



Highlights of Special Meeting of Council

For the Special Meeting of Council, held on May 15, 2014 via teleconference.

By-Law Amendments: Staggered Elections

At its April 7, 2014 meeting, the Executive Committee proposed to Council that the By-Laws be amended to allow elections for all five districts to be frozen until the year 2016, at which time a staggered system of elections would be implemented. It was expected that a delay in the commencement of the staggered system of elections would allow for greater continuity of expertise on Council from Council year to Council year during the College's initial years of formation, when the stability of the College's leadership was of greatest importance. This would enhance the Council's duty to serve and protect the public interest.

District	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016
	2017	2017	2018	2019	2019
	2020	2020	2021	2022	2022

Although circulation of this amendment was not required by Council under the provisions of the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, on April 7, 2014, Council voted for the circulation of the proposed amendments for 30 days for feedback to ensure transparency and fairness.

The proposed By-Law amendments were subsequently circulated from April 14 – May 14, 2014 to members and placed on the College website. Council discussed the feedback received and the motion to amend Section 33 of the By-Laws as circulated to members was approved.

33. An election of Members to Council shall be held:

- 1. in 2013, again in 2016, again in 2017, and in every third year after that for Members from electoral districts 1 and 2;*
- 2. in 2013, again in 2016, again in 2018, and in every third year after that for Members from electoral district 3; and*
- 3. in 2013, again in 2016, and in every third year after that for Members from electoral districts 4 and 5.*