



Press Release – Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards Launch

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The countdown to the 2016 Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards has started!

Chamber CEO Carol O'Reilly officially unveiled the nomination process, presenting sponsor and other details of the event at a press conference today at Moncton City Hall.

The 31st annual Business Excellence Awards will be held Oct. 26 at the Delta Beauséjour. The event is the biggest night of the year for Greater Moncton's business community. The goal of the awards is to encourage entrepreneurship in the region and enhance the image of the region nationally by celebrating the excellence of our entrepreneurs.

"Three months from today, the Greater Moncton business community will gather to honour the best of the best," O'Reilly stated. "Planning for the event is in full swing and our countdown clock to the big night begins today."

O'Reilly also announced that D.P. Murphy Hotels will return this year as Presenting Sponsor. D.P. Murphy owns and operates the Four Points Sheraton and Hampton Inn hotels in Moncton and recently announced plans to construct a Holiday Inn Express & Suites hotel off Mapleton Road.

"We are thrilled that D.P. Murphy has agreed to be our lead sponsor again," O'Reilly said. "They have proven to be a great partner with the Chamber, recognizing the importance of this event for the entire business community."

O'Reilly issued the call today for nominations in 10 categories. Nominations will be submitted to a panel of judges comprised of business people from the Greater Moncton region. Previous winners cannot be nominated in the same category but can be nominated in a different category.

Nominations are now open in the following categories: Excellence in Business, Excellence in Business (Small and Medium Enterprise), Innovation, Community Service, Emerging Business, Marketing, Environmental Excellence, Newcomer Entrepreneur, and Young Entrepreneur. As well, a People's Choice Award will be given to a business based on votes submitted online by members of the general public.

Previous winners, Mohammed Ali M'Halla of Blue Olive, Kevin Nauss of Price Landscaping Services and Michael Whittaker of Les Aliments Bonté Foods, spoke about their experience receiving a Business Excellence Award. Mohammed Ali said winning a Business Excellence Award in 2013 was the start of a series of accolades and helped him immensely in creating awareness of his restaurant, which opened a second location this year in downtown Moncton.

Nominations can be made online by visiting www.gmcc.nb.ca. The deadline is Friday, Aug. 12. The list of finalists will be released in mid-September.

An Early Bird Sale for tables for the Awards Gala is also under way, running from Tuesday, July 26 to Tuesday, Aug. 2. Tables of 10 can be purchased for the cost of nine. Tables can be booked by visiting the Chamber's website, www.gmcc.nb.ca, emailing events@gmcc.nb.ca, or calling 857-2883.

Other sponsorship opportunities for the event are still available by contacting the GMCC at ceo@gmcc.nb.ca or events@gmcc.nb.ca.

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The Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce is the voice of the business community for more than 750 businesses representing more than 35,000 members in Moncton, Dieppe and Riverview and the vicinity.