

## Canadian Citizenship Ceremony July 1, 2017

Across Canada, July 1<sup>st</sup> had special meaning this year as we celebrated Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, but for 40 Windsorites, it will also signify the day they officially became Canadian Citizens. For the third year, the Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership, in collaboration with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and the City of Windsor hosted a Canadian Citizenship Ceremony at the Windsor International Aquatic and Training Centre. The candidates, who represented 13 different countries, were sworn in by Presiding Official, Rob Bruce, Manager of Windsor IRCC.

Dignitaries in attendance included: Mayor Drew Dilkens; Brian Masse, MP (Windsor-West); Tracy Ramsey, MP (Essex); Lisa Gretzky, MPP (Windsor-West); City of Windsor Councillors Ed Sleiman and Fred Francis; Warden Tom Bain; and Constable Neil McEachrane, Windsor Police Diversity Officer. To help mark the event, 20 delegates from 4 of Windsor's Twin Cities (Las Vuelas, El Salvador; Gunsan, South Korea; Changchun, China; and Mannheim, Germany) were also in attendance.

Once again, WE LIP council members hosted information booths to showcase their services and acted as volunteers in support of the event.



### The following organizations participated in the Citizenship Ceremony event:

Unemployed Help Centre  
 Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County  
 YMCA of Windsor-Essex  
 New Canadians' Centre of Excellence Inc.  
 Women's Enterprise Skills Training of Windsor Inc.  
 City of Windsor - Healthy Kids Community Challenge Project

Conseil scolaire catholique Providence  
 Conseil scolaire Viamonde  
 Windsor Islamic Council  
 Windsor Police Service  
 VON Immigrant Health Clinic



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