

Official Opening of the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Poland in Windsor, March 13, 2025, with the presence of H.E. Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of Poland to Canada.

On Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 3:00 PM, the ceremonial inauguration of the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Poland took place in the Windsor City Council Chamber. The ceremony was chaired by His Excellency Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Canada. In his speech, he emphasized the importance of the newly opened consulate in strengthening Polish-Canadian relations and expressed appreciation for the activity and unity of the Polish community.

During the event, it was announced that Jerry Barycki had been appointed Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland in Canada for the region that includes Windsor, Sarnia, Chatham, and London.



The Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Poland Windsor-Sarnia-Chatham-London

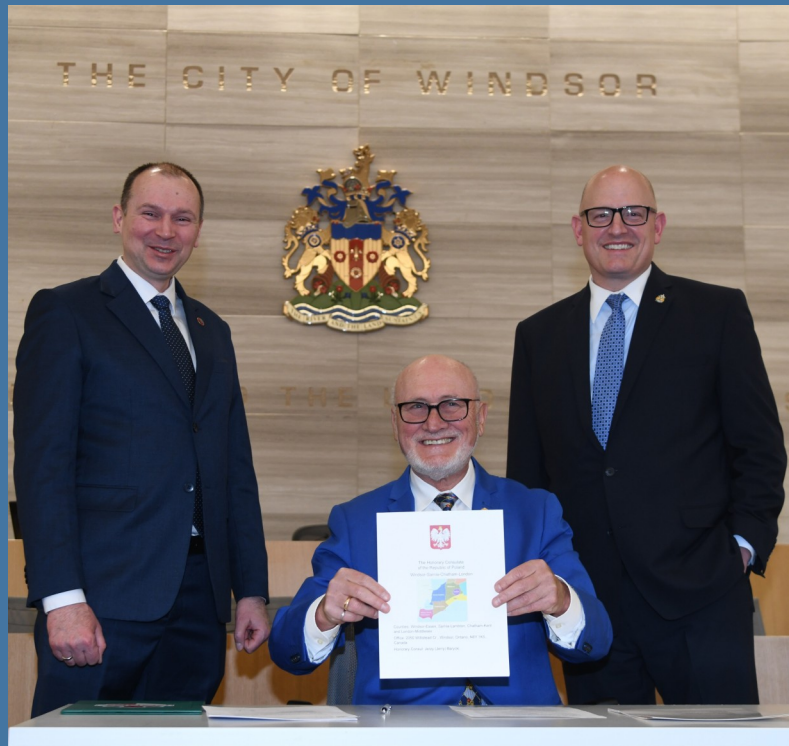


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Honorary Consul: Jerzy (Jerry) Barycki

The event was also attended by His Worship Drew Dilken, Mayor of Windsor, who stated: *“As soon as I learned that Windsor would have an Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Poland, I didn’t even hesitate for a nanosecond about who should be the honorary consul. Without a doubt – Jerry Barycki – a pillar of the Polish community and a long-time activist, deserving and dedicated to the community.”*



H.E. Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Canada, Jerry Barycki, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, His Worship Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, Ontario, Canada.



Group picture, from the left: Malgorzata Holec, Ania Barycka, Ed Sleiman, Councillor of the City of Windsor, Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Canada, Jerry Barycki, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, His Worship Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Victor Wolanski, Ewa Barycka, Joanna Jurewicz, Consul, the Embassy of the Republic of Poland, Canada.

The second part of the event took place at the Polish Club of Windsor – a historic building that has been the heart of Polishness in Windsor for over 100 years. Many guests attended the gathering, including representatives of the Polish community from Windsor, Sarnia, Chatham, and London, leaders of Polish organizations, clergy, Polish media, and local activists.



Ambassador Witold Dzielski presents Mr. Jerry Barycki as the new Honorary Consul in Windsor to the Polish community in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Seated on the left is Ewa Barycka, President of the Canadian-Polish Congress, Windsor Branch.



Consul Jerry Barycki presents the book "The Contribution of the Polish Community of Windsor, 1931-2023" on the activities of the Polish community in Ontario and Canada to Ambassador Witold Dzielski and Hanna Piasecka, President of the Polish People's Home Association.



Special guests: Jan and Krystyna Stalmach from Sarnia and Ed Lidzbarski from London.



Ambassador Witold Dzielski's presentation.

Member of Parliament Irek Kuśmierczyk was also present and in his speech, he emphasized: *“The Polish community in Windsor is deeply engaged in building Polish-Canadian ties. The opening of the Honorary Consulate is another step in strengthening these diplomatic, cultural, and social relations.”*

This exceptional event has been recorded in the history of the Canadian-Polish community as a symbol of recognition, unity, and hope for the future.



Congratulations to Jerry Barycki, Honorary Consul in Windsor, Ontario, Canada from Irek Kuśmierczyk, M.P. Windsor-Tecumseh.

H.E. Witold Dzielski, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Canada, Jerry Barycki, Honorary Consul in Windsor, Ontario, Canada and Irek Kuśmierczyk, M.P. Windsor-Tecumseh.



Participants, seated, from the left: Joanna Jurewicz, Sr. Teresa Sroka, Małgorzata Holec, Suzie Sawicki, Maria Zalewski, Jerry Barycki, Hanna Piasecka, Anna Wojtal, Krystyna Stalmach, and Barbara Koczwar. Standing, from the left: Ewa Barycka, Zbigniew Kruba, Ania Barycka, Zbigniew Kowalczykowski, Romi Jaszczynski, Victor Wolański, Dorota Zalewska, Mariusz Zalewski, Sr. Maria Lange, Witold Dzielski, Halina Piątkiewicz, Ed Lidzbarski, Danuta Pogorzelska, Irek Kuśmierczyk, Maria Kulesza, Stanisław Bęben, Paweł Bochus, and Jan Stalmach.