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Squamish Celebrates at the 2019 Squamish Business Excellence Awards, *presented by TELUS*

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Squamish, B.C. – The annual Squamish Chamber’s Business Excellence Awards, presented by **TELUS**, is back for another year to recognize and honour the best in business!

The Squamish Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the shortlist of finalists for the 2019 Squamish Business Excellence Awards (BEAs), presented by TELUS. Winners will be announced at the Awards Gala held on May 16 at Quest University Canada. Nearly 200 nominations were received, reflecting a strong and prosperous business community, full of talent, creativity and innovation.

Service Excellence, Large Business

presented by TELUS

- Squamish Terminals
- Westcoast Outbuildings
- Ground Up Climbing Gym
- Combustion Solutions
- Backcountry Brewing

Service Excellence, Small Business

presented by Blue Shore Financial

- Healthy Hearts, Healthy Minds
- Advanced Heavy-Duty Truck Repair
- Tantalus Doors
- Squamish Connector
- Counterpart Coffee
- Sea to Sky Air

Arts & Culture

presented by Britannia Mine Museum

- Cydney Lyons
- Squamish Arts Council
- Dancing Bear Festival
- Brian Marchant
- InBiz and Art House
- Kandice Keith

Project of the Year

presented by Mountain FM

- Amped in the Park
- Loggers Sports Festival
- Squamish 50
- Kite Clash
- Santa Clause Parade
- 100 Women Who Care

Non-Profit of the Year

presented by Race and Company

- Sea to Sky Community Services
- Squamish Hospice
- Squamish Hospital Foundation
- Pearl’s Value & Vintage / Howe Sound Women’s Centre
- Royal Canadian Marine Search & Rescue
- Aligned Collective

Bill Manson Citizen of the Year

presented by The Sea to Sky Gondola

- Amy Fast
- Susan Chapelle
- Jacquelin McNicol
- Catherine Trueman
- Christine McLeod
- Eric Andersen

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Innovation

presented by RE/MAX Sea to Sky Real Estate

- Combustion Solutions
- Carbon Engineering
- Quantum Technology
- Westcoast Outbuildings
- Xoxo West Coast Chocolate
- Aligned Collective

Green Business of the Year

presented by GFL Environmental

- Carbon Engineering
- Factor Building Panels
- Squamish Farmers' Market
- Little Mod Clothing

Business Person of the Year

presented by The Squamish Chief

- Sean Daly, Nesters Market Squamish
- Vanessa Doak, Healthy Hearts, Healthy Minds
- Shannon Lorenz, Garibaldi Events
- Carlo Galvani, Sea to Sky Air
- Matt Fraser, Airhouse
- Chris Polley, Daintree Industries

Young Entrepreneur of the Year

presented by Socially Robyn & Co and Business Nate

- Erin Stansa and Ami Massey, Mountain Squeeze
- Lindsay McGhee, Lindsay McGhee Designs
- Paula de Jong, SquamishAdventure.com
- Lauren Watson, Ground Up Climbing Gym
- Tyler Ovington, LTO Developments
- Jeff Andersen, Sea to Sky Signs
- Erik Hansen, Good to Good Tirecraft
- Chris Polley, Daintree Industries

“We are always impressed by the calibre of nominations received for the Business Excellence Awards. Congratulations to all the nominees and the shortlist of finalists. To be recognized is a huge honour.” said Louise Walker, Executive Director. “Squamish was recently recognised by the Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses of as on the top ten entrepreneurial towns in Canada, and it’s no surprise that Squamish stands out” added Walker.

ABOUT THE AWARDS GALA

On May 16th 2019, with jaw-dropping views of the Tantalus mountain range from Quest University Canada, the Squamish Chamber of Commerce looks forward to toasting the success of our community. 2019 is already an exciting year for the Squamish Chamber. We’ve unveiled new opportunities and training to support local businesses, including the Squamish Excellence Program (a partnership with the District of Squamish and Tourism Squamish). The Squamish Chamber has also launched the Squamish Chamber Youth program, and at this year’s BEA’s there is a new Rising Star Award, presented by Woodfibre LNG, to recognize the young movers and shakers from 12-25 years of age!

The annual Squamish Business Excellence Awards has been a long-standing tradition of the Squamish Chamber. The evening kicks off with a champagne reception with delicious canapes, presented by Scully Insurance. There will be displays from local organizations, and wine tasting from Township Seven winery.

A carefully planned and locally sourced dinner menu has been curated for our guests, followed by the 2019 Squamish Business Excellence Awards ceremony, hosted by the talented, music aficionado, Tamara Stanners, from the Squamish Constellation Music Festival. After announcing and celebrating the winners of 11 different categories, we will break out the music with DJ Kwest, open up the Après desert table



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and more for the Awards After Party, presented by Woodfibre LNG. A curtesy shuttle service (by donation) will be provided by Squamish Connector to and from the event venue.

The Squamish Chamber would like to thank our title sponsor **TELUS** and all the amazing event sponsors and partners who make this event possible year after year. We could not make this event possible without the support of the business community.

Last but not least, huge thanks to everyone who will be joining us in celebration. Tickets are selling fast this year and we are already 70% sold. Please be sure to grab yours today so you don't miss out. To buy tickets and to learn more about the Squamish Business Excellence Awards, please visit:

www.squamishchamber.com/squamish-business-excellence-awards



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About the Squamish Chamber of Commerce

The Squamish Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in the Squamish community by actively supporting business, economic growth and diversification. The Chamber takes a leadership role in advocating for the interest of Squamish business and provides member services such as networking and educational events, policy positions and partnerships with other organisations.

More information about the organization, events and initiatives can be found on the Chamber's website at www.squamishchamber.com

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