



## **ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **Purpose:**

- To raise awareness about and advocate for the Therapeutic Recreation profession to employers, government and other professional partners
- To provide leadership in the development and implementation of advocacy strategies, resources and tools

#### **Objectives:**

- To advocate for access to therapeutic recreation across all relevant sectors including: health care, community & social services, seniors affairs, education, etc.
- To identify public policy opportunities which align with Recreation Therapy issues and concerns
- To develop, recommend and ensure implementation of advocacy strategies to the TRO board of directors
- To develop constructive and collaborative relationships with government, key policy makers or stakeholders.

#### **Committee Composition:**

- The chair shall be appointed by the Board of Directors
- The committee shall consist of TRO members who have an interest in advocacy including the President and Vice President
- The committee will consist of TRO members to a maximum of 12 not including TROs Board of Directors.
- Advocacy/government relations expert consultants may be invited to join the committee on a permanent, ad hoc or as needed basis.
- The Executive Director shall be an ex officio member

#### **Accountability and Authority:**

The Advocacy and Government Relations Committee is accountable to and provides advice and recommendations to the Board of Directors.

#### **Meeting Frequency:**

The committee shall meet at a minimum of four times a year or as frequently as needed.

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