

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF  
THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF MANITOBA**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** A hearing pursuant to Part 4 of *The Regulated Health Professions Act C.C.S.M. c. R117* (the “RHPA”)

**AND IN THE MATTER OF:** Dr. Arcel Bissonnette, a member of College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba (“CPSM”)

**AND IN THE MATTER OF:** Notice of Intention to Consider Cancellation of Certificate of Registration, dated December 13, 2023

**Members of the Executive Committee (the “Committee”)**

Dr. Nader Shenouda, President of CPSM, Chair  
Dr. Peter Nickerson  
Dr. Charles Penner  
Mr. Allan Fineblit LL.B., K.C., Public Representative  
Ms. Marvella McPherson C.M., B.N., R.N. (ret.), Public Representative

**Counsel**

Michael Triggs, counsel for the Executive Committee  
Jocelyne Ritchot, counsel for the Registrar

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS** on December 13, 2023, the Registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba (“CPSM”) requested, pursuant to Section 48(3) of *The Regulated Health Professions Act* (the “RHPA”), that the Executive Committee of CPSM (the “Committee”) consider canceling Dr. Arcel Bissonnette (“Dr. Bissonnette”) Certificate of Registration (the “Registrar’s cancellation request”);

**AND WHEREAS** the RHPA, CPSM's *Affairs of the College Bylaw* (the "Bylaw") and CPSM's *Practice Direction, Cancellation of Registration or Certificates of Practice Pursuant to Section 48 of the RHPA* govern the Committee's procedures and jurisdiction in the matter;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 17(1) of the RHPA and Section 91(b) of the Bylaw, the Council of the Executive Committee of CPSM ("Council") has delegated to the Committee the authority to determine requests made by CPSM under Section 48(3) of the RHPA;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 48(3) of the RHPA, the Committee, as Council's delegate, may direct the Registrar to cancel a member's registration, if the member has been convicted of an offence that is relevant to his or her suitability to practice;

**AND WHEREAS** on November 28, 2023, following a trial before Justice S Bond ("Justice Bond") of the Manitoba Court of King's Bench, Dr. Bissonnette was convicted on five counts of sexual assault respecting five separate women (the "Convictions"), between August 2001 and April 2017, all of whom were patients of Dr. Bissonnette, and all convictions having arisen out of clinical encounters with such patients;

**AND WHEREAS** Justice Bond issued reasons for her decision respecting the Convictions on November 28, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** on December 14, 2023, Dr. Bissonnette was given notice of the hearing into the Registrar's cancellation request and the procedural matters associated with the hearing;

**AND WHEREAS** on January 17, 2024, the Committee convened an in person hearing to determine the Registrar's cancellation request, at which Counsel for the Registrar made submissions and Dr. Bissonnette did not attend, although he did provide written submissions; and

**ON REVIEWING** the written materials and considering the oral submission of the Registrar, and on carefully deliberating upon its decision in the matter, the Committee determined that the Convictions are relevant to Dr. Bissonnette's suitability to practise, and has determined to cancel Dr. Bissonnette's registration, pursuant to Section 48(3) of the RPHA.

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HEREBY RESOLVES AND ORDERS THAT:**

1. Pursuant to Section 48(3) of *The Regulated Health Professions Act*, effective immediately, the Executive Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba has canceled the Certificate of Registration of Dr. Arcel Bissonnette, who was convicted by the Court of King's Bench on November 28, 2023, of five criminal offences that are relevant to his suitability to practice.
2. The Committee retains jurisdiction for the purposes of any further Order associated with its Resolution and Order herein.

DATED this 17th day of January 2024.

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**Dr. Nader Shenouda, Chair of the Executive Committee**

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