

10.0 POLICY CATEGORY: ILLEGAL PRACTICE

10.1 POLICY FOCUS: COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARCHITECTS ACT

10.1.1 In the public interest and on behalf of its [registrants], the Institute will make reasonable efforts to address the illegal practice of architecture through education and the enforcement of the *Architects Act* (the “*Act*”). The illegal practice of architecture relates to the unlawful use of the title “architect” or other terms implying registration with the AIBC; the actual ‘practice’ of architecture by a [non-registrant] outside of the exceptions provided in the *Act*; and the unlawful engagement of a non-architect to practise the profession of architecture.

Accordingly, the Executive Director will ensure that:

10.1.2 Sufficient resources are allocated to meet the Institute’s responsibilities with respect to enforcement of the *Act*, including maintaining a dedicated annual budget allotment for the funding of appropriate legal proceedings.

10.1.3 Illegal Practice procedures and guidelines are developed and/or refined on an ongoing basis to assist AIBC staff and the Illegal Practice Committee in carrying out their tasks with respect to the intake, investigation, resolution and appropriate publication of illegal practice matters.

10.1.4 Consultation and education efforts directed at prevention of illegal practice shall be undertaken with the public, local governments and [registrants].

10.1.5 Regular, informative communication regarding illegal practice matters is provided to [registrants] and the public.

10.1.6 Suitable legislative and regulatory initiatives are supported to improve alignment and consistency among and between the *Act*, BC Building Code and other relevant legislation and regulations, in an effort to improve compliance with the *Act*.

10.1.7 Consultation, cooperation and information-sharing between the AIBC and other professional regulators takes place to prevent and address the illegal practice of architecture by members of other professions.