

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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June 20, 2019

### **Presentation by Darrel Pink: Transforming Regulation & Governance**

Darrel Pink presented to Council on the journey of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society and the governance reforms that took place at the Society under Mr. Pink's leadership. The presentation slides [can be found on our website](#).

### **Police Record Checks**

The Registration Committee brought forward proposed changes to the College's current process regarding police record checks. Presently, CRPO requires mandatory self-disclosures at initial registration and annual renewal. A police check is only requested by staff when an individual self-discloses a legal finding.

The committee recommended requiring all applicants to submit a criminal record and judicial matters check, and suggested – at a later date - that Council consider if it should require randomly audited current members to submit a criminal record and judicial matters check.

Given the implications for making these changes to the registration requirements, the Registration Committee is recommending a separate survey regarding the proposed change for (1) applicants and (2) randomly audited members be circulated for 60-day public consultation.

Please [review the proposed changes](#) to police record checks and respond to the survey about requiring the check for applicants by September 3, 2019.

### **By-law Redundancy**

There are several sources of legal authority that determine what information goes onto the public register. Section 23(2) of the Health Professions Procedural Code ("Code") sets out a list of items to be posted on the public register. Paragraph 19 of subsection 23(2) allows the government to make regulations stipulating additional information to be posted on the public register. Paragraph 20 of subsection 23(2) allows colleges to make by-laws requiring information to be kept on the public register. It is possible for redundancy or inconsistency to result from these multiple sources of authority.

More recently, the Code was amended, and a regulation was created, requiring the posting of some of the same items already required by the by-laws. There is currently some duplication between the by-laws and the Code/regulation.

Staff conducted a comparison of by-laws and Code/regulation provisions dealing with the public register. In some cases, it was found that the by-laws offered greater transparency than the Code/regulation. In such cases it is recommended that the by-laws remain as-is. At the June 20 Council meeting, Council approved circulating for 60-day public consultation, the following proposed by-law changes: Repealing paragraphs (xvii) and (xxii) of article 21.08 of the by-laws.

[To review the proposed changes and respond to a brief survey, click here.](#) The public consultation closes on September 3, 2019.

### **District 1 & 6 by-election**

Council directed the Registrar to hold a by-election to fill vacancies in District 1 (West) and District 6 (Central West). Those seeking nomination may complete the [Candidate Nomination Package](#) and submit the completed package by July 24 to [elections@crpo.ca](mailto:elections@crpo.ca)

### **Non-council appointments**

Carol Cowan-Levine and Kevin VanDerZwet Stafford were appointed as non-council members. C. Cowan-Levine will sit on the Registration Committee and K. VanDerZwet Stafford will sit on Inquiries, Complaints and Reports for one-year terms.