

# WINDSOR-ESSEX REGIONAL Chamber of Commerce

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### Chamber Supports Auditor General for the City of Windsor

**Windsor, ON** – The Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce fully supports the City of Windsor in pursuing an Auditor General to ensure better financial management of the corporation. An Auditor General reporting to council would be consistent with the views and expectations of the Chamber membership.

As a significant City of Windsor budget stakeholder, the Chamber would like the City to ensure the creation of an Auditor General function as soon as possible at a comparable cost with other similar municipalities.

In addressing the City of Windsor regarding its finance and taxation issues, the Chamber always held a recommendation that the City of Windsor continuously improve its fiscal discipline and financial management.

The Chamber has asked for a more transparent financial and budgetary process, with more frequent financial reporting requirements to ensure more value for money and better transparency for its taxpayers, including business property taxpayers.

“A timely appointment of an Auditor General to provide a better mechanism for monitoring will go a long way in addressing the need to have these important financial safeguards in place,” said Robert Rea, Chair of the Finance and Taxation Committee of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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