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Squamish Chamber of Commerce hosts the 2023 Squamish Business Excellence Awards – Winners Announced at Gala

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Squamish, B.C – Squamish Chamber of Commerce announces winners of the 2023 Squamish Business Excellence Awards Gala presented by RE/MAX Sea to Sky Real Estate, held at the CN Roundhouse Railway Museum, November 3rd.

Business owners, supporters and hard workers of the Squamish business community gathered for an evening of celebration! Each year the Squamish Chamber of Commerce hosts this commemorative gala to honour, recognize and appreciate the successes, and awesome efforts of our local businesses and individuals. Building our community with encouragement, comradery and collaboration is paramount as we help develop a healthy, growing community.



Many connections were fostered, as the evening began with a Sparkling Reception sponsored by LandSea. Special guest Emilie Buck offered spontaneous and unique “Poetry on Demand.” Following the reception guests were invited into the dining area, beautifully decorated by Billies House and the ceremony promptly began. Kirby Brown, of the Sea to Gondola, delighted us with quick banter and glowing introductions to our award sponsors. Each award sponsor revealed the winner of each of the 11 award categories and presented the winners with their trophy – by 3 Storms Creations. The decadent 3 course dinner, from Bermudez Catering, elevated the event with their mouth-watering dishes.

The evening ceremonies ended after all winners were thoroughly congratulated and applauded and then guests filtered into the After Party sponsored by Euphoria Natural Health. Taylor James had everyone mesmerized with her beautiful voice and dancing hard to her covers - ‘These Boots Were Made for Walking’ was a big hit!

Award Categories, Finalists and Winners

Bill Manson Citizen of the Year Award

Finalists:

Amy Reid
Jose Oreamuno
Marisa Navaro Ros

Winner:

Jose Oreamuno

Small Business of the Year Award

Finalists:

Healthy Hearts, Healthy Minds
The Little Bookshop
Squamish Dance Centre

Winner:

The Little Bookshop

Medium/Large Business of the Year Award

Finalists:

Blue Water Concepts
Squamish Valley Golf Club
Sunflower Bakery

Winner:

Squamish Valley Golf Club

Business Innovation of the Year

Finalists:

Bueno Custom Furniture
Euphoria Natural Health
Quantum Technology Corp

Winner:

Bueno Custom Furniture

New Business of the Year

Finalists:

Cleveland Meats
Outbound Station
Peak Provisions Mountain Grocery & Goods
Sweet Threads Yarn & Fibre

Winner:

Outbound Station

Community Builder (for-profit)

Finalist:

Groms Physio & Co

Winner:

Groms Physio & Co

Community Builder (non-profit)

Finalists:

OurSquamish Place Making Society
PearlSpace
Squamish Senior Living Society
Squamish Welcome Centre

Winner:

PearlSpace

Arts & Entertainment

Finalists:

Act Alive

Between Shifts Theatre - The Studio

Step Out!

Winner:

Act Alive

Environmental Impact

Finalists:

Blue Water Concepts

Sk̓wálwen Botanicals

TAG Panels

Winner:

Blue Water Concepts

Indigenous Business

Finalist:

Sk̓wálwen Botanicals

Winner:

Sk̓wálwen Botanicals

Young Entrepreneur

Finalists:

Cole & Candace Smith

Melissa Dewolf

Rebecca Bolkowy

Winner:

Rebecca Bolkowy

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The Squamish Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in the Squamish community by actively supporting business, economic growth and economic 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.

More information about the organization and its initiatives can be found on the Chamber's website at www.squamishchamber.com

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