



## IBAC Celebrates Wawanesa's Ongoing Contributions to Broker Connectivity

**Toronto, ON, March 3, 2021** - The Insurance Brokers Association of Canada (IBAC) is pleased to announce that the Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company (Wawanesa) has made another major contribution to the IBAC Data Exchange project. This is a significant step toward achieving real-time connectivity in the insurance industry.

Wawanesa has submitted nine additional Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) to the Reusable Data Services Library (RDSL) hosted by CSIO. These CSIO-standard compliant APIs are now freely available in the RDSL, and CSIO vendor and carrier members are encouraged to download and implement them within their own environment. This will allow them to develop and deploy their own solutions more quickly and cost effectively than by working on their own. The new APIs include a Quote API, New Business API, and a Policy Inquiry API. To access the RDSL, CSIO members can visit the Data Standards section of the CSIO website.

Wawanesa's new APIs build on their previous generous contribution of legal and technical resources to help create the foundational documents to support and facilitate the sharing and implementation of APIs by insurers and vendors.

"The challenges of the past year have accentuated the demand and momentum for technology, and IBAC's broker-led initiative to accelerate connectivity is making real progress," said IBAC CEO Peter Braid. "Wawanesa has been a supportive and enthusiastic partner from the beginning, and we greatly value their contributions and expertise."

"Working together, we can make sure our industry is truly connected and the insurance needs of Canadians are better looked after," said Wawanesa's President of Canadian Property and Casualty Operations, Carol Jardine. "The advice, advocacy and service that independent insurance brokers provide Canadians is more important than ever. When one of our mutual customers reaches out to a broker with questions, we want answers to arrive right away. That's why Wawanesa is fully committed to the IBAC Data Exchange project."

Tom Reid, DX Lead for IBAC added: "Real-time broker connectivity will improve business outcomes in the areas of productivity, growth and customer experience, and this can only be achieved with the collaboration and participation of industry stakeholders. Wawanesa's commitment to DX raises the bar, and inspires others to contribute to this important initiative."

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