

# WINDSOR-ESSEX REGIONAL Chamber of Commerce

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### Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce to Lead Business Community in Hospital Discussions

**Windsor, Ontario** – At their Board Meeting last night, the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce unanimously voted for the Chamber to take a leadership role with respect to the community task force established to review the formation of a new state-of-the-art hospital facility for the Windsor-Essex region.

The Chamber's participation will concentrate on the economic and social importance of making solid business choices for the region's health care future while enhancing the medical school program in our community.

The Chamber is committed to working with the task force convened by the Honourable Dwight Duncan, MPP and chaired by Teresa Piruzza, MPP; former MPP Dave Cooke; and former city councillor Tom Porter.

The proposed facility would replace Windsor's two aging hospitals -- Windsor Regional Hospital and Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital. The two buildings are slated to cost the province \$1.8 billion on new capital projects to keep both hospitals open, while a new hospital is estimated to cost between \$800 million and \$1.5 billion.

"The Chamber is very proud of the leadership role it played in the establishment of the medical school housed at the University of Windsor and looks forward to continuing its advocacy for exceptional health care for the citizens of our region," said Matt Marchand, President and CEO of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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