## Council Highlights July 30, 2025 (Meeting #48<sup>1</sup>)

The Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario met on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, from 9:16 a.m. to 12:44 p.m.; all elected professional members and four of the six public members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council were present. Also in attendance was General Legal Counsel, Ms. Rebecca Durcan, of the law firm Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc, Mr. Barry Sullivan, Vice-Chair, Governance Committee, Dr. Shelley Burns, ND, Chair, Audit, Finance & Risk Committee, Mr. Thomas Kriens, Partner at Kriens~LaRose, LLP and Auditor, and Ms. Sandi Verrecchia from Satori Consulting. The agenda and supporting materials for the meeting were released via the College's website on July 23, 2025, and continue to be available on the College's website.

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

**Report on Regulatory Operations** – The Council reviewed and accepted the Report on Regulatory Operations at June 30, 2025. This report provides the Council with the assurance that the regulatory activities of the College are being undertaken in compliance with legislation.

**Annual Committee Reports**— The Council reviewed and accepted the Committee Reports for fiscal year 2024-2025. They can be found here on <u>our website</u>.

**The Report on Operations – Year End Report –** The Council reviewed and accepted the Annual Report on Operational Performance for 2024-25 which highlights the initiatives being undertaken in support of achieving the strategic objectives and priorities established by the Council.

**Detailed Review – Executive Limitations Policies – Part 1 –** Mr. Barry Sullivan, Vice-Chair of the Governance Committee, presented the Council's survey results and questions that were completed and submitted in advance of the meeting in relation to the detailed review of the Executive Limitations Policies – Part 1 (EL01-EL08).

**Auditor's Report and Audited Financial Statements – Fiscal Year 2024-2025 –** The Council considered and approved the Auditor's Report and Audited Statements – Fiscal Year 2024-2025. They can be found here on <u>our website</u>.

**Appointment of Auditor – 2025-2026 Fiscal Year** – The Council approved the re-appointment of Kriens~LaRose, LLP, to be the College's auditor for the coming fiscal year.

**Council Education** – As a part of the College and its Council's commitment to good governance, the Council completed its annual Effectiveness survey. The results of the Council's feedback were presented and facilitated by Ms. Sandi Verrecchia of Satori Consulting Inc. The Council participated in an active discussion and was provided an update in relation to Council and Committee evaluations, the next steps in the process and timelines.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This is the 48<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.

In addition, Council member Dr. Erin Psota, ND, provided a detailed presentation highlight the results she received from a survey circulated to fellow Naturopathic Doctors (NDs) on Council, as well as other NDs, that gave insight as to what an ND does in their day-to-day as well as other functions they are involved with, for example, researching and teaching.

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

Andrew Parr, CAE Chief Executive Officer August 11, 2025