Dear fellow veterinary colleagues,

It has truly been a privilege to serve on Council for the past three years. I have learned and developed personally and professionally from this role, and am ever grateful to CVBC staff, Council (public and veterinary) members, committee members, and many others who have helped in this journey. Of the achievements to date, I am very proud of the iterative work that has been done to develop the 5-year strategic plan with important pillars that will continue to guide the College's day to day operations. I am excited to see the College set actionable goals with timelines for regulatory practices that enhance equity, diversity, and inclusion within our veterinary profession. The future of a culturally competent and inclusive community will allow veterinarians to feel supported and empowered, which is critically important as the topics of mental health, wellbeing, and self-care remain in the forefront of discussion amongst colleagues.

Congratulations to the newly elected Council members: Drs. Jane Pritchard, Josh Waddington, and Tammi Whelan. I have confidence that they will provide great insight and direction to the College and ensure that its activities are in line with the CVBC vision, mission, and mandate.

I am proud to continue to be a part of a community where veterinarians and the public can collaborate and work harmoniously and equitably to advance animal health and wellbeing in the province.

Best wishes,
Doris Leung