

DECISION OF THE HEARING COMMITTEE

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

IN THE MATTER OF: The *Pharmacy Act*, R.S.N.S. 2011, c.55 and Regulations made thereunder

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IN THE MATTER OF: William Redden, Pharmacist, Registrant #1121

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IN THE MATTER OF: A Request for Revocation made by William Redden and consented to by the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists.

The Hearing Committee met on September 19, 2023, to consider the proposed Request for Revocation from William Redden and consented to by the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists. The meeting was held via online video conference platform. As a result of the meeting the Committee requested additional information from Mr. Redden and the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists.

On October 16, 2023, Mr. Redden provided additional information to the Committee. On October 20, 2023, the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists provided additional information to the Committee.

The Committee next met on November 15, 2023, to consider the additional submissions by Mr. Redden and the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists. The November 15, 2023 meeting also occurred via online video conference platform.

After careful review of the Request for Revocation, including the consent of the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists, and the additional information filed by Mr. Redden and the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists, the Hearing Committee hereby accepts the Request for Revocation pursuant to section 77 of the *Registration, Licensing and Professional Accountability Regulations*.

November 23, 2023



Harriet Davies (Chair)

On behalf of Hearing Committee Members:
Annette Marshall
Haitham Tawfik

Attachment (Request for Revocation)

IN THE MATTER OF:

The *Pharmacy Act*, R.S.N.S. 2011, c. 11

IN THE MATTER OF:

Registrant, William Redden, Registrant #1121

REQUEST FOR REVOCATION

1. I, William Redden, hereby request, with the consent of the Registrar, that my registration with the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists be revoked by the Hearing Committee, pursuant to Regulation 77 of the *Registration, Licensing and Professional Accountability Regulations*, made pursuant to the *Pharmacy Act*, S.N.S. 2011, c. 11 (the “**Regulations**”).
2. Pursuant to section 77(1) of the Regulations, I do not contest the allegations set out in the complaint of Susan Halliday Mahar, Director, Quality & Regulatory, Sobeys Capital Inc., dated July 18, 2023, which complaint raised concerns that I diverted tablets of various brands of Sildenafil medication from Lawtons #2562 Amherst (“**Lawtons Amherst**”).
3. For clarity, the allegations in the complaint which I do not contest are:
 - i. That I was the pharmacy manager at Lawtons Amherst from August 1, 2022, to June 20, 2023;
 - ii. That I inappropriately and surreptitiously diverted dozens of tablets of various brands of Sildenafil from Lawtons Amherst between August 1, 2022, and July 6, 2023, without authorization or a valid prescription;
 - iii. That a package addressed to me was sent to Lawtons Amherst in July 2023 and contained Methamphetamine.
4. In addition to the allegations set out in the complaint, I make the following admissions:
 - i. That I did, on at least two occasions since 2021, send tablets of Baclofen and Sildenafil medication, which tablets I had surreptitiously, improperly, and without prescription obtained from Lawtons Amherst, to an acquaintance of mine who, I understand, lives outside of Nova Scotia;
 - ii. That on at least three occasions since 2021, this same acquaintance sent me Methamphetamine through a courier and which I picked up at the courier’s depot;
 - iii. That I did, on multiple occasions since 2021, personally ingest Methamphetamine provided to me by the acquaintance;

- iv. That I did, on July 21, 2023, undergo hair follicle testing which was positive for Methamphetamine.
5. I admit that my conduct, as outlined in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, constitutes professional misconduct and conduct unbecoming a pharmacist.
6. I understand that if my request, made pursuant to section 77(1) of the Regulations, to have my registration revoked is approved by the Hearing Committee, such revocation would be permanent and pursuant to section 77(4) of the Regulations, my registration cannot be subsequently reinstated.
7. I acknowledge that I have had a reasonable opportunity to obtain independent legal advice regarding the complaint filed against me. I acknowledge that I have consulted with independent legal counsel, or had an opportunity to obtain independent legal advice, concerning the interpretation and effect of my request for revocation, as well as the possible outcomes.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 14 day of August, 2023.

REQUESTED BY:



William Redden, Registrant #1121

CONSENTED TO:



Beverley Zwicker, CEO and Registrar, NSCP

APPROVED BY:



Name: Harriet Davies
Chair, Hearing Committee
Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists
Date: November 23, 2023