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CHAMBER BREAKFAST FEATURES BEST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES

Windsor, Ontario – The Windsor & District Chamber of Commerce hosted a breakfast featuring guest speaker, James C. Rogers, Director, Economic Development, and Duke Power. Mr. Rogers is also a Chairman of the Spartanburg, (South Carolina) County Economic Corporation Board of Directors. His message to community leaders this morning covered best practices in *Regional Economic Development – A View from South Carolina*.

In recent strategic planning sessions at the Chamber, economic development emerged as a priority file. Gina Leslie, Chair of the Chamber Board of Directors stated, "In view of the rapidly changing economic landscape of this area, the urgency of creating a regional economic development model has become a priority for the Chamber's advocacy and policy plans."

The Chamber has been active on the City and County Strategic Advisory Committee on Economic Development and has stated its position at a joint Council meeting in November 2004. The Chamber is advocating for the business leaders of this community to take a greater role in the future economic development structure for this region.

A copy of Mr. Roger's presentation is available on the Chamber's website at www.windsorchamber.org

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As the "Voice of Business," the Windsor & District Chamber of Commerce represents over 1,400 business members who collectively employ more than 80,000 people. Our membership profile truly represents a cross-section of the business interests in our community. We actively work with government to ensure the business and investment climate in our region remains competitive and believe that any issues that restrict our ability to attract new business or expand existing business must be resolved.

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