

MARCH 2018

COUNCIL MEETING

As recorded following Council's regularly scheduled meeting held on March 25th - 27th, 2018.

COUNCIL SETS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES, FRAMEWORK FOR 2019 – 2021

Shifting public expectations of regulators and the growing opportunities to contribute to improved patient outcomes and a better health system served as an important backdrop as College Council participated in a facilitated planning session aimed at setting a new strategic plan to guide the work of the College, and its public-protection mandate, over the next three years.

While reflecting on the College's accomplishments since 2015, Council members considered the input received from the public, government, professionals and other health system and regulatory partners in establishing updated vision, mission and values statements and setting new strategic priorities for 2019-2021. These priorities are focused on strengthening the College's capacity and ability to respond to emerging regulatory and healthcare system priorities, improving patient outcomes through collaboration and practice optimization, and enhancing communication and public education.

The College will now move forward with preparing an operational plan, with the final vision, mission, values and strategic priority statements,

for approval at the June 2018 Council meeting.

NEW ELECTED MEMBER ON COUNCIL

Council welcomed newly-elected member from District H, Ms. Nadia Facca. Ms. Facca will be serving on the Accreditation, Drug Preparation Premises and Quality Committees of the College.

CANNABIS TASK FORCE

The Cannabis Task Force is currently in the process of drafting a Cannabis Strategy that it plans to present to Council in June. One of the Strategy's goals is to address the need for members to respond to changes in the pharmacy practice environment related to the impact on patients as a result of the impending legalization of recreational cannabis. Agreeing that this is a significant and time-sensitive issue, Council discussed and unanimously supported the recommendation that the College require all Part A pharmacists to complete cannabis education in preparation for these anticipated practice changes.

College staff will work towards establishing a process for implementation of the requirement and collaborate with continuing education providers to assure appropriate courses are accessible to pharmacists to

meet this mandatory education requirement. More information on the requirement, including implementation timeline, will be communicated as details are confirmed over the coming months.

COUNCIL APPROVES AUDITED STATEMENTS FOR COLLEGE OPERATIONS FOR 2017

Council approved the audited financial statements for the operations of the College for the 2017 fiscal year as prepared by Tinkham LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants. The audit and resulting financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standards for not-for-profit organizations. Council was pleased to note that the auditors did not identify any major issues of concern. The summarized financial statements can be found on the [College's website](#).

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The College's 2017 annual report, entitled "*Putting Patients First*", is now available for download as a PDF document on the public website and includes the audited financial statements approved by Council. A web-friendly supplementary version of the annual report can be viewed on any computer or mobile device at www.ocpannualreport2017.ca.



COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Building on a presentation at the December 2017 Council meeting that focused on 2018 communication priorities, Council members received an update related to media and social media activities at the College. The presentation focused on the latest communication and media trends observed by staff and best practices to help Council and committee members understand the College's role

and their responsibilities when communicating in the public eye. An e-learning module on "[Social Media Awareness for Regulated Health Professionals](#)" is currently available on our website in our e-learning library.

COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2018:

- Monday 11 June, 2018
- Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 September, 2018
- Monday 10 December, 2018

Council meetings are open to the public and, unless otherwise stated, are held at the College: 483 Huron Street, Toronto, ON M5R 2R4. If you plan to attend, or for more information, please contact Ms. Ushma Rajdev, Council and Executive Liaison at council@ocpinfo.com. 