



# Press Release

## Chamber of Commerce serving Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows 2017 Business Excellence Awards



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This past Saturday, March 3, 2018, marked the Chamber's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Excellence Awards.

Under the title of Celebrating Success – Our Stars Shine the hard-working individuals and businesses in the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows communities were celebrated. With over 100 nominations received from members and non-members across the 7 categories the judging panels had the challenge of determining the finalists through a scoring process. Once the finalists were determined the judges then interviewed each finalist, recording their marks to be added to previous scores. From there winners were determined in confidence at Chamber before revealing at the Gala.

### Congratulations to the Winners:

Community Spirit of the Year:	Deddy Geese of Hagen's Travel & Cruises
Non-Profit Organization of the Year:	Maple Ridge Community Foundation
Agri Business of the Year:	Golden Ears Cheesecrafters
Business Leader of the Year:	Josh Penner of Meridian Farm Market
Small Business of the Year:	Essential Health Natural Wellness Clinic
Medium Business of the Year:	Alouette Animal Hospital
Large Business of the Year:	Canadian Tire

The Gala, held at Meadow Gardens Golf Club in Pitt Meadows, saw over 180 attendees. With positive feedback during and after the event the Chamber is proud to have hosted this enjoyable evening. The planning and dedication of Chamber staff along with the generous support of sponsors and several volunteers were instrumental in the event's success.

Attendees to the Gala had the privilege of seeing the well deserving winners accept their awards. Special guest MC, Kathy Morse and guests also enjoyed the night's delicious dinner, celebrations and entertainment. Including silent and live auctions, live music and dancing.

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*The Ridge Meadows Chamber of Commerce is a proactive network of business-minded individuals that are committed to acting as an accessible, visible and supportive resource to our members and the Ridge Meadows Community at large, communicating their collective voice to help shape a prosperous business community as the "The Voice of Business."*