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**34<sup>th</sup> Annual Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce & Total Restoration Services Business Excellence Awards Nominees Announced**

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Penticton, BC – Nominees for the 2021 Starry Nights Business Excellence Awards were released today by the Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce and Total Restoration Services.

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Excellence Awards has recognized businesses, organizations and individuals in Penticton and area that have achieved excellence in the community through their own abilities, efforts and initiatives since 1987.

"We at the Chamber recognize all the hard work that our local businesses put into their organizations everyday. Their tireless effort is what makes Penticton the best place to live in all of Canada! The Chamber's annual Business Excellence Awards is our way to show appreciation to the business community and to applaud those nominated. Congratulations to all our nominations and a big thank you for your service to our community." said Jonathan (Tug) McGraw, Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce President.

The independent selection committee comprised of ten business professionals and community leaders will now be tasked with reviewing each nominee's written submission to determine the finalists in each award category. The selection process is in depth, and clearly defined for all the awards, only 30 nominees advance to the finalist stage, finalists will be announced Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Penticton Chamber received 120 nominations in 10 award categories, recognizing 89 unique businesses.

"Once again, Total Restoration Services is thrilled to be able to celebrate and support our business community who have adapted and pivoted, again and again throughout the pandemic," said Tracy Van Raes, Manager of Marketing and Community Relations at Total Restoration Services. "On behalf of all of us at Total Restoration, we congratulate the nominees on being recognized."

**34<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Excellence Awards Nominees** (Note: not all nominees are eligible for the categories for which they were nominated for)

**Adaptation & Resilience Excellence – sponsored by Downtown Penticton Association**

BRODO Kitchen

Hoodoo Adventure Co

Lisa Borba Hair Studio

Modern PURAIR

Okanagan Lakefront Resort

Red Dragon Consulting

South Okanagan Immigrant and Community Services (SOICS)

South Okanagan Women in Need Society (SOWINS)

The Hamlets at Penticton

**Business Leader of the Year – sponsored by TD Canada Trust**

Lee Agur

Bad Tattoo Brewing Co

Paul Ash

Neighbourhood Auto Body Ltd

Cherry Fernandez

South Okanagan Immigrant and Community Services (SOICS)

Neil MacDonald

Sun Life Financial - Financial Dream Solutions Inc

Lee & Kevin Smith

Kettle Valley Memorial

Pieter Smits

Farm Gate Winery

**Business of the Year – sponsored by Community Futures Okanagan Similkameen**

Guerard's Fine Furniture

Maison Mulnati

Slimline Manufacturing

Summerland Seniors Village - Retirement Concepts

Sun Life Financial - Financial Dream Solutions Inc

The Nest

Total Restoration Services Inc

**Community Support Excellence – sponsored by Penticton Western News**

Barry Beecroft Fuel Distributors Ltd

Graphically Hip

Ideal Energy Solutions Ltd

Nautical Dog Café

Parker's Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ltd

Total Restoration Services Inc

**Hospitality Excellence - sponsored by Travel Penticton**

Buy the Sea Seafoods  
Eskala Mountain Sports  
Jeffer's Fryzz  
Lachi Fine Indian Cuisine  
Skaha Rock Adventures Ltd  
Slackwater Brewing  
The Book Shop  
The Nest

**New Business Award – sponsored by Valley First, a division of First West Credit Union**

Below the Ankle  
BigCat Contracting  
Blackwell Construction  
FitFlex Training  
Just Bin Cleaned  
Loki's Garage  
Long-Haggerty Chartered Professional Accountant  
Meeples and Milkshakes Board Game Café  
Robins Plumbing and Drain Cleaning  
Simply Keto Inc  
VLS Developments  
Wild Ginger Asian Cuisine

**Not for Profit – sponsored by Omland Heal Chartered Professional Accountants,**

Fraternal Order of Eagles  
Ha Ha Ha Kidzfest  
Keep the Cold Off Penticton Foundation  
Okanagan Similkameen Neurological Society (OSNS) Child & Youth Development Centre  
OneSky Community Resources  
Ooknakane Friendship Centre  
Penticton Art Gallery  
South Okanagan Similkameen Brain Injury Society  
South Okanagan Similkameen Volunteer Centre  
YMCA of Okanagan

**Service Excellence – sponsored by Greyback Construction**

BigCat Contracting  
Carls Flower Co  
Community Futures Okanagan Similkameen  
Fountain Tire Ltd  
Grizzly Springs Water Co Ltd  
Guerard's Fine Furniture  
Lachi Fine Indian Cuisine  
Lasting Impressions by Amelia  
LockWorks Inc.  
Messiers Concrete & Landscaping  
Penticton Meals on Wheels  
Polish Bistro  
South Okanagan Immigrant and Community Services (SOICS)  
The Nest  
The Restaurant at Poplar Grove  
Tin Whistle Brewing Co

**Workplace Culture Excellence – sponsored by SOICS**

CoWork Penticton  
Ginza Sushi & Poke  
Michael Hill Jeweler Ltd  
Nautical Dog Café  
The UPS Store  
Tim Hortons

**Young Professional of the Year – sponsored by JCI Penticton & Graphically Hip**

Cameron Betts	Betts Electric Ltd
Cassandra Ford	Grizzly Springs Water Co Ltd
Sterling-Rae King	Okanagan Nation Alliance
Rob Ratcliffe	The Restaurant at Poplar Grove
Nicolette Rodriguez	YMCA of Okanagan
Hollie Tayal	Modern PURAIR
Sarah Tucker	Graphically Hip
Jamela Van Steinburg	VLS Developments
Lindy Warnock	Nomad Penticton

Award winners in the 34<sup>th</sup> annual event, presented by Penticton Chamber of Commerce and Total Restoration Services will be announced Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Starry Nights Business Excellence Celebration of Success. As our community slowly re-opens and recovers from the effects of the pandemic, the Chamber is closely following the BC Restart Plan and will announce the details of this year's celebration on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

" I am proud to share that we truly do seek to recognize the best of the best and the prime goal that we instill in the process is to be fair-minded and sincere when it comes to identifying businesses for the great work they do and their importance to the community. So to all of the businesses that have been nominated, give yourselves a well-deserved pat on the back." said Diane Kereluk, Executive Director Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce.

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