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STRATA PROPERTY LAW PROJECT—PHASE TWO

Media Release

BCLI recommends new legislation to improve strata governance

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Vancouver, 22 January 2019—The British Columbia Law Institute’s Strata Property Law Project Committee is calling for reforms to the *Strata Property Act*, the *Strata Property Regulation*, and the Schedule of Standard Bylaws to enhance the governance of strata corporations.

“The committee’s *Report on Governance Issues for Stratas* shows that the legal framework is falling short in supporting the best practices for governing strata corporations,” said committee chair Patrick Williams. “Reforming the act and its regulation will help strata owners in carrying out the job of governing their stratas by clarifying meeting procedures, modernizing provisions, enhancing accountability, and creating greater certainty.”

The report contains 81 recommendations for reform. Among these recommendations are proposals to:

- relocate 12 standard bylaws (or parts of standard bylaws) to the body of the *Strata Property Act*;
- create statutory definitions for the often-contested terms *rent* and *continuing contravention*;
- establish a mandatory form of proxy appointment;
- set in place criteria that must be met by those who want to serve on a strata council;
- create a special limitation period of four years for claims that may be the subject of a strata corporation’s lien; and
- update a host of fines and fees in light of current circumstances.

The report and two backgrounders are available at <https://www.bcli.org>.

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