



The London Region Manufacturing Council (LRMC) is an industry-driven Council that fosters the growth and prosperity of the manufacturing industry in the London Region.

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Let's Talk Exports - May 6

Export Development Canada will offer an in-depth analysis of the world economy by sector and by country, drawing out the implications for Canada's economy, exports, interest rates and the dollar. Contact: Lillian Gagnon 963-5405.

AMT - June 1 & 2 The 4th annual Advanced Manufacturing Technologies Workshop at London's Integrated Manufacturing Technologies Institute (IMTI). Contact: Evgueni Bordatchev 430-7107.

8 Discipline Problem Solving - June 10 & 11 The EMC - "8-D Problem Solving" workshop will provide the tools necessary to create a 'world class' problem solving & team building mindset within your organization. June 10 & 11. For more details, call EMC (888) 275-3301.

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GENERAL DYNAMICS AWARDED \$1 BILLION CONTRACT London's General Dynamics Land Systems will produce 66 armoured vehicles valued at more than \$700M, replacing Canada's aging stock of Leopard tanks. GD will also get a \$212M maintenance contract.

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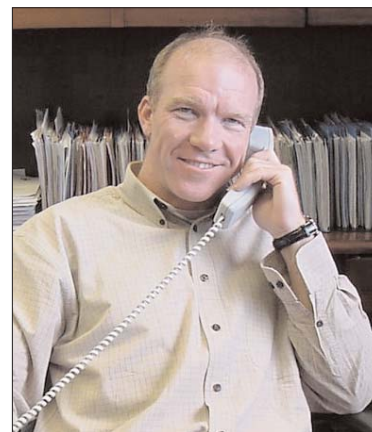
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LRMC RESPONDS TO WATER RATE PROPOSALS

LRMC was recently contacted by the City of London's Environment & Transportation Committee and asked to comment on a position paper concerning water component of development charges.

LRMC discussed the position paper at our March council meeting and prepared a response on behalf of the manufacturing sector.



Dave Gardner, LRMC Chair

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BUY LONDON REVERSE TRADE SHOW

The London Region Manufacturing Council (LRMC) is planning a "Reverse Trade Show" for September 22nd of this year.

Many of the London region's leading manufacturing companies from all sectors have confirmed participation including Trojan Technologies, Siemens VDO and Delta Faucet.

A Reverse Trade Show is one in which a small number of larger manufacturers exhibit items or describe services that they are currently sourcing outside the region but are willing to source locally if the right supplier is found. These companies will consider opportunities to purchase a product, piece or service less expensively, with the same quality and reliability from a local company.

Buying from a local supplier offers the added benefits of convenience, (meeting face-to-face when needed, in-house visits on short notice) and quicker response to changing requirements.

All of London's manufacturers are invited to attend the Buy London Reverse Trade Show to network with other manufacturers, see what some of the larger companies are seeking to source locally and learn how to bid on local work.

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WATER RATE PROPOSALS

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Our Recommendations:

With respect to water charges, LRMC stressed that water rates must remain competitive with surrounding communities and that substantial increases could threaten new and expansion industrial investment.

With respect to development charges, LRMC recommended that industrial growth continue to be exempted because most surrounding communities (within 50 kms) continue to exempt industrial investment from development charges.

London has finally become competitive for industrial investment and LRMC does not want to see London's position eroded.

LRMC has requested an opportunity to comment on any proposed changes to the current development charge exemption for industrial growth.

To read the text of the LRMC response, go to www.manufacturinglondon.com and look for "E&T WATER RATE RESPONSE".

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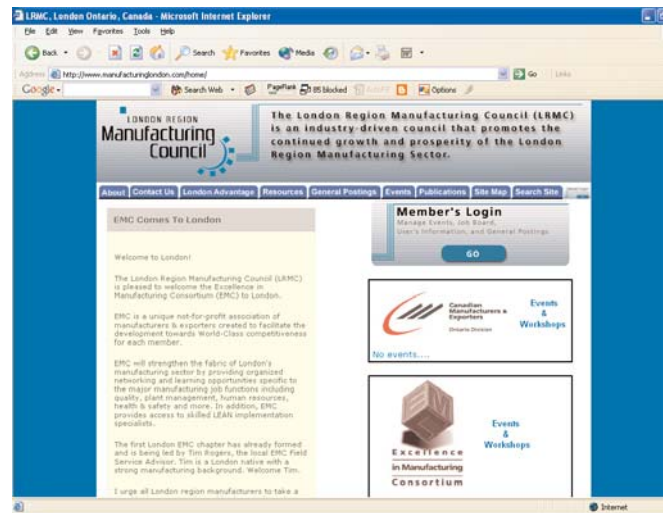
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London area's manufacturers produce everything from nuts and bolts to major sub-assemblies, specialized custom machinery right through to complete automobiles.

London area's service providers offer everything from cleaning services to training and education services, from maintenance and building services to leading edge manufacturing software and plant communications and IT systems, from product development and design services, to sub-contracting, validation and testing services.

The LRMC is committed to supporting London region manufacturers and to helping make London a great place to live and work.



WWW.MANUFACTURINGLONDON.COM

The LRMC web site is designed to be a first point of contact for manufacturers seeking information on local events, industry news, resources and assistance. Visit often for up to date information.

EMC CHAPTER MAKING PROGRESS!

The London member companies of the Excellence in Manufacturing Consortium (EMC) are making terrific progress in organizing the first EMC networking chapter in London.

The 18 participating companies have divided themselves into three Strategic Interest Groups (SIG's) and are meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month.

The senior managers SIG meets at 8am, the production & quality SIG meets at 10 am and the human resources SIG meets at 12 noon, each for two hours.

EMC is a non-profit organization of seasoned manufacturing professionals dedicated to helping other manufacturers become or remain world class competitors.

To learn more about EMC, contact Mike Baker at EMC 1-866-323-4362 or Larry MacKinnon at LEDC 661-5011.