

# AC2020-0442 2019 Annual Investment Report April 20, 2020





### **Investment Governance**

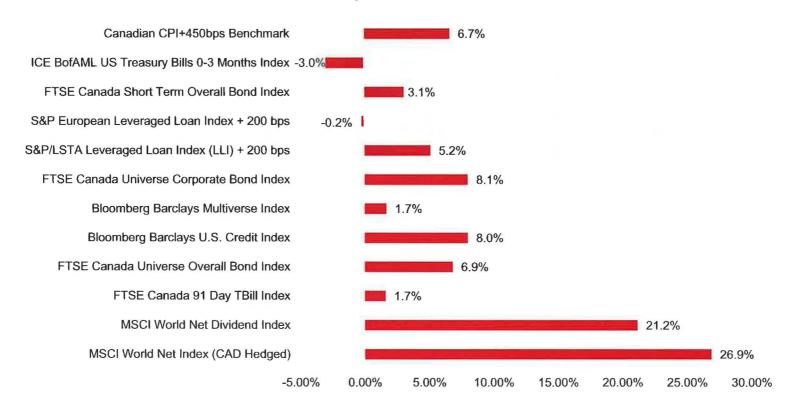
- Investment management is guided by two City policies:
  - ► Investment Governance Policy (CFO001)
  - ► Investment Policy (CFO007)
- ► The Investment Advisory Committee (IAC) is responsible for investment and risk oversight to ensure investments are optimally managed in accordance with legislation and Council Policy
- All internally and externally managed portfolios were in compliance with Policy in 2019
- The City has three primary investment objectives:
  - Capital Preservation
  - Risk Mitigation
  - Investment Return



### 2019 Market Overview

- Strong performance in global equity markets. Many indices ended the year at (or near) all-time highs
- Progress made on U.S. China trade relations and Brexit deal was agreed.

#### 2019 Capital Market Returns

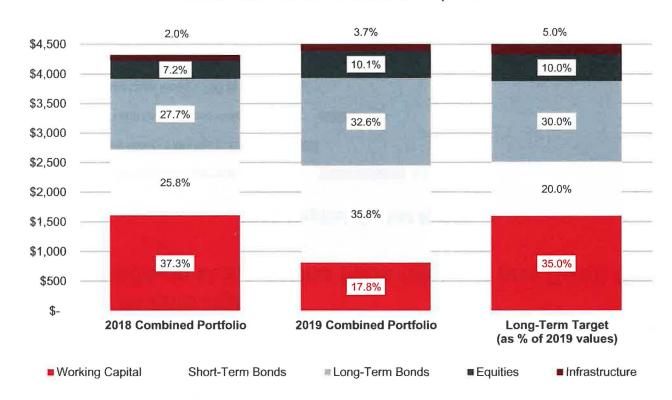




# **2019 Investment Summary**

In 2019, the market value of total investments under management was \$4.6 billion, up \$0.26 billion from \$4.3 billion in 2018.

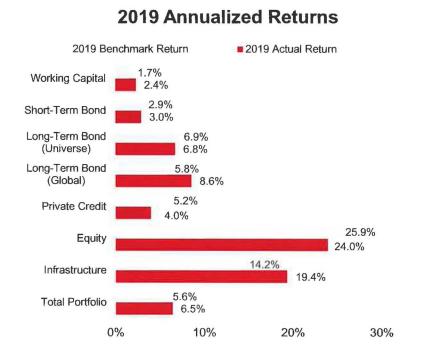
#### Asset Mix as at December 31, 2019



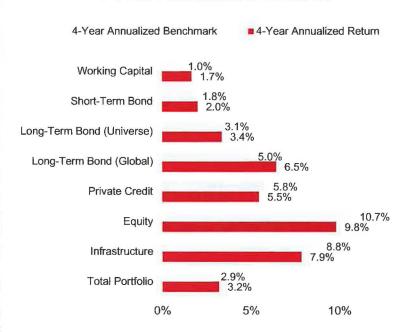


## **2019 Investment Summary**

- Total investments returned 6.5% compared to the benchmark return of 5.6%
- \$211 million of investment income was generated for The City
- Equity was the strongest performer, returning 24.0%
- Internally managed portfolios retuned 2.4.% against a benchmark of 1.7%.
- ► Total portfolio exceed benchmark on a 4-year annualized basis



#### 4-Year Annualized Returns





### **Current Market Conditions**

- Coronavirus has negatively impacted global economies and financial markets. As of March 31, TSX was down 21.6% and S&P was down 20.0%.
- Dollar has weakened from 1.2965 to 1.4187 per US dollar.
- The Bank of Canada cut its overnight rate from 1.75% to 0.25%
- The WTI oil price from \$61.06 at year end to \$20.48 on March 31, 2020, a reduction of 66.5%.
- The City maintains a strong cash position with no liquidity challenges at this time.



## **Potential Policy Limit Breach**

- City Council has approved a number of measures to support citizens as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Many of these measures have a short-term cash impact.
- As working capital comprises part of the current overall asset mix, a significant draw on The City's cash will put the portfolio offside other limits.
- Treasury consulted with Finance's Internal Controls & Policy Coordination group on how to deal with a potential breach.



## **Potential Policy Limit Breach**

- On April 2, 2020, The City's Investment Advisory Committee met and approved the following recommendation:
  - That the IAC approved Treasury staff to operate the investment portfolio outside the following limits set in CFO007 until December 31, 2020:
    - ▶ 5.5.5.3 (a) 20% maximum limit on commercial mortgages
    - ▶ 5.5.5.3 (d) 20% maximum limit on global bonds
    - ▶ 5.5.5.4 (a) 10% maximum limit on public equities
    - ▶ 5.5.5.4 (b) 5% maximum limit on infrastructure equities
- Treasury reports quarterly to the IAC on asset mix compliance
- Administration will provide detailed reporting on any breach as well as remediation in the 2020 Annual Investment Report.



## **New Investment Policy Development**

The significant changes from the previous policy are as follows:

- Investment and Governance Policy
  - New Investment & Governance Policy replaces and merges the previous Investment Policy (CFO007) and Investment Governance Policy (CFO001).
- Funds Admin Policy
  - ► This policy identifies the source, purpose, and investment objectives of the funds Treasury invests on behalf of The City.
- Investment Portfolios Admin Policy
  - New CFOD (Internal) policy detailing the six asset class portfolios that City funds are invested in and it will provide more detail and clarity than previous CFO007 policy.



# **Going Forward**

Continue to seek opportunities to enhance return and improve diversification.

- Detailed analysis of cash flow profiles to better optimize liquidity
- Improved risk reporting and portfolio analytics



### Recommendation

► That the Audit Committee recommend that Council receive the 2019 Annual Investment Report for information

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