

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 announces the winners recognized and honoured for being the best in business!

The Squamish Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the winners of the 2020 Squamish Business Excellence Awards (BEAs). The Awards Event premiered online on December 10th, with community members joining our business members and advocates for the first time as a result of our online streaming.

The Squamish Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the overall winners of the 2020 Squamish Business Excellence Awards:

Innovation & Resilience

presented by GFL

- Alice & Brohm

Bill Manson Citizen of the Year

presented by Race & Co LLP

- Christine (Tlatlakwot) Baker

2020 Business of the Year Award

presented by Nesters Market

- Sea to Sky Gondola

Community Collaboration

presented by BlueShore Financial

- Under One Roof, Squamish Helping Hands

Youth Champion

presented by WoodFibre LNG

- Sara Constantin, Squamish Dance Centre

About The 2020 Awards Winners

This year's premiere online show allowed a limitless guest list of attendees to join nominees from their living rooms, patios and makeshift dance party dens amid the coronavirus pandemic and social distancing guidelines.

With the continuing pandemic, the chamber has opted to highlight and celebrate excellence in new areas, giving us the opportunity to present awards in varying categories that capture our expansive efforts through 2020.

We championed responsiveness with our Community Collaboration Award which recognized that Under One Roof has shown exemplary collaborative response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The staff of this enterprise, in conjunction with Squamish Helping Hands, worked together with partners and adapted their operations to be of service to the Squamish community.

Our revamped Youth Champion Award was presented to Sara Constantin of Squamish Dance Centre. Her nominations and votes received acknowledged a demonstration of inclusive and entrepreneurship spirit. She has shone as a young leader that has gone above and beyond and is giving back through initiatives and projects that support our incredible youth community.

Alice and Brohm were recognized for having demonstrated strength throughout the year, and their award acceptance footage identified their strengths that led to claiming the Innovation & Resilience Award.

Not wanting to break tradition, the Business Excellence Awards will always continue to celebrate a local citizen that is committed to enriching the quality of life in Squamish via our Bill Manson Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year Award. Award winner Christine (Tlatlakwot) Baker has been working hard to help the Squamish Nation through the pandemic. She has continued to bring compassion, understanding, and learning through some of the challenging work of reconciliation.

Topping off our ceremony we share the recipient of the 2020 Business of the Year award! What a year it has been for the winner of this category; the Sea to Sky Gondola. Despite the challenges, the team has shown unbelievable resilience throughout 2020. Exemplary leadership and commitment to the team is evident, along with a demonstrated commitment to the Squamish community.

Acknowledgments

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 joined us for the Premier screening! Taking time to recognize our valuable professionals within our community is vital to its continued growth and sustainability.

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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