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## 2014's Celebrate Success Business Awards Gala

2014's Celebrate Success Business Awards Gala was a highly successful, sold-out event! Over 80 nominations were received for the various categories. From these, the Judging Panel narrowed the field down to 44 finalists. The Judging Panel was also charged with the task of selecting the Small and Large Business of the Year.

Representing the judges, Nicole Campbell in her remarks, indicated that the the selection process was a very difficult one. The judges impressed by the nominated businesses.

In an effort to ensure fairness, any judge who felt he or she had an interest in a particular category indicated the conflict and voluntarily removed himself/herself from the discussion and voting in that category.

Completed Nominee Information Packages and fully answered questions assisted the judges in making their decisions. Photos, videos and other documentation such as testimonials were also helpful.

Nicole encouraged all the nominees and finalists to allow their names to stand again for future Award consideration.

Following the Judges' comments, the presentations of the Awards began. The Chamber thanks all who contributed to the success of the

Awards Gala. And a big thank you is extended to Carol Yaholnitsky and Laurie Fedorowich for serving as the evening's MCs. They were well prepared, entertaining and they kept the presentations moving along. Celebrate Success will be back in 2016.



*RH Electric accepts the Large Business of the Year Award sponsored by SaskPower from Greg Ottenbreit, Yorkton MLA.*



*Wagner's Flooring accepts the Small Business of the Year Award sponsored by SaskPower from Yorkton MLA, Greg Ottenbreit.*

## Congratulations!

- Congratulations to **WDM** on 65 years!
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*Nathan Grayston accepted a Community Merit Award sponsored by SaskTel & MySask 411 Direct West from Leanne Woodhouse, Director of Customer Service SaskTel*



*Mauricio Gomez-Barron on behalf of Tim Hortons accepts the Diversity Leadership Award sponsored by CIBC from Candace Tendler, Branch Manager.*



*Yorkton Sno-Riders accepted a Community Merit Award sponsored by SaskTel & MySask 411 Direct West from Leanne Woodhouse, Director of Customer Service SaskTel.*



*Kevin Lukey (Left), CEO Cornerstone Credit Union presents Rob Bear and Gale Pelletier, representing the Painted Hand Casino, with the Community Involvement Award.*



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Mayor Bob Maloney presents Doug Kitsch of Logan Stevens Construction with the Property Restoration Award sponsored by the City of Yorkton. The restoration of Hudson Square on the corner of Broadway Street and Second Avenue has given new life to an historic building.



Three business received the Award of Excellence sponsored by Collins Barrow PQ LLP

From left: Grant Dutchak, Larry Harris and Brad Schmidt, Penguin Refrigeration; Allan Bailey, Bailey's Funeral Home & Cremation Care; Laurie Renton, LR Futures Insurance & Investments; Crystal Bailey; and Rick Kozachenko, CEO Collins Barrow PQ LLP.



Terry Ortynsky (Left), Royal Auto Group accepts the Business Growth & Expansion Award sponsored by BMO Bank of Montreal from Craig Czikota.



Derrick Turcotte (Left), representing Fedorowich construction accepts the Work Family Balance Award sponsored by Canadian Western Bank from Kelly Price, Branch Manager.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- May 22 - 25**  
Yorkton Film Festival
- May 28**  
Chamber Business Lunch at the Gallagher Centre - Golden Opportunities Fund
- June 6**  
Yorkton Cardinals Baseball Home Opener
- June 7 & 8**  
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- June 22**  
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*Nevon Faucher, Sales Manager, Small Business (Far Right) presents the Customer Service Award sponsored by RBC Royal Bank to Maple Communications represented by Cam Mehling, Kelsea Arnold, Sara-lynn Sole and Kelsey Kaban.*



*Dustin Nehring and Taylor Lang accept the Young Entrepreneur Award sponsored by TD Canada Trust from Amie Zamonsky, Small Business Advisor, Yorkton Branch.*

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*Prior to delivering the Provincial Budget in March, Hon. Ken Krawetz, Minister of Finance indicated he would be wearing tight shoes on Budget Day as the budget itself was tight. When Mr. Krawetz spoke at a recent Chamber Business Lunch, the Yorkton Chamber presented him with a shoe horn! In his address to the Chamber, Mr. Krawetz indicated there would be no tax increases but the government will continue to invest in infrastructure and people.*



*Darci Lang's presentation at a recent Chamber Business Lunch was both provocative and humorous. She encouraged everyone to focus on the 90% that is good in their lives. Thanks to Good Spirit Air and Miccar Aerial for sponsoring Darci. You can find Darci on facebook and [www.darcilang.com](http://www.darcilang.com)*

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