



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The past two months have been eventful. The government announced that it was considering “caps” for “minor injury” claims in late November, 2017. Since that date, TLABC has been fully engaged with protecting the rights of British Columbians against any sort of tort reform or injury cap system in this province.

Our table officers and our ICBC committee have spent countless hours in meetings with the government, ICBC, and other stakeholders to show the current government and ICBC that taking away the right of individuals to pursue fair compensation for their injuries is not the way to correct alleged financial problems at ICBC.

Over the past two months, TLABC has held 6 town hall meetings concerning the “caps” issue in Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo, Surrey, Kelowna and Kamloops. All of the town hall meetings were very well attended.

The outreach from leadership and the support and response from membership has been truly amazing to date. However, the campaign against “caps” is far from over, and we continue to march forward.

TLABC also continues with its efforts in other areas such as the issue of legal aid funding, and other legislative reforms, holding the government accountable for the election promises it made last year.

The public demands accountability for promises made during the election last year on issues such as housing affordability, the opioid crisis which took the lives of over 1400 British Columbians in 2017, the introduction of legislation to deal with the legalization of marijuana in BC, and the NDP's promise to not bring in “No Fault” legislation in this province.

TLABC will continue
with its efforts to fight for the
legal rights of British Columbians
and we look forward to
the challenges ahead.

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