

WINDSOR-ESSEX REGIONAL Chamber of Commerce

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Windsor-Essex Chamber Releases Regional Energy Paper

Windsor, Ontario – The Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce has released a comprehensive Regional Energy Paper. The paper continues the series of three proactive policy papers focused on Windsor-Essex business priorities. The first paper released was the Chamber's Regional Transportation Paper.

The Regional Energy Paper was developed by the Chamber's Environment and Energy Committee chaired by David Diemer from Dillon Consulting Limited and vice-chaired by Natalie Byczynski, Chrysler Canada.

Initially a vision from a 100 day plan by Matt Marchand, the newly appointed Chamber President and CEO in March 2012, the paper was developed as a result of a Chamber Priorities survey as well as an extensive consultation process. The Environment and Energy Committee is comprised of Chamber members with expertise in the areas of environment or energy.

The Chamber's Energy paper calls for an energy system in Ontario that ensures reliable, modern and efficient supply of energy to its customers at reasonable rates to enable business and industry to be competitive in a global market. The Chamber recommendations also call for:

- More transparency in the actual breakdown of the Global Adjustment fees associated with energy bills in Ontario and reporting out to electricity users on regular basis
- More transparency in re-examining the costs, benefits and sustainability of the current energy supply mix, including renewables in the Province of Ontario
- Keeping commitments made to participants in the renewable energy sector by making adequate and timely upgrades to accommodate planned power grid connections
- Supporting the shift from Coal to Natural Gas in the supply mix for electricity generation

"The Chamber looks forward to working with the government to implement these recommendations," says David Diemer, Chair of the Chamber's Environment and Energy Committee.

"The Environment and Energy Committee has done a tremendous job in creating this paper and we are pleased with the result. The Chamber is continuing to provide leadership on issues that our members face every day," says Ed Miles, Chair of the Board for the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce.

To access the Chamber's Energy Paper you can visit the Chamber's website at:
<http://www.windsorchamber.org/about-us/policy-advocacy/>

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