

January 24, 2018

The Caring Group Corp.
Athabasca Community Chapel
3403 – 48th Avenue
Athabasca, AB T9S 1M7

Re: Unlicensed activity - Funeral Services Business and Business Manager

On January 17, 2018, at the Board meeting in Edmonton, the representations regarding the issue of unlicensed activities performed at the Athabasca Community Chapel, under the Caring Group Corporation ownership, were presented to the Board for review and a decision. The following outlines the decisions that were made.

For the first contravention, the section of the *Funeral Services Act* which has been contravened is from Section 3(1) which states:

"No person shall, unless that person holds a funeral services business licence, solicit to enter into or enter into a contract under which that person promises to provide, or to arrange for the provision of, funeral services to another person." The Administrative Penalty for this contravention is under Schedule 4 of the *Funeral Services Act* General Regulation, and because this is the second offence for the Caring Group Corporation the penalty amount is \$20,000.

This decision is based on the evidence collected during the opening inspection completed on September 22, 2016 at the Athabasca Community Chapel. The evidence includes a letter from the previous owner of the Athabasca Community Chapel, Dale Kapitaniuk, stating that the sale of this business was finalized on August 1, 2016. The evidence also includes 13 contracts which were entered between August 4, 2016 and September 14, 2016 which have Christina Gobel's signature on them, who is an employee of The Caring Group Corp. In addition, the business continued to operate for approximately two weeks after the inspection without obtaining their licence which wasn't issued until October 5, 2016.

For the second contravention, the section of the *Funeral Services Act* which has been contravened is from Section 3(1.1) which states:

"No person shall perform the duties and functions of a business manager, as prescribed by the regulations, unless that person holds a business manager licence." The Administrative Penalty for this contravention is under Schedule 4 of the *Funeral Services Act* General Regulation, which indicates a penalty in the amount of \$1500.

This decision is based on the requirement that every funeral services business location must appoint a business manager. No business manager was recognized by the Board until the licence was issued to Christina Gobel on October 5, 2016.

For clarity, in addition to the above information, all licences held by Athabasca Community Chapel Ltd. would have automatically be suspended when this legal entity ceased operations on August 1, 2016 due to the sale of the funeral services business to the Caring Group Corporation.

The Administrative Penalties are payable to the Alberta Funeral Services Regulatory Board and payment in the amount of \$21,500, is due on February 28, 2016. An appeal of this decision can be made under Section 34.2 of the Funeral Services Act.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Karen Carruthers".

Karen Carruthers
Executive Director
Alberta Funeral Services Regulatory Board