

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Monday December 5th, 2016

Welcome to New Council Members and Recently Elected Members

Our newest Public Member Mr. Gordon White was introduced and the Council election winners for the 2017 to 2019 Council term were congratulated: Ms. Peggy Dreyer (District 4 – Western), Mr. Robert Vezina (District 6 – Certified Contact Lens Fitter), and Mr. Balbir Dhillon (District 7 – Central Western).

Collaborative Practice Environment – Jointly Developed Record Keeping Guidelines

The College of Opticians of Ontario in concert with the College of Optometrists of Ontario have developed joint record keeping guidelines which Council reviewed. These guidelines will assist opticians and optometrists who work together to understand their record keeping and other obligations. The guidelines will be published once approved by both Colleges.

AODA Plan Update

Council approved updates to the College's [Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Plan and Policies](#). The updated plan explains the steps the College has recently taken and will take to ensure accessibility in the areas of information and communications, employment, and built environment.

Strategic Plan

Council reviewed the current status of the College's 2015-2017 Strategic Plan. Council agreed to work with a facilitator early in 2017 to extend the Strategic Plan for an additional year.

Phase 2 Transparency By-Laws

Council approved changes to the College's public register by-laws that will enhance the information available to the public about registered opticians. This is part of Phase II of the College's [transparency initiative](#).

The new by-laws will result in the following information appearing on the public register:

- relevant criminal charges
- known licences in other jurisdictions
- more information about decisions of the Inquires, Complaints and Reports Committee (ICRC), including information about ICRC decisions that require the member to:
 - attend a caution-in-person,
 - complete specified continuing education and remediation programs, and/or
 - enter an undertaking with the College.

These by-law changes come into effect on January 1, 2017.

Council Meeting Dates for 2017

Council approved the following meeting dates for the upcoming year:

- Monday January 30 and Tuesday January 31st, 2017
- Monday May 29 & ½ day on Tuesday May 30th 2017
- Monday September 25th – Annual General Meeting and Council
- Monday December 4th, 2017