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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 – June 8, 2023

Members of Council and the College's senior leadership team have just completed an intensive two-day in-person session to develop a new five-year strategic plan for the College. I would like to thank everyone who took part in this important work, including Council members, committee chairs, College stakeholders and staff who openly shared their feedback in January-April this year. Led by facilitators from Foresight Strategic Advisors, the in-person session on May 17-18 was extremely productive and I look forward to finalizing a plan that we expect to launch this fall.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

As further detailed in the Registrar's Report to Council, on April 17 of this year the government introduced Bill 98, *Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023*. The bill, once passed, will increase supports for student safety, while enhancing transparency and accountability to parents and guardians. We welcome this new legislation that will support the College in its work to protect Ontario's students.

I am pleased to see College and Ministry of Education staff continuing to work together to explore changes that could expedite teacher certification. This includes preliminary discussions regarding the development of a new transitional certificate that will allow students enrolled in an Ontario faculty of education program to begin teaching and gain experience before they graduate from the program.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Training and Development

On the agenda following the June 8, 2023 meeting of Council is the continuation of a topic that was introduced at the March 21, 2023 Council meeting. Additional time has been allocated to allow for an in-depth discussion on what we have learned after one year of the new governance structure and identifying areas where we can evolve. We will resume the schedule of topics reflected in Council's *Training and Development Plan* at the next regular meeting of Council (i.e. *Best Practices in Professional Regulation*).

Subcommittee Reports

We look forward to receiving reports from the Audit and Finance Subcommittee at the June 8, 2023 Council meeting.

Committee Reports

In accordance with the *Schedule of Committee Reports*, I am pleased to welcome Christine Forsyth, Chair of the Registration Appeals Committee, to the June meeting. Christine will join us virtually to present the committee's report.

The statutory and regulatory committees continue to play critical roles in the College's ability to meet its regulatory mandate. Maintaining a connection with these seven committees by regularly inviting committee Chairs to attend Council meetings and report on their activities each year will help Council understand how the College is functioning 'on the ground' and consider legislative, regulatory and policy improvements where necessary. It also helps the committees understand the strategic decision-making role of Council and enhances transparency up and down the governance framework.

Future Meeting Dates

Apart from our follow-up session to review the draft strategic plan in July, which will be held virtually, there are two scheduled meetings remaining in 2023. As noted in my previous report, the October 5, 2023 meeting of Council will be in-person from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. After the meeting, Council members will be taking part in a full afternoon of additional training, development and team building, so please plan for a full day.

The final meeting of the year is scheduled for December 7, 2023. We anticipate that the meeting will require a half-day and will be held virtually.