

## news

## PERSONAL INJURY CLAIM

# One universal guideline

I've given the same ICBC claim advice over and over, consultation after consultation, for years. I have joked about creating a series of videos so that I could just press 'play.'

Perhaps that's not such a bad idea.

Injured victims are in the dark. You are dealing with injuries you've never experienced before and the financial stress that comes from missing work and having to pay for medical care. What medical care should you have? How much time, if any, should you take off work?

All this and you have

this thing called an "ICBC Claim" that seems to be intertwined with everything. Your ICBC

adjuster might or might not be agreeing to pay for part or all of your treatment expenses. The adjuster might agree to pay for one type of treatment but not another. He or she might or might not be agreeing to provide you with partial or full reimbursement of your lost wages.

There is no shortage of advice from those around you. It seems like everyone you know has an opinion, but those opinions are often contradictory.

Injured victims often rely on their ICBC adjuster

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for guidance, which is sort of like a mouse scurrying up to an eagle for help.

When I look back at all the advice I've given, I have been able to come up with one consistent guideline that has universal application. It might seem like a bit of a shocker. Instead of being concerned and careful about how to navigate around your ICBC claim,

do the opposite: pretend that it doesn't exist.

If you ignore your claim, you will

follow the medical recommendations of your treatment team (your doctor, chiropractor, physiotherapist, etc.) without regard for what an ICBC adjuster (who has zero medical training) might recommend or agree to pay for. Will that result in the very best recovery outcome? Absolutely. The ironic fringe benefit is that it results in doing exactly what a personal injury lawyer should be recommending.

If you ignore your claim, you will be pushing your treatment team

for results to get you back to work as soon as reasonably possible. If it turns out that you have pushed them too hard and attempt

a return too early, this will become apparent and the treatment team will pull you back. Will this result in the very best functional outcome for you? Absolutely. It also comes with the same fringe benefit.

If you ignore your claim, you will be living your life to the fullest, held back only to the extent your injuries truly hold you back. Is this the very best for your physical and emotional well being? Absolutely.

Again, the fringe benefit is that you are doing exactly what a personal injury lawyer should be recommending.

There are some important things you should be mindful of so that your legal rights arising from your ICBC claim are best looked after, but those things are separate from the "what should I do about this or that" circumstances I've described. Ensure you find out about those important things as soon as possible by having a free initial consultation with a personal injury lawyer.

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# PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, March 23, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Woodhaven Board Room, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna, BC

### What is it for?

**Item 1** is a RDCO initiated proposal to discharge Land Use Contract No. 172 and zone the parcels to A1 Agricultural at 5451 Whelan Road & 4521 Teather Road. (File: Z14/05)

**Lot 1, Plan 28165, District Lot 121, ODYD, and Lot A, Plan 21467, District Lot 121, ODYD, Except Plan 28165**

**Item 2** is a RDCO initiated proposal to discharge Land Use Contract No. 199 from the subject properties and designate the parcels to Rural Acreage (RA) and Large Holdings (LH) located adjacent to Highway 33 and Schram Road (File: RLUB-14-01)

**Lot 1, Plan KAP48745, District Lot 3459, ODYD & Lot 4, Plan KAP48745, District Lots 1479, 3459 & 5126, ODYD & That Part District Lot 3459, ODYD, Shown on Plan B1081 Lying East of Plan H11034 as shown on Plan E13740**

**Item 3** is a proposal to discharge Land Use Contract No. 199 from the subject properties and designate the two parcels as Rural Acreage (RA) and Small Holdings 2 (SH-2) to permit a boundary/lot line adjustment at 12335 & 12369 Highway 33. (File: RLUB-14-02)

**Lots 2 & 3, Plan KAP48745, District Lot 3459, ODYD**

### How do I get more information:

A copy of the proposed bylaws, information, correspondence and reports may be inspected at the offices of the Regional District of Central Okanagan, Community Services Department (Planning Counter) during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding statutory holidays) from the date of this notice up to and including the date of the Public Hearing. Submissions must be received by 4:00 p.m. the business day prior to the Public Hearing.



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### Item 1 Site Map



### Item 2 Site Map



### Item 3 Site Map



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