

Chamber announces outstanding business award winners

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The Chamber has announced the winners for three Outstanding Business Awards. The ceremony was held this week at the Saint John Trade & Convention Centre. Now in its 32nd year, The Chamber's Outstanding Business Awards is one of the longest-standing business excellence awards in Atlantic Canada.

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SAINT JOHN • A local trucking company, a downsizing service, a human performance centre and a landscaping business are the winners of this year's Outstanding Business Awards, The Chamber announced on Friday.

Black's Transfer Ltd has been recognized with the business excellence award while Downsizing Diva Saint John won the 2016 emerging enterprise award. Human Performance Centre and Taylor's

Landscaping are co-winners of the 2016 entrepreneurial achievement award.

Black's Transfer Ltd was established in 1964 by David Black. It's a family business with daughter Heather Black in administration and daughter Dale Black-Devost in operations. It employs 16 full-time drivers plus part-time drivers, a full-time mechanic and five staff members, the Chamber said in a press release.

Downsizing Diva began operation in Saint John in August 2014. Judy Mitchell and Terry Moore, co-owners, began offering services to seniors when they recognized a gap in the market and developed a creative solution to service the local community. Downsizing Diva provides various services to seniors from move management, preparing the house for sale, organizing and cleaning, photo preservation and senior concierge services.

Human Performance Centre was established in 2001. It was Earle Burrows' dream to own and operate his own physiotherapy clinic. Today, the clinic includes four physiotherapists – including Burrows – two massage therapists, two kinesiologists and six main support staff. They offer services in massage therapy, nutrition consulting, ergonomics consulting and personal training. Taylor Landscaping was established in 1999 after Joe Taylor started mowing lawns during the summer months while attending university. Today, Taylor Landscaping employs more than 16 employees. His business has also expanded to provide snow management, lawn care services, full landscaping design and construction.

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Previously announced winners include: the chair's award – Bird Construction, the big heart award – PRO Kids, the young entrepreneur of the year award – Kate Thompson-Lordons, and the passion for change award – ConnexionWorks.

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