

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Held on July 31, 2023, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Videoconference

Chair:	Claire Ramlogan-Salanga, RM
Present:	Edan Thomas, RM; Isabelle Milot, RM; Jyothy Nair, RM; Robyn Berman, RM; Alexia Singh, RM; Judith Murray; Marianna Kaminska; Jacqueline Morrison; Tina Walia-Rao;
Regrets:	Oliver Okafor, Don Strickland, Karen McKenzie, RM, Hardeep Fervaha, RM
Staff:	Kelly Dobbin; Nadja Gale; Nancy Tran; Victoria Marshall; Lieran Docherty; Johanna Geraci; Abinaya Kalanandan
Guests:	Lilly Martin, RM (Non-Council, Quality Assurance Committee Chair)
Observers:	Deborah Bonser (AOM); Beth Mens (AOM); Bethany Galster (Public)
Recorder:	Nadja Gale

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Claire Ramlogan-Salanga, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm and welcomed all present, including Tina Walia-Rao, our newest public Council member who was joining a Council meeting for the first time. A land acknowledgement was offered by the Chair.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interests

A potential conflict was raised by public member, Judith Murray. The conflict was considered by the Registrar and Chair offline, and it was deemed that no actual conflict existed, but it was advised that a question should be posed in a more general manner to avoid the perception of a conflict. The question was posed under agenda item 4.

3. Proposed Agenda

The proposed agenda was approved as presented.

MOTION:

That the proposed agenda be approved as presented.

Moved: Edan Thomas
Seconded: Marianna Kaminska
CARRIED

4. Proposed Designated Drugs and Substances Regulation

The Chair of the Quality Assurance Committee, Lilly Martin, introduced the proposed Designated Drugs and Substances Regulation intended to replace the current Designated Drugs Regulation, Ontario Regulation 884/93 made under the *Midwifery Act, 1991*, and outlined the changes that have been introduced to update the regulation. Council reviewed the draft of the Designated Drugs and Substances Regulation and discussed the proposal.

It was suggested that gentamicin should be added to the regulation under Schedule 3, Substances that May be Administered by Injection, under the category of Antibacterials, as it is a substance used by midwives, is within the scope of practice and not currently listed in the proposed regulation. Council agreed to this addition.

Another Council member asked if there is potential for vaccines to be added to the regulation if they are approved by Health Canada and recommended by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI). It was noted that the Ministry continues to monitor for updates to approved drugs and substances and if something came up prior to approval and implementation of the regulation, the College would make a request for it to be added where evidence exists for its use by midwives. It was also noted that this example highlights the risk that as soon as a list is approved in regulation, it may be outdated.

A discussion pursued clarifying why the College was considering a request to the Minister to exempt the College from having to circulate the proposed regulation for 60-days. Further to what was outlined in the briefing note, College staff confirmed that the proposed regulation was based on a previously conducted consultation and work with stakeholders, including the Ministry, and no substantial changes were made. In addition, the College believes it is in the best interest of the public to submit the proposed regulation as soon as possible, as requested in the letter received from the Ministry, to facilitate access to these treatments for midwifery clients as soon as possible.

The following motions were brought forward.

MOTION:

That Council directs the Registrar to seek approval from the Minister to exempt the requirement of subsection 95 (1.4) of the Health Professions Procedural Code, Schedule 2 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* (“the Code”), requiring that the regulation be circulated for 60 days, in accordance with section 95 (1.6) of the Code.

Moved: Jacqueline Morrison
Seconded: Claire Ramlogan-Salanga
Votes in favour: 9 Council Members (6 Professional: 3 Public)
1 Abstention
CARRIED

MOTION:

That the proposed Designated Drugs and Substances Regulation be approved for submission to the Ministry of Health.

Moved: Robyn Berman
Seconded: Marianna Kaminska
Votes in favour: 9 Council Members (6 Professional: 3 Public)
1 Abstention
CARRIED

5. ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47pm.

MOTION:

That the meeting be adjourned at 2:47pm.

Moved: Marianna Kaminska
Seconded: Alexia Singh
CARRIED