

FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Finalists announced for Shelburne County Community and Business Excellence Awards

Shelburne, N.S.- The finalists for the Shelburne County Community and Business Excellence Awards have been chosen.

Five awards are being presented this year for Excellence in Community Development, Hospitality, Innovation in Business, Exporter of the Year and Business of the Year. Three finalists have been selected in each of the categories.

“We had 49 nominations in five categories that came from throughout Shelburne County,” said Dixie Redmond, Executive Director of the Community Business Development Corporation-Shelburne (CBDC), one of the sponsors for the awards. “We were very pleased to see the response from the public this year,” said Redmond. “It was great to see the level of interest from the community. All of the nominations we received were excellent candidates. It was hard to choose only three finalists. Everyone is a winner and we thank you for your valuable contributions to our communities”

The finalists for the Excellence in Community Development Award in alphabetical order are: the Black Loyalist Heritage Society, Birchtown, the Hillcrest Academy Community Playground Society, Shelburne, and the Rosalin Nickerson Care Fund Society, Barrington Passage.

For the Hospitality Award the finalists are (in alphabetical order): Mama’s by the Sea, Clark’s Harbour, Sandy Point Lighthouse and Community Centre Recreation Group, Sandy Point, and Shelburne Harbour Boat Tours, Shelburne.

The three finalists for the Innovation in Business Award are Allendale Technologies Ltd., Lockeport, Cooke’s Aquaculture Inc., Shelburne, and Kenney & Ross Ltd., Port Saxon.

For the Exporter of the Year Award, the finalists are: I. Deveau Fisheries Ltd., North East Point, Sea Star Seafoods Ltd., Clark’s Harbour and Ven-Rez Products, Sandy Point.

The three finalists for the Business of the Year Award are the Boxing Rock Brewing Company, Shelburne, Lou Acker Machining & Repairs Inc., Shelburne, and Wilsons Shopping Centre Ltd., Barrington Passage.

The award winners will be announced at a gala banquet on Thursday, October 20 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Clark’s Harbour starting at 6 p.m. Guest speaker for the banquet is Shelburne County’s own Neville MacKay, co-owner of My Mother’s Bloomers Floral & Gift Shop in Halifax. Affectionately known as “That Bloomin’ Neville”, MacKay is a highly talented retailer and master floral designer who is well known throughout the Canadian retail industry for his creative flare, quality workmanship and entertaining personality.

Tickets for the banquet are now available by contacting the CBDC in Shelburne by phone at 902-875-1133 or email: lori.zwicker@cbdc.ca A limited number are available.

“It is an honour to be supporting and promoting small businesses in Shelburne County,” said Redmond. “They are the backbone of our economy.”

The Shelburne County Business and Community Development Awards is also sponsored by the Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC), Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI), Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), Municipality of the District of Barrington, Municipality of the District of Shelburne, the Town of Shelburne and the Barrington and Shelburne chambers of commerce.

BACKGROUND

The Excellence in Community Development recognizes a community organization or social enterprise that has made significant and notable contributions to the community, has served as a catalyst for positive action, and exhibits the highest standards of leadership.

The Hospitality Award recognizes a business, community organization or social enterprise that has demonstrated leadership and innovation in the hospitality industry; has gone above and beyond to offer superior service and make visitors (and locals) feel like there's no better place to visit or live, and has made a significant contribution to the advancement of tourism and hospitality in the area.

The Innovation in Business Award recognizes a business or social enterprise that has demonstrated innovative leadership through the use of technology, the development of new or value added products or services; and/or improved productivity- resulting in a competitive advantage in the marketplace.

The Exporter of the Year Award recognizes a business that has demonstrated excellence in exporting, has experienced noticeable growth in their overall business as a direct result of entering the global marketplace, and has made a significant contribution to development and growth of the local economy. The winner of the Exporter of the Year Award will be recognized at the Nova Scotia Export Achievement Awards luncheon in Halifax in the Spring of 2017 where Nova Scotia companies, partners and industry professionals will come together to celebrate exporting success. During that event, one of the companies will be awarded the prestigious title of Nova Scotia Exporter of the Year.

The Business of the Year Award recognizes a business or social enterprise that has made significant and notable contributions to the community by providing meaningful employment, operational stability, vision, leadership and excellence in its sector.

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