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Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce announces Business Excellence Awards Finalists and recipient of the Stan Rogers Legacy Award.

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Chilliwack, December 20, 2016 – The Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce will host the 22nd annual Business Excellence Awards on January 21, 2017 at Chilliwack Heritage Park. The finalists in the 16 categories for the Business Excellence Awards were announced during the December 20th Chamber Connections. They are:

Professional Service Award sponsored by Star 98.3:

- Baker Newby LLP
- OTG Development Concepts
- Ken Andriashek, ReMax Nyda Realty
- Select Real Estate
- Simpson Notaries
- Willow Dental Care – Garrison Crossing
- Tracey L’Hoist Personal Real Estate Corporation
- LLT LLP

Employee of the Year sponsored by The Chilliwack Times:

- Sadie – 89.5 The Drive
- Mike Ayers – Ann Davis Transition Society
- Natalie Karam – Chilliwack Society for Community Living
- Cara Dedels – Downtown Chilliwack BIA
- Jessica Killer – HUB International Barton Insurance Brokers
- Jim Vermeer – Ironside Design Manufacturing
- Brandon Melville – Mr. Lube Chilliwack
- Ammar Nabod – Myriad Information Technology
- Gregory Hallett – Otter Co-op
- Sarah Anthony – The Book Man

Agriculture Producer Award sponsored by University of the Fraser Valley – Agriculture Centre of Excellence:

- Forstbauer Natural Food Farm
- Fraser Valley Specialty Poultry
- Gracemar Farms
- Joiners Corn
- Meadow Valley Meats Ltd.
- Rogers Foods Ltd.
- Sardis Secondary School Farm

Development Excellence Award *sponsored by Chilliwack and District Real Estate Board:*

- Canada Lands Company CLC Ltd.–
River's Edge
- Englewood Courtyard Management Corp.
- Garrison Corner
- Gore Brothers New Homes
- Mr. Build Contracting Ltd.

Inclusive Employer Award *sponsored by Chilliwack Society for Community Living:*

- Convergys
- Hofstede's Country Barn
- Save On Foods

Retail Excellence Award *sponsored by Canada Lands Company:*

- All Things Being Eco
- Canadian Tire
- Hofstede's Country Barn
- Larco Industries Inc.
- Little Village Shoe Boutique
- Lolly's Fashion Lounge
- Murray Honda Chilliwack
- Sardis Park Wines
- Shoppers Drug Mart – Southgate Centre
- The Book Man

Sustainability Award *sponsored by The City of Chilliwack:*

- Coast Chilliwack Hotel
- Emterra Environmental
- Larco Industries Inc.
- Chilliwack Rotary Book Sale

Manufacturing Award *sponsored by TD Canada Trust:*

- Clegg Woodcrafts
- DC Machine
- Ironside Design Manufacturing
- Larco Industries Inc.

Recreation, Leisure & Hospitality Award *sponsored by MNP*

- Best Western Rainbow Country Inn
- Chilliwack Circle Farm Tour – Tourism Chilliwack
- Chilliwack Corn Maze and Pumpkin Farm
- Chilliwack Park Society
- Coast Chilliwack Hotel
- Hampton Inn by Hilton Chilliwack
- Heritage Park
- Pure Life Paddleboards

Not-For-Profit/Service Award *sponsored by Chances Chilliwack:*

- Ann Davis Transition Society
- Chilliwack Bowls of Hope Society
- Chilliwack Community Services
- Chilliwack Hospice Society
- Fraser Valley Aboriginal Children & Family Services
- Rotary Club of Chilliwack
- Rotary Club of Chilliwack Fraser
- The Chilliwack Salvation Army Care and Share Centre
- BCSPCA Chilliwack
- Chilliwack Family YMCA

Dining Excellence Award sponsored by Odlum Brown:

- Cookies Grill
- Franie's Italian Kitchen & Bar
- Jimmy J's Grill
- Lakeside Beach Club
- Mr. Mikes Steakhouse Casual
- Original Joes
- Pho Galaxy
- The Royal Café
- The Well @ Chances Chilliwack

Young Entrepreneur Award sponsored by Murray Honda:

- The Lakeside Beach Club
- Mt. Waddington's Outdoors Ltd.
- Vedder Mountain Bike Company
- Voltage Sound and Security

New Business of the Year Award sponsored by KMPG:

- Browns Socialhouse Eagle Landing
- CoWork Chilliwack
- Did I Mention Flowers?
- Marcom Signs & Graphics
- Murray Mazda
- Otter Co-operative
- Petsmart Chilliwack
- Select Real Estate
- Studio B Yoga & More Inc.
- The Mad Butcher

Aboriginal Business of the Year Award sponsored by Sto:lo Community Futures:

- Bear Image Productions (BIP)
- Garrison Bistro
- Serenity Chiropractic
- Vedder Crossing Plaza Management – Tzeachten First Nation

Business of the Year Award sponsored by Baker Newby LLP:

- Allegiance 1 Security
- Chances Chilliwack
- Larco Industries Inc.
- Lock's Prescription Pharmacy Ltd.
- Murray Honda Chilliwack
- Sardis Park Wines
- Project Dance
- The Book Man
- The Town Butcher

The highlight of the event was the announcement of the recipient of the **Stan Rogers Legacy Award sponsored by Legacy Pacific Group of Companies**. The Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce and the independent panel of judges is pleased to present the **Stan Rogers Legacy Award to Mr. Trevor McDonald**.

This is what the judges have to say about Mr. McDonald:

“To be a volunteer and a good corporate citizen, one must be able to bring people together to accomplish a common goal. The recipient of this year’s Stan Rogers Legacy award has embodied these attributes incredibly well. The love of one’s community means that everyone works toward a common goal to bring success and a sense of pride to each event.

Being on a committee does not just mean completing the task you have taken on, but to collaboratively work together to fulfill the vision, create excitement and inspire passion.

When it comes to promoting Chilliwack and its community events, there is one person that is sure to be front and center much of the time”.

The 22nd annual Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards will take place at Chilliwack Heritage Park on Saturday, January 21st. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from the Chamber of Commerce office by calling (604) 793-4323 or by visiting the Chamber of Commerce website at www.chilliwackchamber.com. The theme for this year’s Business Excellence Awards is “Chilliwack’s Biggest Night – A Red Carpet Affair”. The Event will feature a wine tasting reception, live music and entertainment, along with the awarding of the 18 Business Excellence awards to the worthy recipients.

The 21st Annual Business Excellence Awards sold out and left nearly 100 individuals without a ticket, so Call the Chamber of Commerce office and purchase your ticket or table today.

The Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce is the largest and most broadly-based business organization in Chilliwack. Representing more than 450 members of every size, sector and region of the area, the Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce is “The Voice of Business in Chilliwack.”

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