



Executive Directors Report

November 2025



Update on IRCC/Provincial Funding/Federal

- There are no updates on Federal or Provincial funding since the November 5th Board Meeting.
- There has been no additional communication or opportunities for engagement from IRCC regarding the **'Settlement and Resettlement Assistance Program Renewal: Adapting to Evolving Funding and Client Needs'**. The Federal spending reductions announced in the 'Comprehensive Expenditure Review' were echoed in the budget announcement, reinforcing the intention of IRCC to make significant changes to the sector.
- The November 4th Federal Budget announcement also included the Annual Multi Year Levels Plan. As shared at the last Board meeting, overall PR numbers have been reduced and will remain unchanged for the projected 3 year period at 380,000. SINP numbers assigned to the provinces have increased significantly from the reductions announced in 2024(55,000) , increasing to a target 91,500. Temporary Foreign Workers and Student Visas will continue to decline an additional 30%. Overall, focus has been placed on the economic and skill classes, with an associated increase in the Family Class at 84,000. Refugee numbers overall have been reduced 13% to 49,300 for the next 3 years. GAR clients are targeted at 13,250 annually (15,250 in 2024) for the next 3 years. A special track for up to 115,000 asylum seekers, above and beyond the total annual levels, was established to provide PR status to those who granted status is imminent. As well, 33,000 Temporary Residents who are successfully employed in key economic sectors will be granted PR status. Please the link below for the detailed levels information.
- ▶ With the passing of the budget in the House, the Immigration Multi Year Levels will also be approved.

[Supplementary Information for the 2026-2028 Immigration Levels Plan - Canada.ca](#)

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- IRCC has also made changes to the Case Management client distribution to providers in Regina. Previously cases were distributed for assistance based level of need, with RODS having lower level need clients (1 & 2) and Rooted Connections being send the higher level need clients (3 & 4). A recent change will see both agencies provide services to all levels of client need, with clients sent to one of the 2 agencies based on client postal code. The initial draft of the postal code allocation has some significant errors in it, the Settlement Team have met with our Program Officer to have this resolved. We will be escalating this challenge to IRCC Management.

Reception House, Smith Street Properties & Daycare

- ▶ We are now under contract for the Reception House (RH) at 1610 Toronto Street. An offer of \$320,000 was received, and after reviewing the offer with our Realtor and discussing it with Executive Committee and the Finance Chair, the offer was accepted. There have been 3 amendments to the accepted offer, conditions will now be removed on November 28th and the new date of possession is December 19th. As well, the company purchasing the property has been changed from a trucking company to their numbered company.

The CCAN in the RH parking compound and old snowblowers have been sold to Campbell and Haliburton.

- ▶ The RODS building at 1855 Smith Street and adjacent parking lot continues to remain listed for sale with Avison Young at an asking price of \$1,590,000. We had a recent showing to a commercial realtor who represents a local faith community who are looking for a new place of worship, the realtor was very pleased with the building. The only issue may be possession date, and a possible situation where the RODS Daycare would become a short term tenant until new space is ready.
- ▶ We had a conversation with an Engineer from the City of Regina Building Code Unit regarding the possible requirement of a sprinkler system in the Woodbine 2nd floor space. Based on his review of the building, from the information available to the City, he believes that no sprinkler system will be required, but he did flag several other potential code issues including fire rating of the building roof, 2nd floor load capacity, fire control system as well as containment of the access elevator as per code. Based on the information provided by the City Engineer, we will have to engage the architect in a limited capacity to work with the City to investigate these potential code issues. We hope to be under the \$16,500 quoted by the architect.

RODS Update

- ▶ RODS Employment Services is scheduled to meet with the NorthPine Foundation on November 28th to review our application for a program establishing a refugee employment track within the Employment Services Team. Given the literacy needs and low language levels of many of our GAR clients they tend to not qualify for the LINC Benchmark Level 4 requirement of the current program.
- ▶ RODS is currently contracted to provide CELPIP language testing and has finalized discussions to also host IELTS language testing. We are currently addressing technical requirements to deliver the IELTS testing. These contracts generate some additional revenue for the programs.
- ▶ The Language Team is now operating 1 ENACT class (**Empowering Newcomers through Access to Community and Training**).
- Language training, both Federal and Provincial Programs, have significant wait lists. The Federally funded LINC Program has a current wait list of **190** learners, with **94** being refugee clients. The Provincially funded Stage 1 & 2 has a wait list of **100** learners.
- Based on data gathered together by the folks at ACS Metropolis, refugee arrivals to the end of August 2025 have declined by 30%, from 1,020 to 705, and to the end of August 2025 overall immigration to Saskatchewan is down by 7,000 individuals compared to the same time frame last year.

RODS Update

Month: October Report		Date of Submission: 11-19-2025	
Government Assisted Refugees (GARs)			
Arrivals	Month: April - October		Total:80
Expected Arrival	Month: November- December		Total:8
Countries of Citizenship	Sudan (12), Mali (14), Syria (12), South Sudan (7), Congo (5), Ethiopia (2), Somalia (27) Eritrea (1)		
Service Updates			
No. of Newcomers served	Month: April-October -		Total: 3,948
Clients' top Language	Vietnamese, Tagalog, Punjabi, Gujarati, Arabic, Tigrinya, Urdu, Bengali, Somali, Chinese.		
No. of Services provided	9,629		
No. of Clients by Gender	Male: 1804	Female: 1956	Unknown: 188
			Total:3,948
Countries of Citizenship	Top countries of citizenship: India (813), Nigeria (385), Vietnam (334), Philippines (282), China (284), Eritrea (239), Pakistan (182), Syria (169), Somalia (138), Bangladesh (142), and others (924).		
Temporary Foreign Workers (TFW) October			
No. of Clients Served	21		
No. of Services	91		
Refugee Claimant October			
No. of Claimants	26		
Countries of Origin	India, Pakistan, Palestine, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Syria		

RODS Update

- ▶ The construction of the 8' fence for the gated parking compound behind the Donahue Building has been delayed due to possible impact on the number of parking spots that will be viable and accessible. Our installers just shared the drawings for the fencing which clearly now requires additional discussions with and approval of the building owners.
- ▶ RODS has recently been advised that the 2 applications submitted to the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation (SSCF) to support the ongoing portal construction and work of the Communications Department with RODS Departments have been declined.
- ▶ We still await a decision on our application to the Minister of Public Safety [National Cyber Security Strategy](#), Cyber Security Cooperation Program (CSCP).

Other Information of Interest

- ▶ The Federal Government has tabled a revised version of Bill C-2, a bill that proposes many changes to border security and increased personal information access and sharing, and also proposes to make significant changes to the asylum claim system in Canada. The Bill still requires further readings in Parliament.
- ▶ There is no updated data on refugee claimants in Canada or Saskatchewan. In Saskatchewan, 280 refugee claimants were processed by Canada Border Services (CBS) and IRCC for the period January 2025 to June 2025, with 255 refugee claimants processed in the same time period in 2024, and 40 in same time frame in 2023 (a 9% increase from 2024 and a 142% increase from 2023). There have been 57,000 refugee claimants processed by CBS and IRCC during the first 6 months of 2025, compared to 91,540 in 2024 and 56,720 in 2023

Recent Polling Data and Media Coverage

- ▶ Polling conducted by Leger Marketing for ACS Metropolis found that of respondents to the poll, 43% stated that they distrusted refugees and 36% said that they trusted refugees, with 21% declining or did not know. Results also showed that 46% of respondents trusted immigrants and 37% distrusted immigrants, with 17% declining or did not know. Trust in refugees and immigrants was lowest in the Manitoba/Saskatchewan Regina

<https://www.thelondoner.ca/news/canadians-distrust-refugees-more-than-other-new-arrivals-poll>

- ▶ Please find media coverage of the MYLP (Multi Year Levels Plan) as well as general immigration related media coverage.

<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/money/topstories/opinion-liberal-immigration-plan-needs-more-clarity/ar-AA1QF7iV?ocid=socialshare>

<https://apple.news/ACgsiBKK1Sia2Czu2jg8yOA>

<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/other/canada-issued-18-fewer-student-visas-so-far-this-year/ar-AA1QGpDO?ocid=socialshare>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/immigration-provincial-nominee-program-refugee-asylum-claims-9.6975189>

<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/canada/jd-vance-blames-immigration-for-canada-s-stagnating-living-standards/ar-AA1QUyjJ?ocid=socialshare>