

**Lublin Trade Mission 2005
to Canada and
The 11th Annual Polish-Canadian
Business and Professional Society Dinner**



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Lublin Trade Mission to Canada 2005

The Lublin Trade Mission consisting of officials, scientists and business people visited it's twin city of Windsor, Ontario as well as the city of Toronto, Ontario, Canada from October 12th to the 20th, 2005.

The three goals of this Mission were:

1. To strengthen contacts between the twin cities of Lublin and Windsor.
2. To participate in the Hostex and Canadian Manufacturing and Technology shows in Toronto, Ontario.
3. The creation of new business and educational opportunities between Poland and Canada.

The City of Lublin (Promotion Office) and the Enterprise Development Association of Lublin were responsible for the organization of the Lublin Trade Mission 2005.

Windsor

The visit to Windsor was organized by the City of Windsor (International Relations Committee) with the significant help of the Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor.

On the first day of our visit to Windsor our delegation met with numerous city officials such as Eddie Francis, Mayor, Jo-Anne Gignac, David Cassivi and David Brister, Councilors. During the City of Windsor luncheon held at The Hiram Walker Club, various city officials, business people and scientists were invited to discuss new opportunities for a scientist and student exchange as well as a municipal practices exchange. Windsor is the automotive capital of Canada and it was extremely important for the Mission to visit one of the leading manufacturer of robots for the automotive industry in North America, Valiant Tools Co.

Later the delegation had the opportunity to learn more about the Polish Community of Windsor. They visited 'Polonia Park', a residential project containing 342 condominiums and apartments established 25 years ago and run by the Polish Community.

On the second day of the visit, the Mission enjoyed a tour of the University of Windsor organized by Dr. Frank Simpson. During a luncheon the University's officials, researchers and representatives presented their involvement and interests. For example, Michelle Watters presented a GIS system and discussed the possibilities of the use of this system in Lublin. Meeting with Dr. Diana Kao, Associate Dean of the Odette School of Business was interesting because in the past Dr. Marta Revenly also from this school was a lecturer at the Lublin School of Business, Lublin, Poland. As well,

representatives from two local hospitals were on hand to discuss with Dr. Adam Borowicz the Director of the Clinical Hospital of the Medical Academy of Lublin the possibility of a doctor and student exchange program.

The most significant event of the visit to Windsor was the 11th Annual Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Society Dinner organized by the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor. This was a great opportunity to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the signing of the partnership agreement between Lublin and Windsor. Our delegation was honored by the presence of many significant speakers including the Polish Ambassador to Canada, the H.E. Dr. Piotr Ogrodzinski, the Polish Consul General, Dr. Piotr Konowrocki, the Ukrainian Consul General, Dr. Ihor Lossovskyi, MP for Windsor-Tecumseh, Joe Comartin, Mayor of the City of Windsor, Eddie Francis, MPP for Windsor-West, and Minister of Community & Social Services, the Hon. Sandra Pupatello, the Deputy Mayor of Lublin, Ryszard Pasikowski, as well as the president of Schwartz Canada, New York, Sam Schwartz. This event was yet another wonderful opportunity for the delegates to meet many key people and create additional valuable links with business and professional people from the Windsor area.

Toronto

From Windsor the Mission travelled to Toronto to participate in the Hostex and Canadian Manufacturing and Technology shows. Delegates took part in the shows according to their individual needs and interests.

The most important event in Toronto was a luncheon meeting with the Polish Consulate General. This luncheon was organized by Dr. Piotr Konowrocki and provided a wonderful opportunity to meet many Canadian business people of Polish descent as well as encouraging the exchange of information, the building of new business relationships and discussions regarding the possibility of Canadian investments in Lublin.

From Toronto the Mission continued on to Erie, Pennsylvania, USA, another very active twin city of Lublin. In my opinion, the goals of the Lublin Trade Mission to Canada 2005 were achieved.

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Lublin Trade Mission 2005 to Canada
(description of pictures)

Picture 1

The City of Windsor Luncheon with the Lublin Trade Mission at the Hiram Walker Club

Picture 2

The Lublin Trade Mission meeting at the Valiant Tools in Windsor

Picture 3

The Lublin Trade Mission meeting at the University of Windsor

Picture 4

The Lublin Trade Mission meeting with Dr. Piotr Ogrodzinski, Ambassador of Poland and VIP's at the Caboto Club - Library Room

Picture 5

Presentation the Lublin Trade Mission at the 11th Business Dinner, from left: Janusz Mikolajczyk, Anna Mikolajczyk, Kazimierz Debski, Maciej Zmyslowski, Agnieszka Malyska, Ryszard Pasikowski, Irena Szumlak, Karol Scibior and Dr. Adam Borowicz.

Picture 6

VIP Guests at the 11th Business Dinner, from left: Dr. Piotr Ogrodzinski, Joe Comartin, Dr. Piotr Konowrocki, Dr. Ihor Lossovskyi, Wladyslaw Lizon, Ryszard Pasikowski, Dave Cassivi, Sam Schwartz, Rev. Roman Waszkiewicz, Jerry Barycki, Andrzej Sobiesiak.

Picture 7

Keynote Speaker at the 11th Business Dinner HE Dr. Piotr Ogrodzinski, Ambassador of Poland at the 11th Business Dinner

Picture 8

Awarding Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland to Jerry Barycki by Dr. Piotr Ogrodzinski, Ambassador of Poland (L) and Dr. Piotr Konowrocki (R), Consul General of Poland at the 11th Business Dinner

Picture 9

Kaz Babiarz (M), Chairman of the Polish Credit Union Board presenting donation to Canadian Polish Congress, Windsor-Chatham Branch Antoni Jedlinski (L) and Jerry Barycki (R) at the 11th Business Dinner

Picture 10

Wladyslaw Lizon, Chairman of the Canadian Polish Congress Council (L) presents the 25th Anniversary Diploma to Cezary Tywoniuk, member of the Board of Directors, "Polonia Park" housing project.

Picture 11

Presenting Medals of the Lublin Union to (from left) Jerry Barycki, Dave Cassivi and Joe Ouellette by Ryszard Pasikowski, Deputy Mayor of Lublin at the 11th Business Dinner

Picture 12

(from left) Sam Schwartz, President of Sam Schwartz of Canada, Windsor, New York, Dr. Piotr Ogrodzinski, Ambassador of Poland and Hon. Eugene Whelan, former Senator and Federal Minister of Agriculture at the 11th Business Dinner

Picture 13

"Tatry" - Polish and "Barvinok" - Ukrainian Dance Groups with (from right) Dr. Piotr Konowrocki, Consul General of Poland, Joe Comartin, MP, Windsor-Tecumseh, Dr. Piotr Ogrodzinski, Ambassador of Poland and Dr. Ihor Lossovskyi, Consul General of Ukraine at the 11th Business Dinner

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