

Council Highlights January 29, 2025 (Meeting #45¹)

The Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario met on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, from 9:17 a.m. to 10:53 a.m.; six 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, Rebecca Durcan of the law firm Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc, Dr. Sean Armstrong, ND, Co-Chair, Inspection Committee, Dr. Jennifer DelBelBelluz, ND, Acting Chair, Governance Policy Review Committee (GPRC) and Mr. Barry Sullivan, GPRC member. The agenda and supporting materials for the meeting were released via the College's website on January 22, 2025, 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 (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 December 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.

Governance Process Policies (Part 1 – GP 01- GP17) – The GPRC presented Part 1 of the Governance policy review process. Several policies were highlighted for the Council based on the Council's survey results and questions that were completed and submitted in advance of the meeting.

Inspection Program Policies – The Council received a presentation by Dr. Sean Armstrong, ND, Co-Chair of the Inspection Committee, on proposed amendments to the Inspection Program policies. The rationale for the amendments was to ensure the policies align with the College's current by-laws and practices. The Council reviewed and accepted the proposed amendments to the Inspection Program Policies.

Council Education – As a part of the College and its Council's commitment to good governance, the Council received an educational program briefing by Ms. Erica Laugalys, Deputy CEO, Registrant and Corporate Services, about the Registration Program. Program briefings are provided for informational purposes to ensure the Council is aware of the complex programs operated by the regulatory body.

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

Andrew Parr, CAE Chief Executive Officer February 4, 2025

¹ This is the 45th meeting of the Council dating back to its first meeting held following proclamation of the *Naturopathy Act, 2007* on July 1, 2015.