

# Dr. Mandip Gill

## District 1 – Greater Toronto Area

### Bio

My name is Mandip Gill and I would like to be considered for one of the open positions on the Council at the College of Optometrists of Ontario. I originally attended post-secondary school at the University of Western Ontario, graduating in 2003 with an Honours Bachelors in Kinesiology and Biology. My optometric education took me to the city of Chicago where I graduated in 2007 from the Illinois College of Optometry. During my time there, I was fortunate enough to obtain clinical experience at various veteran's hospitals in Newington, Detroit, and North Chicago during my extern rotations. I found myself pulled toward the clinical and didactic side of optometry and decided to apply for a residency. In 2008, I completed the Primary Care Residency Program at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in where I focused on glaucoma and retinal care. During this residency, I was fortunate enough to present clinical posters at the SECO conference. Since then, I've been practicing in the Greater Toronto Area, bringing my passion for patient care through in various settings: clinical offices, independent optometry, and on-site elderly optometric care. I have enjoyed mentoring extern students at clinics and continue to encourage new prospective students to enter the field of optometry.

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

These past few years have been unprecedented. We have seen the strain that an epidemic can place on health care while having to adapt our own clinical procedures to accommodate the new reality. As a part of the council, I would look to further focus on the ethical quality of care that is provided to our patients. However, with the changing optometric landscape, my goal would be to effectively and efficiently incorporate policies so that those changes maintain the integrity of the profession. I look forward to working with colleagues to help regulate and guide our profession forward.