

THE REAL ESTATE COUNCIL OF ALBERTA

Case: 008451
Process: Section 39 of the *Real Estate Act*
Industry Member: William Mark Smith
Authorization: Mortgage Broker
Registration: Dominion Lending Centres- A Better Way
Document: LETTER OF REPRIMAND

TO: William Mark Smith

The Executive Director of the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA) has determined there is sufficient evidence you have contravened **section 32(g) of the *Real Estate Act Rules*** and this is conduct deserving of sanction.

Rule 32 – *A brokerage must immediately notify the executive director in writing of:*

(g) a change in the directors, officers or shareholders of a corporation if the brokerage is a corporation.

Particulars of the contravention(s):

1. In or around March, 2018, you failed to immediately notify the executive director in writing of a change to the shareholders, contrary to section 32(g) of the *Real Estate Act Rules*:
 - a) On March 15, 2018, Dominion Lending Centres – A Better Way had a change in shareholders. You were the broker at the time and were responsible for ensuring the brokerage met its notification obligations.
 - b) On August 10, 2018, you notified RECA of the shareholder changes. This was a failure to immediately notify RECA of the change.

The Executive Director considered the following aggravating and mitigating factors:

Mitigating Factors

- You took responsibility for your actions

The Executive Director will issue a more severe sanction for further similar instances of this conduct.

Appeal

You have the right to appeal this Letter of Reprimand to a Hearing Panel under **section 40.1(2) of the *Real Estate Act***. Please refer to Guides on RECA's website for more information on the appeal process.

In an appeal you will be given a full opportunity consistent with procedural fairness and natural justice to present evidence before the Hearing Panel in relation to the contraventions alleged.

Your written notice of appeal must be received by the Executive Director **within 30 days** of you receiving this Letter of Reprimand. If you have any questions regarding particulars or the appeal process, please contact:

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of the Real Estate Council of Alberta