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WINDSOR-ESSEX REGIONAL Chamber of Commerce

April 26, 2016



Congratulations to the Recipients and Finalists of the 26th Annual Business Excellence Awards Presented by Windsor Star



The recipients of the 26th Annual Business Excellence Awards presented by the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce and Windsor Star were

announced at Caesars Windsor on Wednesday night. The Business Excellence Awards recognizes the integrity, creativity, and dedication that helps a business succeed despite challenging times.

2016 Business Excellence Award Recipients

ATHENA Award – Shelley Fellows (Sponsored by Bell)

Believe Windsor Essex Award – Cypher Systems Group (Sponsored by WFCU Credit Union)

Small Company of the Year – Hawkins & Co. Accounting Professional Corp. (Sponsored by Families First)

Mid-Size Company of the Year – ElectroZad Supply Company Limited (Sponsored by RBC Royal Bank)

Large Company of the Year – CenterLine (Windsor) Limited (Sponsored by BMO Bank of Montreal)

Young Professional of the Year – Jennifer Charron (Sponsored by Libro Credit Union)

Upcoming Events

Policy & Solutions Forum

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Caboto Club (2175 Parent Ave.)

REGISTER NOW!

May After Business at The Windsor Riverside Keg Steakhouse & Bar

Thursday, May 12, 2016

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Windsor Riverside Keg Steakhouse & Bar (One Riverside Dr. W.)

REGISTER ONLINE!

After Business at Silver Tee Golf & Virtual Gaming Centre

Thursday, June 9, 2016

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Silver Tee Golf & Virtual Gaming Centre (1360 Highway #3)

Sponsored by Shots & Slices

REGISTER ONLINE!

80th Annual Golf Tournament Presented by WFCU Credit Union

Monday, June 20, 2016

11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Essex Golf and Country

New Business of the Year – Devine Personnel Inc.
(Sponsored by Small Business Centre of the
WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation)

International Business Award – Papp Plastics &
Distributing Ltd. (Sponsored by Next Dimension Inc.)

Tourism & Hospitality – Rochester Place Golf Club and
Resort (Sponsored by Caesars & OLG)

Professional of the Year – Dr. Fouad Tayfour (Sponsored
by TD Bank Group)

Pillars of Our Community Award – United
Way/Centraide Windsor-Essex County (Sponsored by
Union Gas Limited)

Entrepreneur of the Year – Imad Najjar (Sponsored by
CIBC)

Congratulations to all finalists and award winners. To view
videos, photos, and more from the 26th Annual Business
Excellence Awards, [please click here](#).

Policy & Solutions Forum Presented by the University of Windsor, St. Clair College and Unifor

WINDSOR-ESSEX REGIONAL
Chamber of Commerce The Second Bi-Annual Policy
& Solutions 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 & business
leaders as well as academia to maintain and build
Ontario's largest industry and export driver.

Featuring:

- Hon. Perrin Beatty, President & CEO Canadian Chamber of Commerce
- Jerry Dias, National President, Unifor
- Ray Tanguay, Canadian/Ontario Auto Advisor
- Deb Matthews, Deputy Premier, President of the Treasury Board, Minister Responsible for Poverty Reduction Strategy
- Brad Duguid, Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure

SESSION 1 – Auto Sector's Importance to Ontario and
Canada

Club (7555 Matchette Rd.)

REGISTER ONLINE!

Chamber Gala 2016 Featuring Lifetime Achievement Award

Friday, June 24, 2016

6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

St. Clair College Centre for the
Arts (201 Riverside Dr. W.)

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SESSION 2 – Ideas for the Canadian/Ontario Auto Advisor

– Ray Tanguay

SESSION 3 – Business and Labour

Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Caboto Club (2175 Parent Ave.)

[Register online now!](#)

May After Business @ The Windsor Riverside Keg Steakhouse & Bar



Be one of the first to see the newly renovated Riverside Keg Steakhouse & Bar!

Register to attend the May After Business Networking Evening from 5:00 pm - 7:00

pm and then stay for dinner after.

On Thursday, May 12th, enjoy complimentary appetizers and a special surprise.

Bring plenty of your business cards to distribute and don't forget to enter for a chance to win a door prize.

Parking is available in the Chrysler Building Parking Garage and bring your parking ticket to the Keg to validate for complimentary parking.

Date: Thursday, May 12, 2016

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: The Windsor Riverside Keg Steakhouse & Bar (One Riverside Dr. W.)

NETWORKING ONLY! Limited to 100 Guests!

[Register Online!](#)

June After Business @ Silver Tee Golf & Virtual Gaming Centre



Join us for the final After Business until the fall, at the ideal fun-filled destination for people of all ages, Silver Tee Golf & Virtual Gaming Centre, offering over 80 golf courses, hockey, soccer, baseball, football, carnival games and

zombie dodgeball on game simulators.

Our guests will have the opportunity to test their skills, enjoy appetizers compliments of Shots & Slices, door prizes and network with Essex County business professionals.

Date: Thursday, June 9, 2016

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Silver Tee Golf & Virtual Gaming Centre (1360 Highway #3)

Limited Exhibit Spaces Available

[Register Online!](#)

80th Annual Golf Tournament @ Essex Golf and Country Club Presented by WFCU Credit Union



Join the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce and leading Essex County business professionals for an elite day of golf and networking at one of Canada's finest private golf club's, Essex Golf and Country Club. Celebrating

our 80th annual tournament. The longest running business golf tournament in our area!

[Register online!](#)

Date: Monday, June 20, 2016

Location: Essex Golf and Country Club

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Chamber Gala Featuring Lifetime Achievement Award



Chamber Gala featuring Lifetime Achievement Award is a celebration of the work of the Chamber and the excitement generated by our community with businesses working together to build a strong network.

At this year's event we are pleased to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to Peter K. Hrastovec, Partner at Sibley Righton LLP for his business and community contribution to Windsor-Essex.

Date: Friday, June 24, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Location: St. Clair College Centre for the Arts (201 Riverside Dr. W.)

Sponsorship Opportunities: Contact [Marianne Burke](#).

[Register online today!](#)



Member Spotlight



With the success of the Gold Circle Program, the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that we are launching additional opportunities to partner with us in an even greater way.

To learn more about our new customized Membership Programs and discover how we assist you in achieving your goals, please contact: Sherri Gowman at sgowman@windsoressexchamber.org.



Call for Entries: Canada's Fastest-Growing Companies



Every year, PROFIT and Canadian Business magazine turn successful entrepreneurs into the heroes of Canadian business through the PROFIT 500 ranking of Canada's Fastest-Growing Companies. The ranking, now in its 28th year, gives the country's best and brightest companies the accolades they so richly deserve.

Your business could be one of them!

If your business has grown by just 50% or more in the past five years, we encourage you to apply now for the 2016 PROFIT 500 at PROFIT500.com.

Entry is free. Please visit PROFIT500.com to submit a ballot or find out more information.

The entry deadline is May 31, 2016.

Members Only Exclusive Benefits

Part of your Chamber membership entitles you to receive the following benefits and programs.



Visit our [Membership Benefits page](#) to review how we assist our members in achieving their goals through our business programs. Special rates and offers exclusively for Chamber

members including:

 **GRAND&TOY** Grand & Toy offering
Chamber of Commerce
Program for Office Products and Solutions YOU Need

Chamber members can now benefit from a revitalized Grand & Toy program that offers more choices and deeper savings. Some of the advantages you can realize with Grand & Toy include:

- Up to 85% OFF over 7,500 quality office products including; office supplies, technology, furniture and more
- Multiple ordering methods
- Order tracking, product sourcing and weekly promotions
- Outstanding customer service to assist you with order placing, tracking and returns
- Great ROI – offset your membership dues with your savings

For more information or to set up an account, contact: Brian Houston, Account Manager at brianhouston@grandandtoy.com or (519) 562-1042.



DID YOU KNOW...

Attention Business Owners, Managers and Human Resource professionals: Did you know **ALL OF YOUR EMPLOYEES** are eligible to receive the above discounts (subject to individual approval). If you would like to receive more information to share with your employees (payroll stuffers, flyers for staff room etc.), please contact Caitlin Hildenbrand at childrenbrand@windsor-essexchamber.org.

We Value Your Feedback!

WINDSOR-ESSEX REGIONAL Chamber of Commerce We are asking our members to take a few minutes and answer the satisfaction survey below. The feedback you provide will help us enhance the membership experience of our current and future Chamber members. Click the link [HERE](#) to share your valued opinion and enter your organization to win a Member Spotlight!

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