

South Huron Business Awards Gala – The Nomination Process

The South Huron Chamber of Commerce and the Exeter BIA, is accepting nominations for the 2024 South Huron Business Awards Gala. These prestigious awards are designed to honour the contributions to our community by outstanding local businesses.

Thank you for taking time to nominate your fellow business owner(s) for recognition. Please note, all submitted comments will be kept confidential.

Process for Nominating:

Submit a nomination:

To submit a nomination, use our online form, found here:

<https://forms.gle/26z99nuUaiwLLfy38>

Or by using the QR code here:



Submit a nomination by August 16, 2024 at 4pm.

- Nominee must be a business within the South Huron Municipality.
- Please ensure that all fields in the nomination form are complete and accurate.
- Provide specific examples of how the nominee has met the criteria for the selected award category.

Criteria:

Lifetime Achievement Award:

This award is presented to a business owner who:

- Has operated their business for 15+ years.
- Positive individual has helped shape the community through their business excellence and leadership in their respective industry.
- Their entrepreneurial spirit and philanthropic contributions.



Business of the Year (Under 15 Employees):

This award is open to all businesses (i.e. food, agriculture, construction, manufacturing, automotive, retail, sales...), and will be presented to a business that has shown success in a variety of areas, including:

- Company growth and development;
- Commitment to leadership and innovation in their sector;
- Job creation and positive Human Resources practices;
- Award recipients should be a viable business operating for over 5 years.



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Entrepreneur of the Year

This award is presented to the owner(s) of a new business that has demonstrated:

- Outstanding growth, innovation and success within their first 5 years of operation.
- Positive impact on the community such as job creation and plans for sustainable business growth will be considered.



Customer Excellence

This award goes to a business or a person within a business that has gone above and beyond expectations to continuously provide excellent customer service and positive guest experiences to patrons.



Community Advancement

The organization or club is known for their support, commitment and dedication to making South Huron a more vibrant, prosperous and welcoming community.

Selection Process:

Once the nomination period has ended, all nominations will be gone through by the Gala Committee to insure they meet the criteria of the award they were nominated for. Once they meet the criteria, the Nominee(s) will be informed of the Award they are nominated for, and they will receive an online Nominee Package.

The Nominee Package will request more information about the business and a questionnaire. The questionnaire would include questions (pending on the Award category), such as:

1. Describe your company and product. [250 words]
2. How has your company shown a commitment to leadership and innovation in your field? [250 words]
3. Have you created new employment opportunities in the past 5 years? Do you plan to hire in the future?
4. Does your company have positive human resource management practices to attract and retain employees? [250 words]
5. How has your business positively contributed to the community? [250 words]
6. Please provide any other information that you would like the judges to know. [250 words]

The Nominee would also be able to forward us photos of the business, to be included in a slide show at the event, as well as used in Congratulations postings on Facebook and other social media platforms.

Judging Process:

Our distinguished panel of Judges consists of 3-5 individuals who are well establish within Huron County, bringing with them a wealth of expertise and insight. Once the submissions are in, and nominee information is received, the Judges will begin their task. It is their evaluations, based on average scores and detailed inputs, that will determine the winners of the 2024 awards. However, the Judges identities are only known to the South Huron Business Awards Committee.