

Pooled
High
Interest
Savings
Account



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# Advantages and Disadvantages of Being a Smaller Municipality

#### Positives:

- Shorter Commutes
- Greater Sense of Community
- Lower Costs of Living



## **Negatives:**

 Limited Investment Options for your Surplus Funds



# **Advantages of a Pooled High Interest Savings Account**

- ⇒ Attractive Rate of Interest
  - Superior to current Money Market and Short-Term Bond Rates
- ⇒ Full Liquidity
  - · Ability to withdraw funds at anytime
  - No need to match investment Maturities with Cash Outflows
- ⇒ Safety of Principle and Interest
  - Funds are invested with a Big Five Canadian Bank and are CIDC eligible (subject to maximum coverage limitations set out by CIDC)
  - No risk to principle as interest rates rise
- ⇒ Ease of Administration
  - Deposits and Withdrawals processed with a single email request



# What's in it for you?

# ⇒ Smaller Municipalities

- Ability to earn superior interest rates
- No term commitments
- Ease of administration
- No administration fee

### $\Rightarrow$ MFC

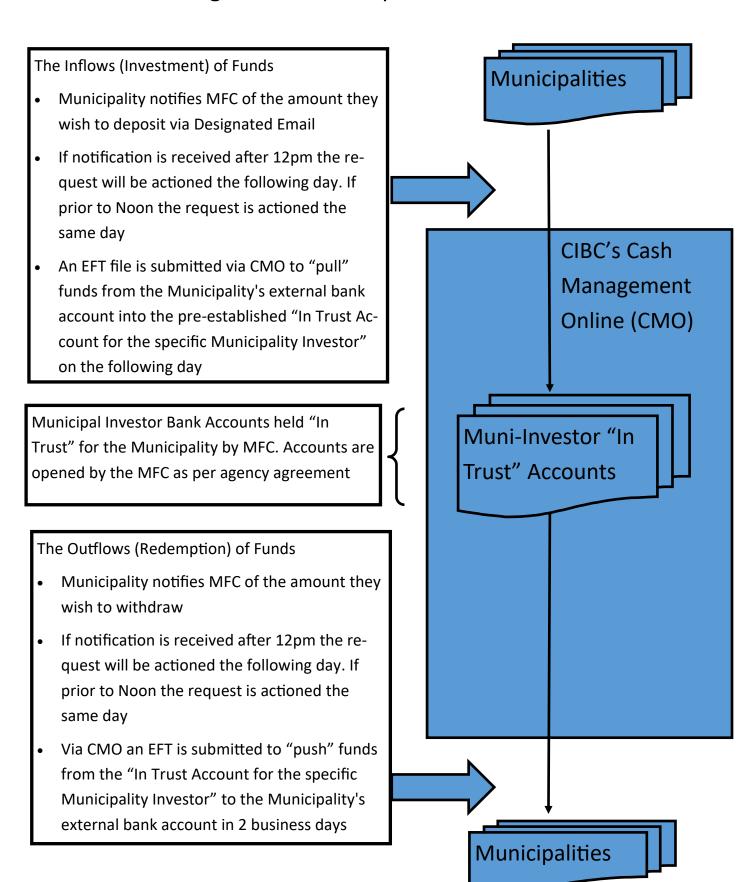
• Expands our service offerings to Municipalities

# ⇒ Larger Municipalities

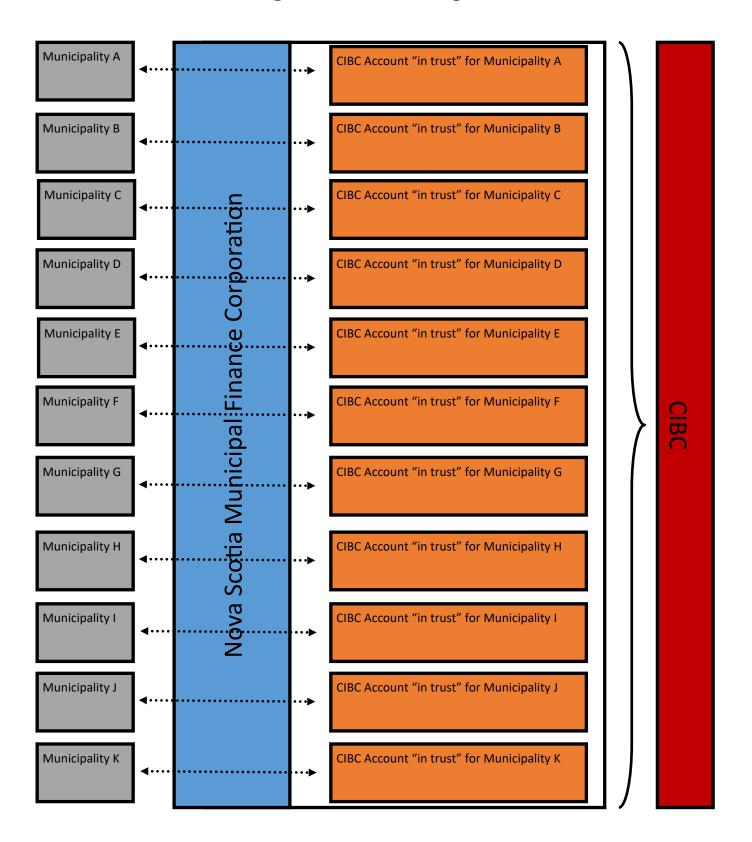
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- Assisting the greater group of municipalities



## HISA Program for Municipal Investors Work Flow



# General Pooled High Interest Savings Account Structure



### **How Does it Work?**

- Intended for excess funds held by a municipality (Capital Reserves, Gas Tax, Operating Surpluses)
- Transfers to and from Municipalities existing Bank account is done via EFT
- The "In Trust" account allows MFC to open accounts easily without the general documentation required to open individual Municipal Bank accounts
- Separate "In Trust" accounts keeps municipal funds segregated to avoid co-mingling of funds
- Reporting on historical balances and transactions are available online to MFC
- Individual municipalities can also be granted access to its individual online reports



#### **Centralized Administration**

- Municipalities can initiate transfer requests by email to MFC
- EFT is booked to pull or push funds into or out of the program



## **Presentation**

• If you would like to have us do a presentation to your Council to help explain how the program would work, we would be more than happy to do so. To set up a presentation please contact either Paul Wills at 902-424-4590 or Paul.wills@novascotia.ca or Bob Audoux at 902-424-7172 or bob.audoux@novascotia.ca

