



Fredericton Chamber of Commerce Announces Nominees for 2017 Business Excellence Awards

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FREDERICTON, NB – The Fredericton Chamber of Commerce has announced the finalists for its 2017 Business Excellence Awards.

Each year, the awards selection committee is chaired by the chamber's immediate past president and includes members from the local business community as well as other stakeholders. The 2017 chair is Paul Simmonds of Robert Simmonds Clothing.

“Over the past year there have been many challenges for businesses not only in the Fredericton Region, but across the country” said Simmonds. “But it is important to recognize that there are great things happening within Fredericton’s business community and we look forward to celebrate these passionate entrepreneurs and local businesses every year.”

In addition to the finalists in the seven categories below, the awards selection committee has chosen Platinum Salon & Spa as the 2017 recipient of the Spacek, Armstrong and Norrad Chartered Professional Accountants Resilience Award. This award recognizes a business that has overcome a major challenge that was not exclusively financial in nature.

“Platinum Salon & Spa is a wonderful story of businesses and entrepreneurs working together to collectively make a difficult situation work,” said Krista Ross, Fredericton chamber CEO. “Entrepreneurs are fiercely independent, so the idea that three separate owners could come together to make a single, larger business is truly remarkable.”

The recipients will be announced at an awards ceremony on 20 October 2017 at the Delta Fredericton by Marriott.

Finalists for the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce 2017 Business Excellence Awards are:

Credit Unions Small Business Award

BrunNet
Kiers Marketing
Platinum Salon & Spa

Enbridge Medium Business Award

Clowater's Plumbing and Heating
Holiday Inn Express & Suites
Measurand Inc.



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UPS Large Business Award

Amec Foster Wheeler
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Jim Gilbert's Wheels & Deals Not-For-Profit Organization Award

Canadian Mental Health Association of New Brunswick
Junior Achievement New Brunswick
Fredericton Homeless Shelters Inc.

Elliott McCrea Hill Community Involvement Award

Ginger Design
McInnes Cooper
Office Interiors

Wilson Insurance Start-up Award

Chess Piece Pâtisserie & Cafe
Loft1 Inc.
The Black Arcs

Opportunities NB / Opportunités NB Business Person of the Year Award

Allan Menzies - AR Menzies & Sons Ltd.
Beth Crowell - Mayday Group

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The Fredericton Chamber of Commerce, a nationally accredited organization with nearly 1,000 members, is an active business organization engaged in policy development and advocacy that affects the competitiveness of our members and the Canadian business environment. The Chamber's vision is '*Community Prosperity Through Business*'.

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