

MARCH 2016 COUNCIL MEETING

As recorded following Council's regularly scheduled meeting held at the College offices on March 29, 2016.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PHARMACY ACT REGULATIONS (Administration of Vaccines by Pharmacists)

In anticipation of the government approving a broader authority for pharmacists to administer vaccinations, Council discussed amendments to the *Pharmacy Act* regulation which would authorize pharmacists to administer select vaccines.

The proposed changes would allow for the administration of vaccinations for 13 diseases that are preventable by vaccines. This includes vaccinations for Haemophilus Influenzae Type B, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Herpes Zoster, Human Papillomavirus, Japanese Encephalitis, Meningitis, Pneumococcal Disease, Rabies, Tuberculosis, Typhoid Disease, Varicella Virus and Yellow Fever.

The proposed amendments would also authorize pharmacy students and interns to administer injections — including those under the Universal Influenza Immunization Program and the selected vaccines — subject to the terms, limits and conditions imposed on their certificate of registration.

Accordingly, Council approved the recommendation that the proposed changes to the *Pharmacy Act* regulations be circulated and posted for [public consultation](#) on the College's website with a deadline of May 29, 2016. Comments and input will be considered by Council at its meeting in June.

COUNCIL APPROVES AUDITED STATEMENTS FOR COLLEGE OPERATIONS FOR 2015

Council approved the Audited Financial Statements for the operations of the College for 2015 as prepared by management and audited by Clarke Henning, LLP, Chartered Accountants. The audit and resulting financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standards. Council was pleased to note that the auditors did not identify any major issues of concern. The summarized financial statements will be published in the 2015 Annual Report early in April.

NEW PUBLIC MEMBER APPOINTED TO COUNCIL

Council welcomed Mr. Wes Vickers, to the table. Mr. Vickers will be serving on the Discipline, Inquiries Complaints and Reports, and the Registration Committees of the College. With the addition of Mr. Vickers there are currently 10 publicly appointed members on Council; a full compliment is 16.

Mr. John Amodeo, Director, Corporate Management Branch, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care also attended the meeting and presented an overview of the process of appointment by government of public members to regulatory colleges.

It was acknowledged that this College has been struggling with drawing duly constituted panels

to consider matters referred to statutory committees for adjudication due to the limited availability of government appointed public members. This has sometimes resulted in cancelled panel meetings. Although legislation permits panels of adjudicatory committees (except for discipline) to proceed in the absence of Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGC) public members, the College is reluctant to do so and would like to ensure that as far as is possible, there is public participation at these meetings.

Council considered strategies that would allow the College to ensure panels meet both in a timely manner and with public participation and agreed to consider this matter further at the June Council meeting. 📍

COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2016:

- Monday 13 June, 2016
- Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 September, 2016
- Monday 12 December, 2016

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