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2018 Business Excellence Award Finalists Revealed

Kamloops – The Kamloops Chamber of Commerce and TD announced their finalists this evening for the 32nd annual Business Excellence Awards at a special event hosted by Kamloops Lincoln. Please see the attached list of all award finalists.

Background

The fifty-one Selection Committee members have selected the finalists of each award category by scoring each nominee independently. Scores were then tabulated by KPMG. The committees will now interview each finalist to determine the winners of the coveted Kamloops Chamber of Commerce and TD Business Excellence Awards.

Winners of the awards will be announced at the Business Excellence Awards Gala, to be held the evening of Saturday, October 27, 2018. This event always sells out early, so the public is advised to reserve their seats soon.

Tickets will go on sale in September at kamloopschamber.ca or by calling the Chamber office at 250.372.7722.

Quotes

Joshua Knaak, President of the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors:

“The chamber is proud to present the Business Excellence Awards program for the entire business community. Every year, the quantity and quality of the nominations speak to the caliber of our businesses and how they have built loyalty with their customers and clients.”

Patrick Therrien, Relationship Manager with TD Commercial Banking:

"TD is proud to be celebrating our 11 year anniversary in partnership with the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce recognizing business excellence in our community. Congratulations to this year's finalists. Your dedication to and investment in the community of Kamloops is valued and will be celebrated on October 27. "

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2018 Business Excellence Awards Finalists:

City of Kamloops

Community Service Award

- Cascades Casino Kamloops
- Kamloops Ford Lincoln
- Lyons Landscaping

Rocky Mountaineer

Environmental Stewardship Award

- Changes Hair Studio
- Habitat for Humanity Kamloops Restore
- Kamloops Food Bank

Open Door Group

Inclusive Workplace Award

- Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott
- Sprott Shaw College
- Staples
- Teck Highland Valley Copper

BDC Business Development Bank

Manufacturer Award

- Axis Forestry Inc.
- Fresh is Best Salsa & Co.
- Scorpion Technologies Ltd.

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Resource Industry Award

- New Gold Inc. - New Afton Mine
- Teck Highland Valley Copper

Aberdeen Mall

Retailer 1 – 10 Staff Award

- Canopy West
- Sweet Spot Cupcakes
- Tumbleweed Toys

Valley First Insurance

Retailer 11+ Staff Award

- Monte Creek Ranch Winery
- Kamloops Home Hardware Building Centre
- Kamloops Office Systems

Berwick on the Park

Service Provider 1- 10 Staff Award

- Mastermind Studios
- Someday Retrievers Dog Academy
- Thrive Business Strategies

Kamloops Lincoln

Service Provider 11+ Award

- Abbott Wealth Management
- Señor Froggy Restaurant
- TasteFull Excursions

BCLC

Technology Innovator Award

- Axis Forestry Inc.
- ICI Electrical Engineering Ltd.
- Katapult Technology

TRU Faculty of Adventure, Culinary Arts &

Tourism and Tourism Kamloops

Tourism & Hospitality Award

- DiVine Tours
- Monte Creek Ranch Winery
- Tobiano Golf Course



FIT Financial

Development of the Year

- BIG Little Science Centre Society
- Nexbuild Construction Corporation
- TRU Community Trust & Thompson Rivers University

Coast Kamloops Hotel & Conference Centre

Employer of the Year

- ICI Electrical Engineering Ltd.
- Petland Kamloops
- Scott's Inn & Restaurant

United Way

Not-For-Profit of the Year

- BIG Little Science Centre Society
- Kamloops Food Bank
- The Kamloops & District Society for People in Motion

TRU School of Business and Economics

Young Entrepreneur of the Year

- Greg Klohn | GK Sound
- Rozalind Panasuk | Rozalind Photography
- Ryan Scorgie | Forward Law LLP

Venture Kamloops

Small Business of the Year

- Best Version Media
- Fiddleheads Violin Studio
- Lizzie Bits Baby Co.
- SilverServers Inc.

Excel Personnel

Business Person of the Year

- Al Patel | Scott's Inn & Restaurant
- Colin Lyons | Lyons Landscaping
- Frank D'Amore | River City Rock Products Ltd.
- Peter Cameron-Inglis | Mastermind Studios
- Terri Axani | DiVine Tours

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