





are not permanent employees and a volunteer firefighter position is secondary to their full time employment.

The Committee then dealt with the following Recommendation:

Moved by: R.J. Gamble

Seconded by: John McKean

THAT THAT Council receive The Blue Mountains Fire Department Year End Report – 2012, for information purposes, Carried.

### **C.3 Investment Performance, FIT.13.06**

Rob then reviewed the Report, noting it reflected investment returns for 2012. Rob further noted in general, fixed income investments had another flat year and returns greater than 2% have not been experienced, given the recovering economy and type and quality of investments available in 2012.

Ron then noted Town investments are governed by a Council approved Investment Policy which is designed to maximize the rate of return while minimizing the degree of risk to the principal.

Rob then noted interest income is in the range of 1.78%, getting closer to 2%.

Rob then reviewed annualized rates of return, noting the Investment Policy does not allow investments for greater than two years, and confirmed a Staff Report is required if a longer investment period is to be considered.

Councillor Ardiel then spoke regarding the AMO ONE fund and noted AMO should increase the rate of return as the Town can get better returns elsewhere, Rob replying the ONE funds are equity sourced funds and they will add a top-up amount to returns.

Chair Halos then noted the Town has funds that we invest and questioned if rates increased would the Town benefit or be adversely affected, Rob replying the Town is in good financial condition with investments being short-term in nature with Meridian Credit Union investments being liquid enough for the Town to take advantage of any rate increases.

The Committee then dealt with the following Recommendation:

Moved by: John McKean

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT Council receive Staff Report FIT.13.06 “2012 Investment Performance” for information purposes, unanimously Carried.

### **C.4 Monthly Financial Report – January 2013, FIT.13.10**

Rob then reviewed the Report, noting there is not much news from January, the 2013 Budget only being approved last evening. Rob further noted most revenue streams are showing slightly less than in 2011.

Rob then noted it is difficult to get up-to-date information on policing costs, adding there are 300 hours more than what contract 2012 suggests and there will be no unused hours for 2012. Rob further noted there may be a small credit in relation to the calculation of the non-contract portion.

Councillor Ardiel then questioned the forecast variance for policing in the amount of \$99,636, Rob noting there is a policing reserve to help offset budget variances, adding there will be an unbudgeted transfer for the Committee to consider at the next meeting.

Joe then questioned if the Town could receive a ballpark costing for Section 5.1 policing based on 2012 hours billed, Troy noting the OPP are in the final stages of completing a new contract proposal and estimates under Section 5.1, further noting that the OPP are to sign off on the information prior to its release to the Town.

Gail then noted policing was referenced at a recent OSUM meeting, further noting that the OPP want five year contracts. Gail noted the Town should dictate the terms to the OPP, Troy replying he was also advised the OPP want five year contracts.

Joe then questioned the status of the OPP contract at present, Troy replying the Town is in a holdover position at present as the current contract expired December 31, 2012.

Rob then noted the police reserve contains \$329,000.

The Committee then dealt with the following Recommendation:

Moved by: Gail Ardiel    Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive Staff Report FIT.13.10 "Monthly Financial Report – January 2013" for information purposes, unanimously Carried.

#### **D. Correspondence**

None

#### **E. New and Unfinished Business**

Rob then reported on an application previously made to the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative capital program, noting that yesterday the Town was advised that we will not be asked to move forward in the program. Rob further noted he will re-evaluate the Budget sheet for the Elma Street project, Bob then spoke noting unless the Town was in bad financial condition, that funding would not be received.

#### **F. Adjournment**

As there was nothing further before the Chair the Committee then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: R.J. Gamble    Seconded by: John McKean

THAT this meeting does now adjourn at 1:47 p.m. to meet again in the Council Chamber on March 12, 2013, at 1:00 pm, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.