

DECEMBER 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

As recorded following Council's regularly scheduled meeting held at the College offices on December 8, 2014.

TRANSPARENCY:

RESPONSE TO MINISTER OF HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE

On October 4, 2014, Minister Hoskins wrote to all health regulatory College Councils and transitional Councils and asked that each College report to the Ministry (by December 1, 2014) outlining present and future initiatives relating to how the College is embracing transparency and making more information regarding decisions and processes available to the public. This College's response — as well as the Minister's letter — is posted on the College website under [Key Initiatives: Transparency Project](#).

APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS DEALING WITH INFORMATION ON THE PUBLIC REGISTER

Following consideration of comments received during the 60-day [public consultation](#) period (ending November 19, 2014), Council approved amendments to College By-law No. 3 relating to Phase one of the [Transparency Project](#) — a multi-staged initiative designed to make more relevant Information regarding regulatory decisions and processes available to the public.

Specifically, the amended by-law includes the posting of a summary of any findings of guilt — made after April 1, 2015 — against a member in respect of a federal or provincial offence that the College becomes aware of, and that the Registrar believes is relevant to the member's suitability to practise. As well, a change was made to the wording of

the posted summaries of current custody or release conditions in provincial or federal offence processes that the College becomes aware of, and that the Registrar believes are relevant to the member's suitability (instead of right) to practise.

Finally, with respect to discipline hearings regarding professional or proprietary misconduct where the matter is outstanding, the amended by-law allows for the posting on the public register of the notice of hearing, if the hearing is awaiting scheduling a statement of that fact, and if the hearing is completed and awaiting a decision, a statement of that fact.

The approved [By-law No 3](#) is now posted on the College's website.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS DEALING WITH INFORMATION ON THE PUBLIC REGISTER

Council also passed, for public consultation, additional [proposed amendments to By-law No 3](#) that will further expand the information made available on the public register about pharmacists and pharmacy technicians.

These amendments are related to Phase Two of the [Transparency Project](#). A few of the key proposed provisions include: the posting of some complaint outcomes — cautions and specified continuing education or remediation programs (SCERP) resulting from the Investigations, Complaints and Reports Committee (ICRC) process — and any federal or provincial charges against a member that the College becomes aware of,



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and that the Registrar believes are relevant to the member's suitability to practise.

The proposed by-law amendments have been [posted for a 60-day public consultation](#) (deadline February 10, 2015). Feedback received will be considered at the March 2015 Council meeting.

DPRA REGULATIONS – REWRITE PROJECT

Prompted by the pending passage of Bill 21, Safeguarding Health Care Integrity Act, 2014, the regulations under the DPRA (Drug and Pharmacies Regulation Act) need to be redrafted. Council received, for information, the proposed framework for this project, noting that the newly drafted regulations will be performance based, will focus on high risk practices (i.e. those that impact patient and public safety), and will support practice evolution and change. It is anticipated that draft regulations will be brought to the March Council meeting for approval for public consultation.

REGISTRATION REGULATION REQUIREMENTS APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Under the Registration Regulation, there are references to require-

ments which are to be approved by Council. These requirements are approved through resolutions and allow the College to make changes in these specific areas to keep the regulation current, without having to actually change the regulation.

Three such amendments were approved by Council at this meeting.

1. The addition of the University of Toronto PharmD for Pharmacists Program, as an approved bridging program
2. The addition of programs that will be considered to have met the requirements of the College's Structured Practical Training (SPT). These programs are:
 - The entry level PharmD program at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy at University of Toronto
 - The entry level PharmD program at the School of Pharmacy at the University of Waterloo
 - The PharmD for Pharmacists Program at the University of Toronto

Read more information on [registration requirements](#) on the College website.

STRATEGIC PLANNING 2015

Progress continues towards meeting the goals and objectives set out in the Strategic Plan and Council received the progress report of action taken by all College areas since the September 2014 Council meeting. Activities set in March 2012 are expected to reach completion in 2015 when Council will embark upon the development of the next 3-year Strategic Plan. To this end, the College has engaged the services of Dr. Elaine Todres, who has held various roles with the government of Ontario and whose firm specializes in corporate governance and strategy, to facilitate Council's strategic planning session set for March 2015.

FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Monday March 9 and Tuesday March 10, 2015

Monday June 15, 2015

Thursday September 17 and Friday September 18, 2015

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