

Greetings from Windsor!

On behalf of the International Relations Committee and Windsor–Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce we are writing to share information about an initiative that would provide support to local businesses in our sister cities looking to expand their markets.

The Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce represents over 700 members from various industry sectors including: manufacturing, agriculture, transportation, finance and education among others. For over 143 years the Chamber has been the voice of business in Windsor-Essex promoting the needs of their members to all levels of government.

As you know, the Windsor-Essex region is comprised of agricultural resources and innovation as well as a wide variety of technological industries from car manufacturers to second and third tier suppliers as Windsor is Canada's automotive capital. We have two major educational institutions, the University of Windsor and St. Clair College. We also have a Marine Port and are well situated across the river from Detroit, Michigan with a new International Bridge currently being constructed to ease the flow of transported goods across this international boundary.

Our tourism industry is supported by 17 local wineries, Point Pelee National Park and a waterfront expanse which surrounds the region on three sides. The City of Windsor offers world-class gaming at Caesars Windsor, as well as world-class entertainment, fascinating historical and artistic landmarks, culturally diverse cuisine, and unparalleled waterfront parks and gardens.

The purpose of this letter is to share an interest in exploring opportunities to conduct business in our mutual regions and to propose an arrangement that allows our Chamber of Commerce to extend its membership benefits to members of our sister cities at no cost. Benefits could include an invitation to businesses wanting to expand their business in our region to come and visit Windsor-Essex, access to the WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation and local businesses, assistance with Government programs and more.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding this exciting initiative that further strengthens the economic, social and cultural bonds between our two great cities.

Kind Regards,

Fred Francis, Chair  
International Relations Committee  
City of Windsor