Thank you very much for your support in my election to Council. I am very happy that I have been provided with an opportunity to continue to apply the information I learned while Interim Registrar. While in that position it became so clear to me how important the work of the College of Veterinarians of BC is to veterinarians working here. It also became clear that we, as veterinarians in BC must work hard to help and support the College find the right course through the work that lies ahead of us.

It is a great honour to step into the very hard-working boots of Josh Waddington and serve as President of the Council. Josh worked conscientiously and with great dedication in his terms as president, through some very trying times, while carrying a high practice load. I hope that I live up to his example, and I am reassured that he will be there on Council to keep me in line and let me know if I don't.

The current Council is amazing, and I know that great work will be done with the leadership present on this team. We have a long list of important work that includes correcting the issues that the Cayton report on our complaints process will tell us. That system needs significant overhaul to be able to make it fair, timely, and accountable. We also will be finally bringing the RVT's under the umbrella of the Veterinarians Act, which was written with that intent. Many other issues are on the list, not the least of which is solving the manpower shortage in veterinary services.

Please reach out to me on any topic, let me know how Council is doing, or not doing. We cannot represent you and your views if you don't share them. I have learned over the years that I am terrible at mind-reading so please share what is troubling with our College, and also what you think is great about our College.

jpritchard@cvbc.ca
Jane Pritchard BA DVM MVSc