

The VOICE of Business

Celebrate 2018

The 13th Celebrate Success Business Awards Gala was a fun, exciting and sold-out event! Over 105 nominations were received for the various categories. From these, the Judging Panel narrowed the field down to 47 finalists. The Judging Panel was also charged with the task of selecting the Small and Large Businesses of the Year.

As the Finalists arrived at the Gala, they were greeted by Director Mike Stackhouse who interviewed each Finalist for Access Communications. Chamber Directors Donna Brothwell and Dustin Brears served as the evening's MCs.

It was the intention of the Chamber to give Mayor Maloney and several Councillors the opportunity to relax and enjoy the evening. However, Mayor Maloney had just returned from Regina with some exciting news. He, on behalf of SUMA, witnessed the signing of an agreement between the Provincial and Federal governments which will see nearly \$9 million from the Federal government come to the province to help fund infrastructure projects! The Gala was an ideal opportunity to share that news.

Representing the judges, Cam Mehling, indicated the judges were impressed by the nominated businesses. He said that as there were so many deserving nominees, the selection process was a very difficult one.

Following the Judges' comments, the presentations of the Awards began! The Chamber thanks all who contributed to the success of the Awards Gala. Celebrate Success will be back in 2020.



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Collins Barrow was the Patron Sponsor of the Celebrate Awards. Representing Collins Barrow was Rick Kozachenko who presented the Small Business of the Year Award to SveinCo Developments. Wade Allin accepted the Award on behalf of Marty Sveinbjornson.



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Rick Kozachenko of Collins Barrow - Patron Sponsor, presented Farrell Agencies with the Large Business of the Year Award. Accepting were Marlene Hauser and Dave Farrell.



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Brad Klassen of TD Canada Trust presented the Young Entrepreneur Award to Bailey Popowich, Inner Cycle Spin Studio.

Congratulations!

- To **Christie's Funeral Home & Crematorium** on 125 years in business
- To **Good Earths Shop** on 40 years in business
- To **Crystal Clear Imprints** on 25 years in business
- To **Custom Printers** on 20 years in business
- To **Cornerstone Credit Union** on 15 years (following the amalgamation of Yorkton Credit Union with several other credit unions)
- To **TA Foods** on being named by the Canadian Business Magazine to its 2018 Top 500 Fastest Growing Companies
- To Chamber Staff: **Sherry MacDonald**, Director of Marketing & Administration on being recognized by the Chambers of Commerce Executives of Canada (CEEC) on attaining her Accredited Chamber Executive Level 1; and to **Juanita Polegi**, Executive Director on attaining her ACE Level 2.



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The Community Merit Awards, sponsored by SaskTel, were presented by the Hon. Greg Ottenbreit to the Kinsmen Club of Yorkton; the Yorkton Co-op's Pumpkin Walk; and The Health Foundation's Rhythm & Ribs.



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Community Merit - Kinsmen Club*



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Doug Jones, on behalf of Cornerstone Credit Union, presented the Community Involvement Award to Randy Hrywkiw and Colin Hrywkiw of RH Electric.*



*Courtesy of Timecatchers Photography
Community Merit - Pumpkin Walk*



*Courtesy of Timecatchers Photography
Community Merit - Rhythm & Ribs*



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Taylor Lang & Dustin Nehring of NL Construction accepted the Business Growth & Expansion Award from Chris Onumajuru, BMO Bank of Montreal.*



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Debbie Jones and her staff from The Plum Tree accepted the Customer Service Award presented by Jessica Gerrits, RBC Royal Bank.



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Mayor Bob Maloney, on behalf of the City of Yorkton presented the Property Restoration Award to Ray Sharp and Nadine Jennett for Rayzr's Cellar.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

October 31 - NOON

Nominations close for Chamber Directors

November 7 - 10

Harvest Showdown

November 8

Honourary Life Member Lunch at St. Gerard's Parish Hall

November 21

Business Succession Information Seminar, St. Mary's Cultural Centre 5:30 - Cocktails; 6:00 - Supper; 6:45 - Key Note Speakers. Sponsored by Community Futures Ventures and the Chamber

Employment Standards Division of the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety will host a series of free webinars for Saskatchewan employers, employees and organizations. Each webinar begins at 1:30 PM and will take approximately 45 minutes to an hour, including time at the end of each session for questions.

For more information contact the LRWS Webinar Team (LRWSWebinarTeam@gov.sk.ca) or visit saskatchewan.ca/business/employment-standards

Oct. 17 - Overview of Employment Standards

Oct. 31 - Setting up Modified Work Arrangements

Nov. 7 - Applying for an Averaging of Hours Permit



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Joseph Orzynsky, on behalf of Key Auto Group, presented the New Business Venture Award to Taylor Schenher and Jordan Lutz of Three Way Industries.



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Brent Brown & Clorice Kuzek accepted the Safety Award on behalf of Harvest Meats from Gord Dobrowolsky, Chairperson of WorkSafe Saskatchewan.



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Doug Kitsch & Danielle Mills of Logan Stevens Construction were presented with the Marketing Award by Candace Tendler, CIBC.



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Arlan Maddaford, Collins Barrow accepted the Education & Training Award from Dwayne Reeve of the Parkland College.



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Award of Excellence

The Award of Excellence is designed to recognize pioneer and cornerstone business leaders who have demonstrated excellence over time and whose businesses have contributed to the economic well being of Yorkton and immediate area. The businesses must have been in continuous operation for at least 15 years (but are not required to be currently operating to be eligible). An individual who has owned and operated several businesses over a minimum of 15 consecutive years is also eligible.

Yorkton Credit Union began in 1943 and then with the amalgamation of a number of Credit Unions, the **Cornerstone Credit Union** was formed in 2003. **Miccar Aerial** was formed in 1996 and **TA Foods** was founded in 2003.



Courtesy of Timecatchers Photography
Accepting the Award of Excellence for Miccar Aerial from Taylor Stark, Canadian Western Bank, were Carol & Mike Yaholnitsky and Ian Yaholnitsky.



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Taylor Stark, Canadian Western Bank presented the Award of Excellence to Doug Jones, General Manager of Cornerstone Credit Union.



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Terry Popowich and Mike Popowich accepted the Award of Excellence for TA Foods from Taylor Stark, Canadian Western Bank.

Committee Post Awards



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Once the guests left for home, some of the Directors and staff took a break for a quick photo before resuming their clean up tasks. Back Row L to R: Bob Knox; Dustin Brears; Neil Weber; Mike Stackhouse; and Mike Popowich.

Front Row L to R: Habibat Kasim; Carol Yaholnitsky; Sherry MacDonald; Juanita Polegi; and Donna Brothwell.

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