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TD and Kamloops Chamber award top businesses for 2017

Kamloops, B.C. At a sold-out crowd of 440 at the Coast Kamloops Conference Centre on Saturday, October 21, the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce and TD presented 18 awards to the winners of the 2017 Business Excellence Awards.

This year marks the 31st consecutive year that the Chamber has held this event for the Kamloops business community.

Facts:

- A new award category was added this year – the Open Door Group Inclusive Workplace Award
- Nominations were received from all over the Kamloops community:
 - A grand total of 742 nominations were received
 - A total of 183 unique businesses were nominated
- The selection process:
 - An independent committee individually scores each nominee and KPMG tabulates the scores to announce the three finalists (or four if there is a tie) in each award category.
 - The committee conducts personal interviews with each of the award finalists to determine the award recipients.
 - Winners for 17 of the awards were determined by the selection committee, comprised of over 50 community leaders.
 - The Business of the Year was chosen by the Chamber Board of Directors along with Excel Personnel.

Quotes:

Paul Ross, President of the board of directors for the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce:

“The chamber is very proud of the winners of the Business Excellence Awards. Congratulations to all of the finalists and an even bigger congratulations to this year’s winners.”

Patrick Therrien, Relationship Manager with the Premier sponsor for the awards, TD *“TD is proud to be celebrating our 10th year in partnership with the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce hosting the Business Excellence Awards. As a financial institution that is committed to helping business customers succeed, we would like to congratulate this year’s award recipients for their successes. “*



This year's award recipients:

- **City of Kamloops Community Service Award – Small World Productions**
- **Rocky Mountaineer Environmental Stewardship Award – New Gold Inc. New Afton Mine**
- **Open Door Group Inclusive Workplace Award – Cain's Independent Grocer**
- **BDC Manufacturer Award – Horizon North Manufacturing**
- **Venture Kamloops Resource Industry Award – Axis Forestry Inc.**
- **Aberdeen Mall Retailer 1-10 Staff Award– 4 Cats Arts Studio**
- **Valley First Insurance Retailer 11+ Staff Award - Petland**
- **Berwick on the Park Service Provider 1-10 Staff Award – Whole Health Care**
- **Kamloops Lincoln Service Provider 11+ Staff Award – Kamloops This Week**
- **BCLC Technology Innovator Award – Streamline Transportation Technologies Inc.**
- **TRU Faculty of Adventure, Culinary Arts & Tourism and Tourism Kamloops Tourism Award – Treetop Flyers Zipline**
- **CN Project of the Year – JUMP Kamloops**
- **Coast Kamloops Hotel & Conference Centre Employer of the Year – Lyons Landscaping Ltd.**
- **United Way Not-For-Profit of the Year – Kamloops and District BC SPCA**
- **TRU School of Business and Economics Young Entrepreneur of the Year - Elaine Topolnisky, Kinetic Energy & Wellness Centre**
- **KGHM International - Ajax Project Small Business of the Year – Riversong Guitars**
- **Excel Personnel Business Person of the Year – Mike Miltimore, Riversong Guitars**
- **Community Futures Business of the Year – Lyons Landscaping Ltd.**

TD and the chamber congratulate all the winners and thank all of our sponsors for making this event possible for our community.

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