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VAN KAMPEN MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITY TRUST Form 4 January 31, 2006 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or 0.5 response... Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading WHALEN WAYNE W Issuer Symbol VAN KAMPEN MUNICIPAL (Check all applicable) **OPPORTUNITY TRUST [VMO]** (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) SKADDE, ARPS, SLATE, 01/27/2006 MEAGHER, & FLOM, 333 WEST WACKER DRIVE (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CHICAGO, IL 60606 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 7. Nature of 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial anv (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price Code V Amount Common S **J**(1) 842.92 1,744.92 D 01/27/2006 A 15.02Shares

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 2. 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and 8. Price of 4. 9. Nt Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionNumber **Expiration Date** Amount of Derivative Deriv Security or Exercise any Code of (Month/Day/Year) Underlying Security Secu (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Securities (Instr. 5) Derivative Bene (Instr. 3 and 4) Derivative Securities Own Security Acquired Follo (A) or Repo Disposed Trans of (D) (Insti (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Amount or Date Expiration Title Number Exercisable Date of Code V (A) (D) Shares

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
WHALEN WAYNE W SKADDE, ARPS, SLATE, ME 333 WEST WACKER DRIVE CHICAGO, IL 60606	Х					
Signatures						
/s/ Wayne W. 01/ Whalen	31/2006					

<u>**</u>Signature of Reporting Person

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Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) This activity represents shares gained when Van Kampen Advantage Municipal Income Trust (VKA) merged into Van Kampen Municipal Opportunity Trust (VMO) on 1/27/2006.

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