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WORKFORCE WINDSORSESSEX ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND LOCAL EMPLOYMENT PLANNING COUNCIL LEAD

Organization's longest serving employee takes the helm at Workforce WindsorEssex

Windsor, ON – Workforce WindsorEssex, the region's workforce planning board, is excited to announce changes to its organizational structure.

First, the Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of Michelle Suchiu as its new Executive Director. Michelle has worked for Workforce WindsorEssex since 2011, where she has successfully supported the region's Local Immigration Partnership (WE LIP) project from concept to reality, while meeting project deliverables annually. Michelle will continue to lead the WE LIP project, but her new leadership role makes her responsible for the overall operations of the Workforce WindsorEssex. Michelle fills the vacancy created by Tanya Antoniw's departure in January. The Board of Directors made the selection after the completion of its strategic planning process.

Secondly, Workforce WindsorEssex is pleased to announce that Heather Gregg has been assigned new responsibilities to lead the Local Employment Planning Council (LEPC) project. Heather has worked for Workforce WindsorEssex for four years now, and will assume the expanded job of Manager of Employer Engagement and LEPC Lead. This project management role is critically important as Workforce WindsorEssex enters phase two of a pilot initiative by the Ontario Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development to improve labour market conditions in our region.

Additional Resources:

- [Michelle Suchiu's biography](#)
- [Heather Gregg's biography](#)

Quotes:

"We are very pleased to promote Michelle Suchiu to the role of Executive Director. Michelle is highly committed to the success of the organization, the staff and broader Windsor-Essex community. She has a track record as a community builder, collaborator and leader, and the board's decision to appoint her Executive Director is indicative of all that and more."

- *Doug Sartori, President of the Board, Workforce WindsorEssex*

“I look forward to working with the staff and board of directors to foster a stronger understanding of current and future workforce needs in Windsor Essex. I believe in facilitating partnerships to support strategic investment in education, training and employment opportunities in our region. Over the next few months I will be reaching out to our community partners to discuss further ways we can work together on the issue of people without jobs and jobs without people.”

- *Michelle Suchiu, Executive Director, Workforce WindsorEssex*

“Since Heather Gregg joined Workforce WindsorEssex, she has consistently demonstrated that she is a formidable project manager. Heather knows that the difference is in the details and that’s why she’s a perfect fit for the role of LEPC lead. Heather has the respect of her colleagues and community stakeholders, and we’re pleased that she’s accepted this new role.”

- *Doug Sartori, President of the Board, Workforce WindsorEssex*

“I am very excited for the opportunity to lead the team involved in the Local Employment Planning Council pilot. As we begin phase two of the pilot initiative, an opportunity presents itself to strengthen our current partnerships, grow new relationships, all while continuing to deliver key information to the range of stakeholders in our region. I have absolute confidence in the strength and abilities of the LEPC team and I look forward to celebrating our progress and successes that are to come.”

- Heather Gregg, Manager of Employer Engagement and LEPC Lead

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About Workforce WindsorEssex

Workforce WindsorEssex is a trusted source for labour market information and intelligence in our region and is a considered a key partner within our region in the areas of Economic Development, Employment Services, Education and Training, and Community Services.

Workforce WindsorEssex currently receives funding under four projects: Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership, Local Employment Planning Council, WEskills and Status of Women Canada. For more information visit our website at www.workforcewindsoressex.com.

Workforce WindsorEssex (legally Workforce Development Board Windsor Essex) was created as an independent, community-based board in October 2008 as a result of significant foundation work by the City of Windsor, County of Essex, WindsorEssex Economic Development Commission and Province of Ontario.