



OPPI Council Meeting Recap

February 29-March 1, 2024

At the February/March 2024 Council Meeting, the focus of Day 1's Strategic Conversation was on organizational DEI principles and OPPI's work related to Indigenous Planning Perspectives and Anti-Black Racism. The meeting began with a training session entitled "Instilling DEI Principles & Practices for Boards" presented by Michelle Smith from Evenings & Weekends Consulting. Following the training, Council members (many of whom recently joined Council in the last two years), were reminded of the history of how the ABRP and IPPC recommendations came to be and how OPPI is working towards embedding DEI principles and best practices throughout the organization.

With the training and history as background, Claire Basinski, Chair of OPPI Council facilitated a conversation about the future work of OPPI in and around DEI using the themes from our training – Representation, Messaging, Engagement, Competency and Accountability. What emerged from the conversation was a need for Council to confirm and define OPPI's commitment to a path forward followed by a more detailed strategy as to how to achieve the commitment. A consultant who is able to undertake this work and facilitate these conversations will be retained at the earliest opportunity using OPPI Strategic funds.

At Day 2's Business Meeting, the following items were received, discussed, and approved (where indicated):

- Reports of OPPI Committees and Appointed Representatives (approved).
- Q4 Preliminary Financial Results (accepted, Auditor has been engaged to carry out audit of FY2023).
- A NEW Risk Management Policy (approved, with a Risk Register to be developed by OPPI staff leadership to be presented at next meeting).
- A NEW Concept Proposal for a Discounted Pricing Structure for Member Services (concept approved, with a policy to be developed by OPPI Registrar & Director of Finance & Operations to be presented at next meeting).

- A review of Council Transparency Options (accepted with further recommendations developed by OPPI Executive Director to be presented at next meeting).