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Squamish Celebrates at the 2020 Squamish Business Excellence Awards, *presented RE/Max Sea to Sky*



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Squamish, B.C. – The annual Squamish Chamber’s Business Excellence Awards presented by RE/Max Sea to Sky, 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 2020 Squamish Business Excellence Awards (BEAs). Winners will be announced at the Awards Event held online on December 10th. Nearly 200 nominations were received, reflecting a strong and resilient business community, full of talent, creativity and innovation.

2020 has shown us the grit and 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.

The Squamish Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the shortlist of finalists for the 2020 Squamish Business Excellence Awards as follows:

Innovation & Resilience

presented by GFL

- Happiness
- Alice & Brohm
- A-FRAME Brewing Company

Bill Manson Citizen of the Year

presented by Race & Co LLP

- Christine (Tlatlakwot) Baker
- Dave Sweeney
- Christina Rupp
- Dorte and Thor Froslev

2020 Business of the Year Award

presented by Nesters Market

- Sea to Sky Gondola
- Silverback Treeworks
- Sky High Cannabis

Community Collaboration

presented by BlueShore Financial

- Under One Roof, Squamish Helping Hands
- Sunny Chibas Mexican Cantina
- Sushi Goemon

Youth Champion

presented by WoodFibre LNG

- Christopher Cook
- Sara Constantin, Squamish Dance Centre
- Healthy Hearts, Healthy Minds

“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. *“Taking time to recognize the leaders within our community is vital to its continued growth and sustainability, having seen such tenacity and staying power through these challenging times”* added Walker.

About The Awards Event

On December 10th 2020, we're inviting you to indulge in a stay-at-home gala and join the Squamish Chamber of Commerce in toasting the success of our resilient community. 2020 has shown us the grit and 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.

We've unveiled new nomination categories to provide hard-earned recognition for the ever-changing conditions that our members have strived to respond to, in service of our local community. We're championing responsiveness with our Community Collaboration Award which recognizes organizations that have shown exemplary collaborative response to the COVID-19 pandemic by working together with partners and adapting their operations to be of service to the Squamish community.

Similarly, to our former Rising Star Award, we have introduced the Youth Champion Award to acknowledge an individual that 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.

Recognizing a local business that has demonstrated strength throughout the year, we felt it fitting to introduce identify resilience into our former Innovation & Resilience Award. A business that has created a new service, product or idea in order to survive during COVID19 will take home the Innovation & Resilience Award.

The Business Excellence Awards has been a long-standing annual event of the Squamish Chamber and in the spirit of tradition we will continue to celebrate a local citizen and business that are committed to enriching the quality of life in Squamish via our Bill Manson Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year Award.

On December 10th Chamber members and the wider community are invited to celebrate the nominees' and winners' accomplishments. The Squamish Chamber would like to thank our title sponsor RE/Max Sea to Sky 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. Taking time to recognize our valuable professionals within our community is vital to its continued growth and sustainability. To register for tickets and to learn more about the Squamish Business Excellence Awards, please visit: www.squamishchamber.com/squamish-business-excellence-awards



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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