

Real Assets Update

Date: March 9, 2022

To: Toronto Investment Board

From: Director, Capital Markets

Wards: All

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to update the Toronto Investment Board ("Board") on the progress to date regarding the hiring of external investment managers and current market conditions in the Real Assets category.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Director, Capital Markets recommends that:

1. The Toronto Investment Board receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial impacts on the City's operating or capital budgets as a result of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on December 13, 2021, the Toronto Investment Board awarded contracts for investment management services. The Board also authorized the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to negotiate agreements with the firms selected as investment managers, on terms satisfactory to City Solicitor and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, and authorized the Chair or the Vice Chair of the Investment Board to execute such agreements on behalf of the Investment Board.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.IB14.4>

At its meeting on September 9, 2021, the Toronto Investment Board was presented a short-list of potential Global Real Estate investment managers which was developed by the investment consultant. The Board was informed that interviews and evaluations of the short-listed investment managers would commence and that staff will report back to with a recommendation upon completion.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.IB13.4>

At its meeting on June 2, 2021, the Toronto Investment Board requested the investment consultant, in consultation with City staff, to proceed with a manager search and evaluation for the Real Estate asset class within the guidelines of the Council-approved Investment Policy and report to the next meeting of the Toronto Investment Board.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.IB12.5>

At its meeting on July 8, 2020, the Toronto Investment Board received an informational report with a confidential attachment that provided a listing of possible investments in the Real Assets category.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.IB7.5>

At its meeting on December 4, 2019, the Toronto Investment Board received a memorandum from the investment consultant entitled "Real Assets Roadmap" which outlined the rationale to consider Real Estate and Infrastructure investments in both core and open-ended funds with a North American/Global focus. The Board also adopted a report which recommended the Investment Policy be amended to change the geographical scope of the both Real Estate and Infrastructure sub-categories to North American/Global Core (from Canadian Core and Global Core respectively).

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.IB5.6>

At its meeting on November 13, 2018, the Toronto Investment Board requested the Executive Director, Corporate Finance and the Investment Consultant, Aon Hewitt, take the necessary steps to implement City Council's Investment Policy in regards to Real Assets.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.IB8.3>

At its meeting on September 6, 2018, the Toronto Investment Board directed staff to invest the 10 percent of the overall portfolio allocated to Real Assets in other liquid asset categories in order to maintain future flexibility to invest in Real Assets, provided the guidelines of the Council-approved Investment Policy are maintained.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.IB7.5>

COMMENTS

The hiring of investment managers in the Real Assets category selected during the Board's last meeting continues to progress. The process is currently at the stage of preparing and reviewing legal documentation. The Director, Capital Markets will provide another update at the Board's next meeting as the hiring process develops.

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