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# MINUTES

## Transition Council

November 28, 2024

8:30 – 11:00 am

Virtual Meeting

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Presiding Officer: Ms. Catherine Knipe

Members present:

- Dr. Patricia Alderson
- Dr. Claire Beauchamp
- Ms. Kirsti Clarida, RVT
- Dr. Kathleen Day Dunbar
- Ms. Cathy Hecimovich
- Dr. Louise Kelly
- Ms. Lisa Langton, RVT
- Dr. Clayton MacKay
- Dr. Sean Marshall
- Mr. Phil Nichols, RVT
- Dr. Alana Parisi
- Dr. Sami Qureshi
- Dr. Jessica Retterath
- Mr. Douglas Reynolds
- Ms. Rena Spevack
- Dr. Yashvir Varma
- Dr. Wade Wright
- Dr. Michael Zigler

Regrets: Dr. Lena Levison

Appointed Officer: Ms. Jan Robinson, Registrar and CEO

Staff attending:

- Ms. Sarah Kirby, Director, Policy
- Dr. Kim Lambert, Associate Registrar, Regulatory Programs
- Ms. Kali Pieters, Policy & Projects Coordinator
- Ms. Shilo Tooze, Deputy Registrar
- Ms. Alice Couto, Executive Assistant



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## 1. Call to Order

Ms. Catherine Knipe, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am and welcomed Councillors.

## 2. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted.

## 3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

## 4. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded,

“That the minutes of the meetings held on November 7, 2024 and November 12, 2024, be accepted as circulated.”

CARRIED

## 5. Continuing Concept Work Related to the Authorized Activities Model

### 5.1. Embryo Implantation

Ms. Sarah Kirby introduced this topic. An overview of the relevant sections of legislation, regulation, by-law, and policy related to embryo implantation (both current and future) was provided and can be found in the package.

Ms. Kirby outlined the proposed recommendations related to a regulatory exemption for embryo implantation, including a regulatory exemption to limit the statutory exemption for embryo implantation contained in the *Veterinary Professionals Act, 2024* to performance only in bovines. Ms. Kirby provided the proposed qualifications, including specific training in embryo implantation in bovine developed with veterinarian oversight and includes practical experience, knowledge, skill and judgement. A detailed list was provided in the package.

Examples related to the statutory exception and regulatory exemption for embryo implantation were provided and can be found in the package.

A fulsome discussion ensued, and the Registrar and Ms. Kirby answered questions posed by Council. A general agreement was received by Council on the proposed recommendations for this concept, however, Council asked staff to provide clarification on whether the term bovine is too broad and whether this includes bison.

## 5.2. Dental Extractions

Ms. Sarah Kirby introduced this concept. An overview of the relevant sections of legislation, regulation, by-law, and policy related to dental extractions (both current and future) was provided and can be found in the package.

At its last meeting, Council directed staff to gather further materials on this concept. This included a jurisdictional scan of veterinary regulators across Canada, a review of resources related to the core competencies of registered veterinary technicians, and a literature review to identify risks associated with the performance of dental extractions.

Ms. Kirby outlined the results of both the jurisdictional scan and the review of the education and core competencies of RVT's in Ontario and Canada. A detailed listing was provided and can be found in the package.

A fulsome discussion ensued, and the Registrar answered questions posed by Council. Council was provided with two options for consideration and a general agreement that dental extractions be non-delegable was provided, however staff were asked to explore another way to approach the delegable option with conditions and to solicit feedback from Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan on their experiences and parameters related to technicians doing dental extractions in those provinces.

## 5.3. Mass Culls

Ms. Sarah Kirby introduced this concept. An overview of the relevant sections of legislation, regulation, by-law, and policy related to mass culls (both current and future) was provided and can be found in the package.

At its last meeting, Council raised additional questions related to the reasoning behind the mass culls proposed regulatory exemption, with larger comments and considerations related to different forms of euthanasia and their applicability under the *Veterinary Professionals Act, 2024*. College staff gathered additional information related to the performance of mass culls by third parties, as well as the overall provincial approach to euthanasia.

Ms. Kirby provided Council with clarification on the forms of euthanasia that are included as authorized activities under the *Veterinary Professionals Act, 2024*, what happens if a Member of the College performs a non-medical form of humane killing, how the College came to the position related to euthanasia, the Ministry's consideration of the position and why there is a regulatory exemption required for mass culls in livestock and poultry

A fulsome discussion ensued, and the Registrar and Ms. Kirby answered questions posed by Council. A general consensus was received by Council on the proposed recommendations for this concept.

## 5.4. Non-Drug Authorized Activities for Initiation

Ms. Sarah Kirby introduced this topic. She noted that at its last meeting, Council identified the performance of two non-drug related authorized activities related to rectal examinations and anal gland expression as requiring more background research and consideration before determining whether to recommend these procedures as permissible through initiation.

Ms. Kirby outlined the additional information and analysis that had been gathered, including a review of resources related to the core competencies of registered veterinary technicians and a literature scan to identify risks.

Council was provided with two proposals for consideration. A fulsome discussion ensued and it was agreed that this be revisited at the next Transition Council meeting and Council directed staff to engage in conversation with equine practitioners to solicit their experiences in this area.

## **6. Confidentiality**

Councillors were reminded that Council meetings are public meetings.

Information discussed in in-camera sessions must be kept confidential by all in attendance. All budget/financial/strategic alignment documents are not to be shared outside of the meeting as these documents are working documents of Council and not public material. Any inquiries regarding the package can be directed to the website where the public package is posted.

Minutes of the Council meeting are not approved until its next meeting.

## **7. Date of Next Meeting**

- December 5, 2024

The Registrar noted that an additional meeting on January 29, 2025 would be added for Council to provide approval for consultation work. She also noted that an updated workplan would be circulated at the December meeting.

**8. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** It was moved,  
“That the meeting of Council be adjourned.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 am.



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Ms. Catherine Knipe  
Chair



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Jan Robinson  
Registrar & CEO



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Alice Couto  
Recording Secretary