The Business Excellence Awards are a chance to nominate, recognize and celebrate the outstanding individuals, businesses, and organizations in our community. We have 12 categories this year, please nominate those you feel deserve to be recognized for their contributions to Terrace and Thornhill in the category that suits best.

When nominating, a description of why the business or individual deserves the award is very important - as the judging is anonymous (names of businesses or individuals hidden), the description is what Judges will be using to place nominees as one of the top three finalists.

Example of a good description: "This business is a great part of our community! I can always find what I need, staff are friendly and helpful, and prices are reasonable. They are involved in community events, and have been a long-time supporter of local kids sports teams. The owner is a great role model for the staff and deserves to have the business recognized and celebrated."

Example of a poor description: "Great food!"

Please note: Last year's winners will not be eligible to be nominated again. 2016 winners will be listed with each category description. Missing from this list is Transcend Fitness and Michael Hogg.

Deadline for nominations is Friday, September 15 at 4pm.

The Awards:

**Community Impact Award:**

This award recognizes the company or individual that makes an outstanding contribution to our community through donations of time, service, product, or fundraising, for local charities, festivals, events, or community projects.

Last year's winner: Bryan Gascon

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**Business of the Year Award:**

The award acknowledges a business or organization which excels in a wide variety of aspects, through quality service or product, environment for customers or staff, and proven growth and development. This business or organization makes a positive impact on its employees, and customers and our community, and has been operating in Terrace for three years or more.

Last year's winner: Skeena Landing

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**Customer Service Award:**

This award recognizes a business’s dedication to customer satisfaction through integrity and excellent service and/or development of an outstanding product, consistently going beyond customer expectations. It also provides staff with updated training to meet changing customer needs.

Last year's winner: Sonny's Collectibles

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**Contributor to the Arts Award:**

This award recognizes a business / organization / individual that has been actively involved in a specific discipline or variety of arts disciplines in the Terrace area. Contributions of time, talent, and resources demonstrate a strong passion for a sustainable and growing arts presence in the Terrace area.

Last year's winner: Art in Motion Dance Studio

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**Most Valuable Employee Award:**

This award acknowledges an employee who has demonstrated initiative and enthusiasm for the job. This person demonstrates exemplary customer service, goes above and beyond regular duties, and has taken a leadership role and/or has worked on team spirit within their place of business.

Last year's winner: Geoff Parr - Caledonia Senior Secondary School

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Executive of the Year Award:
This individual has become the torchbearer of change by creating success through leading edge, social, and economic innovation. His / Her standards of excellence and personal style provide a business role model for others to emulate.

Last year's winner: Darryl Tucker & Linda Parker - Sherwood Mountain Brewhouse

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Home Based Business Award:
This award recognizes a home-operated business that consistently shows excellence and quality in service, merchandising, and product.

Last year's winner: Eye4Nature Photography

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Newsmaker of the Year Award:
This award recognizes anyone who, through business, political or private initiative, has made newsworthy contributions to the community. The person or business’s activities have generated public attention and news coverage by the media some time in 2016-2017.

Last year's winner: The Puckered Pig Mobil Bistro

Sponsored by: CFNR and Terrace Standard

Resource Industry of the Year Award:
This Terrace and District area business is involved in the resource sector or provides services or supplies to the resource industry. They have demonstrated success through innovation, quality products or services and excellent customer and/or employee relationships.

New Award Category

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Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award:
This award acknowledges a founder or owner of company who is 35 years of age or younger at the time of the nomination submission and has demonstrated a high level of entrepreneurial spirit, leadership, perseverance, creativity and determination to be successful.

New Award Category Sponsored by: Silvertip Promotions & Signs
Tourism & Hospitality Excellence Award:
This award rewards the efforts made by an individual, business or organization to promote Terrace & area as a tourism destination and to facilitate the enjoyment of visitors to our area.

Last year's winner: Northwest Regional Airport

Sponsored by: Canadian Tire

Volunteer of the Year Award:
This award acknowledges outstanding contribution to the community through active volunteering to one or more non-profit organizations; demonstrating their commitment and dedication with a sense of enjoyment and pride for their cause.

Last year's winner: Donna Slavik

Sponsored by: Volunteer Terrace