

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber and Chamber Partners Have Success at Canadian Chamber AGM**

Fredericton, NB – The Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce (WERCC) and their colleagues voted to **Benefit All Canadians by Reforming Taxing Statutes through a Royal Commission**. This took place at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce AGM, September 24-25, 2017.

In addition, the WERCC had multiple policy resolutions up for discussion at the AGM:

1. **Canada's Trade Policy:** The WERCC, Greater Kitchener Waterloo, London, Hamilton, Greater Kingston, and Thunder Bay Chambers of Commerce recommend that the federal government conduct an annual inventory of the most important foreign barriers affecting Canadian exports of goods and services. Such an inventory will improve awareness and transparency of these trade barriers and allow the business community to improve competitiveness.
2. **Securing North American Steel Production:** The WERCC, Saulte Ste. Marie and Hamilton Chambers of Commerce recommend that Canada be exempt from NAFTA section 232, which will help secure local jobs in Windsor-Essex.
3. **Let the Provinces Decide on Transitioning to a Low-Carbon Economy:** This policy resolution received a split decision from the Canadian Chamber network and was referred to the Board of Directors for further consultation.
4. **Protect Canadian Business by Keeping the De Minimis Threshold Low:** This policy resolution received a split decision from the Canadian Chamber network. The Ontario Chamber caucus voted in favour of the status quo, the rest of the country did not concur.

In order for a resolution to pass, it requires support from two-thirds majority of Canadian Chambers across the country.

“The WERCC is pleased to report that we received support for our resolutions on a national level at the Canadian Chamber Annual General meeting and look forward to pursuing solutions on these issues with our Chamber network colleagues,” said WERCC President & CEO Matt Marchand. “We’d also like to thank our resolution co-sponsoring Chambers for their on-going support.”

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