

April 6, 2020

Licensed Practical Nurses Association of BC/ Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC

BURNABY—On April 6, 2020, the Board of Directors for the Licensed Practical Nurses of BC (LPNABC) called an extraordinary general meeting of its members. The purpose of this meeting was to consider whether LPNABC should dissolve and enter into an agreement with the Association of Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC (NNPBC) in order to transfer its assets, liabilities and membership list to NNPBC. LPNABC members voted in favour of the motion to dissolve and enter into an 'Assignment and Assumption' agreement with NNPBC.

"This is an historic day for LPNABC. LPNABC has a long and proud tradition, having been established in 1951. While it is difficult to say goodbye, we know that we are moving in this new direction for the betterment of BC's LPNs. Our focus has always been on advocacy for our profession and today our members voted to dissolve, paving the way for all of BC's LPNs to be represented by NNPBC. I believe that this move will strengthen the LPN voice and ensure that the needs of BC's LPNs will be supported by being united with all nurses. I also want to take a moment to thank current and all former LPNABC Board members who have worked to forge new ground for BC's LPNs. You have advocated, represented and put the focus on the greater good time and time again. Thank you all so much for your commitment to our wonderful profession", said Anita Dickson, LPNABC President.

These LPNABC Board members are:

- Anita Dickson, President
- Todd Decker, Member at Large
- Mary Jean Lyth, Treasurer
- Carol Peters, Indigenous Director
- Michael Young, First Vice-President
- Misty Taylor, Secretary
- Leah Thomson, Second Vice-President

NNPBC represents all four of B.C.'s nursing designations and serves as the voice for professional practice, advocacy and leadership, and is the jurisdictional representative to the Canadian Nurses Association and in turn the International Council of Nurses (ICN).

"I am humbled by the foresight and the leadership shown by the LPNABC Board of Directors and, Anita Dickson, President of LPNABC. LPNABC has served as the advocacy voice for BC LPNs for close to 70 years and in that time, they have made tremendous strides on behalf of LPN's across the province. I admire the courage and dedication to the profession that has led us to this point. When nurses stand together as one voice, we assert more clearly our patient focused perspective and deliver on the promise that we make in every patient nurse interaction – a promise to respect the patient's perspective and help them achieve wellness as a partner in their care. On behalf of the team at NNPBC, we will work with care to integrate and carry on the proud traditions that you have pioneered as part of the larger whole. I am so proud to be able to welcome each and every BC LPN to join your colleagues in nursing as part of NNPBC" said Michael Sandler, Executive Director, NNPBC

Teresa McFadyen, President of the LPN Council and NNPBC Board member also extends her welcome to LPNABC members, "LPNABC and Anita notably have built strong collaborative relationships with partners across BC. The history of LPNABC and knowledge base of advocacy has always been at the forefront of their work. They have worked tirelessly for the LPNs of this province and I'm so pleased that together we are committed to continue being a strong voice for the profession."

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