

SEPTEMBER 2015 COUNCIL MEETING

As recorded following Council's regularly scheduled meeting held at the College offices on September 17 & 18, 2015.

AND VICE-PRESIDENT AND WELCOMES NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

As the September meeting marks the beginning of a new Council cycle, Mr. Esmail Merani was acclaimed College President and Mr. Regis Vaillancourt was acclaimed Vice-President for the 2015-2016 Council year. Council also welcomed newly elected members (Mr. Gerry Cook and Ms. Karen Riley from District N) and a newly appointed public member (Mr. Ronald Farrell from Sundridge, Ontario) to the table. Council also elected the chairs of all College Committees. A full list of [2015-2016 Council members](#) as well as a complete list of [Committee Chairs and appointments](#) can be found on the College website.

2016 CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET AND FEE STRUCTURE APPROVED

Council reviewed and approved the 2016 budget, which supports the Strategic Framework developed by Council in March 2015 and the Operational Plan presented to Council in June 2015. The Framework affirms transparency, accountability and excellence as values and codifies Patients First, Effective Communication and Continuous Quality Improvement as strategic initiatives.

The 2016 budget is a balanced budget and reflects the necessary revenue and respective expenses to support the strategic priorities identified in the Operational Plan.

By-Law amendments reflecting the necessary fee adjustments are being circulated for consultation prior to their anticipated approval by Council at the December meeting.

Detailed information regarding the proposed revenue and expenditure for 2016 was provided in the [Council meeting materials](#) posted on the College's website.

Council also approved the appointment of Clarke Henning LLP as Auditors for 2015. The auditors were selected following an external review of the College's auditing and financial services.

EXISTING BY-LAW NO 3. – FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO SECTIONS PERTAINING TO FEES AND PUBLIC REGISTER

As indicated above, the proposed 2016 Operating and Capital budget includes changes to fees for member registration, community pharmacy applications and renewals, and introduces fees for application, issuance and renewal of Certificates of Accreditation for hospital pharmacies.

As part of the College's ongoing commitment to transparency and enhanced public reporting, a full review of the College's public register was undertaken in preparation for development of a re-designed register. As a result of the review, by-law amendments are necessary to provide authority for the



collection and posting of additional information on members and pharmacies.

In addition, the proposed *Drug and Pharmacies Regulation Act* (DPRA) Regulation amendments approved by Council and submitted to government earlier this year require supporting changes to the by-laws to ensure consistency and clarity of references to hospital and community pharmacies.

The proposed by-law provisions have been posted for a [60-day public consultation](#) (deadline November 20, 2015). Feedback received will be considered at the next Council meeting.

FRAMEWORK FOR RELEVANCE TO SUITABILITY TO PRACTICE

In March 2015, following Council's consideration and approval of amendments to the by-law regarding information to be placed on the public register, it was noted that criteria and processes for determining the relevance to suitability to practice were required. The College committed to communicating this information once it was established.

A comprehensive review of the existing by-law and legislation was undertaken and Registrar Moleschi reported to Council that a tool and framework have now been developed to be used as a guide in determining the risk the member's conduct poses to the public, and the corresponding action required.

Over the coming year, training and orientation will be provided to all committees that will use the tool and framework with general information provided on the College website.

DRAFT CODE OF ETHICS – APPROVED FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Council approved a [public consultation of the Draft Code of Ethics](#) for a 45-day period. The draft is a comprehensive document that outlines — for members and the public, — the core ethical principles in healthcare that dictate a healthcare professional's ethical duty to patients and society. The document supports these principles with standards that indicate how a member is expected to fulfil his/her ethical responsibilities.

Following public consultation which ends on November 7,

2015, the Code of Ethics Task Force will review the feedback received and develop a final draft of the Code to present to Council at the December 2015 meeting. Once the final Code has been approved, a comprehensive communication and education plan will be put in place to support current and new practitioners' understanding and application of the Code in practice. 📺

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday December 7, 2015

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