

CRDHA Council met on September 24, 2021. A two-day in-person strategic planning session was planned for September 24 and 25. However, due to the COVID-19 restrictions announced by the Government of Alberta on September 15 to be effective September 16, the session could not proceed as planned. A half-day Council business meeting was called on short notice.

The following are highlights of key discussions and decisions from the business meeting:

### Council Discussions:

- Council discussed the IPC Guidelines project, which is a joint project with other oral health regulators in the Province of Alberta. The Guidelines will be circulated to all registrants for feedback.
- Council discussed the speculation of mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for all health professionals and agreed that any vaccine mandates would have to come from the Government of Alberta. A statement from Council will be drafted and sent out in the October Mini InTouch.
- Council discussed writing to the new health minister regarding the number of vacant public member council positions as well as dental hygienists administering the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Council discussed the frequency of criminal records checks for registrants as well as the possible implementation of vulnerable sector checks and requested that the Registration Committee undertake an in-depth review and return recommendations to Council.

### Council Decisions:

- Council welcomed the Auditor from Yaremchuk & Annicchiarico LLP who presented the draft Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 2021, which were approved by Council.
- Council approved the draft 2020 Annual Report, which will be disseminated to the Government of Alberta and other stakeholders.
- Council reviewed and approved updates to a number of governance policies.
- Council reviewed and approved revisions to the Charters of the Audit, Finance, and Risk; Governance; and Executive committees.
- Council discussed the results of the Association Survey, which had a 38% response rate, and made the decision to proceed with a transparent and open Request for Proposal process for any individuals or groups interested in forming an association for dental hygienists in Alberta.

### Appointments:

- Council members were re-appointed to their respective council committees through June 2022.