



## **Non-Profits and The Law' is Popular Topic for Okanagan Roundtable**

CSAE BC continues to offer member services across the province and recently delivered a Breakfast Roundtable in Kelowna to deliver professional development and a discussion forum to those operating in the non-profit sector in the Okanagan.

Held on November 16<sup>th</sup>, this Roundtable focused on 'Non-Profits and The Law', helping attendees understand the key legal aspects of managing associations and other non-profit organizations. It was led by Colin Edstrom, Associate with Pushor Mitchell Lawyers LLP, ably supported by Patrick Bobyn, also an Associate with Pushor Mitchell. Thanks go to both lawyers for their knowledge and engaging delivery as they navigated through information and advise on how to avoid common pitfalls in legal areas including the new B.C. Societies Act, Governance, and Privacy.

With a variety of attendees from north, central and south Okanagan, and a wide cross section of organizations from homeless charities to professional associations, it was clear that compliance with legal standards, and the related nuances, is of interest and importance to all non-profit organizations. "This event attracted a good number of new people and organizations who haven't attended past Okanagan Roundtables" said Tim Read, event organizer and representative for CSAE BC in the Interior. "Clearly it hit a nerve with organizations who must stay onside with the law at all times, which can be challenging for many reasons. Thanks to Colin and Patrick for their clear and practical information" he added CSAE BC would like to thank the Delta Hotels Grand Okanagan Resort in Kelowna for their support and generous hosting of the Roundtable. The venue and breakfast was much appreciated by all!

If you have suggestions for future Okanagan Roundtable topics, or would like to get involved in organizing, please contact Tim Read at [tread@cphrbc.ca](mailto:tread@cphrbc.ca)