

## Dr. Murray Townsend

*CCO Council District 5 Candidate*

What my time with colleagues has shown me is that we have so many unique thoughts and approaches. This diversity is something I respect, and I am motivated to listen to all perspectives. Additionally, I see one notable common thread; the majority of chiropractors truly care for the well being of each person that puts their trust in them.

Council members have one responsibility; the Mandate of the CCO, which is to protect the public interest. Over the 6 years that I have spent on the Discipline Committee, I have been exposed to the rare cases where the primary objective of caring for a patient has been sidelined for personal reasons. In each case, the trust that patients should come to expect is eroded in some fashion. The maintenance and enhancement of trust and the protection of the public interest will continue to be a focus of mine.

My work with the Discipline Committee and the application of our standards, policies and guidelines has me uniquely positioned to assist in their future development. I am acutely aware of their value and importance, and how it ultimately makes each of us better clinicians, and therefore we collectively become a better profession.

We have earned the privilege of self regulation, and the importance of continuing to have this privilege is paramount. The CCO requires a high level of integrity, transparency and accountability. It values respect, collaboration, innovation and responsiveness. I encourage you to engage with me (and those who know and have worked with me) and find out for yourself that I also value and embody those characteristics.

My experience in chiropractic and governance has prepared me to contribute in valuable ways. I am at a point in my professional and personal life where I am willing and able to dedicate the necessary time and effort required by this position. I genuinely look forward to the opportunity to give back to our profession.

The dedication to better patient care is what a professional member of the CCO Council has in abundance, whether through establishing licensing standards, continuing education measures, forming and refining practice standards and guidelines, or participating in self regulation through a complaints and discipline process. I would be honoured to continue and expand my dedication to this purpose.

In asking for your vote on March 14, 2025 as the District 5 CCO Council Member. I would be pleased to communicate with you about any questions you may have. I can be reached at [drmtownsend@mountforestchiropractic.com](mailto:drmtownsend@mountforestchiropractic.com) or by calling 519-323-2960.