

# WINDSOR-ESSEX REGIONAL Chamber of Commerce

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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Chamber of Commerce Gala  
Featuring Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient Peter Hrastovec  
Presented by WFCU Credit Union**

Windsor, ON – The Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce (WERCC) is proud to announce the Recipient of the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award will be Peter Hrastovec, lawyer and associate at Shibley Righton LLP. This presentation will take place at the Chamber Gala on Friday, June 24, 2016, 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts, located at 201 Riverside Dr. W.

Throughout most of his career, Peter has focused his practice on employment and labour law, and commercial litigation. Upon his call to the bar, Peter practiced as a sole practitioner followed by an association with Willson, Barat, Farlam Law Firm in Windsor. In 1987, Peter joined Paroian, Raphael, Courey, Cohen & Houston law firm, later known as Raphael Partners LLP, where he rose to the position of Managing Partner of the Windsor office. Upon the dissolution of Raphael Partners LLP in 2008, Peter continued his law practice working as a sole practitioner in association with his former Windsor partners and colleagues until joining Shibley Righton LLP in February 2014.

Peter remains actively involved in his profession, through his professional memberships including the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Canadian Bar Association, the Essex Law Association and the Advocates' Society. As a guest lecturer, Peter has returned to the University of Windsor on a regular basis, both as an instructor on law and as a lecturer on ethics and practice. Most recently, he has been invited to teach as a sessional instructor at the Law Faculty, University of Windsor. For the past 10 years, Peter has co-chaired the Advocates' Society Court House Series in Windsor, a continuing education symposium dedicated to trial practice.

In September 2009, Peter was privileged to receive the Law Society Medal from the Law Society of Upper Canada. In 2014, he was named the Professional of the Year by the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce.

A poet, Peter published his first volume of poetry in 2012, *In Lieu of Flowers* (Black Moss Press). His second book, *Sidelines* (Black Moss Press), was released in 2015. Time permitting, Peter performs in community theatre in various companies. In the past, he has also volunteered as a community soccer coach.

A proud, first-generation Canadian, Peter is fluent in both English and Croatian. He and his wife Denise have three children and one grandchild. His community support and activity includes Past President of the Windsor Symphony Society, a Past President of the Rotary Club of Windsor (1918), and a past Honorary Co-Chair of the local United Way Campaign. He is also past Chair of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce. He is currently the Chair of the Great Canadian Flag Project through the Windsor-Essex Community Foundation.

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“Peter Hrastovec is an integral part of the Windsor-Essex community. At this year’s event, we are pleased to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to Peter for his business and community contribution to Windsor-Essex County,” said Matt Marchand, Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce President & CEO.

The Chamber Gala is also a celebration of the work of the Chamber and the excitement generated by our community with businesses working together to build a strong network. Join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our outgoing Chair, Dr. Janice Forsyth, Foresight Management Consulting.

Janice is a facilitator, consultant, coach, entrepreneur and founder of Foresight Management Consulting. Janice obtained her undergraduate and Master’s degree in Human Kinetics from the University of Windsor. She earned her PhD in Instructional Technology from the College of Education at Wayne State University in Detroit Michigan focusing on the theory and practice of design, development, utilization, management and evaluation of processes and resources for learning.

Her unique background, which includes workplace learning, instructional design, resource development, evaluation, strategic planning and leadership development, makes her ideally suited to work with leaders and organizations who need to motivate and mobilize their people to succeed in a constantly changing environment. A skilled and experienced facilitator, Janice has worked with a diverse range of public, not-for-profit and private sector organizations at the local, regional and national level.

In the community, Janice serves as Chair with the Windsor Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, is a member of the Windsor Rotary Club (1918) serving on the Community Service Grants Committee and the World Community Service Committee, a member of the Windsor Symphony Orchestra Chorus and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Windsor.

“Janice has shown tremendous leadership over the past year and we look forward to working with her in the capacity of Past Chair going forward,” said Marchand.

Further, the WERCC and WFCU Credit Union will designate this occasion as a special Chamber fundraising event with a portion of proceeds directed to the Great Canadian Flag Project to erect a beautiful and proud example of our Canadian flag at the entrance to Dieppe Gardens, a place where we honour Canadians, those who serve, served and especially our fallen.

Tickets are available online at [www.windsoriessexchamber.org](http://www.windsoriessexchamber.org).

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