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June 22, 2023

Statement from the Law Society of Nunavut President

re: the Status of the Nunavut Statutes Examination,

the Taskforce Report and Next Steps

The Law Society of Nunavut thanks the Nunavut Statutes Examination Taskforce for their Report. The Executive of the Law Society has identified the consideration and response to the Report as a significant priority for the upcoming term.

This brief statement is being made at this time to ensure the membership is clear on the current status of the Statutes Examination and to confirm that the Executive will be engaging with the membership about next steps as a result of this report.

The Executive intends to meet imminently to specifically review the report and determine next steps. Following that meeting, Law Society members should anticipate further communication from the Executive in the coming weeks identifying proposed next steps and confirming opportunities for consultation on those next steps with the membership.

The Executive welcomes the opportunity to engage in a collaborative and respectful discussion with the membership about our shared goals as members of the legal profession in Nunavut including working together to identify how to make improvements; to support diversity and inclusion; to consider Nunavut's unique history and culture; and to aim to remove barriers to the admission process in Nunavut all while balancing the standards of practice required in a self-regulating profession.

The Executive also wishes to confirm that given the ongoing work to consider and respond to issues identified in the Taskforce Report, the Executive is continuing the waiver of the requirement to complete the Statutes Examination for admission to the Nunavut Bar until the earlier of March 31, 2024, or the completion of the work referenced above.

Yours Truly,

Clare Cudmore
President of the Law Society of Nunavut

The Statement will be provided in Inuktitut as soon as it becomes available.