



natural health practitioners of canada association  
association des praticiens de la santé naturelle du canada

Dear Saskatchewan Member:

Thank you for your membership and ongoing support of the Natural Health Practitioners of Canada (NHPC).

In the last few weeks, Saskatchewan members of the Natural Health Practitioners of Canada have received strongly worded correspondence from the Massage Therapy Association of Saskatchewan Inc. (MTAS) identifying that use of the letters "RMT", must be discontinued under threat of legal action.

The NHPC advises Saskatchewan members to:

1. Continue using the terms of you have been.
2. Do NOT respond to the MTAS letter in writing or otherwise.
3. Advise NHPC of any threat of legal or other action against you by MTAS.
4. Advise NHPC of any disruption to your business activities as a result of the MTAS letter.

NHPC will pursue cease and desist action against MTAS, in the strongest possible means available.

At the heart of the issue is the MTAS \$100 purchase of a "trademark" license from the College of Massage Therapy Ontario (CMTO). NHPC members and other organizations across Canada regularly use terms related to massage therapy including "RMT". Few jurisdictions in Canada regulate the titles massage therapists may use to describe themselves. Saskatchewan does not regulate the titles that massage therapists may use to describe themselves.

Legal advice and opinion secured by the NHPC states *"...in our view the official marks of the CMTO are not valid and enforceable."* Therefore, the extended use of the CMTO trademark license by MTAS, through license or otherwise, is not valid or enforceable in Saskatchewan.

NHPC acknowledges the stress and strain that the MTAS action has caused Saskatchewan members and encourages practitioners to continue with their daily activities as before and maintain contact with their Association.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns regarding this matter at 1-888-711-7701.

The Natural Health Practitioners of Canada