

## Code of Conduct for Members of the Council and all Committees

## **SCHEDULE 1 TO THE BY-LAWS**

- 1. This Schedule applies to members of the Council and of all committees of the College.
- Council and Committee Members must, at all times, maintain high standards of integrity, honesty and loyalty when discharging their College duties. They must act in the best interest of the College. They shall:
  - a. be familiar and comply with the provisions of the RHPA, its regulations and the Code, the Act, its regulations, and the By-Laws and policies of the College;
  - b. promote the public interest in his/her contributions and in all discussions and decisionmaking;
  - c. direct all activities toward fulfilling the College's objects as specified in legislation;
  - d. diligently take part in committee work and actively serve on committees as appointed by the Council;
  - e. regularly attend meetings on time and participate constructively in discussions;
  - f. offer opinions and express views on matters before the College, Council and committee, when appropriate;
  - g. participate in all deliberations in a respectful and courteous manner, recognizing the diverse background, skills and experience of members on Council and committees;
  - h. uphold the decisions made by a majority of Council and committees, regardless of the level of prior individual disagreement;
  - i. place the interests of the College, Council and committee above all other interests;
  - j. avoid and, where that is not possible, declare any appearance of or actual conflicts of interest;
  - k. refrain from including or referencing Council or committee positions held at the College in any personal or business promotional materials, advertisements and business cards.
  - I. preserve confidentiality of all information before Council or committee unless disclosure has been authorized by Council or otherwise exempted under s. 36(1) of the RHPA;

- m. refrain from communicating to Members, including other Council or Committee Members, on statutory committees regarding registration, complaints, reports, investigations, disciplinary or fitness to practice proceedings which could be perceived as an attempt to influence a statutory decision or a breach of confidentiality, unless he or she is a member of the panel or, where there is no panel, of the statutory committee dealing with the matter;
- n. respect the boundaries of staff whose role is not to report to or work for individual Council or Committee Members;
- o. be respectful of others and not engage in behaviour that might reasonably be perceived as verbal, physical or sexual abuse or harassment; and regularly evaluate his or her individual performance, and that of the collective to assure continuous improvement.