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Not-For-Profit Safety Association Offers Nation-Wide Safety Services

The Canadian Association of Provincial Safety Councils (CAPSC) was recently formed in response to a pressing need for injury reduction by providing nation-wide safety services in support of the goal of fostering a *Safe Canada*.

The newly formed association, made up of representatives from eight provincial safety councils from across Canada, recognized a gap in service, specifically within occupation safety - where no national regulatory control exists.

“Our vision is *A Safe and Healthy Canada*,” states Mike Waite, CAPSC’s founding President. “In order to support this goal, we will provide seamless safety service across Canada - something never before provided by a not-for-profit organization.”

CAPSC was formed as an umbrella organization to provide a forum to find common solutions and to offer national customers the opportunity to access integrated safety services from coast-to-coast. “As a not-for-profit association, CAPSC is an objective, unbiased, and credible safety service provider and promoter of safety, health and injury prevention,” adds Waite. “We saw a market niche and a market demand for national safety services so we are responding to this need by offering services across the country.”

The creation of the new association provides an opportunity for provincial safety councils to share best practices, programs and materials, and promote inter-provincial synergies and collaboration like never before.

Founding members include provincial safety council Executive Directors from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland/Labrador. “Over the years, we found all provincial safety councils shared many areas of interest and opportunities, yet no national forum existed for national program development,” says Waite.

CAPSC’s three service streams will encompass occupational safety, road safety, and community safety offering a safety continuum that integrates injury reduction efforts in the community, at work, and during recreation. With more and more employers looking for ways to promote wellness in the workplace, health promotion will form the second key program thrust offered by the new association as a natural counterpart to injury reduction.

CAPSC will not be undertaking an advocacy role as part of its service offering to ensure its singular focus is on meeting the needs of its customers and the community through seamless safety services nation-wide.

CAPSC’s values are based on the group’s bedrock beliefs – the core values that guide their work, partnerships, relationships, and decision-making. These values are:

1. Safety and Health: Our highest priorities and we live it.

2. Responsiveness: To the needs of our members, their clients and the community through seamless service.
3. Partnerships: National synergy with provincial autonomy.

“We are excited about creating this national association to offer Canadians a never-before-seen suite of nation-wide services offered from a not-for-profit platform,” adds Waite. “Our mission is to work together to deliver the best safety and health services for Canadians and we will strive to ensure that Canadian’s return from working with CAPSC will be greater than their investment.”



Photo: CAPSC Founding Members

L to R front: Jackie Norman (Nova Scotia), Karen Bruce (Alberta), Marliese Janes (Newfoundland/Labrador)

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