

Council Approved Minutes August 11, 2021 - Zoom Meeting

Registrant Councillors Present:

Regional Electoral District 1 Councillors: Rebecca Martin, PAg (Treasurer)

Regional Electoral District 2 Councillors: Jessica Morgan, PAg (President); William Shaw, PAg

Regional Electoral District 3 Councillors: Warren Mills, PAg; Kirk Phair, PAg; Yasemin Parkinson, PAg

Lay Councillors: Brock Endean; Aiden Wiechula, RPF, MSFM; and Matthew Voell, J.D.

Past President (non-voting): Jane Kerner, PAg

Registrant Councillors Absent: Todd Larsen, PAg

Lay Councillors Absent: Carla Corbett Schiller, RPBio.

BCIA Staff Present:

JP Ellson, Chief Executive Officer and Registrar

Laurena Olsen, Deputy Registrar

Tess Karuvetti, Administrative Officer

Julia Henshall, Communications Officer
(Recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm. No formal agenda was provided.

1. Welcome and Introductions

JP Ellson introduced Tess Karuvetti, BCIA's new Administrative Officer.

The President welcomed those attending and ensured quorum.

2. Preamble

Two definitions that must be considered as a whole being

1. Regulated Practice- The *Agrologists Regulation* contains the definition of regulated practice in Section 1(2);
2. Reserved Practice- this new amendment to the *Agrologists Regulation* in Section 1(b)(2)(b) BCIA cannot infringe on existing rights of the other four related professions; nor can agrologists' rights be infringed upon by a new profession.

3. Draft Reserved Practice Consultation from the OSPG

JP Ellson began by noting that Section 1(b)(2)(b), of the draft Reserved Practice document is the farmers exemption, meaning that, under the *Agrologists Regulation*, farmers on their own land can make agrology decisions about that land. It was noted that farmers cannot charge to dispense agrology advice.

The OSPG anticipates the grace period for implementation will likely be one year instead of two. This will be one year from the date that the legislation is passed by the provincial Cabinet. JP stated there should be an increase in the Communications budget to explain the changes and new terms to the public and to registrants about Reserved Practice rights and the consequences of being in contravention of those rights.

Of concern to the other regulators is the new Section 2(4)(2), due to its broadness, and the terms "resources" and "ecosystems"; however, it is not of concern to BCIA. It is this section that constitutes the definition of reserved practice.

Overlapping practice will be the right to practice the same activity for more than one profession, i.e. the biologists and agrologists. A related development is that the foresters and the biologists have reached an agreement on a joint regulatory panel.

With respect to contaminated sites, over the next few years, the OSPG anticipates that regulators will create illustrated communications materials that will clarify what each regulator does.

4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

Upcoming Quarterly Meetings and Check-In Calls

- Thursday September 9, 2021 at 7pm (suggested call)
- ***Quarterly Meeting:*** October 1-3, 2021 at 6pm Marriot Airport Hotel, Richmond
- Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 7pm (suggested call)
- ***Quarterly Meeting:*** December 3-4, 2021 at 6pm, Sheraton Hotel, Richmond
- ***Quarterly Meeting:*** February 25-26, 2022 (suggested date)
- ***Quarterly Meeting:*** TBD May 2022, in conjunction with the BCIA/ASTTBC Conference on May 5-7, 2022 in Penticton (TBD at October Council meeting).