

## Council Meeting Highlights December 2, 2023

*The College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Manitoba protects and serves the public by regulating and ensuring competent, safe, ethical practice of audiologists and speech-language pathologists in Manitoba.*

## Items of Note to Registrants as of December 2, 2023

### CASLPM Council & Committees

- Following the election of the Executive Committee, orientation and handoff activities were being completed. Only minimal work remains for full handoff.

### Council Strategic Focus for 2024

- Council will dedicate a portion of each quarterly meeting to outline strategic items for focus in the upcoming year.

### 2023 By-Law Review and Recommendations

- Committee size recommendations were made to reduce the burden on public representatives, appointed by the government. Each committee is required to be composed of one-third (1/3) public members as follows.
  - Council discussed modifying the by-laws to allow for the flexible sizing of committees and agreed to the proposal by the Registrar to reduce the size of the Inquiry Committee and Practice Advisory Committee from six (6) members to a minimum of three members (3) each.
  - Council further agreed to the addition of the Application Review Committee (“ARC”) with six (6) members.
- Additional by-law changes will be finalized at Council’s meeting in March and will be available for review by members along with a summary sheet overview for clarity of recommendations.

### Financial Review

- A preliminary review of 2023 “budget to actual” was provided to Council at its final meeting of 2023. Legal expenses rose in 2023 and have been budgeted for accordingly in 2024. There will be a positive net result in the 2023 financial statements.
- Council reviewed a recommendation to provide security of funds for the future into short-term savings and varying term GIC’s. More information will be provided at the AGM in 2024.

### Practice Directions for Review

- The Practice Advisory Committee (“PAC”) will continue its work to modify existing practice directions and create new guidelines and directions as necessary.
- PAC will discuss guidelines for private/public collaboration between and within the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology.

### Complaints Updates

- There are five complaints currently under review by three Panels of the Complaints Investigation Committee.