



Meeting with BC PNP Representatives

On Thursday, November 19th, CAPIC met with several BC PNP Directors, including David Whibley (Director Skills Immigration – PNP), Erin Seeley (A/ Executive Director PNP), S.P Poon (Director Strategic Investment Projects), Rob Mingay (Assistant Deputy Minister – Workforce Development), Troy Machan (Director, Program Management and Planning) and Aireen Luney (Manager, Program Development and Promotion). The CAPIC President, Dory Jade, informed the BC PNP representatives that CAPIC is the only association representing the interest and services of immigration consultants, and is composed of 1200 members, and has been a long participant and host of the CIC consultative committee.

CAPIC offered its services to help the government of BC with the mandate of resettling 3700 Syrian refugees in the provinces. The Assistant Deputy Minister, Rob Mingay, mentioned that he will inform Chris Friesen of the Immigrant Service Society regarding the abovementioned offer, and that CAPIC should follow-up on this initiative by reaching out to him directly.

Furthermore, a presentation was made by Erin Seeley on the updates for the BC PNP program and statistics were provided on the inventory: 5000 existing files will be finalized by the end of 2016. The A/ Executive Director of the Provincial Nominee Program, Erin Seeley, inquired if BC PNP may seek consultation services from CAPIC when planning new policies and legislation. As it was confirmed, CAPIC would be eager to help with this matter. It was also agreed that Ms. Seeley shall provide information/advice on errors commonly encountered in the immigration applications, and it was confirmed that BC based consultants are now more familiar with the requirements of applications.

S.P Poon, Director of Strategic Investment Project, made a presentation and provided information on the <u>Strategic Projects Category</u>. Ensuing this, it was agreed that BC PNP would be glad to participate in future BC CAPIC Events.

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