



CPSS Welcomes Three New Public Members to Council

SASKATOON, June 26, 2018 – The Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan was pleased to welcome three new Councilors to the position of Public Member during its last Council meeting on June 15 and 16, 2018. They will each be serving 3-year mandates and are joining Mr. Ken Smith and Mr. Bill Hannah in representing the public interest during Council meetings. With the addition of the three new members, the public members comprise nearly one-third of the Council.



New Public Members, CPSS Council

L-R: Burton O'Soup, Jaspal Gill, and Lionel Chabot

Mr. Burton O'Soup, originally from Key First Nation, is a Mental Health Therapist with the Yorkton Tribal Council. He will be bringing a very needed perspective of Indigenous health issues as well as an expert understanding of mental health services at the grassroots level to Council.

"It is truly an honour and a privilege to be a part of the Council of College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan and to join an outstanding group of people committed to making our province an amazing place to work and live," said Mr. O'Soup. "I would also like to congratulate the other new members on this appointment and thank the committee for the warm welcome."

Ms. Jaspal Gill practices criminal, family, municipal and administrative law in Prince Albert, works as an Agent for Federal Drug Prosecutions and is regularly called upon to assist with policy drafting, accreditation-related issues and strategic planning. She is an active member of the community and is involved in providing *Pro Bono* legal advice to qualified persons

"I am proud to be a part of the Council of College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan. I feel extremely privileged to join an amazing group of people who have made our community a more caring place to live and work in," said Ms. Gill. "I look forward to working with my fellow members for the common good of our community and for making positive changes in society."

Mr. Lionel Chabot retired in 2015 from a 29 year career in health care and continues to serve, albeit in a different role, by way of his 2014 appointment to the Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency and now the CPSS Council. His past experience includes senior level management positions with health care organizations in Watson, Turtleford, La Ronge and North Battleford. His more recent activities include consulting part time, which involved a six month contract with a subcontractor working on the Saskatchewan Hospital Project, traveling including recent trips to Thailand and New York and enjoying his three grandchildren.

"I am honoured and humbled to be afforded the opportunity to contribute and share my perspective with the Council and anticipate the next three years will prove informational, challenging yet very rewarding for both my fellow councilors and me. I congratulate my recently appointed colleagues and very much look forward to working with the entire Council. And if our first meeting is any indication, we will be busy" stated Mr. Chabot.

“The diversity represented by Mr. O’Soup, Ms. Gill and Mr. Chabot will be a definite asset at the table. Council is looking forward to the input of the new Council Members as they undertake this new role and would like to thank Ms. Susan Halland and Mr. Marcel de la Gorgendière for their valued contribution over the course of their time serving the Council,” added Dr. Brian Brownbridge, President of the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan.

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