



Writers Guild of Canada Statement on the 2021 Federal Election Results

The union representing Canada's English-language screenwriters looks forward to a progressive government honouring its promises to update the Broadcasting Act

TORONTO, September 21, 2021 — The Writers Guild of Canada congratulates the Liberal Party of Canada on its election win and looks forward to the new government working with the newly elected members of the NDP and Bloc Québécois to pass much-needed legislation to update the Broadcasting Act, which all three parties have promised.

"Another failure along the lines of Bill C-10 is not an option for the Canadian television industry, which is in danger of dying," says Maureen Parker, WGC Executive Director. "The volume of Canadian-produced series has dropped by 50% since 2017. And we have already lost a generation of screenwriting talent to the U.S. for lack of opportunity in Canada. Without immediate legislation that requires online broadcasters, including the large global streamers, to contribute financially to the production of Canadian content, the next generation of Canadian talent — and the industry — is in peril."

"We have been advocating for these reforms for more than a decade. The Liberals, NDP and Bloc have all committed to enacting legislation quickly that will make meaningful changes to the Broadcasting Act that will support the telling of more Canadian stories in Canada," adds Parker. "It's time for them to act."

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