



## **Semi Finalists Announced for the Key Business Awards**

The Westbank & District Chamber of Commerce is proud to present for the ninth year, the annual Key Business Awards. These awards recognize businesses, organizations and person on the Westside who have achieved excellence in the community through their own abilities, efforts and initiatives. Any business, organization or individual is eligible to be nominated and win.

On Friday February 5, the Lakeview Heights Community Hall was buzzing with almost 100 nominees, friends and guests to hear the announcement of the Semi finalists in the Key Business Excellence Awards during an evening Wine & Cheese. Thanks to Laureate Beta Mu for assistance in food and preparations.

The Key Business Awards have 13 categories and the chamber received over 140 nominations that included 69 businesses. Nominees who have won within the last two years may not win in the same category; we were amazed that several businesses and organizations continue to be nominated for excellence and we congratulate them for their dedication to service and commitment to excellence.

Arts & Cultural Improvement sponsored by Mission Hill Family Estate Winery.  
Semi Finalists: Dragon's Lair Specialty Teas, Jock Hildebrand, Metallic Gardens, On A Brighter Note, Lori Welbourne and Westside Celebration Society.

Tourism Development sponsored by Okanagan Business Excellence  
Semi Finalists: Casa Loma Resort, Mission Hill Family Estate Winery, Quail's Gate Estate Winery, and The Cove Lakeside Resort. Special mention to: Westside Celebration Society who won in 2008 and not eligible this year to win.

Business Beautification sponsored by Bylands Garden Centre  
Semi Finalists: Mission Hill Family Estate Winery and Quails Gate Estate Winery.  
Special mention to: The Cove Lakeside Resort who won this award within the last two years and not eligible this year to win.

Sustainability sponsored by Porrelli Law  
Semi Finalists: Bylands Garden Centre, GEO Source, Hergott Law, Rollingdale Winery and The Cove Lakeside Resort

Community Social Development sponsored by O.N.E. Information Technology

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Semi Finalists: J.C. Broc Braconnier, Paul Hergott, Westside Celebration Society, Westside Community Foodbank and Westside Fire and Rescue.

Aboriginal Award sponsored by Westbank First Nation

Semi Finalists: Kekuli Café, Little Miss Chief Gourmet Products and Valley West Dental

Home Based Business sponsored by Interior Savings Credit Union

Semi Finalists: Accelerate Communications, Ali K Zam Productions, Landworks Landscaping, Little Miss Chief Gourmet Products and Ronda Barzilay & Associates. Special mention to Always Write Business Services who won this award within the last two years and not eligible this year to win.

New Business sponsored by Central Okanagan Economic Development

Commission. Semi Finalists: Metallic Gardens, Porrelli Law, IntelliBed Sleep & Spa, Dragon's Lair Specialty Teas and Health in Hand Chiropractic.

Young Entrepreneur sponsored by Westbank Rotary Club

Semi Finalists: Leif Thordarson Ali K Zam Productions, Rebecca Fouchard Curves, Darrel Easum Global Affinity, Travis Pillipow Health in Hand Chiropractic, Kelly MacLellan Thredz Clothing . Special mention to Bill Wlodaryzk Landworks Landscaping who won this award within the last two years and not eligible this year to win.

Small business sponsored by Envision Credit Union

Semi Finalists: Intellibed Sleep & Spa, Family Wellness Centre and Healing Spa, Dr. Gary Powell, Little Miss Chief Gourmet Products and Maciel & Company

Large business sponsored by TD Canada Trust

Semi Finalists: Walmart, Home Depot, Pharmasave, The Cove Lakeside Resort and Quails Gate Family Estate Winery.

Business Person of the Year sponsored by Re/Max Kelowna Westside

Semi Finalists: Anita Legault, Barry Porrelli, David Manns, Joe Maciel and Paul Hergott. Special mention to John Byland who won this award within the last two years and not eligible this year to win.

Citizen of the Year sponsored by District of West Kelowna

Semi Finalists: Faith Lanthier Westside Community Foodbank, JC Broc Braconnier Volunteer, Margaret Jackson Westbank Museum, Wayne Schnitzler Westside Fire & Rescue and David Knowles District of West Kelowna Councillor.

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Winners for the Key Business Awards will be announced at the Gala Event on Saturday March 6 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. Cats Without Hats will entertain during the cocktail and during dinner. Awards and dance to follow. This is a ticketless event however you must RSVP 250-768-3378 to confirm your seat. Cost \$80/pp or table of 8 for \$580 which includes taxes and tips.

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