

CRDHA Council met on January 28-29, 2022 for a virtual business meeting. The following are highlights of key discussions and decisions from this business meeting:

Council Discussions:

- Council deferred the approval of the Public Member Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and will begin working with the College of Alberta Dental Assistants (CADA) to explore the possibility of a joint public member panel or network.
- Council welcomed Dale Cooney and Nicole Hannigan to discuss updates to the current CRDHA Drug Guidelines. Dale led Council through a discussion on key policy decisions for the new Drug Standard of Practice that he is assisting the College with developing.
- Council welcomed Brittany Hodges (CRDHA Communications Advisor) to present on the 2022 College Communications Plan.
- Amie provided Council with an update on the January 27, 2022 Townhall. Topics presented at the Townhall included:
 - The modernization of regulation
 - Standards of Practice
 - Continuing Competence
 - Compliance Advisors and IPC Guidelines
 - Professional Conduct
 - College Communications.

The Townhall was recorded and accessible for registrants to watch on their own time. Registrants can claim up to 1.25 continuing competence credits for watching the full Townhall.

- Council discussed the next steps if they receive a proposal in response to their Association Request for Proposal.

Council Decisions:

- Council approved the 2022-2022 operational budget as per the recommendation by the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee. The College has consolidated the previous governance budget into the full operational budget and has re-organized the budget into business units (e.g., registration, continuing competence, professional conduct, communications, etc.).
- Council approved the 2022-2023 allocations to the internally restricted funds (e.g. sustainability fund, discipline fund, strategic fund, Bill 21 counselling fund, etc.).
- Council approved changes to the 2022-2023 College fees. While Council agreed to not increase practice permit fees for the fourth (4th) year in a row, they approved a new administrative fee that will come into effect October 15th each year. The purpose for the new administrative fee is to encourage registrants to submit their renewal application for their practice permit before October 15th in order to provide College staff with the time required to review and approve all permits by October 31st.

- Significant changes to the CRDHA Bylaws and subsequent governance policies were required to meet the Bill 30 and Bill 46 legislative changes. Council used a new Bylaw template developed by Field Law to re-write their Bylaws. Key changes to the Bylaws include:
 - Changing the name from Council President and Vice-President to Council Chair and Vice-Chair,
 - Dissolving the Life Membership Register,
 - Updating eligibility requirements for regulated members to become Council members,
 - Creating Terms of Reference for all Statutory Committees (e.g. Registration Committee, Competence Committee, etc.),
 - Moving Bylaw language regarding Non-Practicing Register into a Council-approved policy, and
 - Updating Bylaw language for the publication of information on the CRDHA website.