Council Highlights September 25, 2024 (Meeting #43¹)

The Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario met on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, from 9:16 a.m. to 11:38 a.m. Present at the meeting were five of the seven elected professional members and five of the five appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. Also in attendance was General Legal Counsel Ms. Rebecca Durcan of the law firm Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc and Mr. Barry Sullivan, Governance Policy Review Committee Acting Chair. The agenda and supporting materials for the meeting were released via the College's website on September 19, 2024, and continue to be available on the <u>College's website</u>.

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

Unaudited Financial Statement for Q1 – The Council reviewed and accepted the Unaudited Financial Statement ending June 30, 2024 (Q1).

Council Governance Policy Review- The Council conducted a detailed review of a section of the Executive Limitations Policies under the guidance of Mr. Barry Sullivan. This was followed by Mr. Sullivan sharing recommendations made by the Governance Policy Review Committee for amendments. The Council reviewed and approved the proposed amendments.

Organizational Structure of the College – The Council received the Organizational Structure changes and Human Resources Program materials that were developed to align with the Human Resources Plan accepted by Council at their March 2024 meeting to support the Council's Strategic Plan initiatives.

Council Education – As a part of the College and its Council's commitment to good governance, the Council received an educational briefing and presentation by Mr. Jeremy Quesnelle, Deputy CEO, Regulation, about the Quality Assurance Program. Program briefings are provided for informational purposes to ensure the Council is aware of the complex programs operated by the regulatory body.

In addition, the Council received a supplementary educational presentation by Mr. Andrew Parr, CEO, which highlighted key communicational messages and guidelines that have been developed to provide Council members with the necessary information they need to respond to inquiries or when engaging with fellow registrants or members of the public that align with the Governance Process policies of the Council.

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

Andrew Parr, CAE Chief Executive Officer September 30, 2024

¹ This is the 43th meeting of the Council dating back to its first meeting held following proclamation of the *Naturopathy Act, 2007* on July 1, 2015.