

# Mandate & Mission Statement



## Consent and Capacity Board

### 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 committal, 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.