2021 INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT REPORT

Presented by Geoff Waters Chair of the City's Investment Board April 26, 2022



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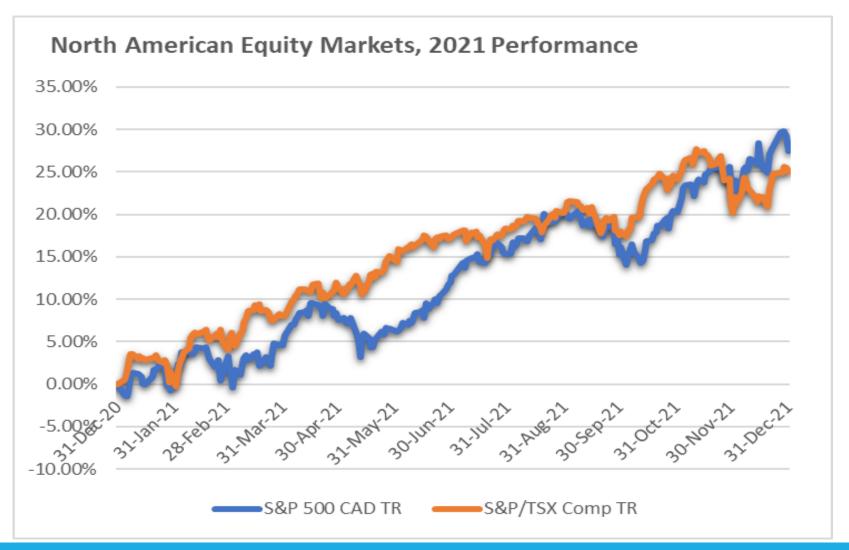


Year in Review

- Resurgence of consumer spending, easing of COVID-19 restrictions drove corporate profits higher; leading global stocks to new highs.
- □ Accelerating inflation, ongoing supply chain disruptions.
- More hawkish monetary policy stance by Bank of Canada and US Federal Reserve, leading to rising interest rates, flattening of the yield curve and putting downward pressure on bond prices.
- □Surging commodity prices.



Strong Equity Market Performance



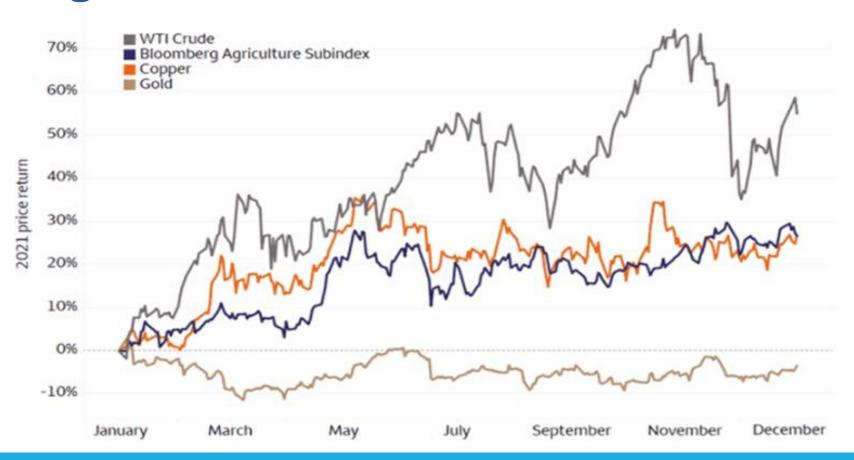


Bonds Underperformed Equities...





Rising Commodity Prices...Oil and Agriculture



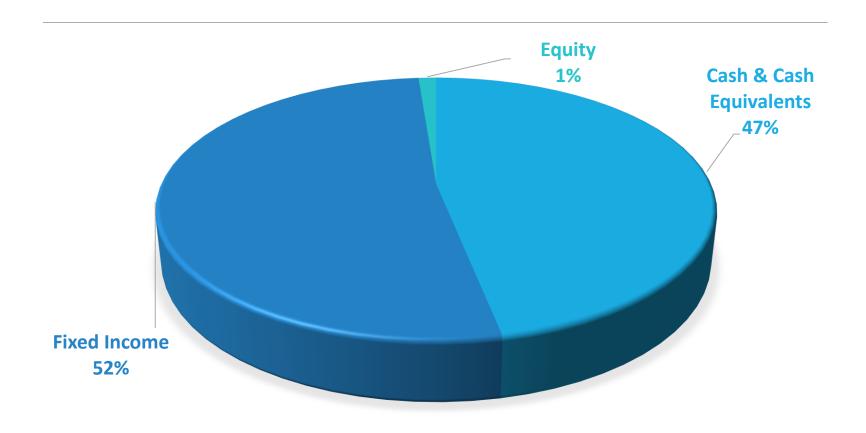


Investment Performance

- ■Total income \$4.5 million
- ☐ Total Assets of \$267 million
- □FY 2021Total Return of 1.61%
- □ Investment portfolio comprised of 3 funds (Operating Fund, Capital Fund, Growth Fund).



Overall Asset Allocation





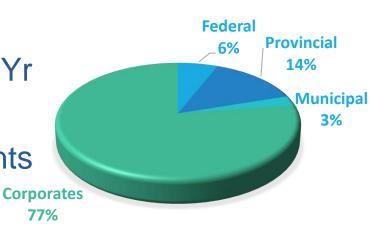
Operating Fund

- Consisting of money market investments
- Returned \$1.68 million on assets of \$161 million
- ☐ FY2021 return of 1.05% compared to the 90-day Canada T-Bill benchmark return of 0.20%.
- □Outperformance of 85 basis points despite low interest rate environment.
- □ Allocation remains high as the portfolio gradually aligns with the Prudent Investor IPS allocation.



Capital Fund

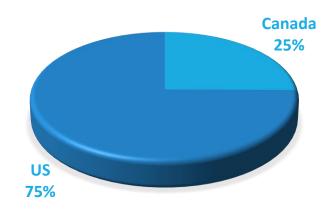
- Fixed income securities.
- Total assets of \$118 million.
- Benchmark: Canada Aggregate 1-10Yr Bond Index
- Total return of 2.24%, 634 basis points over Benchmark return of -4.1%.
- ☐ Higher allocation to corporates; lower duration and higher coupon bonds vs. the benchmark.





Growth Fund

- Equity investments
- ☐ Total assets of \$5 million, not fully representing the new target mix under the Prudent Investor IPS.
- Benchmark: Composites of S&P/TSX and S&P500
- ☐ Total return of 39.2%, 760 basis points higher than benchmark return of 31.6%
- ☐ Driven by a tactical tilt to US equities and the tailwind from a stronger USD vs CAD.





Market Outlook

- □Inflation concerns
- ☐ Aggressive move by Central Banks
- ☐Geo-political concerns remain.



ESG Integration

- Department and the Investment Board investigate the feasibility of adopting a Responsible Investment Screening Process for the City's Investment Portfolio using a structure of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors and report back to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee in 2022.
- As a result, the report is seeking the adoption of an ESG Integration framework as developed by the CFA Institute.



ESG Integration

- □ Traditional financial information and ESG information are embedded in the security selection and portfolio construction process.
- □All companies, sectors, and/or countries in the investment universe can be bought and sold.
- Focus on lowering risk and enhancing returns
- □ ESG integration and exclusionary screening are not the same.
- ESG integration does not mean:
 - Prohibiting investment in some sectors, countries, and companies.
 - Portfolio returns are sacrificed to perform ESG integration techniques.
 - Immaterial ESG factors that affect investment decisions and traditional financial factors are ignored; or
 - Major changes to investment process are not necessary.



CFA Institute: Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)

- ☐ Developed by CFA Institute, a globally recognised Investment Management organization
- □ ESG Integration technique, designed to be holistic and flexible
- ☐ Uses various ESG techniques specific to each firm, every firm is unique; founded on the principle that one criteria is not necessarily good for all.
- ☐ As the City's Investment process develops, more factors and techniques can be adopted into the process.





