

# Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce participates in Regional Economic Leadership Series

**Windsor - October 11, 2012** - The Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce took part in a half-day Ontario Chamber of Commerce-sponsored regional roundtable discussion hosted by the London Chamber of Commerce in London, Ontario on Tuesday, October 9. This was part of the Ontario Economic Summit's Regional Economic Leadership Series.

Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Matt Marchand participated in these roundtables focused on the state of our regional economy and the plans being developed to revitalize it.

“What we wanted to do was build on our recently adopted Canadian Chamber resolution focusing on the business community's needs - more specifically, R&D tax credits and other incentives,” said Marchand. “R&D today equals jobs tomorrow,” he added.

Marchand has been consulting with chamber member leadership over the past number of months about making R&D-related issues, including capital expenditure, a key point in the business community.

“Working with others in our network of chambers always proves valuable. Connecting with other chambers and community leaders facing similar issues as the Windsor-Essex region gave us an excellent learning environment in which to find solutions together,” Marchand continued.

Also present were Chambers from Sarnia, Chatham-Kent, Strathroy, St. Thomas, Woodstock, Tillsonburg, and Ingersoll. Regional solutions discussed at the roundtable will be outlined further in November at the Ontario Economic Summit, as part of a provincial plan to help Ontario emerge stronger.



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