



Council Meeting Summary (February & April)

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STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-2020

In February, Council approved the College's Strategic Plan (Goals and Objectives) for 2016-2020. The Strategic Planning process, which began in April 2015, was facilitated by a consultant with guidance from the College's Strategic Planning Committee. The Strategic Plan is the result of input from many sources: Council, committees, staff, members and other stakeholders. The College is confident that this plan focuses our resources on the most important issues facing profession regulation to ensure that safe, ethical and competent dietetic practice is enhanced in Ontario. The plan can be accessed on our website at www.collegeofdietitians.org: enter "strategic plan" in the search box.

STANDARDS OF CONSENT

In February, Council approved the new *Professional Practice Standard; Consent to Treatment and for the Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Health Information*. The standards articulate the minimum level of performance expected from RDs for obtaining informed consent prior to nutrition assessments and interventions, for making significant changes to existing treatment plans, and for collecting, using and disclosing personal health or other confidential information. To access the standards, go to the College website and enter "Consent 2016" in the search box.

DYSPHAGIA POLICY CONSULTATION RESULTS

In February, Council approved the revised College dysphagia policy, *Scope of Practice for Registered Dietitians Caring for Clients with Dysphagia in Ontario*. Revisions were made in consideration of the new role-definition paper from Dietitians of Canada to create clarity between entry level competence and full scope of practice skills. The revised policy defines the RD full scope of practice when assessing and managing dysphagia, with emphasis on competence, interprofessional collaboration and managing risk of harm. To access the policy, enter "dysphagia policy" in the website search box.

BUDGET 2016-17

Council approved the budget for 2016-17 at the April meeting. The budget assumes a modest increase in the fee for a General Certificate of Registration equal to the consumer price index (CPI) increase of 1.4% as of February 29, 2016 (which would bring the annual fee to \$608 from \$600 for the 2016-17 renewal year). This application of the CPI is in accordance with the By-law 2: Fees, s2.03.

BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

After circulation to members, amendments to By-Law 2 and By-law 4 were approved by Council on April 8, 2016, as circulated. The amendments address the registration application fees needed to implement the new process for assessing the education and training of internationally educated applicants. They also include an increase in the fees for the provision of certificates of authorization for professional corporations aligning them with the fees for General and Provisional Members. The College thanks all members who participated in the consultation process. Council carefully considered the feedback before making its decision.