

Council Highlights
November 27, 2024 (Meeting #44¹)

The Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario met on Wednesday, November 27, 2024, from 9:17 a.m. to 11:22 a.m.; seven of the seven elected professional members and five of the five 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. The agenda and supporting materials for the meeting were released via the [College's website](#) on November 20, 2024, and continue to be available there.

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.

Report on Regulatory Operations – The Council reviewed and accepted the Report on Regulatory Operations at October 31, 2024. This report provides the Council with the assurance that the regulatory activities of the College are being undertaken in compliance with the legislation.

Mid-year Report on Operations – The Council reviewed and accepted the Report on Operations – Mid Year encompassing the progress on operating activities ending September 30, 2024, as the fiscal year of the College is April to March annually.

Q2 Unaudited Financial Statements– The Council reviewed and accepted the Unaudited Financial Statement ending September 30, 2024 (Q2).

CEO Review Panel Appointments – According to Governance Policy 19.04 – CEO Performance Review, each year the Council at its November meeting, needs to appoint members to the CEO Performance Review Panel (the Review Panel) with a minimum of three and up to a maximum of four members, that is comprised of the Council Chair, Council Vice-Chair and up to two Council members. This year, the Review Panel is comprised of Dr. Jordan Sokoloski, ND, Council Chair, Dean Catherwood, Council Vice-Chair, Dr. Denis Marier, ND and Dr. Jacob Scheer, ND.

The Working Group on the Identification and Mitigation of Patient Harm (WGIMPH) Appointments – According to the WGIMPH's Terms of Reference, the Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario (the College) is required to appoint two representatives. The Council appointed Dr. Brenda Lessard-Rhead, ND (Inactive) and Dr. Denis Marier, ND to be the representatives of the College.

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 Inspection Program. Program briefings are provided for informational purposes to ensure the Council is aware of the complex programs operated by the regulatory body.

¹ This is the 44th meeting of the Council dating back to its first meeting held following proclamation of the *Naturopathy Act, 2007* on July 1, 2015.

In addition, the Council received a supplementary educational presentation by General Legal Counsel Ms. Rebecca Durcan on the *Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA), 1991*. This education focused on key concepts and terminology used that were put into context for the Council along with detailed descriptions and examples, for instance, the difference between Acts and Regulations.

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

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