

## Council Highlights March 27, 2024 (Meeting #40<sup>1</sup>)

The Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario met on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, from 9:16 a.m. to 1:43 p.m.; seven of the seven elected professional members and three of the five public members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council were present. Also in attendance was General Legal Counsel, Rebecca Durcan, of the law firm Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc. The agenda and supporting materials for the meeting were released via the <u>College's website</u> on March 20, 2024, and continue to be available there.

In addition to its regular routine business and receipt of reports from the Chair and the Chief Executive Officer, the Council considered several important matters which have been highlighted below.

**Q3 Unaudited Statements and Variance Report –** The Council considered and accepted the unaudited financial statements and variance report as presented for Q3 (October 1 – December 31, 2023).

**Language Proficiency Policy –** The Council considered and accepted recommendations from the Registration Committee for amendments to the Language Proficiency Policy. This can be found here on <u>our website</u>.

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**Vaccine Statement** – The Council considered a request from a Council member to revoke its November 25, 2021, statement encouraging members of the profession to be vaccinated and decided to leave the matter as it is presently.

**Annual Operational Plan 2024-2027** – The Council reviewed and accepted the Annual Operational Plan for fiscal year 2024-25 and the following two fiscal year's planning. This can be found here on <u>our website</u>.

**Annual Capital and Operating Budgets 2024-25** – The Council reviewed and accepted the draft Capital and Operating Budgets for fiscal year April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025, and two additional fiscal year's estimates – both budgets were approved as presented.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This is the 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council dating back to its first meeting held following proclamation of the *Naturopathy Act, 2007* on July 1, 2015.



**College Performance Measure Framework (CPMF) Report** – The Council reviewed and accepted the CPMF Report for 2023 to be submitted to the Ministry of Health by March 29, 2024. This can be found <u>here on our website.</u>

**Risk-based Regulation** – The Council reviewed the Risk-based Regulation Program documents for implementation within the coming fiscal year.

**Council Education** – As a part of the College and its Council's commitment to good governance, the Council conducted an educational exercise that was a program briefing made by Ms. Erica Laugalys, Director, Registration & Examinations, about the Examination Program. Program briefings are provided for informational purposes to ensure the Council is aware of the complex programs operated by the regulatory body.

**In-camera Portion** – The Council held an in-camera portion of their meeting pursuant to paragraph (d) of section 7(2) of the HPPC to discuss personnel matters.

Readers who have questions are invited to contact the College by e-mail at <u>general@collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca</u>.

Andrew Parr, CAE Chief Executive Officer April 5, 2024