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Ms. James indicated that the College has consulted with Ministry staff responsible for administration of the Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) regarding the inclusion of children 2 years of age. In addition, the College consulted with Ministry staff responsible for the *Laboratory and Specimen Collection Centre Licensing Act*, which will require regulatory amendments in order to authorize registrants to perform certain Point of Care Tests (POCT).

Over the last two months, the College has engaged and consulted with stakeholders, including pharmacy associations, provincial pharmacy regulators, subject matter experts in pharmacy, medicine and public health, and with registrants via [e-connect](#), the College's bi-weekly electronic newsletter, as well as an online survey.

Ms. James reviewed the proposed regulatory amendments for each of the scope changes and addressed clarifying questions. With respect to POCT it was noted that the College and Ministry are still actively considering the types and details of the tests that will be permitted. Ms. James clarified that the amendments in the General Regulation are only enabling in nature. Additionally the College is working with Ministry staff to consider shifting the approach to administration of substances by injection and inhalation to a drug classification model, as opposed to a fixed list, to allow for continued currency of substances and the ability of pharmacists to administer the most appropriate substance based on individual patient needs.

During discussion of the motion, there were questions as to whether the scope changes would be restricted based on the practice setting and it was explained the regulations apply equally to all practice settings but that there may be other legislation, regulation or policy outside of the College's jurisdiction, that may restrict scope for individuals in some settings, for instance the *Public Hospitals Act*.

The Council members were in support of the changes and commended the College and the Ministry in enabling the profession to optimize their knowledge and experience and take on a greater role to improve health outcomes for patients.

Following discussion, the **motion** That Council approve the proposed amendments to *General Regulation 202/94* of the *Pharmacy Act*, Part VII.3 (Controlled Acts) for the purpose of public consultation in preparation for submission of regulatory amendments to the Minister of Health by November 30, 2019. **was called to a vote.**

**Council members voted unanimously in favour of the motion. The motion CARRIED.**

#### **14. Motion of Adjournment**

There being no further business, **at 11:14 a.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was moved and seconded. The motion CARRIED.**

**Sarah MacDougall  
Council & Committee Liaison**

**Laura Weyland  
President**