

## **Information for Council Meeting Observers**

## Mandate of the Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario

The Council is responsible for operating, managing and administering its statutory obligations under the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991, (RHPA)* and the *Naturopathy Act, 2007*, to regulate the profession of naturopathy in the public interest.

## **Guidelines for Observers Attending a Council Meeting**

- 1. Council meetings are open to the public. However, the public may be excluded from any Council meeting or part of a meeting pursuant to section 7 of the Health Professions Procedural Code.
- 2. Individuals attending as observers are requested to:
  - Turn off their cell phones and pagers;
  - Refrain from recording of proceedings by any electronic means;
  - Be quiet during the meeting and not engage in conversation, discussion or any disruptive behaviour;
  - Refrain from addressing Council, speaking to, or passing notes and information to the Council members while the meeting is in progress;
  - Refrain from lobbying of Council members during the meetings and breaks;
  - Respect that observers are not allowed to participate in debate of any matter before Council;
  - Respect the authority of the presiding officer; and
  - Take their seats in the area designated to observers.
- 3. Requests for use of College meeting and/or office space will not be granted.