



NOVA SCOTIA BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Society's Council met Friday, April 23, 2021 at 9:00 AM via videoconference and conducted the following business:

1 Introductory Matters

- 1.1 **Call to order and Introductory Remarks** - President Craig Garson QC called the meeting to order and acknowledged that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. The President welcomed Doug Ruck QC to the meeting.

2 Discussion of key issue

- 2.1 **Approval of the Budget & LIANS Levy** – Council Approved the Budget, LIANS Levy and Schedule A – Society Fees and Assessments.

3 Policies/Processes

- 3.1 **External Independent Review** - Tilly Pillay QC provided an introduction and Doug Ruck QC provided a presentation to council outlining the background of his approach to the External Independent Review to identify and address areas of institutional discrimination. Mr. Ruck outlined that he would undertake a comprehensive review of the governance documents of the Society (including Legislation, Regulations, Policies and Protocols and Procedures), interview past and present council members and staff and he will also consult with the membership and public. His final report will be public and will include his findings and make recommendations for improvements and changes needed at the Society. Mr. Ruck's revised proposal will be provided to Council for approval at the May Council meeting.
- 3.2 **Election – Cape Breton & At-Large Vacancies** – Council approved that the election vacancies be dealt with by an appointment process.
- 3.3 **2nd VP Application** – Council agreed the application for 2nd VP from a nominating Committee member could be processed in the usual manner by the Nominating Committee.

- 4 **In camera** – Two items were discussed in camera.

- 5 **Consent agenda** – Council approved the following consent agenda matters:

- 5.1 Minutes of March 26, 2021 Council Meeting
- 5.2 Committee Appointments - Sarah Lennerton to DSA and Professional Standards (Family) Committees and Amanda Dillman to Supreme Court Liaison Committee (Family)
- 5.3 Committee Work Plans for Credentials & PRPCC

6 Items for information

- 6.1 2020-2021 Council Calendar
- 6.2 2020-2021 Activity Plan
- 6.3 Executive Director's Report

Council's next meeting is Friday, May 21st at 9:00 AM in person and via telephone conference.