



## Council Highlights

CMTO's Council met on May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Highlights from the meeting are available below.

### Update on the Massage Therapy Research Fund

Council approved a motion to extend the Massage Therapy Research Fund (MTRF) contract with the Applied Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Services (ARIES) at Centennial College to ensure that ongoing projects are sufficiently funded until they are completed. After the fund closes, any financial surplus will be transferred back to CMTO. Beginning in 2022, the \$250,000 in the MTRF will be reallocated to CMTO's Professional Practice department to develop education for evidence informed practice (EIP) and funding research activities in support of the Regulatory Risk project.

### Updates to the Sexual Abuse Prevention Plan

The College has a strong commitment to preventing and addressing the sexual abuse of clients by Massage Therapists. Each year the Sexual Abuse Prevention Plan is carefully reviewed by the Client Relations Committee. In its review, the Committee evaluates the previous year's results and considers any legislative changes. The latest [SAPP](#) is available on CMTO's website.

### Increase to the 2022 Renewal Fee

In keeping with CMTO's [By-Law No. 7](#), Council approved an increase to registration fees for General Certificate holders of 1.5% (or \$12) for 2022. There is no increase to the Inactive Certificate fee.

The renewal fees for 2022 are as follows:

- General Certificate (GC) – \$797.00
- Inactive Certificate (IN) – \$200.00

CMTO recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic created several challenges for health professionals, Ontarians, and health regulators such as CMTO. CMTO is sensitive to the impact that COVID-19 is having on RMTs, and this increase represents CMTO's balancing of its operating and financial realities with the current challenges faced by RMTs and Ontarians.