## Investments

## Priorities Committee June 12, 2018

## Funds for Investment



## Legislation

- Municipal Government Act (MGA) RSA 2000, c. M-26, section 250
- Limits securities issued or guaranteed by:
- Government of Canada, provincial, or crown corporations
- Banks, treasury branches, credit unions
- Municipal Government Act, Investment Regulation 66/2000
- Limits minimum ratings issued by at least one of the rating agencies
- R-1 for securities < one year
- A- for investments one year or more


## FIN-001-007: Investments Policy

## Identifies:

- Investment objectives, authorities, and responsibilities;
- Appropriate handling of investments;
- Reporting of investments; and
- Schedules of approved investments.


## Investment objectives

Key objectives:

- Capital preservation
- Credit quality, safety
- Maintenance of liquidity
- Redeem investments with minimal or no loss of interest
- Rate of return
- Best rate available within policy guidelines


## Investment portfolios



## Investment process



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## PSAS Financial Returns on Investments

Investment portfolios (total effective yield 2.45\%)

as at December 31, 2017

## Total Investment Return

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Current Yield (PSAS financial returns)
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+
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Realized Gains/Losses (bonds sold prior to maturity) \(+\)
Miscellaneous Income
= Actual Yield
\(+\)
Unrealized Gains/Losses (based on market value) = Total Return
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## Total Rate of Return


as at December 31, 2017

## Investment Return vs Inflation



## Current investment strategies to increase returns

- Shortened average maturities in anticipation of higher future interest rates.
- Stagger maturity terms to allow for reinvestment options.
- Use additional flexibility provided by policy changes to maximize returns.


## Thank you

## Questions?

