

# WINDSOR-ESSEX REGIONAL Chamber of Commerce

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber Bringing Three Key Local Issues to Canadian Chamber Annual General Meeting

Windsor, ON – The Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce (WERCC) is attending the Canadian Chamber of Commerce AGM, September 17-19, 2016 in Regina, SK.

At the AGM, Chambers across the nation get plugged into the latest developments, trends and issues that are important to the Canadian business community and work to develop solutions that will break down the barriers holding Canadian businesses back. The policy resolutions going forward help set the Canadian Chamber's policy agenda for the upcoming year.

The WERCC has three policy solutions up for discussion at the AGM:

1. **Support the Canadian Steel Industry and its Supply Chain Clusters:** The WERCC, Hamilton and Sault Ste. Marie Chambers recommend that the federal government focus public policy and investment efforts toward the steel industry, its natural clusters and the innovation it creates. This includes addressing ongoing unfair trade practices by foreign nations, including dumping of steel into Canada.
2. **Maximize the Economic Benefit of Recreational Marijuana:** In the event that the Government of Canada passes legislation to legalize recreational marijuana use, the WERCC, Abbotsford and the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce recommend that the government implement a regulatory framework that will allow competition and consumer choice while also protecting consumers, the public, and youth.
3. **Helping Small Business Scale Up:** The WERCC recommends that the federal government create a distinct "scale up visa" or special immigration designation that accelerates the immigration process for international talent that has been recruited by Canadian companies in the process of scaling up, among other key recommendations.

In order for a resolution to pass, it requires support from two-thirds majority of Canadian Chambers across the country. If the resolutions are approved at the AGM, the WERCC can move forward with advocacy efforts.

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