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## Election Results for 2019 Council

Thank you to all MLTs who voted in this years election. We'd like to welcome, Sally Abou-Zeki, Tracy Bucko, and Pauline Tomlin to the 2019 CMLTA Council. Biographies will be available on the website in the New Year.

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## New law passes to protect patients from sexual abuse and sexual misconduct

A new law in Alberta will protect patients from sexual misconduct and sexual abuse, increase survivor supports, and require more transparency for regulatory colleges.

Bill 21, *An Act to Protect Patients*, was passed by the Alberta legislature on November 8, 2018. The Alberta government introduced the legislation to ensure Albertans are safe when accessing health care services.

The new law applies to all health professionals regulated under the *Health Professions Act*. The legislation establishes mandatory penalties for sexual abuse and sexual misconduct by regulated health professionals, requires disciplinary actions for sexual abuse and sexual misconduct to be clearly and consistently posted online, and provides survivors with access to treatment and counselling.

To reflect the severity of these actions, there will be a permanent cancellation of a practitioner's practice permit when a hearing tribunal finds a regulated member's actions constitute sexual abuse. When a hearing tribunal finds a regulated member's actions constitute sexual misconduct, a health professional's practice permit will be suspended.

The majority of the new legislative requirements come into effect on April 1,

2019. The CMLTA will continue to provide its regulated members with updates when available so watch your email. Most recent updates can be found on the [Alberta Government website](#).

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**Reminder - the CMLTA office will be closed December 24 to January 2.**

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## **Recognition of Excellence Award Deadline: December 31.**

This award is peer-to-peer recognition of Medical Laboratory Technologists (MLTs) who epitomize professional practice; who advance the profession; and who demonstrate to others the CMLTA's Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics. [Click here for additional information and a nomination form](#).

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