

**Chair of Council
Report to Council
June 2020**

The contents of this report highlight the activities of the Chair between February 1, 2020 and April 30, 2020. Attachment 1, the College mandate, objects, vision, mission and strategic priorities, is provided for your reference. Attachment 2 is a summary of Outreach Activities.

COVID19

On March 17, 2020, the physical offices of the College closed to the public, Council Members and staff members as per COVID19 government directives. Since that time, staff have transitioned to work-from-home, urgent governance meetings and panels have been held and, we continue to expand when permitted under current state of emergency and where logistically possible. I thank the collaborative efforts of the Senior Leadership Team and the COVID19 Response Team led by the interim Deputy Registrar, Paul Picard, OCT and now Deputy Registrar, Chantal Bélisle, OCT. Please do visit the oct.ca website for our communications to the members and public. Additional information to Council Members will continue to be posted on CouncilNet. Please do visit both the public website and CouncilNet to stay informed.

Official Welcomes

I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome newly, appointed Council member Bonnie Oakes Charron. Since 2016, Ms. Oakes Charron has served in various governance roles. Bonnie previously served on the board of Governance Professionals of Canada, was a Parent Involvement Committee member with the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, and was an executive committee member of the Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils. With her vast amount of experience (you can read more here: <https://www.oct.ca/about-the-college/council/council-members/bonnie-oakes-charron>) we are delighted to welcome Bonnie to 8th Council.

And we also welcome newly appointed member Éleine Legault. Ms Legault is a consultant for Le Conseil des Organismes Francophones de la Région de Durham (COFRD) and an ardent advocate for Ontario's French community. Now semi-retired, Ms. Legault served 22 years as COFRD's Executive Director providing French Language services to Durham Region in arts and culture, immigration, employment and family justice. She served as a trustee of the Conseil de District Catholique du Secteur Ontario-Sud for 10 years, two as board chair, and three years as chair and trustee of the French Language section of Durham District Catholic School Board. You can read further details here: <https://www.oct.ca/about-the-college/council/council-members/elaine-legault>). We warmly welcome Éleine to 8th Council.

Council Agenda Items: Reports from Committees

- Refer to Attachment 3 to this report

Strategic Priorities

Strengthen Transparency and Accountability

Council Meetings During COVID19

- Our Council Meetings continue to be open to the public even in our current environment
- Agendas are posted to the website and registration to attend the Council Meeting by the public continues to be available

Manage Risk More Strategically

Current Council Composition

- We are delighted that the Government has listened to our repeated requests to fill our public member vacancies
- We are now almost working with a full complement

Private Schools and Membership Requirement Ad-Hoc Committee

- Council passed a motion in March to strike an ad-hoc committee to further investigate and research the effect of the motion in relation to private schools and membership requirement
- The Committee members are:
 - Bob Cooper
 - Melissa Gaffen
 - Marlène Marwah
 - Nicola Powadiuk
 - Jennifer Wyatt
- At the Committee's first meeting they will elect a Chairperson

Improve Stakeholder Engagement

Meetings with the Deputy Minister

- As of the writing of this report, we have met on two occasions March 2nd and March 24th
- The conversations focused on the practicum completion of Ontario teacher candidates and the Math Proficiency Test
- We also reiterated the urgency in knowing whether the Government was planning on introducing the Governance enhancements recommended by Council so as to understand the implications of the Council Election cycle
- The government acknowledged that our duty is to fulfill the current regulation
- We have a meeting scheduled for May 25th

Professional Advisories

- The government directed province-wide public-school closures post March Break
- There was much outreach for our professional advisories by members of the profession
- The College sent several communications in relation to advice in several professional advisories
- Additional communications were sent through direct email messages to the 250K members and applicants to provide further clarity on professional conduct in a Learn-from-Home environment
- This is also accessible to the public on the oct.ca website

Attendance at Council Meeting at the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO)

- The Chair of Governance and I attended the meeting on March 11th
- The Governance related topics included:
 - Competency based applications for committees
 - Transitional strategy and action plan for their governance reforms
- The documents shared at the CNO Council meeting have been shared with the Governance Committee through their Chair