



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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## *did you know?*

### **New EMC Website**

The Excellence in Manufacturing Consortium (EMC) now has an exciting new website. EMC is a unique not-for-profit association of manufacturers & exporters, incorporated to facilitate each members' development towards World-Class competitiveness. Check out EMC at [www.emccanada.org](http://www.emccanada.org)

### **CME Manufacturing 20/20 Reports**

The final reports of the CME Manufacturing 20/20 consultation process are posted on the CME website and include critical issues for success, challenges, global trends, and the importance of manufacturing in Canada. [www.cme-mec.ca](http://www.cme-mec.ca)

### **China Trade & Technology Mission**

Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters and PBB Global Logistics co-lead the Trade & Technology Mission to China this October. A five-city tour will run from October 12-26 and will be co-led by Perrin Beatty, President & CEO, CME and Robert (Bob) Armstrong, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs, PBB Global Logistics & Director, I.E.Canada. [www.cme-mec.ca](http://www.cme-mec.ca)

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## **M**ANUFACTURING DAY 2005

The LRMC, in partnership with the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME), is planning a new event to celebrate Manufacturing Day in London this year.



**COMPETITIVENESS  
IN A GLOBAL  
MARKETPLACE**

The event will be a half-day conference on the theme "*Competitiveness in a Global Marketplace*". This theme reflects the interests of London manufacturers who responded to an electronic poll last spring.

Manufacturing Day will feature a breakfast with a significant keynote speaker, a plenary session and breakout sessions for in-depth discussion on specific markets, issues and opportunities. The event will wrap up with a light networking lunch.

This Manufacturing Day event continues the efforts of the LRMC to bring manufacturers together for an annual networking and learning experience. It will also continue the excellent work of the CME in their very successful Manufacturing 20/20 process.

The CME has been talking to manufacturers all across Canada over the past year and has produced reports focusing on the state of manufacturing in Canada and where we need to go to remain competitive in the near future. The reports and recommendations can be found on the CME website at [www.cme-mec.ca](http://www.cme-mec.ca)

LRMC will confirm a date for Manufacturing Day this autumn and provide registration details shortly.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**[WWW.MANUFACTURINGLONDON.COM](http://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!

## BILL 144

LRMC has been active in expressing concerns to the Minister of Labour regarding certain provisions of a new law which gives the Ontario Labour Relations Board increased powers.

Unfortunately, LRMC and other business organizations including the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME), the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) were not successful in convincing the Minister to amend Bill 144.

Bill 144, the Labour Relations Statute Law Amendment Act, 2005, passed through the provincial legislature in June and is now law in Ontario.

## BUSINESS AIR QUALITY PROGRAM

London region small and medium sized manufacturers are participating in an exciting new pilot project designed to reduce harmful emissions to the air.

The program provides substantial funding for a study to determine which technologies will reduce key criteria air pollutants and enhance economic competitiveness through material substitution and process improvements. In addition, this program can be combined with other energy-use related programs to increase the benefits to participating companies.

For more details about this program, contact Larry MacKinnon at the London Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) 661-5011.

## VIRTUAL TRADE COMMISSIONER SERVICE

International Trade Canada provides an online service enabling businesses to access in-market trade commissioners who will provide advice on market potential, visit information, local company information, arrange face-face briefings, provide key contacts and troubleshoot market access problems. Best of all, it's FREE. [www.infoexport.gc.ca](http://www.infoexport.gc.ca)

## PERRIN BEATTY VISITS LRMC

The LRMC Steering Committee had an opportunity to meet with Perrin Beatty, President of the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME) this past June.



Perrin Beatty, CME President

We discussed each organizations interests and strengths in relation to our efforts to assist manufacturers in the London region.

It was determined that although there was some overlap, each organization tended to focus its resources in areas where it could make the greatest impact on behalf of manufacturers.

CME has tremendous strength at the provincial and federal levels when it comes to influencing industrial policy. CME is able to defend the best interests of manufacturers and help to shape a variety of policies which affect a manufacturers' ability to compete effectively on a global basis.

CME's efforts on various federal and provincial bills as well as the manufacturing consultation process, Manufacturing 20/20, demonstrate the CME commitment to its membership and to a competitive manufacturing industry in Canada.

LRMC has strength in working for the best interests of local manufacturers at the municipal level. LRMC has been successful in showing local politicians that a competitive local manufacturing environment is crucial to the long term interest of the City as a whole.

As well, LRMC has had success in bringing manufacturing companies together at networking events such as the Buy London Reverse Trade Show and the first in a series of manufacturing breakfasts.

Our agreement to work together on Manufacturing Day in London this year demonstrates the continuing partnership between LRMC and CME for the benefit of London region manufacturers.

Visit [www.cme-mec.ca](http://www.cme-mec.ca) for more information.