or Greater Open	209,932,117 0	58%	362,391,760		152,459,643	42%
Alberta (R-1 High)	Open	Ö	2%	90 597 940	26%	81 554 754	23%
Alberta Capital Finance Authority (R-1 High)	Open	Ō					
Alberta Treesury Branches (R. 1 High) British Columbia (R-1 High)	Open	0					
Manatobe (R-1 Mid)	Open Open	51 201 562 12 739 148	14%	90,597 940 90,597 940	25% 25%	39,398 378 77,858,792	11% 21%
New Brunswick (R-1 Mid)	Open		0%	90 597 940	25%	90,597,940	25%
Onlano (R-1 Mid) Cuebec (R-1 Mid)	Open	62 901,891	23%	90 597 940	25%	7 696,049	2%
Quabec	Open	63,089 516 11 471 618	17%	90 597 940	25%	27,508,424	8%
Financement Quebec		39.700,250					
Hydro Quebec	_	11 917,850					
Seskatchowan (R-1 High)	Open		0%	90 597 940	25%	90,597,940	25%
Municipal Governments & their Guarantees*	R-1 Mid or Greater	0		\$0,597,940	25%	80,597,940	25%
Calgary (R-1 High)	Open			38,239 176	10%	36,239,176	10%
Edmonton (R-1 High)	Open			36 239 176	10%	36,239,176	10%
Financial institutions & their Guarantees /Corporal	tions	124,588,621	34%	181,195,880	60%	86,607,259	16%
•	BA's Schedule A	101,000,001		1011104-00		40,557,1255	
Stand Consolid to the day of the Consolidation	Canadian Banks R-1						
Tier 1 - Financial Institutions & their Guarantees Bank of Montreal (R-1 High)	Mid Open	92,585,681 28 202 139	26% 6%	181,195,880 36,239 175	10%	88,609,319 8,037,037	24% 2%
Bank of Nava Scotia (R-1 High)	Open	0	7%	36 239 178	10%	10,604,313	3%
Bank of Nova Scotia Effective Cash		25.634,683					
Canadan Imperiat Bank of Commerce (R-1 High) Royal Bank (R-1 High)	Open Open	31 569,668 2 496,575 )	9% 2%	38,239,178	10%	4,649,489	1% 8%
Royal Bank - Effective Cash	Орен	4,663,298 )	279	38.239 178	1076	29,079,305	O.
Toronto Dominion (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	36,239,176	10%	36,239,178	10%
Tier 2 - Financial Institutions & Corporations	R-1 Mid/High***	32,002,060	9%	90,697,940	25%	58,595,880	16%
National Bank of Canada (R-1 Mid)	Open	19.039 320	5%	18 119,688	20% 5%	-919,732	0%
OMERS Restly Corporation (R-1 High)	Open	9.971 200	3%	18,119,588	5%	8,148,386	2%
CDP Financial Inc (R-1 High) Ontario infrastructure Projects Corporation (R-1 High)	Open Open	0	0% 0%	16,119,568 18 119,568	5% 5%	18,119,588	5%
Designations Total	Open	2,991 540	1%	18 119 588	5%	18,119,588 15,128,048	5% 4%
Desjardins Group (R-1 High)	Open	0	•••			,0,0	•••
Calase Centale Desjerdins (R-1 High)	Open	2,991,540					
Total Cash and Equivalents		349,342,278	98%				
		510,500,000					
FIXED (Bonds, etc. over one year)							
Federal Government Money Market		3,979,888	1%	72,478,362	20%	68,498,486	19%
Bond Pool		3,979,686					
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Provincial Government & their Guarentees  Money Market		9,043,188 8,007,595	2% 2%	72,478,362 72,478,362	20%	63,435,166 63,435,166	18% 18%
Alberta		8,007,595	2%	38,238,176	10%	27 195,990	8%
Alberta		1,968,110					
Alberta Capital Finance Authority Alberta Tressury Branches		6,019,485					
British Columbia		0	0%	36,239,176	10%	36,239,176	10%
Mantobe		Ŏ	0%	36,239,178	10%	38,239,176	10%
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Financement Quebec Saskatawan		0			1086		
Deskerowen			0%	38,239,178	10%	38,239,178	10%
Band Pool		1,035,591	2%	72,478,352	20%	63,436,166	16%
Albura		1,035,591	2%	36,239,178	10%	27,195,990	6%
Alberta Alberta Capital Finance Authority		1,035,691					
Alberia Treasury Branches		1,035,091					
British Columbia		0	0%	38,239,176	10%	36,239,178	10%
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Quebec		ŏ	0%	36,239,176	10%	36,239,178	10%
Quebec Financament Quebec							
Saskatewan		0	0%	36,239,176	10%	38,239,178	10%
Total Fixed		13,023,072	4%	72,478,362	20%	59,485,280	16%
Equates Bank of Montreal		A 44A					
Total Equities		8,410 8,410					
30.00 a 2000 c							
Total Investments		362,391,760					
Interest Bearing Bank Accounts - O/S Cheque Covere	<b>)</b> •	12,875,876	•				
Total Investments and O/S Cheques Coverage		1/05517436					

### Operating Funds Sector Weights Sector Which to the June 30, 2012

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		Cumulative					
	2.010 200	Amount Invested					
	Category Status	Book Value	%	Guideline Umit	*	Limit Avaltable	%
CARH & EQUIVALENTS							
Federal Government & Its Guarantees	0						
Federal Government	Open Open	9,122,284 9,122,288	4%	219,685,072	100%	210,532,816	96%
Business Development Bank Canade Mortgage & Housing Corp	Open	0	0%				
Canadian Wheat Board	Open Open	0	0% 0%				
Export Development Canada	Open	•					
Farm Credit Corp	Open	0	0%				
Provincial Governments & their Guarantees	R-1 Mid or Greater	129,033,413	50%	219,655,072	100%	80,821,659	41%
Total Alberta (R-1 High) Alberta (R-1 High)	Open Open	0	0%	54 913,788	25%	81 213 931	23%
Alberta Cepital Finance Authority (R-1 High)	Open	0					
Alberta Tressury Branches (R-1 High) British Columbia (R-1 High)	Open	Ō					
Manitoba (R-1 Mid)	Open Open	31,470,708 7,830,035	14% 4%	54 913,768 54,913,768	25%	23,443,080	11%
New Brunswick (R-1 Mile)	Open	,,,	0%	54,913,768	25%	47,083,733 64,913,788	21% 25%
New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 Mid) Ontario (R-1 Mid)	Open Open	50.050.444		54,913,768	25%	54,913,768	25%
Quebec (R-1 Mid)	Open	50,955,109 38,777,581	25% 18%	84,913,768 64,913,768	25% 25%	3,958,859	2% 7%
Baskstchewen (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	64,913,768	25%	54,913 768	25%
	WV						
Municipal Governments & their Guarantees* Calgary (R-1 High)	R-1 Mid or Greater			84,813,768	25%	84,913,760	25%
Edmenton (R-1 High)	Open Open			21,965,507 21,965,507	10%	21,965,507 21,985,507	10% 10%
•	A. V. 2. 2. 2			41,500,507		21,000,007	IVA
Financial Institutions & their Guarentees (Corpora	tions	78,577,587	38%	109,027,836		** *** ***	
	BA's Schedule A	14411441	3076	109,120,030	50%	33,249,949	15%
Tier 1 - Financial Institutions & their Guarantees	Canadian Banks R-1						
Sank of Montreal (R-1 High)	Mid Open	\$6,907,729 17,334,262	26% 8%	109,827,836 21,965,507	10%	62,819,807	24%
Bank of Nevs Scotis (R-1 High)	Open	0	7%	21,965,507	10%	4,631,248 6,209,205	2% 3%
Bank of Nova Scotia Effective Cash Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (R-1 High)	Open	15,768,302	•••				
Royal Bank (R-1 High)	Open	19 416,397 1 534,504 )	9% 2%	21,965,507 21,965,507	10%	2,549,111 17,584,739	1% 6%
Royal Bank - Effective Cash	•	2,866,265 )				• •	
Terente Deminian (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	21,965,507	10%	21,965,507	10%
Tier 2 - Financial institutions & Corporations	R-1 MidNigh***	19,669,950	9%	54,913,788	25%	35,243,910	16%
National Bank of Canada (R-1 Med) OMERS Really Corporation (R-1 High)	Open Open	11 702,394 6 128 733	5%	10,982,764	5%	-719,841	0%
CDP Financial Inc (R-1 High)	Open	0 120 133	3% 0%	10,882,754 10,882,754	5% 5%	4,854,020 10,982,754	2% 5%
Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation (R-1 High) Desjardins Total	Open	Ō	0%	10,682,754	5%	10,982,754	5%
Desjardins Group (R-1 High)	Open	1.838.731	1%	10,882,784	5%	9,144,023	4%
Cause Cantalo Desjardina (R-1 High)	Open :	1.838 731					
- C7.44 00 00							
Total Investments		214,733,256	98%				
FIXED (Bonds, etc. over one year)							
Federal Government Money Market		0	0%	43,931,014	20%	43,931,014	20%
Bend Poel		0					
Provincial Government & their Guarantees							
Money Market		4,921,818 4,921,818	2% 2%	43,931,014 43,931,014	20% 20%	39,009,188 39,009,188	18%
Alberia		3,699,637	2%	21,965,507	10%	18,285,670	18%
Alberta Alberta Capital Finance Authority		0.000.000					
Alberta Treasury Branches		3,698,837					
British Columbia Manrioba		o o	0%	21,965,507	10%	21,965,507	10%
New Bruswick		D 0	0% 0%	21,965,507 21,965,507	10%	21,965,507 21,965,507	10%
Ontano		ŏ	0%	21,985,507	10%	21,985,507	10%
Quebec Quebec		0	0%	21,965,507	10%	21,985,507	10%
Financement Quebec		ŏ					
Backstewen		ō	0%	21,965,507	10%	21,985,507	10%
Bond Peel		0	2%	43,931,014	20%	39,009,193	18%
Alberta		Ō	2%	21,965,507	10%	18,265,670	8%
Alberta Alberta Capital Finance Authority		0					
Alberta Treasury Branches		- 0					
British Columbia Manripha		0	0%		10%	21,965,507	10%
New Bruswick		0	0% 0%		10%	21,985,507	10%
Onteno		Ď	0%	21,965,507 21,985,507	10%	21,965,567 21,965,507	10%
Quebec Quebec		0	0%		10%	21,985,507	10%
Financement Quebes		0					
Serketenen		ŏ	0%	21,968,507	10%	21,985,507	10%
Total Fixed		4,821,816	2%	43,831,014	20%	39 009 198	
Total investments				46.61 5.010	4479	10 OOK 180	18%
		219,653,072					
Interest Bearing Bank Accounts - Q/S Cheque Coveras	•	12,675 875					
Total investments and O/S Chaques Coverage		BEALDALY					

#### Capital Funds Sector Weights Sector Weights @ June 30, 2012

Sector Weights @ June 30, 2012								
		Cumulative						
		Amount invested						
	Category Status	@ Book Value	*	Gudelne Limi	*	Fault VASTEDA	*	•
CASH & EQUIVALENTS							_	
Federal Government & its Guarantees	Open	9	0% 0%	•	100%		2	76
Federal Government Business Development Bank	Open Open	0	2%					
Canada Morgage & Housing Corp.	Open	Ò	0%					
Canadian Wheat Board	Open	9	0%					
Export Development Canada Farm Credit Corp	Open Open	0	9%					
) and orded optip				_		_	_	
Provincial Governments & their Guarantees	R-1 Mid or Greater	9	0% 0%	P	100% 25%	0		7% 7%
Total Alberta (R-1 High) Alberta (R-1 High)	Open Open	ŏ	***	•		·		
Alberta Capital Finance Authorby (R-1 High)	Open	ė,						
Alberta Treasury Branches (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	٥	25%	0	•	16
British Cotumbin (R-1 High) Mankoba (R-1 Mkf)	Open Open	i	0%	ŏ	25%	0		2%
New Brunswick (R-1 Mis)	Open	0	8%	0	25%	0		0% 0%
New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 Mid)	Open	٥	0%	0	25% 25%	ő		0%
Ontario (R-1 Msl) Quebec (R-1 Mid)	Open Open	ŏ	0%	0	25%	0		9%
Szaketchewen (R-1 High)	Open		0%	۰	25%	0	•	0%
Manicipal Governments & their Guarantees*	R-1 Mid or Greater Open	•		0	26% 10%	8		0% D%
Calgary (R-1 High) Edmonton (R-1 High)	Open			ŏ	10%	Ò	(	0%
				۰	20%			0%
Financial instantions & their Guarantees /Corpora	tions BA's Schedule A	•	0%	•	50%	•		<b></b>
	Consdian Banks R-1							
Tier 1 - Financial institutions & their Guarantees	Mid	•	0%		80%			0%
Bank of Montreal (R-1 High)	Open	0	0% 0%	9	10%	0		0% 0%
Benk of Nove Scotis (R-1 High) Bank of Nove Scotis Effective Cash	Open	ŏ	•	•		•		
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (R-1 High)	Open	0	0%	0	10%	0		0%
Royal Bank (R-1 High)	Open	0)		0	10%	. 0		0%
Raysi Bank - Effective Cash Toronto Dominion (R-1 High)	Open	,	0%	0	10%	•		0%
Tier 2 - Financial Institutions & Corporations	A-1 MidAligh***		0%		25%			0%
National Bank of Canada (R-1 Md)	Open	0	0%	0	5%			0% 0%
OMERS Restly Corporation (R-1 High)	Open		0% 0%	0	5% 5%			0%
COP Financial Inc (R-1 High) Ontario infrastructure Projects Corporation (R-1 High)	Open ) Open	š	0%	ō	5%		ŀ	0%
Desjardina Total		0	0%	•	5%	. 0		0%
Desjardes Group (R-1 High) Cause Centals Desjardes (R-1 High)	Open Open	0						
Total Investments			X					
FIXED (Bonds, etc. over one year)								
Federal Government		0	0%	8	20%	. •	•	0%
Money Merket		0						
Bond Pool		•						
Provincial Government & their Guarantees		0	0%	0				0% 0%
Money Market		0	0% 0%	0				0%
Alberia Alberia		•	-	•				•••
Alberta Capital Finance Authority		0						
Alberta Treasury Branches		0	0%		109		)	0%
British Columbia Mendoba		ŏ	0%	č		. (	,	0%
New Bruswick		0	0%	9				0%
Ordano		0	0%	0				0% 0%
Quebec		ĭ					•	•
Financement Quebes		0		_				
Besketewan		•	0%	•	109	,	•	976
Send Pool			0%					6%
Aberta		0	0%	•	109	• (	•	0%
Alberia Alberia Capital Finance Authority		0						
Aberta Treasury Branches		Ō						
British Columbia	•	ġ.	0%	9				0%
Mentobe		0	0% 0%	(			0	0% 0%
New Braswick Ontario		0	0%	Ċ	101	. (	٥	8%
Grepec		0	0%	Ċ	101	•	0	0%
Quebec		0						
Financement Quebec Baskatewah		ĭ	0%		101		0	0%
			94				•	0%
Total Fixed  Total investments				2				-
	mae		•					
Interest Bearing Senk Accounts - D/S Cheque Cove Total Investments and D/S Cheques Coverage								
: cas: who remains and this Chequet Coverer								

#### Sector Weights Sector Weights Sector Weights & June 30, 2012

1	Bector Weights @ Jun	30, 2012					
		Cumulative					
	Category Status	Amount Invested @ Book Value		Guideline Lim		1 ha h 4	
		<b>9</b>	-	COURSE CE		Limit Available	*
CASH & EQUIVALENTS							
Federal Government & its Guarantees	_						
Federal Government	Open Open	5,580,018	4%	139,376,83	1 100%	129,816,920	13%
Business Development Bank	Open	5,580,018	4%				
Canada Mortgage & Housing Corp	Open	š	0%				
Canadian Wheat Board Export Development Canada	Open	ō	0%				
Form Credit Corp	Open						
	Open	0	0%				
Provincial Governments & their Guerantees	R-1 Mid or Greater	78,928,767	67%	*** ***			
Total Alberta (R-1 High)	Open	, e'ave', e'	2%	139,376,831 34,844,200			43%
Alberta (R-1 High)	Open	i	• •	34,044,201	23%	30.797,979	22%
Alberta Capital Finance Authority (R-1 High) Alberta Treasury Branches (R-1 High)	Open	Đ					
British Columbia (R-1 High)	Open Open						
Mentiobe (R-1 Mid)	Open	19,250,395 4,789,573	14%	34,844 201		15,593,813	11%
New Brunswick (R-1 Mid)	Open	4,760,373	0%	34 844,206 34 844,208		30 054,835	22%
New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 Mid)	Open	-		34,844,204		34 844,208 34 844,208	25% 25%
Onterio (R-1 Mid) Quebec (R-1 Mid)	Open	31.168,857	25%	34,844,201		3,078,351	25%
Baskalchewen (R-1 High)	Open Open	23,719,942	17%	34,844,201		11 124 265	8%
	Open	•	0%	34,844,208	28%	34,844,208	25%
Municipal Governments & their Guarantses*							
Calgary (R-1 High)	R-1 Mid or Greater Coen	•		34,844,208		34,844,208	26%
Edmonton (R-1 High)	Open			13,937,683		13 937,683	10%
				13,637,683	10%	13 937,683	10%
Elegacial leady done a state of							
Financial institutions & their Guarantees /Corpora	tions BA's Schedule A	46,641,924	34%	89,688,418	20%	22,848,482	16%
•	Canadian Banks R-1						
Tier 1 - Financial Institutions & their Guarantees	Mid	34,810,020	25%		•		
Bank of Montreal (R-1 High)	Open	10,003,237	117	<b>89,888,416</b> 13 <b>9</b> 37,683	10%	34,878,388 3,234,448	25%
Bank of Nova Scolin (R-1 High)	Open	0	7%	13,837,683	10%	4,299,872	2% 3%
Bank of Neva Scotia Effective Cesh Cenadian Impertal Bank of Commerce (R-1 High)		9,638,011				4,000,014	
Royal Bank (R-1 High)	Open Open	11,878,884	8%	13,837,883	10%	2,060,819	1%
Royal Bank - Effective Cosh	Open	638,644 ) 1,763,272 )	2%	13,937,683	10%	11,245,788	8%
Toranto Daminian (R-1 High)	Орел	1,700,272 )	0%	13,837,683	10%	13,937,683	10%
Tier 9 . Elemental handhada a a a a a a a a		•	•	,,		12,154,003	10%
Tier 2 - Finencial Institutions & Corporations National Bank of Canada (R-1 Mid)	R-1 Mid/High***	12,031,804	1%	34,844,208	25%	22.812.304	18%
OMERS Resty Corporation (R-1 High)	Open Open	7,150,267	5%	8,968,842	5%	-189,425	0%
COP Financial Inc (R-1 High)	Conn	3,748,900	3%	6,969,842	3%	3,219,942	2%
Ontario infrastructure Projects Corporation (R-1 High)	Open	ĭ	0% 0%	6,988,842 6,960,842	5% 5%	6,088,042	5%
Desperant Total		1,134,734	1%	8,968,842	5%	6,986,842 5,844,104	5% 4%
Desjerdins Group (R-1 High) Calsee Centale Desjerdins (R-1 High)	Open	. 0		-11-1-11-1	-	0,011,101	430
and a series and series of the series	Open	1,124,736					
Total Cach and Equivalents							
		37,382,748	64%				
PIXED (Borids, etc. over one year) Federal Government							
Money Market		3,979,868	3%	139 376 831	100%	135 305 945	97
Band Pool		3.070.00					•••
		3,979,688					
Provincial Government & their Guarantees		4,044,219	3%	89,688,416	80%	88,842,187	
Money Market Alberta		3,010,638	3%	69,888,415	50%	66,842,167	47% 47%
Aberta		3,010 838	3%	13,937 683	10%	9 691 454	7%
Alberta Capital Finance Authority		747 475					
Alberta Treasury Branches		2,263,163					
British Columbia Mentoba		0	9%	13,937,883	10%	13,937 643	***
New Bruswick		Ŏ	0%	13,937,883	10%	13,937 683	10%
Ontario		•	0%	13.937,683	10%	10 937 683	10%
Quebec		0	0%	13 937,883	10%	13,937,983	10%
Quebec		9	0%	13,937,683	10%	13,937,683	10%
Financement Quebes		ő					
Gaskatowan		ŏ	0%	13 937 683	10%	13 637 683	***
Bond Post					70.00	12 937 093	10%
Aberta		1,038,691	3%		80%	68,642,187	47%
Alberta		1,035,581	3%	13,937,683	10%	0 801 484	7%
Alberta Capital Finance Authority		1 035 591					
Afteria Treasury Branches		0					
British Columbie Mentobe		ŏ	0%	13,937,683	10%	13 937,663	10%
New Bruswick		Ō	0%	12,937,683	10%	13.937.563	10%
Ontario		0	0%		10%	13 937 663	10%
Quebec		0	0%	13 937,683	10%	13.937 683	10%
Quebec		ů	0%	13,937,883	10%	13 937 683	10%
Financement Quebes		ŏ					
Sattatewen		Ó	0%	13.937.883	10%	13 937 683	10%
otal Fixed		-				-	
		8,028,118	6%	139,378,831 1	00%	131,350 716	84%
otal investments		139,376,631					

#### Trust Funds Sector Weights Sector Weights & June 30, 2012

•	aeres assidiere & SRUS :	IU, 2012					
	Category Status	Cumulative Amount invested @ Book Value	*	Gustaine Limi	*	Limit Avellable	*
CASH & EQUIVALENTS							
Federal Government & its Guarantees Federal Government	Open	139,268	4%	3,359,867	190%	3,229,544	88%
Business Development Bank	Open Open	139,268	4%				
Canada Morigage & Housing Corp.	Open	š	0% 0%				
Cenadian Wheat Sound Export Development Cenada	Open	ō	0%				
Farm Credit Corp	Open Open						
3000 Catalon - 10.		v	0%				
Provincial Governments & their Guarantees Total Alberta (R-1 High)	R-1 Mid or Greater	1,969,837	59%	3,369,967	100%	1,349,920	41%
Aberts (R-1 High)	Open Open	0	2%	839 984	26%	764,823	23%
Alberta Capital Finance Authority (R-1 High)	Open	0					
Alberta Treasury Branches (R-1 High)	Open	Ó					
British Columbia (R-1 High) Maniloba (R-1 Mid)	Open Open	480,458	18%	839,984	25%	359 505	11%
New Brunswick (R-1 Min)	Open	119,540	4% 0%	839,964 839 964	26% 25%	720,424 839,964	21% 25%
New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corp (R-1 Mid)	Open	•		839,984	25%	639,964	25%
Onlano (R-1 Mid) Quebes (R-1 Mid)	Open	777,925	25%	839,984	25%	82 039	2%
Saskatcheway (R-1 High)	Open Open	892,012	15%	839,964 839,964	25% 25%	247 952	7%
• •.		·	•	=39,504	2379	839 964	25%
Municipal Governments & their Quarantees*	D 1 M4						
Caffail (g-1 Hift)	R-1 Mid or Greater Open	0		939,944 335.988	10%	839,964	25%
Edmonton (R-1 High)	Open			335.988 336.988	10%	335 968 335 966	10%
	•			J 100		210 100	104
Financial Institutions & their Guarantees /Corporat	dana.		***				
	BA's Scheduls A	1,169,101	36%	1,570,920	10%	\$10,820	18%
	Canadian Banks R-1						
Tier 1 - Financial Institutions & their Gusrantean Bank of Montreal (R-1 High)	Mid	\$68,803	16%	1,679,928	50%	811,126	24%
Bank of Nove Scotia (R-1 High)	Open Open	264,840	1%	335 986	10%	71 348	2%
Bank of Nova Books Effective Cash	Open	240,550	7%	335,086	10%	95.438	3%
Consider Imperial Bank of Commerce (R-1 High)	Open	298,428	9%	335,060	10%	39 658	1%
Royal Bank (R-1 High) Royal Bank - Effective Cash	Open	23,427 )	2%	335,086	10%	268,800	8%
Teranto Deminion (R-1 High)	Open	43,759 )	0%	335 986	10%	335,988	10%
	•	•		233 800	1011	333,460	10%
Tier 2 - Financial Institutions & Corporations National Bank of Cenada (R-1 Mds)	R-1 Mid/High***	350,297	9%	639,964	25%	610,867	18%
OMERS Resty Corporation (R-1 High)	Open Open	178,889 93,567	5% 3%	187,993	5% 5%	-10,686 74 426	0%
COP Financial Inc (R-1 High)	Open	20,20,	0%	167,983	5%	187 993	2% 5%
Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation (R-1 High)	Open	Ó	D%	167 993	5%	167 993	5%
Desjectins Total Desjectins Group (R-1 High)	0000	28,072	1%	187,993	6%	139 921	4%
Gaisse Centalo Desjardina (R-1 High)	Open Open	28,072					
Total Cash and Equivalents		3,278,300	954				
FIXED (Bonds, etc. over one year) Federal Government		0					
Money Market		ĕ	0%	3,359,857	100%	3,369,867	100%
Bend Peal		ŏ					
Provincial Government & their Quarantees		75,141	1%				
Money Market		75,141	100%	3,389,867 3,369,867	100% 100%	3,264,716 3,264,718	98% 88%
Alberta		75,141	2%	335,960	10%	260,646	8%
Alberta Alberta Capital Finance Authority		18 658				•	
Alberta Treasury Branches		68,468					
British Columbia			0%	335,866	10%	335 886	10%
Mantoba New Bruswick		0	0%	335,868	10%	335,998	10%
Critica		0	0% 0%	335,985	10%	335 986	10%
Quebec		ĕ	0%	335,986 335,985	10%	335 985 335 985	10%
Quebec		0	•	***		*******	
Petancement Quatec Sestatewen		0	0%				
			0%	335,988	10%	335 968	10%
Send Poel Aberia			2%	2,369,867		3,284,718	98%
Alberta		0	2%	335,985	10%	260 845	6%
Alberta Capital Finance Authority		0					
Alberta Treasury Branches		•					
British Cohimbie Manifobe		0	0%	335,986	10%	335 988	19%
New Bruswick		0 0	D% 0%	335,986 325 980	10%	335 986 335,986	10%
Ontario		ŏ	0%	335,985	10%	335,986	10%
Ovebec Chatter		0	0%	335 988	10%	335,088	10%
Quatec Financement Quetec		0					
Sashatewan	-	ŏ	0%	335,986	10%	335 886	10%
Total Fixed		78,141					
Equities							
Bank of Montrest		8,410					
Yotel Equities		6,410					
Total Investments		7,249,657					

#### Appendix A

#### **Economic Statistics**

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	Canada	US
Unemployment Rate	Apr 7.3%, May 7.2%, Jun 7.2%	Apr 8.1%, May 8.2%, Jun 8.2%
Jobs Created / (Lost) ('000's)	Apr 58.2, May 7.7, Jun 7.3	Apr 115, May 87, Jun 64
CPI (year over year)	Apr 1.2%, May 1.5%, Jun 1.3%	Apr 2.3%, May 1.7%, Jun 1.7%
CPI-X (Core) (year over year)	Apr 2.1%, May 1.8%, Jun 2.0%	Apr 2.3%, May 2.3%, Jun 2.2%
Q2 GDP	2.4%	1.5%

#### Central Bank Activities

April 17 Bank of Canada Maintains overnight rate at 1.0%

April 28 U.S. Federal Open Market Committee maintains Target Range of 0% to .25% June 5 Bank of Canada Maintains overnight rate at 1.0%

June 23 U.S. Federal Open Market Committee maintains Target Range of 0% to .25%

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Appendix B

#### List of Eligible Investments

The Government of Canada & Its Guarantees: Federal Government Business Development Bank Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation Canadian Wheat Board Export Development Canada Farm Credit Corporation Provincial Governments & Their Guarantees: The Province of Alberta & Its Guarantees The Province of British Columbia & Its Guarantees The Province of Manitoba & Its Guarantees The Province of New Brunswick & Its Guarantees The Province of Ontario & Its Guarantees The Province of Quebec & Its Guarantees The Province of Saskatchewan & Its Guarantees Municipal Governments & Their Guarantees: The Municipality of Calgary & Its Guarantees The Municipality of Edmonton & Its Guarantees Financial Institutions & Their Guarantees (Tier 1): The Bank of Montreal & Its Guarantees The Bank of Nova Scotia & Its Guarantees Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce & Its Guarantees Royal Bank of Canada & Its Guarantees Toronto Dominion Bank & Its Guarantees

<u>Financial Institutions & Corporations (Tier 2)</u>:
Desjardins Group

Caisse Centrale Desjardins CDP Financial Inc

Modern Deduce

National Bank of Canada

Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation

**OMERS Finance Trust** 

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Appendix C

### **Dominion Bond Rating Service (DBRS) Rating Scale**

#### R-1 (high)

Short-term debt rated R-1 (high) is of the highest credit quality, and indicates an entity possessing unquestioned ability to repay current liabilities as they fall due. Entities rated in this category normally maintain strong liquidity positions, conservative debt levels, and profitability that is both stable and above average. Companies achieving an R-1 (high) rating are normally leaders in structurally sound industry segments with proven track records, sustainable positive future results, and no substantial qualifying negative factors. Given the extremely tough definition DBRS has established for an R-1 (high), few entities are strong enough to achieve this rating.

#### R-1 (middle)

Short-term debt rated R-1 (middle) is of superior credit quality and, in most cases, ratings in this category differ from R-1 (high) credits by only a small degree. Given the extremely tough definition DBRS has established for the R-1 (high) category, entities rated R-1 (middle) are also considered strong credits, and typically exemplify above average strength in key areas of consideration for the timely repayment of short-term liabilities.

#### R-1 (low)

Short-term debt rated R-1 (low) is of satisfactory credit quality. The overall strength and outlook for key liquidity, debt, and profitability ratios is not normally as favourable as with higher rating categories, but these considerations are still respectable. Any qualifying negative factors that exist are considered manageable, and the entity is normally of sufficient size to have some influence in its industry.