

## Squamish Celebrates at the 2021 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 honored for being the best in business!

On December 2nd, the Squamish Chamber of Commerce recognized and celebrated the successes of local entrepreneurs and leaders at Squamish Valley Golf & Country Club. Whilst attendance was limited and masks are now also a formal attire accessory, the evening was full of celebration, champagne, fabulous food and an evening of live music.

With the continuing pandemic, the chamber opted present awards in varying categories that capture our expansive efforts through 2021. The Nook Refillery Store secured the Green Business Award, a newly founded store, born of out the desire to live a more conscious and sustainable lifestyle.

Mike Van Capelle of Blue Water Concepts was championed Young Entrepreneur, demonstrating strong leadership skills growing a team of 22 in just five years, whilst also contributing to the community through donations of time and resources . 99 North Cannabis were recognized for having demonstrated strength throughout the year, and their nominations identified their accolades that led to claiming the Innovation & Resilience Award.

Not wanting to break tradition, the Business Excellence Awards will always continue to celebrate Small and Large businesses committed to Service Excellence. Exemplary leadership and commitment to their team has been awarded at both Pearls Value and Vintage and Skwáwlen Botanicals, along with a demonstrated commitment to the Squamish community.

## The 2021 Awards Winners

The Squamish Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the overall winners of the 2021 Squamish Business Excellence Awards:

**Service Excellence, Large Business,**  
presented by Nesters Market Squamish  
**Pearls Value & Vintage**

**Service Excellence, Small Business,**  
presented by Blueshore Financial  
**Sḵwálwen Botanicals**

**Innovation & Resilience,**  
presented by Race & Co LLP  
**99 North Cannabis Store**

**Young Entrepreneur of the Year,**  
presented by Woodfibre LNG  
**Mike Van Capelle, Blue Water Concepts**

**Green Business of the Year,** presented by GFL  
**The Nook Refillery**

## The 2021 Awards Finalists

*Skin Focus Regenerative Medicine*

*Dominoes Pizza Squamish*

*JR Transport*

*Ground UP Climbing Centre*

*STARK Architecture*

*HillTop MTB*

*Treeline Collective*

*Sea to Sky Air*

*Gabriel Ritsema, Grounded Grocer*

*Dan Libman, Dialed in Cycling*

## Acknowledgments

The Squamish Chamber would like to thank our Title Sponsor RE/Max Sea to Sky and our amazing award sponsors who made this event possible. Thank you to LandSea Camps for hosting the Champagne reception and to Tourism Squamish and Downtown Squamish BIA for providing gifts for all our finalists and winners. Our four-course meal was made sweeter courtesy of Fortis BC, our dessert sponsor, and added thanks to Whimsy Daisy Designs for providing table décor for our event. And finally, to Sea to Sky Gondola for ensuring Cat Madden from Squamish Soiree serenaded us with a brilliant acoustic performance to end the evening.

## 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.

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