MISSION STATEMENT

To provide fair, timely, effective and respectful hearings that balance legal and medical considerations while protecting individual rights and ensuring the safety of the community.

MANDATE

The Consent and Capacity Board is an independent Board with a mandate to adjudicate on matters of capacity, consent, civil commital, substitute decision-making, disclosure of personal health information and mandatory blood testing.

The Board is created under the *Health Care Consent Act* and receives its jurisdiction from that Act. It adjudicates under the *Health Care Consent Act*, the *Mental Health Act*, the *Substitute Decisions Act*, the *Personal Health Information Protection Act* and the *Mandatory Blood Testing Act*.

The Board is responsible for holding hearings and for making decisions on matters in which the least restrictive, least onerous and least intrusive decisions are made to:

- maintain the safety of the individual
- protect the safety of the community
- maintain the dignity and autonomy of the individual
- preserve the right of a person to have treatment when required.

The *Health Care Consent Act* sets out three legislated performance measures for the Board:

1. A hearing is to commence within seven (7) days from the receipt of an application;
2. The Board must issue its Decision within one day of the conclusion of the hearing; and
3. Upon the request of a party, the Board must issue written Reasons for its Decision, within four business days of receiving such a request.