



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

Announcement: New CEO and Registrar Effective May 1, 2017

The Council of the CVBC is pleased to announce that the search for a new Registrar has concluded.

On January 22, 2017, current Registrar and CEO Larry Odegard announced his plans to retire, after four years with the CVBC. At that time, Council had anticipated a lengthy search and transition period and he had committed to assist with the recruitment process and the orientation of the new Registrar. The selection of an internal candidate has provided an opportunity for Mr. Odegard to move ahead with his retirement plans. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Effective May 1, 2017, Luisa Hlus will assume the role of Registrar and CEO, as well as remaining the CVBC's legal counsel.

Ms. Hlus graduated from the University of Victoria's Faculty of Law in 1990. She practiced for a number of years in the areas of insurance defence and family law before joining the Law Society of British Columbia as a staff lawyer. At the Law Society of BC, Ms. Hlus investigated professional conduct complaints and special compensation fund claims, administered custodianships and prosecuted lawyers in discipline hearings. More recently, she expanded her focus on the regulation of self-governing professions by assisting the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC and the College of Dental Surgeons of BC. In November 2015, Ms. Hlus joined the CVBC as the Director of Complaints, Registration and Legal Services. As a practicing lawyer, she has provided legal and strategic guidance.

Council is delighted that Ms. Hlus will continue to lead and promote the CVBC as an organization dedicated to regulating the veterinary profession in BC in a fair and transparent manner.