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## **CAPIC, The Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants Responds to 2023 Budget**

**March 28, 2023** – The Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC) supports this budget with economic growth and direction towards the support of skilled workers.

CAPIC CEO Dory Jade states, “We continue seeing positive actions by the Government to respond to the labour market shortage more and more efficiently in the shorter and longer terms.”

At 4:00 PM Tuesday, the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance announced the 2023 budget. Naturally, associations like CAPIC, who serve immigration and citizenship consultants were watching in anticipation.

We at CAPIC celebrated budget moves to make life and housing more affordable. First Generation immigrants typically earn less than the average Canadian at first; therefore, we cheered that average wages increased by 5.4 per cent and that 18.5 billion will be spent in upcoming years to support jobs in the energy sector. It benefits both newcomers and Canadians.

Welcoming 500,000 new permanent residents each year for three years with \$1.6 billion in six years, \$315 million ongoing, and more money to support immigration and refugee legal aid services is a big bonjour that ensures millions of new permanent residents and new Canadians will continue to receive high-quality settlement services.

The adaption of digital technology policy was notable. The proposed amendments to the *Custom Act* will facilitate entry to Canada for low-risk travelers, a mechanism recommended by CAPIC to the Government in its [CAPIC Recommendations for Temporary Residence Application Processing to Reducing Immigration Application Backlog](#).

The 2023 budget and most recent announcement from Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, about new pathways for refugees and displaced individuals continue to place Canada’s immigration system in solid



standing as the Canadian Government provides inclusive answers and a secure haven to not only refugees and displaced individuals living in our country but to all newcomers.

## **About CAPIC**

The Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC) is a professional organization representing the interests of Canadian Immigration Consultants. The organization advocates for competency, ethical conduct, and consumer protection in the immigration consulting industry.

CAPIC's mission is to lead, connect, protect, and develop the profession, serving the best interests of its members. It is the only association recognized by the Government of Canada as the voice of Canadian immigration and citizenship consultants.

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