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### **A Message from the Outgoing Executive Director Trish Bergal**

Five years serving as the Executive Director/Registrar of the College of Paramedics of Manitoba have gone by in the blink of an eye. Serving in this role has been an honor and a privilege. I have always valued the contributions of paramedicine in the Manitoba health care system, and I am confident the work to establish a regulatory college in Manitoba has brought recognition and acknowledgement to the paramedic profession. Paramedics are an integral member of an interprofessional collaborative health care team. The public is very much aware of the valuable role of paramedics and trust paramedics as professionals. I look forward to watching the profession in its ongoing progression and development. Advancements in education, research in paramedicine, and paramedic leaders in our administrative structures will continue to illustrate that the time for paramedic self-regulation in Manitoba was perfectly aligned with building a richer, more robust health system that includes the valuable role provided by the paramedic profession.

I congratulate Corene Debreuil on being the successful candidate and look forward with partnering with Corene as our transition occurs.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank College Staff, Council members, and all the paramedics and members of the public who serve on our statutory committees, without you we would not be able to fulfill our regulatory mandate.

To all Manitoba paramedics: your greatest gift to society is one of stewardship to your profession. This is a right and privilege you deserve.

### **Registration**

**Background Checks:** Registrants selected to submit background checks during the 2024 renewal process were advised by email on September 28, 2023. Those selected were asked to confirm receipt of the email - if you received the email and have not yet confirmed, please remember to do so. Soon, those selected but not confirmed will receive



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further communication either by another email or phone call to ensure they are aware of their selection. A follow up email was sent on October 3, 2023, with some clarifications.

If you were selected, it is recommended that you obtain the background checks soon so that you can complete the renewal process February 1 - March 15, 2024. Your background check results will be uploaded into your renewal process. Please *do not* send your results to the College, keep them to upload them into the renewal process.

**Registration Renewal:** The next renewal period for all registrants is February 1 – March 15, 2024. To successfully complete the renewal process during this time frame, please ensure your Program for Continuing Competency Requirements and *completed self-assessment, learning goals and activities* have been entered in your registrant portal.

Additionally, please remember to renew your *Professional Liability Insurance* as most registrants' policies expire January 1, 2024.

**Registration Renewal Fee 2024-2025 Practice Year:** The registration fee will remain the same for the fourth consecutive year, at \$550.00/year. The Executive Director/Registrar and Council will be completing a thorough review of all expenditures compared to revenue and developing a budget that allows the college to meet key operational goals and support strategic plans to be fulfilled. It is possible that this budget exercise may result in a fee increase in the 2025-26 practice year. Information will be shared as the planning occurs.

### **Program of Continuing Competency**

It is October and by now you should have completed your self-assessment, set your learning goals, and perhaps started or completed some associated learning activities. Remember the PCC is documented in the registrant portal this year. To make the process more user friendly, resources have been posted on the [website](#). There is also a new policy: [AE-6 – Advanced Education Eligibility for PCC](#). Need ideas for learning? Check out the "Questions to Stimulate Thought" in the [PCC Handbook](#) page 8-9, and the [PCC Self-assessment supplement](#). There is a new resource - [PCC Documentation Guide](#) if you want more specific information on how to document your PCC learning. Also, check out the [Learning Management System \(LMS\) modules](#) under the continuing competency tab on the



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website. They are new and may contribute to your PCC submission. If you are unsure, want to confirm your plans, or have questions about your PCC, please contact Leith ([lsaunders@collegeparamb.ca](mailto:lsaunders@collegeparamb.ca)). I would be happy to help you.

### Education

To encourage enrollment in the Red River College Polytechnic Advanced Care Paramedic program, the Council recently granted an exception for the Anatomy and Physiology requirement to be a co-requisite for the 2024 enrollment year. Please contact Red River College Polytechnic and/or Leith ([lsaunders@collegeparamb.ca](mailto:lsaunders@collegeparamb.ca)) for more information. If you are delaying registration into the ACP program, you can still engage the A&P requirement as a pre-requisite.

### Council

Council meetings are open to registrants and members of the public. Meeting dates for upcoming Council meetings and minutes from past Council meetings are posted on the website [here](#).

### Media Scan

At each Council meeting, as part of the environmental scanning work of the Council, a media scan is provided. The media scan provides information on regulatory trends and practices as well as stories related to health care regulation that spark the interest of the public.

We will be sharing the most recent media scan in our monthly newsletters to help increase your knowledge of regulation. There may also be a topic you are interested in as part of your personal professional development.

The most recent media scan is found [here](#).



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### EMS Station/Community Visits

CPMB Coordinators Leith Saunders and Christine Ewacha have enjoyed meeting and interacting with registrants and students through their EMS Station/Community/Education Program Visits over the past few months. We had the privilege of meeting registrants from Cross Lake, Nelson House, Flin Flon, The Pas, Swan River, and Shilo, and students from Brandon. These visits will resume in the New Year as the Coordinators take some time to concentrate on other aspects of their roles. If your station or service is interested in a visit in 2024, please reach out to [info@collegeparamb.ca](mailto:info@collegeparamb.ca) and we will try to accommodate you.

### Are you a Gmail User?

If you are a Gmail user, please continue to learn the unique features found in the Gmail system, that unfortunately do result in lost emails. As you may have found out though, Gmail comes with many unique features for inbox management and that also leads to college emails easily becoming lost. There are many tutorials and here is one that might be helpful: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OD7H4p\\_luvs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OD7H4p_luvs)

Emails may be sent from one of these addresses. Please ensure you add these to your safe senders list:

[info@collegeparamb.ca](mailto:info@collegeparamb.ca)

[admin@collegeparamb.ca](mailto:admin@collegeparamb.ca)

[programadmin@collegeparamb.ca](mailto:programadmin@collegeparamb.ca)

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### Upcoming Dates

November 13, 2023 – Remembrance Day Office Closure

December 25 & 26, 2023 – Christmas Day and Boxing Day Office Closures

January 1, 2024 – New Year's Day Office Closure

January 1, 2024 – Registrants to upload new certificates of PLI for the 2024 year.

February 1, 2024 – Registration Renewal begins.

*\*PCC must be completed and submitted prior to registration renewal; Registry Checks (for those selected) must be uploaded during the renewal application process*