

# WINDSOR-ESSEX REGIONAL Chamber of Commerce

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## **Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce Announces Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient**

**Windsor, Ontario** – The Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, Ms. Sandra Pupatello, who will be presented with the award at the Chamber Ball at Caesars Windsor on Saturday, June 23, 2012.

“The Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce is honoured to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to one of Windsor’s most deserving citizens,” said Jennifer Jones Chair of the Board. “Sandra has been such a strong advocate and relentless supporter of our community and a very committed friend to the Chamber. It may be a lifetime award – but we know she has a lifetime of excellence still ahead – we can’t wait to see what’s next!”

“The Chamber represents so much that is good about our city. I’m truly honoured to receive such an award from them. It’s an incredible award to live up to,” Pupatello said.

Pupatello served in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario from 1995-2011 as a member of the Liberal Party, and served as a Minister in the government of Dalton McGuinty. From 1999-2011 Pupatello was MPP for Windsor West. She has served as the general manager of Windsor’s Rotary Club, executive director of the Essex County Kidney Foundation of Canada, a board member of the Windsor Regional Hospital and Windsor Regional Children’s Centre, and as president of the Fogolar Furlan Club. She was named Italian of the Year for Windsor-Essex County in 1996, received the Charlie Clark Award for Outstanding Service from the University of Windsor in 2001, and was named Windsor Woman of the Year in 2003.

Pupatello has also served as the Minister of Education, Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Minister Responsible for Women’s Issues, and Minister of International Trade and Investment.

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