

WINDSOR-ESSEX REGIONAL Chamber of Commerce

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Save the Date!

Chamber of Commerce Gala Featuring Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient Martin J. Komsa

Windsor, ON – The Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the Recipient of the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award will be Martin J. (Marty) Komsa, President and CEO of Windsor Family Credit Union (WFCU). This presentation will take place at the Chamber Gala on Friday, June 19, 2015.

Further, the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce and Windsor Family Credit Union (WFCU) will designate this occasion as a special Chamber fundraising event with a portion of proceeds directed to The Dr. Richard Boyd Regional Comprehensive Men's Health Program with a mission of investing in superior and timely cancer care, patient comfort, and local cancer research.

Marty Komsa joined WFCU in 1986 first as General Manager and subsequently as CEO in 1994. In 2001, the appointment to President and Chief Executive Officer of the credit union was made to reflect his continued strong leadership of the credit union and his dedication to his work in the community.

Marty has been instrumental in driving the credit union's strategic plan to ensure WFCU is seen as a leader and innovator in the financial services sector throughout Ontario. Throughout his career, he has epitomized dedication to the goal of professional excellence. Over the years, Marty has contributed to the development of Windsor Family Credit Union building their Managed Assets from less than \$40 million in 1986 to \$1.9 billion, making WFCU the sixth largest credit union in Ontario, operating nine retail locations and serving 34,000 members, including 31,000 Personal members in 16,300 households, 2,000 Businesses and 1,400 Organizations. WFCU's members have truly embraced the concept of a cooperatively owned financial institution providing quality products and services.

Based on Marty's achievements, The Credit Union Managers Association of Ontario acknowledged Marty's leadership and vision by recognizing him as the Credit Union Manager of the Year, in 2003.

Marty's past and present involvement in the credit union system is extensive. In addition to serving as Chair of the CUCO Cooperative Association (The Co-op) Board, he is currently a Member of the CUMIS Executive Roundtable, Member of the Alliance of Large Ontario Credit Unions (ALOCU), Director of Central 1 Trust Company, and an Ontario Representative on the Credit Union Executives Society (CUES) Canada Council.

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From 1987 to present, Marty has been involved with the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce serving on various Chamber Board Committees; and, in 2003-2004, served as Chair of their Board of Directors. He is the Past Chair of the University of Windsor Board Of Governors, a past Member of the Windsor Port Authority Board of Directors and served as Vice Chair of the United Way Centraide Windsor Board of Directors.

Marty currently serves as Vice Chair of the Windsor-Essex Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors, Member of the Board of Directors for Enwin Utilities and holds the position of Vice Chair of Windsor (Canada) Utilities. He is a Member of the Board of Directors for the Town of LaSalle Police Services, a Founding Member of the Coalition 12 for Entrepreneurial Leadership and a Member of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce's Gold Circle Membership Program.

Marty has received numerous awards and accolades throughout the years including Recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal (2003), Windsor Police Association Exemplary Person Contributing to the Community Award (2004), Honouree of the Jewish National Fund of Canada Windsor Negev Tribute Dinner (2009), Business Professional of the Year by the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce (2010), Recipient of the University of Windsor's prestigious Clark Award (2010), Recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Rotary Club of Windsor 1918 (2010), and Honorary Doctors of Laws degree from the University of Windsor (2014).

In his personal time Marty enjoys golfing, wine collecting and spending time with his wife Janis, three grown sons and five grandchildren.

"Marty Komsa is an integral part of the Windsor-Essex community. Marty's significant contributions to the region ranging from business to education, combined with his outstanding leadership as President and Chief Executive Officer of Windsor Family Credit Union, has positively impacted development in the region," said Matt Marchand, Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce President & CEO. "We are honoured to be able to present Marty with the Lifetime Achievement Award."

Tickets will be available online at www.windsorchamber.org.

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