

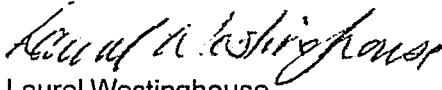
**To:** Committee of the Whole **Date:** May 16, 2017  
**From:** Susanne Thompson, Director of Finance  
**Subject:** MFA Survey Regarding Socially Responsible Investing

The issues identified in the MFABC Memorandum include:

- Difficulty of defining what corporations would be considered fossil fuel or related companies as there are a wide variety that could be contemplated including extraction, pipeline, transportation, and other companies that are large scale users of fossil fuel.
- The impact that divestment would have in concentrating existing portfolios into remaining sectors, resulting in reduced diversification

The MFA Memorandum or SRI survey do not indicate the potential rate of return of a socially responsible pooled investment fund, however both indicate the potential for increased costs.

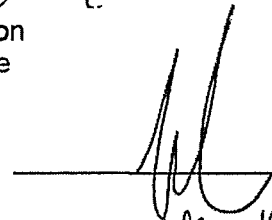
Respectfully submitted,

  
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Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

  
May 18, 2017

#### List of Attachments

Appendix A – MFA Survey on Socially Responsible Investing

Appendix B – September 3, 2015 Report on Socially Responsible Investments and Pension Funds

Appendix C – February 25, 2016 Report on Fossil Fuel Divestment

Appendix D – MFABC Memo – The MFA's position on divestiture from fossil-fuel related assets