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Special Edition - Ontario Joins Securities Regulatory Passport System

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Ontario Commits to Joining the CSA Passport System

CFA Societies Canada welcomes the Government of Ontario's commitment to join the Canadian Securities Administrators' passport system, a significant and long-awaited step toward more harmonized and efficient Canadian capital markets.

Ontario was the only remaining province or territory outside the passport system. The passport system allows businesses and market participants operating across Canada to work primarily with one principal securities regulator for key matters such as registration, prospectus reviews and applications for regulatory exemptions. Ontario joining the passport system creates the opportunity for a far more harmonized national securities regulatory system, through the immediate benefits of eliminating duplicated regulatory reviews, but also through the potential for more ambitious features of a harmonized national system such as the elimination of local-only rules and reporting, fee harmonization/interchange, and the development of national centers of expertise for more efficient regulation. Over time, we believe this has the potential to develop many of the benefits of a would-be national securities regulator, but without the jurisdictional, bureaucratic, and political battles associated with those past efforts.

CFA Societies Canada co-led a coalition response to the news: Canada's investment industry and business community welcome Ontario's commitment to join regulatory passport system.

The announcement follows years of sustained and increasingly vocal advocacy from CFA Societies Canada and many professional, industry, and business community stakeholders. CFA Societies Canada recently worked with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce on an internal trade summit and capital markets roundtable, where the headline recommendation was that Ontario join the passport system (this was sent to governments just days ahead of the announcement). And in March 2026, CFA Societies Canada and the Portfolio Management Association of Canada submitted a joint letter urging Ontario to join the passport system as a practical way to reduce internal trade barriers and strengthen Canada's economic integration.

Attention will now turn to implementation. CFA Societies Canada looks forward to working with governments, regulators and industry stakeholders to help ensure Ontario's participation comes without delay, and delivers a genuinely streamlined principal-regulator experience and supports a more integrated, competitive and accessible Canadian capital market.

As we kick off our new operating year, this epochal development (at least in Canadian securities regulation) is cause for energy and optimism for the state of the Canadian capital markets and investment ecosystem, and also for the reduction of interprovincial trade barriers and the enablement of the broader Canadian economy. It's advocacy in action, and will be cause for us to redouble our efforts.

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Media Coverage

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Ontario committed to joining CSA passport system: Champagne

Published Comment Letters — Canadian Advocacy Council

CIRO Bulletin 26-0066 — IDPC Rules — Proposed Amendments Respecting Client Delivery Obligations

Submitted June 30, 2026

The CAC supported CIRO's proposed amendments to client delivery obligations, describing the conduct-based and principles-based approach as proportionate and responsive. The CAC agreed with the proposed dealer responsibility framework, supported the five-business-day timeline and aligned failed-trade reporting period, and accepted a minimum three-month implementation period. The CAC's main recommendation was that CIRO and the CSA develop a standing, proportionate data capability for failures to deliver and securities lending, enabling future calibration of short-selling measures to be based on Canadian market evidence.

CIRO – Continuing Education Programs Phase 2

Submitted June 30, 2026

The CAC supported CIRO's Phase 2 CE harmonization proposals, including calendar-year cycle alignment, proration, harmonized definitions, extended reporting timelines, the shift from "credits" to "hours," and expanded CE requirements for senior executives. However, the CAC cautioned that the framework appeared too focused on reducing burden and did not sufficiently replace eliminated accreditation, audit, and topic-list mechanisms with new quality safeguards. The CAC recommended recurring CIRO-developed CE content, guidance on appropriate CE by registration category, and mechanisms to verify participant understanding. It also urged CIRO to add firm-level accountability for systemic CE failures and to preserve CE compliance status at departure through NRD rather than eliminating terminated-individual reporting.

OSC – Transforming How We Share Ontario's Securities Regulation

Submitted June 30, 2026

The CAC supported the OSC's proposed machine-readable regulatory dataset, noting that it could reduce compliance costs, lower barriers to entry, and support useful regulatory technology. It recommended publishing the dataset as derivative and non-authoritative, rather than as a substitute for enacted law. The CAC also urged the OSC to design the dataset for AI and automated use with clear metadata on authority, currency, and provenance; align it with established legislative-data standards; and provide open access to the core dataset. It further recommended a clear correction process, disclosure of any commercial partner's role, and confirmation of OSC ownership of annotations and taxonomy.

Letters in Progress — Canadian Advocacy Council

OSC – Proposed Amendments to OSC Rule 13-502 / Rule 13-503 Fees

Due July 29, 2026

The OSC is consulting on proposed amendments to OSC Rule 13-502 Fees (the Main Fee Rule) and OSC Rule 13-503 (Commodity Futures Act) Fees, plus accompanying companion-policy changes. The OSC notes that participation, activity and late fees have not been comprehensively raised in over a decade. The Proposed Amendments are intended to address a funding gap necessary to support the OSC's long-term sustainability in light of an evolving capital markets landscape, while reducing participation fees for small market participants.

CSA NI 51-102 - Proposed Amendments and Changes to the Issuer Bid, Take-Over Bid and Beneficial Ownership Reporting Regimes

Due August 12, 2026

The Canadian Securities Administrators are seeking comments on proposed amendments to Canada's issuer bid, take-over bid, and early warning reporting regimes. The proposals would introduce a new selective repurchase exemption, enhance disclosure requirements for equity equivalent derivatives in take-over bid and proxy solicitation contexts, and clarify early warning reporting obligations.

The amendments are intended to give issuers more flexibility, improve market transparency, reduce regulatory burden, and strengthen the integrity of Canada's bid and ownership reporting frameworks.

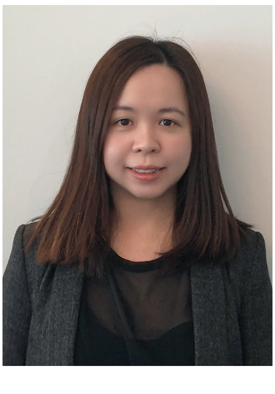
CIRO Rule Amendments Relating to the Proposed Adoption of an Incorporated Approved Person compensation option

Due November 6, 2026

CIRO proposed harmonized compensation rules that would allow all client-facing Approved Persons to enter into incorporated advisor arrangements with their sponsoring dealers. The proposal responded to industry requests and a CSA call for consistent rules, while retaining employee and agent options and replacing the directed commission arrangement currently available to only certain advisors.

****If you would like to participate or provide comments to ongoing initiatives, please contact cac@cfacanada.org****

Volunteer Spotlight — Canadian Investment Performance Council



Mable Leung

For Mable Leung, the Canadian Investment Performance Council is about more than standards. It is also about creating conversations that help investment professionals understand how those standards apply in practice.

"CIPC is not just about standards; it's about conversation and engagement," says Mable.

Mable has served on the CIPC since July 2025 and is currently a Director at University Pension Plan Ontario. She brings nearly two decades of experience in investment performance and reporting from her work at UPP and State Street.

She is especially passionate about the role the GIPS® standards play in promoting transparency, consistency, and comparability. In particular, she sees value in the asset owner provisions, which can strengthen governance and accountability around total fund and composite reporting.

As institutional portfolios become more complex and increasingly include external managers and alternative strategies, Mable believes globally recognized standards help ensure performance results are fair, clearly defined, and comparable over time.

She is also inspired by the CIPC's ability to translate technical concepts into practical, accessible insights. Through events, knowledge sharing, and LinkedIn content, the Council helps investment professionals stay current and contribute to stronger industry dialogue.

"In today's social media landscape, CIPC's work demonstrates that thought leadership can be both rigorous and approachable," she says.

Mable also views the Asset Manager Code™ and the GIPS standards as complementary. Together, they reinforce expectations for transparent reporting, ethical conduct, and acting in the best interests of clients and pensioners.

Thank you, Mable, for contributing your experience to the CIPC and helping advance transparency, accountability, and professionalism across Canada's investment industry.

News

CIPC News

CIPC Announces 2026–2028 Leadership Team

CFA Societies Canada is pleased to congratulate the newly elected 2026–2028 Canadian Investment Performance Council leadership team: Lawrence Li, CFA, CIPM, Chair; Matt Swan, CFA, 1st Vice Chair; and Lindsey Beecroft, CFA, 2nd Vice Chair.

Together, they will help advance CIPC's mission of promoting investment performance best practices, supporting the adoption of the GIPS standards and Asset Manager Code in Canada, and contributing to awareness of the CIPM Program.

We look forward to their leadership in supporting greater transparency and professionalism across the Canadian investment industry.

CAC News

CAC Announces 2026–2027 Leadership Team

CFA Societies Canada is pleased to congratulate the newly elected 2026–2027 Canadian Advocacy Council leadership team: Andrew Pennington, CFA, CIPM, Chair, and Shahenda El Gindi, CFA, Vice Chair.

Together, they will help champion CAC's mission to promote investor protection, advance sound policy, and uphold the highest standards of ethics and professionalism. We thank Andrew and Shahenda for their leadership and dedication to strengthening the voice of Canadian investors.

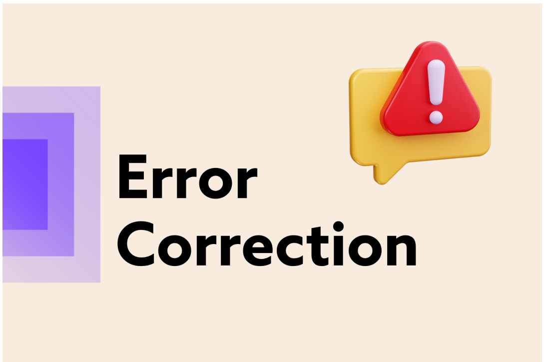
CFA Societies Canada News

CFA Societies Canada Supports Calls for Greater Capital Mobility

As Canada's premiers prepared to meet at the Council of the Federation, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce released its report, *Towards a Single Canadian Market: Findings from the One Canada Summit*, outlining practical recommendations to reduce internal trade barriers and strengthen Canada's domestic economy.

CFA Societies Canada was pleased to co-host the Summit's Capital Mobility roundtable alongside the Portfolio Management Association of Canada (PMAC) and the Securities and Investment Management Association (SIMA), and strongly supported the report's call for deeper collaboration and harmonization in securities regulation, including Ontario's participation in the CSA Passport System.

Following the report's release, the Government of Ontario announced its commitment to joining the Passport System, marking an important step toward greater regulatory harmonization and a more integrated Canadian capital market.



CIPC Performance Topic

CIPC Performance Topic: Error Correction

An error under the GIPS® standards is broader than an incorrect return.

Errors can include missing or inaccurate returns, composite assets, risk statistics, disclosures, or other presentation components.

That is why firms need clear policies to identify, assess, correct, disclose, and communicate errors when they occur.

Even for firms that are not GIPS-compliant, the principles of fair representation and full disclosure can provide a useful framework for strengthening performance reporting practices.

Read the full LinkedIn post to learn why error correction matters.

Research, Advocacy, Standards and Professional Learning

Research Report

New CFA Institute Report Explores Private Credit Market Growth

CFA Institute Research and Policy Center has released *Private Credit: Market Structure, Fund Design, and Retail Access*, a new report examining the growth of private credit as a major source of corporate financing and an increasingly important part of global capital markets.

The report explores how private credit fund structures shape liquidity, valuation, governance, and investor outcomes, while also examining the implications of expanding retail access through evergreen funds, interval funds, non-traded BDCs, tokenized vehicles, and digital platforms. It also highlights key risks, including liquidity mismatch, valuation opacity, covenant erosion, and interconnected exposures, and provides a practical framework for evaluating private credit within diversified portfolios.

Enterprising Investor Podcast

Kwame Christian: Finding Confidence in Conflict Through Better Negotiation

In a recent conversation, Mike Wallberg, CFA, speaks with Kwame Christian, founder and CEO of the American Negotiation Institute and author of *Finding Confidence in Conflict*, about the psychology of negotiation and the importance of handling disagreement with empathy.

The discussion explores compassionate curiosity, self-advocacy, salary negotiations, emotional intelligence, and practical techniques for navigating conflict while strengthening professional relationships. Whether leading a team, managing clients, or challenging investment ideas, the conversation offers actionable strategies for becoming a more confident and effective communicator.

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