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Memo

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To: Council of the Ontario College of Teachers
From: Diana Miles, Council Chair
Subject: Chair's Report to Council – September 15, 2022

Hello et Bonjour. I am pleased to present my September 2022 report to Council and would like to extend my sincere thanks to my fellow Council members, committee and roster members, and College staff for their continued commitment to our modernized governance model.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This is our first opportunity to meet in person, and it will be wonderful to see the College's governance structure sitting together again. I would also like to extend a special welcome to the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of statutory and regulatory committees who are joining us today, either in-person or virtually.

These moments are an important opportunity for open discussion and for relationship-building. It is also a chance to enhance our shared understanding of the work of each committee as well as that of Council.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the new Interim Deputy Registrar, Linda Lacroix, OCT, on her recent appointment. Most recently, Linda served as the College's Director of Investigations and Hearings following a respected career in the education sector.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Orientation and Training

In June, College staff made a presentation to Council regarding the current labour market for teachers and the *Transition to Teaching* report. While the report is undoubtedly of importance to all stakeholders in the education sector, it does highlight a number of considerations that fall within the College's mandate and may be relevant for Council to consider during strategic planning.

In accordance with Council's *Training and Development Plan*, a presentation on budget and financial planning will have been provided to Council immediately preceding this September meeting. This training is very timely, as we will be considering the 2023 budget proposal later in the morning, in preparation for its final approval at our December 8, 2022 meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Subcommittee Reports

Council looks forward to receiving a fulsome report from the Selection and Nominating Subcommittee that will include recommendations for renewals and new appointments to Council, committees and rosters. Council will also receive updates from the Human Resources and Audit and Finance subcommittees.

Committee Reports

In accordance with the *Schedule of Committee Reports* approved by Council in March, I am pleased to welcome Paige Bennett and Deani Van Pelt, the Chairs of the Accreditation Committee and Standards of Practice and Education Committee, respectively, to our September meeting to report on their activities to date.

Although Council members no longer populate the statutory and regulatory committees, those committees continue to play an integral role in the College's ability to meet its regulatory mandate. Maintaining a connection with these seven committees by inviting committee Chairs to attend Council meetings and report on their activity each year will help Council understand how the College is functioning 'on the ground' and consider legislative and regulatory improvements where necessary.

Review of Strategic Priorities

At its June meeting, Council approved planning for a strategic planning session, the dates for which have been confirmed as May 17-18, 2023. The current strategic priorities were last reviewed and approved in 2018 with the understanding that they would be reviewed after five years. This is critical work as Council's primary responsibility and overriding purpose continues to be stewardship of the College's strategic direction and annual priorities.

Annual Meeting of Members

I would like to remind everyone that the Annual Meeting of Members will take place virtually beginning at 5:30 p.m. on September 28. The meeting is open to College members and the general public, and I am also excited to extend my welcome to many future members of the teaching profession who have indicated their intent to join us. The Annual Meeting of Members provides an opportunity to share information on the work of Council as well as for Council to receive questions from members of the teaching profession.

Future Meeting Dates

Finally, I would like to flag that some meeting dates for 2023 have been revised including pushing the September date back by a few weeks due to the challenges presented by having it too early in a new school year.