

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

November 21, 2019

Non-Council Member Appointments Policy

Council was provided with the [Non-Council Member Appointments Policy](#) drafted by staff and recommended by the Executive Committee. Council supported using the policy to recruit non-council members effective immediately. In accordance with the policy, a callout to registrants will be included in a future CRPO Member Communiqué.

Governance Reform Initiative

Council supported having the Executive Committee oversee the CRPO's governance reform initiative. The governance review report will direct their initial work; this report will be shared as part of the Committee's work plan outline.

Strategic Planning

Council approved the strategic planning report and directed staff to use the report to direct work plans. [Click here](#) to view the strategic plan *Fostering Excellence, Trustworthiness and Accessibility: 2020 – 2023 Strategy for the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario*.

Reappointment of current non-council members

Council ratified the Executive Committee's decision to reappoint Sue Lymburner (Client Relations), Kali Hewitt-Blackie (Inquiries, Complaints & Reports) and Kayleen Edwards (Quality Assurance) as non-council committee members for one-year terms.

Committee Composition and Council Slate

Council approved the proposed committee composition for 2019-2020. The full list of Council members and the committees to which they are appointed [can be found here](#).

Controlled Act Standard

Council approved the revised Controlled Act Standard. Since the changes to the standard stem from legislation and the controlled act coming into effect on January 1, 2020, a public consultation is not required. [Click here to view the approved standard](#).

By-law Redundancies Repealed

Council reviewed the results of the public consultation regarding proposed changes to the by-laws dictating what information is posted to the public register. With several sources of authority legislating what information is posted on the public register (e.g., sections of the Health Professions Procedural Code, College by-laws), the likelihood of redundancies is possible. Council approved the by-law changes to eliminate these redundancies and to ensure that CRPO by-laws are clear. The revised by-laws are available in [English](#) and [French](#).

The approval of the noted by-law changes means that the Suitability to Practise policy approved in 2017 would be out of date. Council approved the revised [Suitability to Practise](#) policy. The

substance of the revised policy is the same as the 2017 policy; however, it no longer refers to bail conditions or criminal charges.

Council also approved separating the suitability to practise policy from the *process* staff follows to post information on the public register. This is because the two issues (suitability to practise and posting information on the public register) may not occur in the same situation. The [Posting Non-College Conduct on the Public Register](#) process document was approved.

Criminal Record Checks

The Registration Committee reviewed the public consultation feedback regarding criminal record checks for applicants. The Committee recommended that the CRPO should not implement a criminal record check. Council agreed with this recommendation.

Executive Committee By-election

In light of news that a current public member at large on the Executive Committee will not be reappointed to CRPO Council by the Public Appointments Secretariat and has a term expiring on December 11, 2019, Council directed the Registrar to hold a Executive Committee by-election to fill the seat in accordance with the by-laws. All current public council members can put their name forward for election at the January 24, 2020 meeting.