



*The NP Council of NNPBC met with Minister Dix on March 28th! Pictured to the left, Natasha Prodan-Bhalla- Executive Director, Nurse Practitioners and Primary Health Care (MoH), Valerie St. John- NNPBC CEO, Sue Peck- NP Council President, Honourable Adrian Dix- Minister of Health, Dani Daigle- NP Council Vice President*

## NP Council Update - April 2019

- Our NP Council has been working closely with the BC government, the Doctors of BC and other stakeholders, to advance the Primary Care Network strategy in the province. We have been providing input to contract development, governance design and implementation planning.
- Several Primary Care Networks have been launched across the province over the last few months and NNPBC is delighted to be a part of these announcements. We would like to thank NPs Dani Daigle, Hannah Varto and Michelle Sims for speaking on behalf of all nurses at the unveiling of the Primary Care Networks and Urgent and Primary Care Centres in Fraser North West, Burnaby and Nanaimo.
- Discussions and collaborations continue with regards to NP remuneration with both the Health Employers Association of BC (HEABC) and the Ministry of Health regarding Health Authority funded contracts and independent NP contracts.
- NNPBC NP Council nominations are approaching, and we will have the following vacancies:
  - Vice President
  - Indigenous Councillor
  - Vancouver Councillor
  - Interior Councillor
  - Northern Councillor
  - Rural & Remote Councillor
  - Student Councillor
- Nominations will be open in mid-April with the election in early June. Keep your eyes on the NNPBC NP portal for information. [Learn about the NP Council here.](#)
- Access to [archived webinars for NPs.](#)
  - “Insights into the new MoH primary care contracts soon to be available to BC NPs” by Labour and Employment Lawyers, Pulver, Crawford and Munroe.
  - “MoH, Primary Care NP contract opportunity – Q&A” with Assistant Deputy Minister, Mark Armitage.
- The 14th annual NP conference will be taking place in Prince George, BC on May 30th to June 1st. [Click here for conference information and registration.](#) There will be an NP Council Members meeting on May 30th from 3:30-6:30pm. Early bird pricing ends on April 15th!
- NNPBC membership is free for 2019. Information on NNPBC member bundle, privileges and benefits for 2020 will be announced later this year. [Sign up here!](#)
- NNPBC is collaborating across all designations (LPN, NP, RN, RPN) so please share NNPBC news with all your nursing colleagues.