

## 2020 Squamish Business Excellence Awards

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Each year, the Squamish Chamber celebrates Squamish's top businesses and leaders. 2020 has shown us the resilience of our businesses, the perseverance of our leaders and the strength of our community. This year, we will celebrate a little differently so that we can recognize those who have gone above and beyond during these challenging times.

Sadly, there will be no gala this year. Like you, we've had to adapt, but we will still have a great online event to celebrate our heroes and the Squamish community.

Please join us on **December 3rd** to support our local businesses.

Nominating is easy, but please read the process below or your nominee may not be eligible to be shortlisted.

### **Nomination / Voting Process:**

- Nominations are open until October 24, 2020. Anyone can nominate.
- A shortlist of nominees will be created by a panel. The shortlist will be determined using the information you provide, so please don't skip on your reasons for making the nomination.
- An online vote will be held with Squamish Chamber members.
- Winners will be selected using 50% business vote and 50% panel vote.

### **Eligibility**

All nominations must meet the following criteria:

- Businesses must have a valid business license (where required)
- Businesses must be Squamish Chamber members in good standing
- Individuals can be past, current or future Squamish Chamber members
- Located in the Squamish and Howe Sound region
- Satisfy the award criteria (e.g. Youth Award eligibility, under 35)
- Provide permission to use their profile/company profile/photo/logo before, during and after the event

## 2020 Award Categories

The ***Community Collaboration Award (presented by BlueShore Financial)*** recognizes organizations/businesses who have shown exemplary collaborative response to the COVID-19 pandemic by working together with partners or pivoting their operations to ensure the success of the Squamish community.

The ***Bill Manson Citizen of the Year Award (presented by Race & Co LLP)*** recognizes a local citizen or business leader who is committed to enriching the quality of life in Squamish. They are community building citizens who've had a major impact on the Squamish community. They have shown a great amount of courage, compassion and strength through the pandemic and continuously give back by supporting community initiatives and projects.

The ***Youth Champion\* (presented by Woodfibre LNG)*** recognizes an individual, business or non profit that has risen to the challenge during COVID-19. This could be a young business person who has demonstrated a high level of entrepreneurship spirit, a young leader who goes above and beyond and is doing great things in our community, or an organization that is giving back through initiatives and projects that support our incredible youth community.

*\* Individuals should be under 35.*

The ***Innovation & Resilience Award (presented by GFL)*** recognizes a local business that has demonstrated strength and resiliency during COVID-1. This business has created a new service, product or idea in order to survive during COVID19.

The ***2020 Business of the Year Award (presented by Nesters Market)*** recognizes a business that continues to step up and demonstrate outstanding strength and support for their team, their customers and our community through these challenging times. This award recognizes the continuous contributions made to the Squamish community through innovative business practices, exemplary leadership, service excellence / quality products and a commitment to their team.