



# College of Paramedics of Manitoba

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**January 17, 2023**

The beginning of a new calendar year is a time for many to reflect on past accomplishments and to develop goals for the new year.

In December 2022, Manitobans were saddened to learn of the passing of Jim Carr, a member of Parliament for Winnipeg South Centre and a former Federal cabinet minister. Mr. Carr was not able to provide a farewell address in the House of Commons. His son Ben read a portion of the intended address at his funeral. Mr. Carr's words are worthy of sharing:

"Never stop learning, keep an open mind, speak only when you have taken the time to consider your words carefully, treat the moment in which you choose to speak them with equal care,"

"Seek to build bridges and consensus. Add chairs around the dinner table. Most importantly, Mr. Speaker, be kind to each other."

These words resonate with our commitment to administer Paramedic regulation in a manner that meets public expectation. Our minds are open, and we continue to learn from our experience of two years of self-regulation, and adapt our practices as needed. In our communication we strive to deliver our message with empathy and accountability. We will continue to reach out and ask for your opinion on important matters. We value the contributions of paramedics in their desire to provide the citizens of Manitoba with a high standard of care. We encourage Manitoba paramedics to find opportunities for personal growth in their work, to find ways to make meaningful communication with patients and families, to develop strong and supportive relationships in your workplace.

### **Outcome of Consultation on Change of Date of the Annual General Meeting**

From November 4, 2022 – December 2, 2022 registrants were asked to submit their feedback on a proposed Bylaw revision to change the date of the annual general meeting of the College of Paramedics of Manitoba from "no later than four months following the College's fiscal year end" to "no later than six months following the College's fiscal year end".

All feedback received from registrants was supportive of this proposed change. At the December 21, 2022, Council meeting a motion was passed by Council to revise the bylaw. As a result, the date of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the College, for the 22/23 year, will be held on September 27, 2023. Further information will be provided to registrants closer to the meeting date.



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### **Registration**

A reminder that your certificate of practice expires on March 31, 2023. Please be prepared for registration renewal which will take place from February 1 to March 15, 2023.

Please ensure the following are ready prior to starting the renewal process:

- Your current valid professional liability insurance is uploaded into your portal
- You have the results of your background checks if you were chosen to submit them this year. The results will be uploaded when you are completing the renewal
- You have completed your Program for Continuing Competency requirements for the year, and are prepared to submit it if you are chosen for a PCC audit
- If you do not have a credit card, you have made arrangements to obtain a prepaid credit card for the renewal fee

If you have questions regarding the renewal process, please to contact the college at [info@collegeparamb.ca](mailto:info@collegeparamb.ca)

### **Changing to Non-practicing Status:**

This is a reminder to registrants that if you are:

- 1) Going on a statutory leave (maternity/paternity/parental, lengthy jury duty, etc.)
- 2) An approved medical or mental health leave
- 3) An approved Leave of Absence for another reason (approved by your employer or the college)

Then you will need to contact the college with details to determine if you should convert your registration class to Non-Practicing. All inquiries can be directed to [info@collegeparamb.ca](mailto:info@collegeparamb.ca)

### **Program for Continuing Competency**

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, completion of the Program for Continuing Competency is necessary in order to complete the renewal process in Feb/March of 2023.

For the 2022-23 PCC cycle, we returned to a manual process for documenting your PCC work, as our software continues to be upgraded. Please refer to <https://collegeparamb.ca/professional-practice/program-for-continuing-competency/> for instructions on completing this process.

Once you have completed your PCC for the 2022-23 year, save your work and completed documents. You may be asked to provide them to the Continuing Competency Committee for audit in the coming year or



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years. There is currently no mechanism to upload your 2022-23 PCC work into the registrant portal. Please do not send your 2022-23 PCC work to the college, as staff cannot upload it either.

If your initial registration date with CPMB is October 1, 2022, or later, you are exempt from completing the PCC for this registration year. You will begin completing PCC requirements in the 2023-2024 registration year.

### **Expression of Interest – Volunteer Opportunities with the College of Paramedics of Manitoba**

The College is pleased to invite interested paramedics to submit an expression of interest form for the following position:

Inquiry Committee – 1 paramedic member required

Further information about this opportunity is found [here](#)

### **Health Profession Corporation Permit**

A Health Profession Corporation is an incorporated business that engages in the provision of paramedic services in the province of Manitoba through registrants of the College, and holds a valid permit issued by the College of Paramedics of Manitoba. Congratulations to Criticare EMS Paramedicine Corporation who have been granted the very first HPC Permit issued by the College of Paramedics of Manitoba!

### **Council/Committee Appointments**

Congratulations to Marakary Bayo who has been appointed by Government to serve as a public representative on the Council of the College of Paramedics of Manitoba.

Congratulations to Callum Melvin who has been appointed to serve on the Finance Audit and Risk Committee.

Congratulation to Jennifer Cull, Evelyn Hoogerdijk, Terrell Kerbrat, and Kerry Wilson who have been appointed to serve on the Complaints Investigation Committee.



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### **Communication Reminders**

Please remember to check your email often for messages from the College including checking your junk/spam folders. Please add [info@collegeparamb.ca](mailto:info@collegeparamb.ca), as well as email addresses of staff to your safe sender's list.

The College does not send communication by Canada Post due to the cost associated with postage.

We invite the public and registrants to contact us at any time with questions about policy or processes. Please use the Contact Us Form <https://collegeparamb.ca/contact-us/> or email the College at [info@collegeparamb.ca](mailto:info@collegeparamb.ca)

### **Website**

A reminder to all registrants to use our website as a source of information as the answers to many of your questions can be found there. The website is updated regularly to keep you informed regarding college activities and professional responsibilities.

Please take time to explore the website at <https://collegeparamb.ca/>