



## **NSBS Council Meeting Highlights**

Nova Scotia Barristers' Society

Friday, June 14, 2024 at 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM ADT

Black Loyalist Centre – Shelburne, NS

### **Consent Agenda: The following items were approved by way of Consent Agenda:**

#### **- Minutes April 26, 2024 DRAFT**

#### **- Resignations:**

Deepak Prasad - NSBS Council, Distinguished Service Awards Comm

Carole Lee Reinhart - Credentials Committee

Peggy Handel - Truth and Reconciliation Committee

Donald Murray, KC - Hearing Committee (effective July 1, 2024)

Robbie MacKeigan, KC - Law Foundation Board

Margaret MacKenzie, KC - Law Foundation Board

#### **- Member Resignations Effective July 1, 2024:**

Mr. James Andrew Bray

Mr. Jude William Hall

Mr. Steven Randall Kelley

Mr. John G. Khattar, KC

Mr. John S. Logan

Mr. Donald B. MacMillan

Ms. Kim Marie McNeill

Mr. Scott Wayne Nettie

Anne Burnham Sedgwick

Mr. Nikolas Robert Shymko

Ms. Hayley Victoria Smith

Nicole Frances Tomasic

Ms. Brenda Elizabeth Taylor

#### **- Committee Appointments:**

Jane Bates - Fitness to Practice Committee

Shelley Hounsell Gray - Chair, Family Law Standards Committee

Carole Lee Reinhart - Complaints Investigation Committee

Catherine Walker, KC - Law Foundation Board

Christena McIsaac - Law Foundation Board

Doug Ruck KC, - Reappointment Law Foundation Board

Kothai Kumanan - Credentials Committee

- Real Estate Standards Committee Workplan - FINAL
- RESC Standard 2.6 for Introduction: Tidal Waters
- FLSC Workplan 2023-2024

## **New Business:**

### **Education & Credentials Departmental Report 2024-2025**

The Education & Credentials department report for 2024-2025 was provided in advance of the meeting. Jennifer Pink, Director of Education & Credentials presented a high-level overview of some of the department's initiatives and priorities. There was discussion on initiatives to assist clerks with finding jobs and initiatives related to wellness. The increase in interjurisdictional transfer applications was noted and discussed.

### **Request for Insurance Exemptions**

Jennifer Pink brought forward a request for a resolution by Council exempting a member from maintaining professional liability insurance (pursuant to Regulation 4.1.8 (d)). Council discussed the merit of the request. There was discussion on building discretion into the Regulations. Council asked Jennifer if this could be discussed at the Credentials Committee and brought to Council in the fall with any proposed changes to the Regulations. Council also suggested Jennifer look at other Societies and their approaches. Council adopted a motion to exempt the member from the insurance requirement.

### **Strategic Plan**

Cheryl Hodder, CEO presented the 2024-2026 Strategic Direction.

Council approved the strategic direction, enabling the Senior Leadership Team to move forward and develop specific strategic priorities, an operational plan with Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and associated budgetary implications to implement the strategic direction. Cheryl confirmed the strategic plan would be presented to Council at the September 2024 meeting for review and approval.