



SAINT JOHN REGION

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Finalists named for The Chamber's 30th Annual Outstanding Business Awards

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SAINT JOHN, NB The Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce today announced the finalists for the Outstanding Business Awards (OBA's) to be held at the Delta Brunswick Hotel on Wednesday, October 8th. The annual awards gala honours the Saint John region's top businesses in seven categories: Business Excellence, Entrepreneurial Achievement, Emerging Enterprise, Young Entrepreneur, Big Heart, Chair's Award and the Passion for Change award. Now in its 30th year, The Chamber's Outstanding Business Awards is one of the longest-standing and best recognized business excellence awards in Atlantic Canada. Past recipients can be viewed [here](#).

This year's finalists in the Business Excellence category are: **Base Engineering Inc., Bayview Credit Union and Shannex Parkland in the Valley**. The winner will be chosen from the finalists based on performance or achievement in each of the following areas: sales growth; innovation; entrepreneurship; marketing; human resource development; community relations and the environment; and other achievements.

In the category of Entrepreneurial Achievement this year's finalists are: **Digital Products Limited, Mitchell McConnell Insurance and Revolution Strategy**. This award is given to a company or individual based on performance and achievement in starting, substantially changing, or taking over an independent business venture.

The nominees for the Emerging Enterprise award are: **Bonfire Communications Inc., Ground Zero Entertainment Inc. and Peddlers Creek BBQ Steakhouse/Barrel's Head Gastropub & Winebar**. This award category, added on the recommendation of members of previous judging panels, will be open to new enterprises that are beginning to make their mark.

"The OBA's serve as a great opportunity to honour some of our region's most dynamic businesses. The collaboration of the regional chamber allows us to preserve the legacy of each organization, which will add their individual impact into the tradition of the OBA's. The new regional organization served as a boost for the OBA's as we saw a record number of businesses nominated. All of the finalists for the 30th annual gala are tremendous contributors to the Saint John region's business community," stated David Duplisea CEO of The Chamber.

The Chamber will also continue the OBA's "Passion for Change" award, which will be presented for the 2nd year by CBC. The "Passion for Change" Award exemplifies a person or persons that has decided to take their own destiny in to their hands and develop a business that both fulfills their business passion, and takes the steps needed to create meaningful employment for themselves and their families.

Recipients of the Chair's Award, Young Entrepreneur and The Big Heart Award will all be announced on September 10th. For additional information or to purchase tickets to the Outstanding Business Awards please call The Chamber at (506) 634-8111.

The Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce is a nationally accredited business organization dedicated to fostering an economic climate that enhances growth, prosperity, and an improved quality of life in the community. With more than 1,000 member businesses, representing the interests of 37,000 people, The Chamber is a dynamic advocate and the principal voice for the business community of Greater Saint John. It offers a variety of programs, activities, services, and networking opportunities designed to enhance the business prospects of members and the overall business climate of the area.

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