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Strata Property Law Project—Phase Two

Media Release

BCLI calls for reforms to the Strata Property Act’s insurance provisions

For immediate release

Vancouver, 12 March 2019—The British Columbia Law Institute’s Strata Property Law Project Committee is recommending amendments to the Strata Property Act, the Strata Property Regulation, and the Schedule of Standard Bylaws to enhance the legal framework that governs insurance in a strata property.

“The Strata Property Act needs to have provisions on insurance to reduce conflicts and confusion among all the parties involved in insuring a strata property,” explained committee chair Patrick Williams. “But the current provisions are falling short in a number of areas, breeding their own confusion. The committee has made recommendations to fine-tune the law and help it to operate for the greater benefit of strata-lot owners, strata corporations, and their insurers.”

The report contains 11 recommendations for reform. Its principal recommendations include proposals to:

• require strata corporations to have directors-and officers insurance;
• create a new and more certain approach to dealing with liability to pay a strata corporation’s insurance deductible in cases where an owner is responsible for a claim;
• enhance reporting and information sharing; and
• give more study to adopting the standard-unit concept.

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

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