



NOVA SCOTIA
BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Society's Council met **Friday, November 27, 2020** at 9:00 AM via videoconference and conducted the following business:

1. **Introductory Matters**

- 1.1. **Call to order and introductory remarks** – President Jim Rossiter QC called the meeting to order and acknowledged that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

2. **In camera**

- 2.1. One item was discussed in camera.

3. **Discussion of key issue**

- 3.1. **Cultural competence** – A memo outlining the engagement plan was tabled and Council finalized the process. Council and staff will complete their actions and report back at the January Council meeting.

4. **Policies/Processes**

- 4.1. **Consultant and next steps** – Council discussed the current situation and possible next steps. A motion was passed for a task force to be struck to develop a strategy to deal with ongoing Council issues and recommendations to be brought back to January Council meeting.
- 4.2. **Current 2nd VP Vacancy** – Council discussed the memo outlining the Legislative and Regulatory requirements to fill the vacancy. Council decided to follow the usual recruitment process to fill the vacancy, but the successful applicant will be appointed by Council. [Review the call for expressions of interest.](#)

5. **In camera**

- 5.1. Four items were discussed in camera.

6. **Policies/Processes**

- 6.1. **Response to L. McCarthy next steps** – REC recommended next steps for Council to consider. Council approved the Executive implementing the next steps, in general, as outlined by REC.

7. **Consent agenda** – Council approved the following consent agenda matters:

- 7.1. Minutes of September 25, 2020 meeting
- 7.2. Council resignation of Denise Mentis-Smith QC
- 7.3. Committee resignations: Denise Mentis-Smith QC, REC, CIC & Finance
- 7.4. Resignation: Gregory Ryan Azeff, Asim Ahmad Iqbal & Matthew Joseph MacGillivray
- 7.5. Professional Responsibility Policies and Procedures Committee (PRPPC) - regulatory amendments to 9.2
- 7.6. Trust Account Working Group - regulatory amendment and part 10
- 7.7. Wills, Powers of Attorney and Personal Directives Standards Committee – new standards



7.8. Real Estate Standards Committee – revised standard

8. Items for information

- 8.1. Executive Director Report – Council received Executive Director, Tilly Pillay QC's report.
- 8.2. President's Report – Council received President, Jim Rossiter QC's report.
- 8.3. LSS Report - Council received Jacqueline Mullenger and Jennifer Pink's report.
- 8.4. Annual Lawyer Report – Council received the Director, Finance and Administration, Kate Shewan's report.

Council's next meeting is **Friday, January 22 at 9:00 AM** via videoconference.