



**COLLEGE OF DENTURISTS OF ONTARIO
SPECIAL COUNCIL-TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

**Held via Teleconference
November 13, 2014 - 7:30-9:15pm**

MINUTES

1. Welcome

2. Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 7:35pm and welcomed everyone.

Note Members Present

Elected Members: Mordey Shuhendler, Denturist, Vice President

Gregory Baker, Denturist

Luc Tran, Denturist

Michael Vout Jr., Denturist

Patrick McCabe, Denturist

Peter Cassano, Denturist

Keith Collins, Denturist

Public Members: Anita Kiriakou, Public Member, President

Thomas Baulke, Public Member

Hanno Weinberger, Public Member

Regrets:

Barbara Smith, Public Member

Kenneth Battell, Denturist

Barry Solway, Public Member (Absent)

Staff:

Abena Buahene, Registrar

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: It was moved by K. Collins and seconded by L. Tran

THAT: the agenda of the Special Council-Teleconference Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

4. Declaration of Conflict

No conflict of interest was declared.

5. Items for Discussion and Decision

5.1 College's Draft Response to the Letter from the Honorable Dr. Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

The Registrar provided Council with a comprehensive briefing note on the genesis of the transparency directives and the expectations Minister Hoskins and the Assistant Deputy Minister McGurn have of the health regulatory colleges and transitional councils as set out in their respective letters to us. Transparency is a key cornerstone of good governance and accountability. Ms. Buahene discussed the work of the Advisory Group of Regulatory Excellence (AGRE) with respect to the decision framework also known as the Transparency Principles, the tools and the resources both AGRE and the Federation of Health Regulatory Colleges of Ontario will be developing and sharing with each other over the coming year to assist us with meeting the transparency expectations.

The Registrar stressed that while the regulators' focus is currently on what more information should be made public on the register, the transparency initiatives and message is broader, and the task on hand is to assess the impact enhanced transparency will have on helping the public make an informed decision about their choice of health care provider, i.e. what would you want to know about your health care provider before you make an appointment? Council recognized that there is a shift occurring from keeping information private and confidential to disclosing much more information to the public in future; i.e. colleges will have to provide reasons as to why information is not being made public.

The Registrar and Council reviewed the draft response in detail, suggestions were made on what to add or expand upon in the draft letter. It was noted that the College would post both letters and its response on the College's website. The Registrar indicated that she would re-circulate the draft with the proposed changes, but requested that Council approve the draft letter given that the colleges were requested to respond to the Minister by December 1 and there were no substantive changes to the draft. Council was satisfied with the content and approach in the letter.

MOTION: It was moved by K. Collins and seconded by G. Baker

THAT Council approve the draft letter to be sent to the Assistant Deputy Minister of Health and Long-Term Care as directed by the Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins in response to his letter of October 4, 2014.

CARRIED

5.2 Offer to Sublease Current Office and Offer to Lease New Premises

The Registrar provided Council with details on an offer she has received from a group of criminal defence lawyers who are interested in sub-letting from the College commencing March 1, 2015 to the end of term of the lease which is September 30, 2016. The terms that they are offering translates into recouping 87% on the College's financial obligation on the remainder of the lease. This is considered an extremely good return on a short term lease as one usually is only able to recoup about 50-60%.

The proposed office space is located at 365 Bloor Street East and is in a building called "Postmedia" (the National Post has its head office in this building). The new office is 2641sq. ft. (current space is 1846 sq. ft.) and the landlord is offering 4 months free gross rent, and \$20 sq. ft. for any leasehold improvements we may wish to make. This actually offsets the difference in

what the sub-tenant is paying us on the remainder of the lease (they are only getting four months free net rent). The office is in move-in condition and renovations to paint, create some additional workspaces, a proper reception and servery can be done in the summer during our down time.

The Registrar has asked the College's realtor to go back to the landlord with the request to reduce the net rent by \$1.00/month and to allocate whatever funds are left over from the leasehold improvements to the first month(s) rent.

The building is half a block away from the Sherbourne subway line. While the new premise has a large boardroom, there is a high tech boardroom on the same floor which can be rented for significantly less than what the College pays now to go offsite for Council meetings. Also, the College would have the ability to hold concurrent committee meetings. The building is considered in the commercial market to be a Class B which means it has a professional look to it, air quality and HVAC systems are not substandard, and the building is well maintained. A Loblaw's is going in next door that can be accessed from the building's lobby; this will be extremely convenient for catering purposes.

The Registrar advised Council that she looked at 8 offices in the down town area that appeared on paper to have the specifications the College required, but were not suitable when viewed. Also once parking and higher down town hotel costs were taken in consideration, 365 Bloor St. East showed itself to be the best option. Council and committee members could still be hosted at the Holiday Inn where the College receives a preferred rate (and members can walk to the new office if they wish from there), and for those members who drive to meetings, parking underneath the building is \$15/day compared to an average of \$25 down town. The starting rent is a little under \$38 a sq. ft./month and the factoring in the inducements and inflation over the ten year term of the lease, the monthly rent will be around \$45 a sq. ft./month in year ten. In the 2014-15 budget, Council had approved up to \$45a sq. ft./month in year one.

There was some discussion about whether the College should consider buying a building somewhere outside of the down town core. It was pointed out that the regulatory colleges who owned their own buildings had thousands of members (e.g. teachers have 230,000) and very large financial reserves for a down payment as well as the membership numbers to sustain a mortgage, taxes, maintenance costs, etc. The CDO has less than 650 members. Also, in order to be easily accessible to applicants, members, Council and committee members, and the public, the College should be in a central location in Toronto.

MOTION: Moved by G. Baker and seconded by M. Vout, Jr
THAT Council approve the sub-leasing of the CDO's current premises as set out in the terms and conditions in the offer to sublease.
CARRIED with One Abstention.

MOTION: Moved by H. Weinberger and Seconded by K. Collins
THAT Council approve entering into a new lease for premises at 365 Bloor Street East (suite 1606) under the terms and conditions as set out in the Greenwin Inc.'s proposal.
CARRIED with One Abstention

6. Next Meeting Date -

Friday, December 12, 2014

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

MOTION: It was moved by P. Cassano

THAT: the meeting be adjourned at 9:15pm.

CARRIED.