



July 22, 2019

The Honourable Adrian Dix, MLA
Minister of Health
PO Box 9050 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E2

Dear Minister,

Thank you for your letter of July 15, 2019, received on July 16, 2019, regarding the Action Plan submitted by the Board of the College of Dental Surgeons of BC (CDSBC) in response to the Directive you issued in April of this year. In your letter, you state that you are concerned about the pace of action and the critical substantive changes needed for the functioning of the Board, its relationship with staff, and independence of the Board from the British Columbia Dental Association (BCDA).

The Board met by teleconference on July 17 to address your letter to us. We approved the following motion “To commit in principle to making the changes listed in the letter.”

The approval of that motion is our formal commitment to meet the timelines you have imposed, and to address both the necessary bylaw changes and the specific requests relating to:

1. Board size and composition
2. Eligibility for election and board membership
3. Strategy and timeline for board independence from the BCDA
4. Relationship between board and staff

Confirmation that your letter was provided to all board members is attached.

We appreciate that you have asked that staff in the Ministry’s Professional Regulation and Oversight Branch be available to us to assist with the necessary bylaw changes, and that you have shortened the bylaw posting and filing periods.

Sincerely,

Dr. Doug Conn
Board Vice-President, on behalf of the CDSBC Board