Investment Policy

The co-op is a business and as such, needs to be wise about what it does with it's money.

The **Investment Policy** was put in place to ensure that our money is being invested wisely.



Kawartha Village Co-operative Homes Inc.

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The purpose of this policy is to set forth the conditions under which the funds of the Co-operative will be invested.

1. **Principles**

- Funds shall be invested in a manner that does not jeopardize the financial stability or interfere with the normal operations of the Co-operative.
- Interest earned on investments must be used to benefit the Co-operative as a whole. No individual member may benefit from Co-op investments in a way that is not generally available to all members of the Co-op.
- Funds shall be invested in the Co-operative movement whenever possible. No funds shall be invested with institutions whose activities knowingly conflict with the principles and objectives of the co-operative movement.

2. Objectives

- To achieve as good a rate of return as possible from investments.
- To ensure that the necessary amount of money is available for carrying out the capital projects which are required from time to time.
- To maximize the amount of working capital available.
- To offset the effects of inflation on reserves and operating costs.
- To provide the Co-op with security of principal and the appropriate degree of liquidity of assets.
- To minimize idle cash holdings.

3. Guidelines

- Investments may be made in the following investment vehicles:
 - Securities of, or guaranteed by, the Government of Canada
 - Securities of, or guaranteed by, the Province of Ontario
 - Term deposits
 - Guaranteed Investment Certificates

The investment of funds will be governed by:

- The Co-op's cash flow requirements
- The forecast for interest rates
- . The rate of return on investment
- . The liquidity of the investment

The following funds are eligible for investment:

- . The Replacement Reserve Fund
- . The Subsidy Reserve Fund
- . Last Month on Deposit / Maintenance Guarantee
- Retained Earnings

All monies, additional to that needed to cover immediate cash flow requirements shall only be invested for short term deposit. Investment of Co-op funds shall be approved by the Board and shall be in accordance with the Co-op's operating agreement with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

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