



Finalists Announced for the 2019 Airdrie Business Awards

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AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – Finalists announced for the 2019 Airdrie Business Awards. Nominations were open from May 28 to July 31 and over 200 nominations were received. “The Airdrie Chamber of Commerce is proud of the work that our business community does, and we are thrilled that over 200 worthy businesses were nominated for one of seven awards,” says Marilynne Aalhus, Executive Director of the Airdrie Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber took over the lead organization of the awards in 2018 and this year the committee added a new award, the Business Innovation Award. “We’ve added this award category to recognize businesses that demonstrate exceptional and transformative innovation and leadership in processes, products and services.”

The following are the seven award categories along with the finalists per category:

The **Airdrie Business Leader Award** is awarded to an individual whose business ethics and philosophies extend beyond the walls of their business and have a positive impact on the Airdrie community as a whole; an individual whose vision encompasses both the priorities of the community along with a high degree of business excellence. This year’s finalists are:

- Harpreet Nijjar, Studio 150 Make up & Esthetics
- Heather Crippen, CrossFit 403
- Michelle Carre, The Carre Group of Redline Real Estate
- Puneet Chowdhry, Airdrie Daycare Ltd.,
- Roland Polsfut, Techmation Electric & Controls Ltd.
- Ron Zuke, Air 106.1 FM & Discover Airdrie.com

The **Emerging Business Award** is awarded to a small business (less than 50 employees) that has been in business for less than 3 years that demonstrates growth through creation of additional jobs, locations or customers, growth in revenue, demonstrates support of the Airdrie business community and offers products and services that meet a need in the community. This year’s finalists are:

- Homegrown House and Pantry Inc.
- Little Sprouts Preschool
- PhysioWorks Physiotherapy Ltd
- Rival Axe Throwing Ltd.
- White Collar Boxing Company
- Your Local Ranch Ltd

The **Employer Excellence Award** is awarded to a business that goes above and beyond for their employees and provides the best overall place to work. The company values their employees’ development and retention on the same level that it values productivity and business growth. It places high levels of importance on corporate culture and a happy and healthy work environment for their staff. This year’s finalists are:

- Airdrie Family Eye Doctors
- Optima Eyewear and Optometry
- South Airdrie Smiles

The **Franchise Business Award** is awarded to a franchise business in Airdrie that is operating under a parent company that allows entrepreneurs to use their strategies, business model and name. The Franchise best reflects the outstanding spirit and success of our business community, has demonstrated significant achievement within the last three years and has contributed to community activities and professional associations. This year's finalists are:

- Airdrie 9Round
- Airdrie Maaco Collision Repair & Auto Painting
- F45 Training Airdrie
- Lathered Cleaning Company Inc.
- Oranj Fitness
- The Little Gym

The **Legacy Business Award** is awarded to a business that is independently owned and operated, has been in Airdrie for at least 15 years, has shown sustained growth and contributions to local employment. This business has invested in the community and sees community investment as a core part of the company's values. This year's finalists are:

- Advanced Distribution/Here's the Scoop
- Airdrie Windshield & Glass Ltd.
- Bob Miller Trucking Ltd.
- Bow Valley Credit Union

The **Business of the Year (formerly Winning Edge) Award** is awarded to a small business (less than 50 employees) that has been in business for at least 3 years, that best exhibits outstanding achievement in innovative practices, customer service, growth and actively participates in the community. This year's finalists are:

- Abe's Modern Diner
- Airdrie Puppy Pals
- Ambition Performing Arts Inc.
- Elements Dance Co.
- Healthy Meals Made Easy Inc.
- Little Steps
- Sorso Lounge, Espresso & Wine Bar

The Business **Innovation Award** is awarded to a business that demonstrates exceptional and transformative innovation and leadership in their processes, products, or services and has been operating for a minimum of three years. This year's finalists are:

- Ambition Performing Arts
- Healthy Meals Made Easy Inc.
- Switchback Creative
- Woodside Denture Centre

The winners will be announced at the Airdrie Business Awards Gala on Thursday, October 24 at Bert Church Theatre.

Tickets on sale now, visit www.airdriechamber.ab.ca

The Airdrie Business Awards are made possible thanks to support from generous sponsorship from the local business community and a group of talented and passionate volunteers.

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