

# INFORMATION REPORT

**TO:** Chair and Members

Audit, Finance and Administration

Committee

WARD(S) AFFECTED: CITY WIDE

**COMMITTEE DATE:** September 21, 2011

#### SUBJECT/REPORT NO:

Cemetery Accounts Investment Performance Report - June 30, 2011 (FCS11076) (City Wide)

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Not Applicable.

#### Information:

Over the 12 month period ending June 30, 2011, the earnings rates are **4.66%** for the Cemetery Care & Maintenance Trust; **4.46%** for the Cemetery Monument Care Trust and **4.49%** for the Cemetery Pre-Need Assurance Trust. The earnings rate includes interest and lending revenue, but excludes realized and unrealized capital gains/losses.

Over the same period, the overall returns (which include interest, lending revenue, and realized and unrealized capital gains/losses) are **4.81%** for the Cemetery Care & Maintenance; **6.42%** for the Cemetery Monument Care and **5.86%** for the Cemetery Pre-Need Assurance. The overall return for the benchmark (or Policy) is **4.67%**. As a result, the Cemetery Care and Maintenance outperformed the benchmark by **14** basis points, the Cemetery Monument Care by **175** basis points and the Cemetery Pre-Need Assurance by **119** basis points.

As of June 30, 2011, the total portfolio values are **\$9,381,818** (with \$425,581 of net unrealized capital gains) for the Cemetery Care & Maintenance; **\$877,751** (with \$58,720

of net unrealized capital gains) for the Cemetery Monument Care and \$1,951,214 (with \$111,733 of net unrealized capital gains) for the Cemetery Pre-Need Assurance. Income earned in the year ending June 30, 2011 includes \$143,698 of net realized capital gains for the Cemetery Care & Maintenance, \$18,544 of net realized capital gains for the Cemetery Monument Care, and \$36,128 of net realized capital gains for the Cemetery Pre-Need Assurance.

The following Table shows the investment return indicators.

Investment Return Indicators			
(for information purposes only)			
	12 months ended	12 months ended	12 months ended
	June 30, 2011	Dec. 31, 2010	Dec. 31, 2009
Earnings Rate (Excluding Unrealized Capital Gains or Loss)			
Cemetery Care & Maintenance	4.66%	4.81%	4.91%
Cemetery Monument Care	4.46%	4.69%	4.94%
Cemetery Pre-Need Assurance	4.49%	4.70%	4.87%
Total Return			
Cemetery Care & Maintenance	4.81%	5.35%	4.99%
Cemetery Monument Care	6.42%	7.51%	5.31%
Cemetery Pre-Need Assurance	5.86%	6.85%	4.82%
Policy Target (DEX Universe Index)	4.67%	6.74%	5.41%
Securities Lending Revenue			
Cemetery Care & Maintenance	\$ 349.61	\$ 258.77	\$ 164.35
Cemetery Monument Care	\$ 31.49	\$ 37.26	\$ 56.59
Cemetery Pre-Need Assurance	\$ 48.40	\$ 63.79	\$ 94.14
Income Earned			
Cemetery Care & Maintenance	\$ 564,149	\$ 570,457	\$ 429,513
Cemetery Monument Care	\$ 56,743	\$ 58,248	\$ 39,457
Cemetery Pre-Need Assurance	\$ 120,930	\$ 122,810	\$ 87,137
Ending Portfolio Market Value			
Cemetery Care & Maintenance	\$ 9,381,818	\$ 9,397,872	\$ 9,087,580
Cemetery Monument Care	\$ 877,751	\$ 874,833	\$ 859,125
Cemetery Pre-Need Assurance	\$ 1,951,214	\$ 1,947,580	\$ 1,863,249

The Cemetery Care and Maintenance, the Cemetery Monument Care and the Cemetery Pre-Need Assurance Trust portfolios outperformed relative to the Policy because they were overweight in holdings of Canadian Schedule I Bank deposit notes, municipal and provincial bonds with some longer maturities, all of which performed well relative to Canadian federal government bonds and shorter maturity bonds.

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The current strategy is to continue to hold high quality credits, including Canadian Schedule I bank deposit Notes, Provincial and Municipal bonds. We do not anticipate a sharp increase in interest rates for the remainder of 2011 given the current outlook for slower growth in the U.S. and Canada and given the ongoing sovereign debt crisis in Europe.