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From the Bottom Up

A Newsletter for CSIC members about their issues.

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*Welcome to our Newsletter **From the Bottom Up**. Our articles and postings will cover immigration matters that affect your business and lives.*

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Update on the CSIC Situation

Dear CSIC Members,

News of the possible overhaul of CSIC is music to the ears of Immigration Consultants.

Media articles continue to appear in the national press about the problems at CSIC. Today, the National Post weighed in with a hard-hitting article about Mr Ryan's leadership in an opinion piece called "*The Immigration Consultant Mess*" by Barbara Kay. [Read it here.](#) Many sources now say the Minister will announce changes to the regulatory system within weeks.

CAPIC has issued a press release as well supporting the need for change. The creation of a statutory body was the key recommendation of the House of Commons *Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration* in 2008. CAPIC has long endorsed such changes and continues to support them. We are heartened that the Minister now seems poised to act. We believe our profession and the public will be much better served in the long run.

We hope the CSIC Board will now look internally at what can only be seen as a lack of confidence by the Government, and make changes at the top where responsibility lies.

CAPIC is now publicly calling for Mr Ryan's resignation from all positions. When organizations deviate from their core mandate, responsibility must be taken by key decision-makers. Mr Ryan has been Board Chair since 2005, and CEO for the past two years. He is thus fully accountable for the governance and management of the organization. In light of the obvious loss of confidence by the Minister in the way CSIC has been led, he must resign. His vision for CSIC is no longer valid.

Time to let your MP know change is needed

We call on all CSIC members to write to their Member of Parliament as well as Minister Kenney this week to impress upon them the need for change. The contact information is as follows:

Minister Jason Kenny:
kennej@parl.gc.ca

Your own MP: (find name by postal code, which includes contact information) at:

[Find out your MP here](#)

We have prepared a Handout to assist members who may wish to meet with their MPs or local media. The document is now placed n our website for your convenience and gives a succinct summary of the issues:

[Seven Reasons Why CSIC Must Change](#)

Time to join CAPIC!

Who will speak for you in the coming transition? We will! CAPIC's sole mandate is to serve the needs of Immigration Consultants. We do not know if CSIC or CMI will even continue to exist, but we can tell you for certain that CAPIC is here to stay!

We invite all CSIC members to join CAPIC now. For only \$1 a day, you can be part of the largest independent consultant lobbying association and benefit from many practical perks such as lower courier fees and invaluable seminars.

Now, more than ever, we need a positive and experienced voice of the immigration consulting profession. The larger we are, the stronger we are!

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