

## **Due to Changes in Government Health Policy, BCDA files Claim to Protect Dentistry's Investment in College Place Building**

The government is moving forward with a new framework for the health professions in British Columbia. This involves re-drafting the Health Professions Act which significantly erodes self-governance by individual professions. The government has also directed the amalgamation of professions involved in dentistry, and the College of Dental Surgeons as we know it will cease to exist.

In light of the above, on February 1, 2022 **the British Columbia Dental Association (BCDA) filed a Notice of Civil Claim against the College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia (CDSBC).**

The BCDA believes that the association and BC's dentists contributed to the purchase of the College Place building to house both the BCDA offices and the CDSBC offices. At the time of the purchase, the BCDA's mandate of serving and supporting dentists was merged with the CDSBC. When the BCDA became a separate entity, it was understood that the BCDA retained a beneficial interest in the College Place Building, and we are seeking formal recognition of dentistry's share of the building.

This matter is now before the courts. Because of this, our comments will be limited moving forward, however we remain committed to ensuring the equitable treatment of assets financed by BC's dentists.

The BC Dental Association is the voice of BC dentists. We advocate for our members and promote access to dental care for all British Columbians.

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