

Council Highlights February 13, 2009

Financial Statement

Council received the financial statement for the period ending December 31, 2008. Peter Stevenson-Moore, Treasurer, informed Council that future expenditures will be required for necessary upgrades to the College Place building.

Proposed Bylaws under HPA

Heather MacKay, Registrar, updated Council on the status of College's proposed draft Bylaws, including Part 8 - "Delegation and Supervision of Restricted Activities", the 365-day Rule and the requirement that future Council meetings be open to public. Council approved the revised Bylaws for submission to government. It was noted that the Bylaws would be posted for a second consultation period prior to the College's transition to the *Health Professions Act* on April 3, 2009.

Pacific Dental Conference

Council members were encouraged to attend the Pacific Dental Conference, including the College presentation "*Tough Topics for Dentists: Challenges in Practice*" and the Awards Ceremony. Council members were also invited to visit the College's booth in the convention centre.

Competition Bureau

The College has submitted a response to the Competition Bureau's questionnaire pertaining to its study of the dental profession.

Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT)

The Registrar discussed recent meetings with the Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation and the federal government to develop consistent processes for dentists to ensure labour mobility between provinces.

Continuing Competence Workshop

Council was informed of a recent workshop presented to the Quality Assurance Committee and elected officers by Dr. Glenn Regher from the Wilson Centre and the University of Toronto. Dr. Regher is a recognized expert on continuing competence for health professionals and discussed potential approaches for the College to consider in expanding its existing CE program.

Facility Inspection for Dental Offices Offering Sedation

The Registrar reported on recent discussions with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC about the provision of anesthesia in dental facilities. Both organizations are collaborating to ensure that members are aware of requirements in this area.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons recently issued a bulletin to its members to reinforce the existing statutory requirement that no physician may practice in a non-hospital medical/surgical facility unless the facility has been approved by the College. The exception to this rule allows anaesthesiologists, certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, to practice in a facility accredited by the College of Dental Surgeons if the College has received assurance that the (dental) facility complies with required guidelines for the practice of anesthesia outside of the hospital setting.

Sirona Learning Centre

Council received a photo presentation of the new state-of-the-art dental clinic at College Place, noting that the facility is now open for rental and for use by study clubs and that its website is www.sironalearningcentre.org. The webcasting capabilities of the new clinic were highlighted as a means for dental professionals across B.C. to participate in learning activities.

College Place Upgrade

The mechanical and engineering assessment of the College Place building has been completed and the elected officers will receive a comprehensive presentation of the findings. It was noted that there are a number of significant issues to do with the integrity of the building.

Governance Presentation

David Raffa, a governance consultant and Principal at Valeo Corporate Finance Ltd., provided a presentation about the roles and responsibilities of board members and the chief executive officer with respect to organizational governance.