

I wish to congratulate and thank everyone involved. It has been a long time coming but one benefit of that is the number of people who can and should be given credit!

This started quite a long time ago on the Legislation and Law Reform Committee, to my knowledge.

I can't say I know for sure whose idea this was at that stage. I was Exec. Liaison the LLRC in 2003 - 04. Tim Delaney chaired that year's committee. They had been debating this issue for a long time, from at least the 2002-03 year. I recall competing points of view on the Committee, with competing reports prepared by Committee members. I recall Jan Christiansen being involved, and Fred Hansford, among others.

We debated at LLRC and decided to advance the RRSP protection initiative. So the members of the LLRC Committee in 2002/03 and 2003/04 deserve credit.

The Executive Committee (under Michael Woodward as President) on Oct. 15, 2004 supported putting a resolution to Provincial Council in Dec. 2004. Ken Walton was an early supporter, as I see he seconded the written resolution, and has been a strong supporter ever since. At the time Ken was an Officer on the Exec. Committee. Provincial Council endorsed the policy initiative. Council's wisdom should also be noted!

The LLRC prepared a full submission to government including draft legislation.

After that we had constant support from our GR consultants, the Executive, and senior staff.

We had a meeting with A.G. Wally Oppal on Sept. 13, 2006, and a meeting with the Liberal Caucus in Victoria in April 25 2007. Our GR consultants also helped us get in touch with MLA Joan McIntyre who has been supporter throughout. We got much support from other professional groups.

Congratulations to the CBABC, and to the very long list of supporters over the years!

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