



December 10, 2013 Council Highlights

Below is a summary of key decisions taken by Council at its meeting held on December 10, 2013.

CMRTO Strategic Plan

Council reviewed and approved the Strategic Plan 2014-2016. Council approved a refreshed mission statement, and new vision and values within the context of its legislated mandate. The Council entered a strategic planning process in the summer of 2013. In-depth interviews were completed with stakeholders to identify issues that the CMRTO needs to consider and address. The Strategic Plan will focus our activities for the next three years while we continue to meet our legislated obligation to regulate the profession in the public interest.

CMRTO 2014 Operational Plan and Financial Plan

Council approved the 2014 Operational Plan based on the Strategic Plan and as prepared by the Register and approved the 2014 budget to support the Operational Plan.

Reports from Statutory Committees

Council received reports from the Executive Committee, the Discipline Committee, the Fitness to Practise Committee, the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee, the Quality Assurance Committee and the Registration Committee on their activities.

Financial

Council received the financial reports for the period ending October 31, 2013.

Auditor's Plan

M. De Mara from KPMG reviewed the Audit Planning Report for the year ending December 31, 2013 and responded to questions from Council.

QA Program

The Registrar reported on the new Quality Assurance Portfolio and distributed the CMRTO's new publications entitled "Quality Assurance Program for MRTs" and "Quality Assurance Portfolio" - print version.

D. Lewis, Chair, QA Committee, provided a live demonstration to Council of the ePortfolio, which was released on the CMRTO website on August 26, 2013.

Governance Task Group

Council received a memo to CMRTO Executive and Finance Committees from L. McDonell, President, The Accountability Group, regarding 'Update: Governance Review Project'. The Governance Task Group updated Council on their progress and activities.

Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council (HPRAC) Consultation – Diagnostic Sonographers

At a special meeting of Council held on November 8, 2013 Council gave direction to Registrar, L. Gough, to prepare a draft response to HPRAC regarding the Ontario Association of Medical Radiation Sciences (OAMRS) application for the regulation of diagnostic sonographers with CMRTO. The draft CMRTO submission to HPRAC was reviewed, amended and approved in principle by Council.

Bill 117, *Enhancing Patient Care and Pharmacy Safety Act*

On October 22, 2013 L. Gough and the CMRTO's legal counsel, attended a technical briefing, by teleconference, regarding Bill 117. There are certain issues set out in the Bill that warrant consideration by CMRTO. The progress of the Bill will be monitored and should it be referred to Standing Committee for comment, CMRTO staff will prepare a submission for Council or Executive's consideration and approval.

Bill 70, *Regulated Health Professions Amendment Act (Spousal exception)*

Council reviewed and discussed a health law bulletin regarding 'Bill 70, *Regulated Health Professions Amendment Act (Spousal Exception)*'. CMRTO's response to the HPRAC consultation is to maintain its current position of zero tolerance of sexual abuse of patients by MRTs. The Bill permits health regulatory colleges to make regulations that exempt members from the sexual abuse provisions of the RHPA if the patient is a spouse of the members and the member is not engaged in the practice of the profession at the time the conduct, behaviour or remark occurred. Council may need to consider whether or not to propose such a regulation under the spousal exception provision. Council continues to monitor the discussion of Bill 70.

Bill 30, *Skin Cancer Prevention Act*

Council reviewed a letter regarding the *Skin Cancer Prevention Act (Tanning Beds)*, 2013, and directed staff to draft a response from the CMRTO stating that MRTs do not require an exception as MRTs do not administer UV light treatments for tanning purposes.

Professional Liability Insurance

The publications 'What you must know about...professional liability insurance' and 'Guidelines for determining whether MRTs require professional liability insurance' approved by Council at its meeting held on September 27, 2013, were mailed to members on October 29, 2013.

National Council

On Council's invitation, François Couillard, CEO, Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) gave a presentation on a proposed memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the CAMRT and all the provincial organizations related to MRTs, including provincial associations and regulatory bodies. Council reviewed the draft MOU and directed the Registrar to work with legal counsel to review the the draft and report at the next meeting of Council.

Office of the Fairness Commissioner (OFC)

Council received the draft 'CMRTO Registration Practices Assessment Report.' L. Gough and C. Morris met with the Executive Director and Policy Analyst from the OFC on November 28, 2013. The OFC has no recommendations for CMRTO for 2013. The CMRTO self-identified two

improvements – adding additional information to the CMRTO website. These improvements were made before completion of the OFC report.

CAMRT Symposium on the Future of MRT Education

L. Gough attended the 'CAMRT Symposium on the Future of MRT Education' on October 17-18, 2013 and reported to Council on the Symposium.

Council received the following as information items

- 'Legislative Update – What happened in August 2013', FHRCO
- Memorandum to Registrars from the Health Board Secretariat regarding 'Staffing Change'
- Web bulletin from Real Time Medical regarding 'Canadians now benefit from radiology quality monitored in real-time'
- Letter to members from OAMRS regarding 'President's and CEO's message'

Next Council Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 28, 2014 at the CMRTO office.