## Bodhi Jones, Former RMT

Location: Vancouver, BC

Date of Action: August 5, 2020

Nature of Action: A section 39(2) order by consent under section 37.1 of the *Health Professions Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 183. Following the issuance of a citation giving notice of a formal discipline hearing, Bodhi Jones made a proposal to enter a consent order with the Inquiry Committee. Mr. Jones ultimately consented to an order by the Inquiry Committee that:

- Mr. Jones' registration with CMTBC was cancelled effective August 5, 2020; and
- Mr. Jones is not eligible to apply for reinstatement of registration with CMTBC for a period of 30 years from the date of the order, that is, until August 5, 2050.

Given this resolution, a formal discipline hearing will not proceed.

Read Mr. Jones' proposal (PDF).

Read the Consent Order (PDF).

**Reasons:** Mr. Jones made the following admissions:

- 1. at some point between about October 29, 2016 and December 31, 2016, while he was a registrant of CMTBC and conducting a massage of a female patient at a spa, he touched her inappropriately and in a sexual manner without her consent;
- 2. on or about November 20, 2016, while he was a registrant of CMTBC and conducting a massage of a second female patient at a spa, he touched her inappropriately and in a sexual manner without her consent;
- 3. on or about January 22, 2017, while he was a registrant of CMTBC and conducting a massage of a third female patient at a spa, he touched her inappropriately and in a sexual manner without her consent;
- 4. on November 21, 2018, he was convicted of one count of sexual assault as a result of his conduct set out in item #1, above;
- 5. on November 21, 2018, he was convicted of one count of sexual assault as a result of his conduct set out in item #2, above; and

6. November 21, 2018, he was convicted of one count of sexual assault as a result of his conduct set out in item #3, above.

The Inquiry Committee regarded Mr. Jones' conduct to be fundamentally inconsistent with the duties owed by registrants to patients, to the profession and to the public. While Mr. Jones requested cancellation of his registration on February 21, 2017, and his resignation was accepted at that time, the Inquiry Committee considered it important to its public protection mandate that there be a formal cancellation of his CMTBC registration by disciplinary order.

The Inquiry Committee was of the view that the lengthy period of time which Mr. Jones agreed to before he can possibly re-apply for registration with CMTBC protects the public.

Should Mr. Jones seek reinstatement of registration as a registered massage therapist in BC in or after 2050, he would be required at that time to satisfy CMTBC's Registration Committee that he is of good character and fit to practice massage therapy.