WGC welcomes federal budget investments, presses for $600M now and streamer investment

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Toronto, ON | November 6, 2026 — The Writers Guild of Canada (WGC) welcomes the Government's cultural investments in the audiovisual sector, including an additional $300 million over two years for CBC/Radio-Canada, and $4 billion over five years for arts and culture.

"Canadian screenwriters are what make stories Canadian, and cultural sovereignty begins with those stories," said WGC President Bruce Smith.

"The $600 million in immediate support announced by Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture Marc Miller in June is part of that $4 billion investment. The timely delivery of this support is much needed and appreciated. At the same time, we need the kind of stable, long-term investment obligations promised by the *Online Streaming Act*, including from international streamers. This must remain our end game. We look forward to the new policy direction and, ultimately, to getting the process of implementing the Act back on track. Our cultural future depends on it."

The WGC looks forward to working with the Government to ensure Canadian screenwriters and the industry have the support they need to keep telling Canadian stories.

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The Writers Guild of Canada (WGC) represents more than 2,500 professional English-language screenwriters across Canada. Our members create stories that entertain and inspire audiences on every screen.