

Board of Directors

Minutes of Electronic Voting for Criminal Record Declaration Policy

I. Criminal Record Declaration Policy

Email to Board members April 7, 2020

Good afternoon Board members,

Hope everyone is doing well. Like many, I seem to be in full time COVID-19 trouble-shooting mode over here. Due to closures and suspended/reduced services, some applicants are unable to obtain their criminal records checks. Although Winnipeg applicants can apply on-line with the WPS, if they need fingerprints or Equifax verification, they are unable to proceed. For applicants in rural areas, RCMP detachments are currently closed and not processing records checks applications. Given that the records check requirement is in our Regulations, I have consulted with the Families Department, other MB regulators and our legal counsel in an attempt to identify a solution. I propose that we temporarily accept criminal record declarations in situations where an applicant is unable to obtain the formal check. The details regarding the exceptions and conditions are outlined in the proposed policy and declaration form attached, which have been reviewed by our legal counsel. Like the Electronic SW Practice Policy, this would be a temporary measure until normal operations resume.

Please feel free to send your questions/comments using the “reply all” option. If you are ready to vote on the motion, please click the link to cast your vote:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C2GQGZ6>

Thank you again for your prompt attention to this matter as we continue to navigate issues relating to this pandemic.

Sincerely,

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Voting period: April 7 – 8, 2020

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Be it resolved that the Criminal Record Declaration Policy is approved as presented. CARRIED. April 8, 2020.