

WINDSOR-ESSEX REGIONAL Chamber of Commerce

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Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber, Unifor, University of Windsor and St. Clair College Announce Second Policy & Solutions Forum with Minister Duguid, Auto Advisor Ray Tanguay, Canadian Chamber President the Hon. Perrin Beatty and Jerry Dias, National President, Unifor

Windsor, ON – The Second Bi-Annual Policy & Solutions Forum, presented by the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce, Unifor, University of Windsor and St. Clair College, takes place Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at the Caboto Club, located at 2175 Parent Ave., from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

“This is the coming together of business, labour and academia in a non-partisan way offering ideas and solutions,” said Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Matt Marchand. “The Forum will focus specifically on giving Minister Duguid and newly appointed Auto Advisor Ray Tanguay advice from global executives in the auto sector, senior labour and business leaders as well as academia to maintain and build Ontario’s largest industry and export driver,” Marchand continued.

“Unifor recognizes that we need to be competitive and be a part of the companies’ success; innovation and productivity are a way of life. We work, collaboratively, to resolve regional challenges as we continue to reach out to build creative solutions with our partners,” said Dino Chiodo, President, Unifor Local 444.

“The Forum is a great example of the region’s commitment to the automotive sector, and a recognition of the sector’s continuing importance to the local economy. The University is pleased to be a partner in the process,” said Dr. Alan Wildeman, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Windsor.

“We continue to work with industry and academic partners, engaging and evolving our role in developing and implementing a successful national automotive strategy,” said St. Clair College President Patti France.

The three sessions are focused on the state of the automotive industry, trends and ideas and solutions for Windsor-Essex, Ontario and Canada to move forward.

SESSION 1 Steve Rogers, President, GS Global Solutions and Past President of the APMA on the Auto Sector's Importance to Ontario and Canada

SESSION 2 Ideas and Solutions for Minister Duguid and the Canadian/Ontario Auto Advisor, Ray Tanguay

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Moderator: Grace Macaluso, Auto Reporter, Windsor Star

Panelists: Waseem Habash, Vice President, Academic, St. Clair College
Nick Marentette, Past President, Boshoku Automotive
Anthony Papa, Senior VP, Federal- Mogul Motorparts
Dr. Peter Frise, University of Windsor, Science Director and CEO, Auto 21

SESSION 3 Business and Labour

Panelists: Jerry Dias, National President, Unifor
Hon. Perrin Beatty, President and CEO, Canadian Chamber of Commerce

The WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation is hosting a Private Reception for Speakers and Sponsors on Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

Tickets for the Policy & Solutions Forum are \$25. Register online at www.windsor Essexchamber.org.

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