

# SDHA MINI EDGE

We would like to present to you this Issue of the SDHA Edge as a mini edition.

The mini edition is intended to focus on important information while continuing to provide you with regular communication.



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## MISSION, VISION & STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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We are thrilled to share with you an exciting milestone in our journey- the unveiling of our new mission and vision statements and strategic priorities. As we continue to evolve and adapt in an ever-changing world, it is crucial that we clarify our purpose and set clear directions for the future. Our new mission and vision statements encapsulate our commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of those we serve. Our new mission statement defines our reason for existence, capturing the essence of what we do and whom we serve.

### MISSION

*The Saskatchewan Dental Hygienists' Association protects the public through regulation of the dental hygiene profession.*

### VISION

*We are a trusted partner for the public upholding the quality and safety of dental hygiene care provided in Saskatchewan.*

These statements assisted in shaping our strategic priorities and we will use them to guide our actions in fostering united purpose across our organization.



### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- 1. The Transition from a Dual to Single Function Organization:** As the dental hygiene profession continues to grow, there is a need to ensure that all activities for both regulatory and professional associations are effective in Saskatchewan.
- 2. Continued Excellence in Dental Hygiene Regulation:** Regulatory practices in Saskatchewan will be continuously reviewed to ensure alignment with Canadian and international best practices and standards. SDHA maintains agility to update its approach to regulation of the profession over the years.
- 3. Operational Sustainability:** SDHA is dedicated to operating with a robust organizational infrastructure aligned with relevant best practices related to governance, finance, human resources, risk management, and collaborative engagement with strategic partners to support its mission and vision.

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## A CLOSER LOOK: TRANSITION FROM DUAL TO SINGLE FUNCTION

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The SDHA is committed to ensuring that professional association functions will continue at their same capacity until a new entity is prepared to take them on. It is our hope that an organization free from conflict will be better equipped to serve its members and we look forward to seeing its success.

We have developed a roadmap to guide the development of a separate professional association, but we will need your support and your voice. During this transitional year, the development of a separate professional association will come from SDHA resources, and it will be up to the new professional association to determine how it will sustain itself moving forward.

### Let's get Started!

We are looking for volunteers to serve on a steering committee for this project. The [steering committee](#) will serve to influence the decisions required to prepare the professional association for launch. If this interests you keep an eye out for future callouts!

We are looking to hire a [project manager](#) to facilitate the administrative work required. The project manager will be responsible for reporting to the CEO/R, creating budget projections, achieving deliverables, and collaborating with the steering committee.

If you have experience in project management and are interested in this position, please contact us.

By the Spring of 2024, the SDHA hopes to present a soft launch of this project to the membership by means of a Spring Summit. Instead of the traditional SDHA Conference, we will be hosting a member-focused event that will support advancing this project to its next steps.



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## PARTNERS

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### Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA)

A friendly reminder that we will no longer be collecting Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) membership dues. You will need to renew your membership directly with the CDHA in advance of renewing your license with the SDHA.

CDHA provides Professional Liability Insurance (PLI) as a benefit of your membership. Professional Liability Insurance is a requirement to obtain licensure with the SDHA.

### What you need to know!

- **FIRST- renew your membership with CDHA**
- **SECOND- use the PLI Certificate provided on your CDHA member file when renewing your license with the SDHA.**

If you need help, contact CDHA.

### Saskatchewan Polytechnic- Dental Hygiene Program

We are honored to announce the recipient of the SDHA Mary Geddes Memorial Award, Claire Fischer. Claire was chosen by the dental hygiene program faculty because of the attributes, skills, and attitude she embodies that reflect our mandate as a regulatory body.

Congratulations Claire!



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## OFFICE INFORMATION

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In June, Association Administer, Karalee Emerson moved on from her role with the SDHA. We know she will be missed by many of you that have reached out to her for assistance. We want to assure you that we will continue to assist you in any way that we can. The SDHA office building now requires permission for entry. If you plan on visiting the office, we encourage you to arrange an appointment or call ahead. [To enter the building the buzz code is 0006.](#)

***We hope you enjoyed this edition of the SDHA Mini Edge***