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My apologies for the late communication, but this was only now brought to my attention and we never have dealings with the City.

As you may know Naturopaths/Naturopathic Doctors are regulated by the Province of Ontario under the Regulated Health Professions Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/91r18>), like physicians, dentists, pharmacists, etc.

Sometimes a Naturopath's clinic uses the word "holistic" in it.

I fully understand the intent of LS24.2 to go after some shady characters, but I very much hope that Board Certified, Licensed & Provincially Regulated Naturopaths are not unintentionally caught up in this, and that licenses for new clinics are not mistakenly prohibited.

Obviously the professional holistic associations listed in the LS24.2 Recommendations have nothing to do with us, so my presumption is that Naturopaths are safe, but I need your clarification on this.

All Naturopaths in the Province are registered by their regulatory college, The College of Naturopaths of Ontario (<http://www.collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca/>), and we are the only professional association, the Ontario Association of Naturopathic Doctors, to which most Naturopaths belong.

So as long as your licensing staff understand that, regardless of the word "holistic" being used in the clinic name, all is good.

Please contact me if I can provide any further clarification, or documentation.

I am very sorry that I only just learned about this and was not able to make a deputation to clarify this today.

Thank you,

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