



NOVA SCOTIA
BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Society's Council met **Friday, March 24, 2022**, at 9:00 AM in person and via videoconference and conducted the following business:

1. **Introductory Matters**

- 1.1. **Call to order and introductory remarks** – President Tuma Young QC welcomed everyone, acknowledged the hybrid format, called the meeting to order and provided a land acknowledgement.

2. **Policies/Processes**

- 2.1. **Systemic Discrimination Review Update** – The President introduced and welcomed Doug Ruck QC. Doug Ruck QC provided an update confirming and noting that his work has captured a lot of interest from the public and membership and there was a larger than expected uptake. There have been 175 interviews completed to date and more are booked. He anticipated that interviews would be 30-45 minutes long, but they are typically around an hour to an hour and a half with some individuals taking multiple calls. Doug Ruck QC confirmed his next steps including interviewing the selected members of the public and membership, then staff and Council. He confirmed that the aim is to have an interim report to Council in two months and a final report in four to five months. The President thanked Doug Ruck QC on behalf of Council for his update and for completing this important work.

3. **Discussion of Big Issue**

- 3.1. **Budget Detailed Overview and Approval in Principle** – Kate Shewan, Director, Finance & Administration and Maurice Chiasson QC, Chair of the Finance Committee, provided Council with a detailed overview of the proposed 2022-2023 budget including a few options for consideration. Council agreed to the proposed budget in principle using the baseline. The final budget will be brought back to Council for approval in April.

4. **Policies/Processes**

- 4.1. **Activity Plan Check In** – Jacqueline Mullenger, acting Executive Director, provided an overview of the tabled plan.
- 4.2. **Governance Report** – Bryan Darrell, Chair of the Governance Committee, introduced the report and Carole Lee Reinhardt provided an overview of the memo outlining the analyzed findings and recommended the next steps. Council discussed the report and the next steps.
- 4.3. **Training for Council – Leadership, EDI & Governance Update** – Melanie Petrunia, First Vice-President, provided an update on the training arrangements.
- 4.4. **LIANS Six-Month Report & Motion to appoint new Chair** – Lawrence Rubin, Director of LIANS, reviewed the tabled report and answered questions from Council. Council approved the appointment of Charles Thompson as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Lawyers' Insurance Association of Nova Scotia effective upon the resignation of the current Chair.

5. **In camera – Five Items discussed**



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6. **Consent agenda** – Council approved the following consent agenda matters:
 - 6.1. **Minutes of January 28, 2022, Council Meeting**
 - 6.2. **Member Resignation:**
 - Ms. Natascha Marie Johanne Joncas
 - Mr. Mark Clayton Wells
 - 6.3. **Committee Resignations:**
 - Hearing Committee - Dr. Wayne MacKay, C.M., Q.C. & Michael Baker
 - LOMC - Piotr (Peter) Luczak
 - 6.4. **Committee Appointments:**
 - Supreme Court Liaison committee - Shauna MacDonald QC PPS nominee
 - 6.5. **Law Foundation of Nova Scotia Reappointment of Douglas Ruck QC as member of the Board and Robert MacKeigan QC as Chair of the Board both for two-year term from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2023**
 - 6.6. **Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission Reappointment of Chris Boyd**

7. **Items for information**
 - 7.1. **2021-2022 Council Calendar**
 - 7.2. **Presidents Report**
 - 7.3. **Executive Directors Report**
 - 7.4. **REC Memo**
 - 7.5. **Finance Statements – January 31, 2022**
 - 7.6. **Executive Committee approved December & January minutes**
 - 7.7. **Committee Progress Reports**
 - Credentials Committee
 - Finance Committee
 - Governance Committee
 - Nominating Committee
 - Professional Standards (Criminal) Committee
 - Professional Standards (Family) Committee
 - Professional Standards (Law Office Management) Committee
 - Professional Standards (Real Estate) Committee
 - Professional Standards (Wills, Power of Attorney & Personal Directives) CommitteeNote CIC, CPCC, GEC, PRPCC, REC progress reports to follow in April.
 - 7.8. **Provincial Judicial Advisory Committee**
 - 7.9. **Bourinot's Quick Reference Guide**

Council's next meeting is **Friday, April 22, 2022, at 9:00 AM** in person and via videoconference.