

Chief Dental Officer to be appointed !

Letter from Dr. Robert Strang to Oral Health Stake Holders sent March 22, 2010.

Dear Oral Health Stakeholder,

I am very pleased to announce that the Nova Scotia Department of Health and the Nova Scotia Department of Health Promotion and Protection have agreed to establish a Chief Dental Officer (CDO) position for the province. The recruitment process will begin in the near future. The CDO will be a resource to the Nova Scotia health system and will work with government and community partners to integrate oral health into the health system with the ultimate goal of improving the health and well-being of Nova Scotians. The CDO will provide leadership and advice to the government in many areas such as health promotion, primary health care, healthy public policy, etc.

This decision was informed by the Nova Scotia Oral Health Review that was conducted in 2008 in partnership with the Office of the Chief Dental Officer (Health Canada) and many interested community stakeholders.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation in the oral health review process. This process has made it possible for the Nova Scotia government to move forward confidently with this decision. We look forward to connecting with you in the future as the Chief Dental Officer undertakes his/hers new role and responsibilities.

Sincerely,

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