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Lisa Tucker, RMT
President, CMTO Council
College of Massage Therapists of Ontario
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Re: Changes to Registration and Certification Examination Fees

Dear Ms. Tucker,

The RMTAO Board of Directors had the opportunity to meet representatives from the College of Massage Therapists of Ontario (CMTO) Corinne Flitton, Registrar, and Katherine Molnar, Director, Corporate Services, on June 23, 2018. The Board was grateful for the opportunity to gain further information and ask specific questions to better understand the changes to the registration and certification examination fees announced by the CMTO on June 18, 2018.

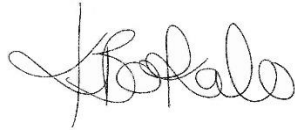
We understand the importance of financial prudence for any organization and recognize the requirements for demonstrating proactive regulatory oversight. However, the substantial fee increase represents a significant financial hardship, in some cases unsustainable, on Registered Massage Therapists in Ontario. Despite the proven necessity for a fee increase, having such a significantly large increase in a single year is in our view an unreasonable expectation of the massage therapy profession.

The RMTAO believes that there is a way to accomplish both financial prudence for the CMTO and financial security for the members of the profession. The discussions with Corinne Flitton and Katherine Molnar, in addition to further research, revealed that an increase of this magnitude is not necessary in the short period of time provided by the CMTO.

The RMTAO requests that the CMTO adjust the fee increases to be implemented over a two (2) year period. The proposed adjustment would be an increase of \$100.00 for the registration fees in 2019, and a further increase of \$87.00 in 2020. This would provide the CMTO with the necessary funds to ensure financial prudence, while providing registrants with a more attainable fee requirement. In addition to the request to stagger the increase in registration fees over a two year period, we request no further increases in registration fees for the following three (3) years. After that, as per the proposed by-law, any raise would be dependent on the Council's deliberation after having considered the audited financials and may be up to the rate of inflation. This will better ensure both compliance and goodwill.

The RMTAO Board of Directors look forward to further discussing this request once the CMTO Council has reviewed this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bokalo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter being a large, stylized capital 'B'.

Krystin Bokalo, RMT
Chair, Board of Directors
Registered Massage Therapists' Association of Ontario

Cc: Corinne Flitton, Registrar, and Katherine Molnar, Director, Corporate Services, CMTO