

CRDHA Council met on Sept 17-18, 2020. The following are highlights of key discussions and decisions from the meetings:

### Strategic Planning:

- The Council participated in a full day facilitated strategy session on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Discussions centered around the College's purpose, vision, values, and strategic priorities for the next few years. The outcome of the strategic session will help to inform the College's operational plan and evaluation metrics.

### Council Discussions:

- The Council participated in a Lessons Learned conversation about the COVID-19 pandemic and identified areas of success and areas of improvement to help inform the current pandemic response.
- Council discussed the opportunities and potential risks associated with regulatory changes being proposed by the Alberta Government, including the new Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, Proposals to Amend the Health Professions Act, and the Proposed Labour Mobility Act 2020.
- Council discussed the role of the College in future Continuing Competence events such as the Alberta Wellness Summit. Discussions centered around the necessity to maintain the College's regulatory mandate while ensuring the availability of continuing education opportunities focussed on regulatory issues.
- Council reviewed educational opportunities for both Council and Committee members in order to promote enhanced governance learning and accountability.

### Decisions:

- Council made the decision to both participate and provide funds in support of a national dental hygiene COVID-19 research project. Further information will be sent out to all Alberta RDHs with an opportunity to participate in the research study. Results from this national study will help support future updates to the COVID-19 return-to-work guidelines.
- Council approved the audited financial statements for the period of November 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. These approved statements, along with the November 1, 2018 – October 31, 2019 financial statements, will be published in the upcoming CRDHA annual report and posted on our website.
- Council approved changes to the CRDHA Bylaws. The new Bylaws can be found on the CRDHA website. Changes include:
  - 3.5.1 – Nominations Committee was replaced by Governance Committee.
  - 3.7.2 – The number of 3-year consecutive terms a Councillor may hold was decreased from 3 to 2.
  - 3.12.1 – The minimum number of meetings required per year to transact the business of Council was increased from 2 to 4.

- 3.12.5 – All Councillors can vote, including the President.
- 9.1 – Councillors shall not be members of the Registration Committee.
- 9.2 – Councillors shall not be members of the Competence Committee.
- 9.3 – The number of consecutive 3-year terms a Competence or Registration Committee member may serve was decreased from 3 to 2.
- 11.4 – Section title changed for clarification.

## Appointments:

- Jodi Sperber and Lindsay Ord joined Council as new Council members.  
**\*Bylaw 4.5**
- Samantha Heron was appointed as Chair of the Registration Committee.  
**\*HPA 9(1): A council**  
**(a) may establish a registration committee consisting of no fewer than 3 members, the majority of which must be regulated members, and**  
**(b) if a registration committee is established, must designate a member of that committee to act as chair.**