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2025 Entrepreneur of the Year Award

Overview:

The Entrepreneur of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding business owner in Leeds and Grenville who demonstrates exceptional drive, innovation, and leadership. This annual award celebrates an entrepreneur who not only operates a successful and growing business but also contributes meaningfully to their community and the broader local economy.

The recipient of this award is someone who exemplifies perseverance, integrity, and vision. Through their entrepreneurial efforts, they create employment opportunities, support local initiatives, invest in their own professional development, and inspire others through their actions and character.

This award is presented at the annual Bridges to Better Business event to honour the hard work, resilience, and community-minded spirit of our local entrepreneurs.

Deadline for nominations: Friday, September 19, 2025, at 4pm

Scope:

The citizens of Leeds Grenville are our ambassadors throughout the world. It is important we celebrate and recognize the many achievements that build and sustain our communities through their work in economic development.

where **lifestyle**
grows good **business**

synonyme de **qualité de vie**
et de **réussite** en affaires



Nomination process:

Individuals, organizations, business leaders, elected officials, counties and municipal staff can nominate a volunteer.

Eligibility:

- A Leeds Grenville citizen
- Actively operating a business within the lower United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, including Townships of Athens, Augusta, Edwardsburgh Cardinal, Elizabethtown-Kitley, Front of Yonge, Leeds and the Thousand Islands, and the Municipality of North Grenville.
- Owner of the business and legally registered (sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation)
- In business for 5 - 10 years and able to demonstrate continued growth and success
- The business must employ fewer than 10 employees
- Is a Starter Company Plus graduate
- The nominee must demonstrate a positive impact on the community through employment, involvement, or contribution
- The nominee must be of good character, showing integrity, leadership, and professionalism

Information required:

- A detailed profile of the nominee with a list of his or her contributions to economic development (A nomination form is attached)
- Contact information for the nominee and any additional reference persons (including an email address and phone number).
- Nominations are evaluated on business success and growth, employment contribution to the community, community impact, professional development, and character.

Award Presentation: The award winner will be announced prior to the Bridges to Better Business on October 23rd and will be officially honoured at the event.

Submit your application to:

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Nomination Form
2025 Entrepreneur of the Year Award

Name of Nominee:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Name of Business:

Years of operating their business:

Insert content here (Space will expand as you type)

Profile of nominee: (2-3 paragraphs / 250 words – feel free to attach a profile if you need more space)

Insert content here

If the nominee has participated in a number of projects, and/or events, please list them in the sections below. Explain the nominee's role and how their participation with the project/event helped the community and local economy.

#1 Project/Event:

Insert content here

Nominee's role:

Insert content here

Economic Impact:

Insert content here

#2 Project / Event:

Insert content here

Nominee's role:

Insert content here

Economic Impact:

Insert content here



Have you notified the nominee? Are they willing to let their name stand?

Insert answer here

Nominator:

Telephone:

Email:

References: (please include contact information – telephone/cell and email, business name if applicable):

Insert content here

**Thank you for helping us honour your community's champion.
Leeds Grenville Economic Development Office**