



Dr. Natalija Ilic

District 5 – Provincial Electoral District

Bio

I have been fortunate to be a part of two different committees with the College. First, with the Patient Relations Committee and, currently, with the Quality Assurance Committee. Through this experience I have gained a deeper understanding of the College and its role.

I have been practising in Ottawa for the past five years in a variety of modalities, including in private practice, side by side and optical settings. This experience has allowed me to see the unique challenges that different optometrists face.

I served on various committees as an optometry student, including as Inter-professional Liaison. I'm very passionate about collaboration and this team-based mentality is an asset to the College.

Why you should vote for me:

My ability to view issues from multiple sides will ensure that the perspective I bring to the table will echo the sentiments many of you have. It is important to balance the safety of the public, staff and optometrists, while also being mindful of the practical considerations of our profession. In addition, my Microbiology and Immunology (B.Sc., 2009) and research background makes me an asset for decisions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a conscientious and research-oriented person with a passion for both science and policy, I am very familiar with current College and evolving public health guidelines. As we plan toward the future as a profession, my approach and perspective will reflect on the past while being mindful of the long-term direction and success of our profession, while focusing on public protection.

If elected to College Council, here is how I propose to ensure public protection.

I make decisions through an evidence-based lens. Through this, I will ensure that enacted policies reflect current scientific research, while protecting the public.

Thank you for your time and consideration.