



NOVA SCOTIA
BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Society's Council met on Friday, April 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in person and via videoconference and conducted the following business:

Policies and Processes

- **2023-2024 Budget**— Kate Shewan, Director of Finance & Administration, introduced the budget with implemented feedback from the March Council meeting. Council Approved the 2023-2024 budget as presented.
- **LIANS Insurance Levy for 2023-2024** Lawrence Rubin, Director of LIANS, presented a memo regarding the 2023-2024 Insurance Levy. He noted that the per lawyer cost of the insurance levy decreased from last year because the year-over-year rate of increase in the number of insured lawyers exceeded the corresponding increase in the cost to operate the program. Council approved the 2023-2024 LIANS Insurance Levy.
- **Review of ALR**— Kate Shewan, Director of Finance & Administration, introduced the 2023 Annual Lawyer Report and the proposed questions. Council approved the Annual Lawyer Report.
- **Discussion of Memo from Disability Equity Committee**—Marla Brown, Director of Equity and Access, presented a memo from the Disability Equity Committee regarding accessibility concerns at the Upper Water Street courthouse. Council passed a motion to advocate for these concerns to be urgently addressed.
- **Training on Equity Lens Application**— Marla Brown, Director of Equity and Access, and Vanessa Fells, Advisor of Equity and Access, presented a training session on the application of the Society's Equity Lens Toolkit and their plans to amend the existing toolkit to align with developments in equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility discourse.

In Camera: One item was discussed in-camera.

Consent Agenda—Council approved the following consent agenda matters:

- Approval of Minutes from March 24, 2023 Council Meeting