

## OAA Council Considers Members' AGM Resolution Last Week

### Discussion Results in Decision to Rescind Mandatory Requirement for OAA Digital Seals Through Notarius

The OAA has removed its requirement for a digital seal issued through Notarius. The decision was made at the OAA Council meeting on Thursday, September 24, and is effective immediately.

A [members' resolution](#) to rescind the mandatory requirement for new OAA seals to be digital via Notarius was approved at the [Annual General Meeting](#) in August. As per OAA By-laws, Council explored this matter, having a lengthy discussion that capped off months of reviewing and evaluating OAA seal use.

Previously, Notarius digital seals had been mandatory for new applications, as of January 2019, for Architects and Licensed Technologists OAA. This would have been extended to *all* Members as of January 2, 2022. However, with the requirement rescinded, both physical and digital OAA seals, accompanied by high-resolution seal images, may now be applied for and used. Members may make their own choice.

More information will be shared with the membership as Council continues to explore this transition and also considers the additional aspects of the members' resolution, which include a review of the digital seal program in general as well as consistent requirements for professional seals by municipal officials. Further discussion is planned for the next Council meeting, which is scheduled for November 5.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THOSE WHO REQUIRE A SEAL

If you require an OAA seal from this point forward, you will have two choices—digital or physical. Follow the instructions on the OAA Website related to the [Notarius digital seal](#), or apply for a physical seal directly from the OAA through the [Office of the Registrar](#). In both cases, you will also receive a complimentary high-resolution image of the member seal.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE A NOTARIUS DIGITAL SEAL

Those already using Notarius digital seals and high-resolution seal images can continue using them. However, if you wish to obtain a physical seal, you can proceed with an application by contacting the [Office of the Registrar](#), and a seal will be provided to you at no cost. (Please note: this only applies to those who signed up for a digital seal before September 30.) Refer to [Regulatory Notice 1](#) for information related to seal application and usage best practices.

For more information, contact the [Office of the Registrar](#).

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