



NOVA SCOTIA
BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Council met **Friday, July 24, 2020** at 9am via videoconference and conducted the following business:

Introductory Matters

1. **Call to Order and Introductory Remarks** – President Jim Rossiter QC called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the meeting, while virtual, was being held in Mi'kma'ki. He welcomed Carole Lee Reinhardt, Public Representative, and Denise Mentis-Smith QC, Second Vice President, to their first Council meeting.

Discussion of Big Issue

2. **Activity Plan** – Council discussed a first draft of its 2020-2021 activity plan. It added amendments to include implementation of recommendations to come from the GEC regarding the survey sent out to Nova Scotia lawyers about their experience with sexual harassment and discrimination. They also discussed how best to further engage the membership; learn more about community concerns; and identify ways to inform and educate the membership about community needs.

Policies/Processes

3. **Council Task Force Update** – Council received a proposal from its COVID-19 Task Force regarding further support for members most impacted by the pandemic. Council approved the proposal, which identified qualifying categories of members who could be eligible for fee relief.
4. **FLSC Update** – Tilly Pillay QC, Executive Director, informed Council that Jill Perry will be leaving her position as Federation of Law Societies of Canada Representative, as she has been appointed 2nd Vice President of the FLSC.
5. **FLSC TRC Update** – Council received the Federation of Law Societies of Canada TRC Calls to Action Advisory Committee's Summary of Recommendations for Responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Council agreed to distribute the report to committees for review and consideration as to how to incorporate the recommendations into their work plans and agreed to adopt the document's guiding principles at the next meeting of Council.
6. **Email from concerned member** – Council discussed correspondence received from a concerned member and considered how to make a fulsome response.

Approvals

There were no items for approval on the agenda.



In Camera

7. There was two items held in camera

Consent Agenda – The following Consent Agenda matters were approved:

8. Minutes of May 22, 2020 Meeting

9. Resignations: Edward David Clairoux Anido, Rachel Bushuev, Rowland J. Harrison, Harinder Singh Kaberwal, Danielle Elicia Jacinta Kershaw, Gavin Henry Howes Leitch, Aaron David Lemkow, Anastasia Linthwaite, Monika Anna Lozinska, Sumita Pillay-Dason

Items for information

10. 2019-2020 Council Calendar – Council received the 2019-2020 Council Calendar

11. Executive Director Report – Council received Executive Director, Tilly Pillay QC's report

12. President's Report – Council received President Jim Rossiter QC's report

13. GEC memo re: gender issues during pandemic – Council received this memo from the Gender Equity Committee

14. REC letter re: judicial appointments – Council received this letter from the Racial Equity Committee

15. P. Gates-Hammond Exit Interview Summary – Council received a summary of the exit interview of former Public Representative Peggy Gates-Hammond, completed following her departure from Council.

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for **Friday, September 25 at 9:00 am** via videoconference.