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THE BLACK TIE  
AWARDS & AUCTION

2018



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## 2018 Black Tie Nominees Announced For Immediate Release February 20, 2018



The Chamber is excited to announce the 2018 Black Tie Award nominees. As per the Black Tie tradition, nominations were open to the public, and both Chamber members and non-members are nominated. 2018 marks the greatest number of nominations ever received in Black Tie history – 155 nominations. The previous record was in 2012 with 144 nominations.

The most popular categories are:

- Customer Service nominations accounted for 35% of all nominations received;
- Business Achievement 1 – 10 Employees made up 18% of all nominations received and
- The Volunteer category made up 15% of all nominations.

The Chamber notifies all the nominees and advises them about the Black Tie process, and all were delighted to know that someone was thoughtful enough to recognize them. Still, some nominees elect not to move forward and those names are not included in the attached list. Many nominees were nominated several times and their names are only listed once in that category. As well, several nominees were nominated in more than one Award category.

**Next Steps:** Now that all the nominations are confirmed, and the Chamber has collected further information from the nominators, it's time to select three Finalists in each category. Only the Finalists go forward to be eligible to win an Award. The Chamber convenes a Round Table Panel to review the nominations and select three Finalists in each category. Each Finalist attends an interview with a panel of two judges. The Finalist interview scores and nomination scores are combined – the Finalist in each category with the highest score wins. The results are audited and sealed until the Black Tie Awards and Auction on April 7, 2018 at Brentwood College School.

Tickets are \$95 each, and available now via the Chamber's website [www.duncancc.bc.ca](http://www.duncancc.bc.ca). The Awards night includes a Silent Auction. Organizers will be reaching out to the community for donations for a fabulous selection of items.

The Black Tie Awards honour excellence and volunteerism in the Cowichan Valley Regional District. The Chamber wishes to extend congratulations and to thank all the nominees for their dedication to our community!

**Duncan Cowichan Chamber of Commerce** has been representing business since 1908. The Chamber provides professional development, networking, cost savings and advocacy for our 520 members. The Chamber runs the Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre that services 25,000 visitors each year, providing them with information and referrals to all Cowichan has to offer. This is the 21<sup>st</sup> Black Tie Awards. The Awards will be presented at the Black Tie Awards and Auction on April 7, 2018 at Brentwood College School.

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