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Greater Moncton Chamber resolutions on immigration adopted at Canadian Chamber AGM

Two Chamber of Commerce for Greater Moncton resolutions dealing with immigration were adopted this week by the more than 300 delegates attending the annual general meeting of The Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Saint John.

The CCGM team participated in all activities and deliberated in the annual policy resolution sessions. This year, the CCGM presented two resolutions targeting immigration services offered to new Canadians settling in our region. The resolutions put forward by the Chamber have been approved and will be included in the Canadian Chamber of Commerce advocacy strategies for the upcoming years.

The first resolution is looking to improve IRCC front-line settlement services in our region, and other under-served regions across Canada. After a vigorous debate involving delegations from Ontario, Alberta and B.C., 73 per cent of delegates at the AGM voted in favour of this resolution.

"More and more immigrants are settling in our communities and to better serve them we need better services in Greater Moncton, but also in similar regions from coast to coast", said Chamber CEO John Wishart.

Another aspect of improved settlement for new immigrants is the recognition of their foreign credentials by provinces, territories, and self-regulating professional societies and associations responsible to establish standards for the training, certification, and lifelong education of their members. This resolution from the CCGM received 100 percent approval by delegates of the Canadian Chamber.

"We need to grow our workforce to be in a better position to respond to increasing demands from employers in our region and across the country. New Canadians are one of the solutions, but our country, provinces and territories need to expedite the process to recognize their skills and their education", said Wishart.

During the 2019 AGM and Convention, a national competition called *Influence in Action* was presented in front of the delegates. A consortium of chambers of commerce in New Brunswick was selected to compete in the national final. The Greater Moncton, Fredericton, Saint John, and Atlantic Chambers of Commerce provided an overview of the 2018 provincial election advocacy program entitled "We Choose Growth". This multi-stakeholder program coordinated the interests and influence of business organizations



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across the province in efforts to promote increased investment, jobs and growth in the provincial economy.

The group representing New Brunswick finished in 2nd place in the national competition. The Peterborough Chamber in Ontario finished first for their event called "Power Hour", while the Surrey, B.C. Board of Trade finished in third place.

The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Moncton was also recognized as one of the accredited Chambers across the country. The CCGM received accreditation for three years, 2019-2021, for achieving a level of excellence in overall Chamber operations.

"Our organization is part of a group of elite Chambers of Commerce in Canada", Wishart said. "This seal of excellence testifies that the Chamber is run in a strategic and professional way and has reached the standard in Chamber excellence."

Wishart was also elected to the national board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce Executives of Canada. He will represent New Brunswick on the national board for the upcoming year.

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