



## **WGC and CMPA Ratify Extension of Independent Production Agreement Independent Production Agreement, previously set to expire on June 30, 2022, is extended until December 31, 2023**

**TORONTO, June 6, 2022** – The Writers Guild of Canada (WGC) and the Canadian Media Producers Association (CMPA) today announced that an 18-month extension to the CMPA/WGC Independent Production Agreement (IPA) has been ratified by both parties. The current IPA will now expire on December 31, 2023. The IPA establishes the terms, conditions and rates for writers, story editors, and story consultants.

"We are pleased to have reached an agreement that protects Canadian screenwriters and maintains our strong relationship with the CMPA", says WGC President Alex Levine. "As our government looks to modernize the Broadcasting Act with Bill C-11, our relationship with our producing partners is more important than ever."

"This extension will create a welcome foundation of stability for all involved, as the industry continues to recover from the challenges of the pandemic," said Sean Porter, Vice President, National Industrial Relations and Counsel, CMPA. "We thank our negotiating partners at the WGC for their commitment and diligent work throughout these negotiations."

The two groups reached an agreement in principle in May after constructive negotiations between the parties. As part of the newly ratified agreement, the minimum Script Fees in effect from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, will increase by 3 per cent effective on July 1, 2022. The budget thresholds under the Low-Budget Television Production Incentive will also increase by 3 per cent effective on July 1, 2022.

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### **ABOUT THE CMPA**

The Canadian Media Producers Association is the national advocacy organization for independent producers, representing hundreds of companies engaged in the development, production, and distribution of English-language content made for television, cinema, and digital media channels. We work to promote the continued success of the Canadian production sector and to ensure a bright future for the diverse content made by our members for both domestic and international audiences. [cmpa.ca](http://cmpa.ca)

### **ABOUT THE WGC**

The Writers Guild of Canada represents 2,500 professional English-language screenwriters across Canada—the creators of Canadian entertainment enjoyed on all screens. [wgc.ca](http://wgc.ca) @WGCTweet

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