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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

March 26, 2026

At its meeting on March 26, 2026, CRTO Council received updates from staff on a range of strategic and operational priorities, including:

- Strategic direction and key performance indicators (KPIs)
- Risk management
- Financial statements
- Council evaluation framework

Council also heard from the RBC Investment Advisor Team, which provided an overview of the CRTO's investment portfolio and strategy.

Council reviewed and made decisions on the items below:

2026/2027 draft budget

Council approved the draft budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Artificial Intelligence (AI): training and policy updates

Council received a presentation on artificial intelligence—its potential benefits and risks for regulators—and discussed Council's oversight responsibilities and governance considerations related to AI. Following the presentation, Council approved a new Use of AI Policy, which sets expectations for responsible use of AI systems in CRTO work, with an emphasis on privacy, confidentiality, data security, and compliance with legal and ethical requirements. Related policies (including Privacy, Confidentiality, and Procurement of Goods & Services) were updated to align with and reference the new AI policy.

Entry-to-Practice Assessment Policy

Council approved updates to the Entry-to-Practice Assessment Policy. This policy outlines how applicants who did not graduate from an approved respiratory therapy program can demonstrate to the Registration Committee that they meet the competency standards for entry to practice. The updated policy clarifies that applicants who graduated from a respiratory therapy program outside Canada that held Accreditation Canada "accredited" (unconditional) status at the time of program completion will not be required to complete the Entry-to-Practice Assessment. In some cases, the Registration Committee may still require additional education, remediation, or a period of supervised practice. The revised policy will be posted to the CRTO website in the coming weeks.



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Professional Misconduct Regulation: draft revisions

The CRTO drafted proposed revisions to the Professional Misconduct Regulation to modernize the language, better reflect current practice, and support public protection. Council approved the draft for public consultation in December 2025. At the March 2026 meeting, Council reviewed the consultation feedback and approved the revised regulation for submission to the Ministry of Health.

Supervision Policy: draft revisions for consultation

Council approved a revised draft Supervision Policy for consultation. The updated draft aims to clarify expectations and responsibilities for Members who are subject to supervision and for Members who provide supervision, and to reflect the increasing range of supervision requirements. The draft revised policy will be posted on the CRTO website for consultation in the coming weeks.

Professional Development Program (PDP) review

Council received a program evaluation report on the CRTO's Professional Development Program (PDP), following an independent review of the program completed by an external consultant. The report presents a snapshot of the feedback received and the follow up actions and commitments.

Committee terms of reference and 2026 action plans

Council approved updates to the terms of reference and 2026 action plans for the Registration Committee, the Quality Assurance Committee, and the Finance and Audit Committee.

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