

It's been a sweet 10 years!

2018-2019 marked the 10 year anniversary of the Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership. In November 2008, the City of Windsor was given the lead for the WE LIP initiative by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. In January 2009, the first council meeting was held with an assembly of committed stakeholders working towards a common goal of creating a welcoming community for newcomers to Windsor-Essex.

To recognize a decade's worth of collaborative accomplishments, WE LIP hosted the 2019 Annual Community Forum and 10 Year Celebration on February 19, 2019 at the University of Windsor's Windsor Hall.

Over 90 WE LIP Council and community members were in attendance to hear remarks from speakers:

- Hugo Vega, WE LIP Chair
- Gillian Wan, Director, Integration, Settlement Network - Ontario
Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
- Gary McNamara, Warden, County of Essex
- Jelena Payne, Community Development and Health Services Commissioner, City of Windsor



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