

CITY OF HAMILTON

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
Financial Planning & Policy Division
Investments Section

TO: Chair and Members Audit, Finance and Administration Committee	WARD(S) AFFECTED: CITY WIDE
COMMITTEE DATE: January 18, 2012	
SUBJECT/REPORT NO: Reserve/Revenue Funds and Trust Accounts Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures Review (FCS12004) (City Wide)	
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RECOMMENDATION

That Report FCS12004, respecting Reserve/Revenue Funds and Trust Accounts Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures Review, be received.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The “Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures” City of Hamilton – Reserve/Revenue Funds and Trust Accounts (the “Policy”) has been reviewed, as required under Section 1.10 of the Policy. No changes are recommended to the Policy.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (for Recommendation(s) only)

Financial: There are no financial implications.

Staffing: There are no staffing implications.

Legal: There are no legal implications.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (Chronology of events)

In the previous review in 2010 (Report FCS11008), no changes were recommended to the Policy.

In the review in 2009 (Report FCS09110), the City's Policy was amended and subsequently approved to reflect changes to the Municipal Act, 2001 which took effect in 2009.

Section 1.10 of the Policy requires that the Policy be formally reviewed at least once in every calendar year.

City Investment staff and City in-house legal counsel have reviewed the Policy and do not recommend any changes. City Investment staff have contacted the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and have confirmed no changes in 2011 to the Municipal Act, 2001 that would impact the Policy.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Reserve/Revenue and Trust Accounts Investment Policy

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Legal Services in the City Manager's Office at the City of Hamilton confirmed there were no changes to the municipal legislation impacting the Policy.

The Policy Supervisor in the Municipal Finance Policy Branch at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Province of Ontario) was contacted and confirmed there were no changes to the Municipal Act, 2001 in regards to investments in 2011.

ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

(include Performance Measurement/Benchmarking Data, if applicable)

The Policy has been reviewed as required under Section 1.10 of the Policy. Both Investment staff and City in-house legal counsel have reviewed the Policy and recommend no changes. Since the last review in November 2010 (Report FCS11008), there have been no changes to municipal legislation impacting the Policy.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

(include Financial, Staffing, Legal and Policy Implications and pros and cons for each alternative)

Not applicable.

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN (Linkage to Desired End Results)

Focus Areas: 1. Skilled, Innovative and Respectful Organization, 2. Financial Sustainability, 3. Intergovernmental Relationships, 4. Growing Our Economy, 5. Social Development, 6. Environmental Stewardship, 7. Healthy Community

Skilled, Innovative & Respectful Organization

- ◆ A culture of excellence

Financial Sustainability

- ◆ Financially Sustainable City by 2020

Intergovernmental Relationships

- ◆ Influence federal and provincial policy development to benefit Hamilton

Growing Our Economy

- ◆ Newly created or revitalized employment sites

Social Development

- ◆ Everyone has a home they can afford that is well maintained and safe

Environmental Stewardship

- ◆ Natural resources are protected and enhanced

APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

Not applicable.