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## **ESSEX COUNTY WARDEN, TOM BAIN IS THE INCOMING CHAIR OF THE WINDSORESSEX ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**Windsor-Essex County, Ontario, Canada** - Tuesday, June 20, 2017– The WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation (WE EDC) held its 2016 Annual General Meeting today at the Fogolar Furlan Club in Windsor, Ontario. Over 150 people attended representing stakeholders, funders, government officials and business leaders from the Windsor-Essex region.

**Martin Komsa, Board Chair of the WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation** said, “Two short years ago I committed that the Board would establish core objectives within the themes of Regional Economic Development, Openness and Transparency and Preparing the Organization for Future Success. I am pleased and proud to say that under the strategic direction of the Board and leadership team we have accomplished all of the things we committed to establish. As I step down from the Board, I welcome and congratulate Warden, Tom Bain as the new Board Chair and congratulate the WE EDC staff for their dedication to the region and acknowledge and extend my appreciation to The City of Windsor and County of Essex for their continued support.”

**Stephen MacKenzie, CEO of the WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation** added, “The organization’s metrics for 2016 shows the positive initiatives that were accomplished to strengthen the region. A clear indication there was a strategic focus by the team to meet or exceed the core objectives that were set out by the Board. We are ideally positioned to be at the forefront of an entirely new economy. An economy which favors innovation, with research and development embedded in our key sectors. It’s an economy whereby our businesses within all nine municipalities have embraced innovation with a passion for transporting our region into an economic powerhouse of which I’m proud to be a part of.”

The WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation advances economic development and prosperity in the region. We are the region’s lead economic development agency and a dedicated catalyst for business growth and expansion. We attract new businesses to our region, help strengthen existing businesses and support entrepreneurship in three key ways: We Inform, We Guide and We Connect.

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