

Briefing Note

TO: Council

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SUBJECT: 14.0 Public Member Orientation

Background:

As part of new Public Member orientation, public appointees were provided an opportunity to learn about the profession through the participation in a tour of various optical dispensaries. This exposed them to the various practice settings and helped clarify the role of the optician and the practice environment in which they practiced.

For Consideration:

In line with the College's commitment to training and capacity building, the College confirmed with the office of the Public Secretariat that they would reimburse public members for participating in a half day orientation tour including honorarium and expenses.

Possible options for orientation tours include:

- i) A walking tour of optical dispensaries including an independent optical, larger chain retail and an optometric practice.
- ii) Attendance at one of the upcoming Continuing Education seminars which would include interacting with the registrants, a tour of the trade show and sitting in on continuing education lectures.

Action Required:

Direction from Council as to whether this initiative is of value and if so, direction on what type of tour to arrange. This does not preclude the option to both forms of orientation dependent on interest.