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Authority and Accountability	The Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee is a statutory committee of the Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario. It is established pursuant to section 10(1) of the Health Professions Procedural Code (the Code), which is Schedule 2 of the <i>Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991</i> (the "RHPA"), section 12.01 of the by-laws and GP06 - Committee Principles of the Council governing policies.
Limitations	The Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee shall only exercise the authority, and fulfill the duties and responsibilities authorized under the <i>Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991</i> or under these Terms of Reference,
Responsibilities	<p>The Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise on and make recommendations to the Council with respect to policies and procedures governing the inquiries, complaints and reports processes of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario; • By way of panels appointed by the ICRC Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Investigate complaints filed with the CEO, review the submissions from the Registrant(s), make reasonable efforts to review all relevant records and documents and take appropriate action in accordance with section 26 of the Code; ○ Consider Reports received from the CEO, review the submissions from the Registrant(s), make reasonable efforts to review all relevant records and documents and take appropriate action in accordance with section 26 of the Code; and ○ Consider allegations of professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity referred to it by the Quality Assurance Committee in accordance with paragraph 4 of section 80.2(1) of the Code; and ○ Inquire into whether a Registrant is incapacitated and take appropriate action in accordance with sections 58 to 63 of the Code; and • Review the following to ensure that they are transparent, objective, impartial, fair and free of discrimination and bias and to make any recommendations to the Council for amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annually, all relevant program policies and related procedures; and ○ Bi-annually, all relevant regulations made under the <i>Naturopathy Act, 2007</i>.
Appointment and composition	The Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee shall be appointed by the Council and shall be comprised of no fewer than three but as many individuals as the Council may deem appropriate, such that the Committee members include:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one Council member who is a Public member and any number of additional Council members. • One or more Registrants who are not Council members. • Any number of Public Representatives as defined in the by-laws. <p>A Committee Chair, and where deemed necessary by the Council a Committee Vice Chair, shall also be appointed by the Council, and, wherever practical, the Chair shall not be a member of the Executive Committee of the Council.</p>
Panels	<p>The Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee may meet in panels. Any panel of the Committee shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee by the Chair and shall be comprised of no fewer than three members of the Committee, one of whom shall be a Public member of the Council.</p> <p>When appointing a panel, the Committee Chair shall designate one panel member as the Chair of the Panel.</p>
Term of Office	<p>The Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee members shall be appointed for approximately one year and may be re-appointed annually by the Council, at its sole discretion, such that no committee member may serve more than nine consecutive years.</p> <p>The term of office of any panel appointed by the Committee Chair shall be until the matter referred to it has been disposed of. A Panel member may not continue with a matter after that Panel member's term has ended. If a Panel has not concluded a matter before a Panel member's term ends, the remaining Panel members may continue to deal with the matter if quorum exists or the Chair of the Committee may appoint a new Panel.</p>
Meetings	<p>The Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee shall meet on a date and at a time set by the Committee Chair at least ten days in advance of the meeting date unless a majority of Committee members agree to a shorter period.</p> <p>In the event that the Committee Chair is unable to preside at a duly called meeting, the Chair may designate an acting Chair from among the Committee members, or where the Chair has not done so, an acting Chair for the meeting shall be selected by and from among the Committee members present.</p>
Quorum	Pursuant to section 12.06 of the by-laws, quorum for meetings of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee shall be three members of

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	<p>the Committee, at least one of which shall be a Public member or a Public Representative as defined in the by-laws.</p> <p>In cases of urgency as determined by the Chair, the Public member/Public Representative requirement for the purposes of quorum may be waived.</p>
Quorum for panels	Quorum for a panel of the Committee shall be in accordance with any requirements set out in the Code.
Reports	<p>The Committee Chair, on behalf of the Committee, shall provide to the Council an Annual Report on the performance of its responsibilities and outcomes of its activities for the period of April 1st of the previous year to March 31st of the current year, subject to any requirements of the <i>Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991</i>. The Annual Report shall be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer no later than June 1st annually for delivery to the Council.</p> <p>The Committee Chair shall also submit a bi-monthly report to the Council addressing matters of importance to the Committee, including but not necessarily limited to volunteer resources, attendance issues, trends in activities before the committee and volume of work.</p>

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