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The 2015 Business Excellence Awards Top Finalists Announcement

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The Business Awards Committee has announced the finalists for the 2015 Business Excellence Awards. The community began submitting nominations on July 17th and nominations closed on September 25th, 2015. The Business Awards Committee shortlisted the nominations in each of the eight award categories. The finalists that have been selected will be subject to the judging process by an independent panel of judges.

The top qualifiers, listed alphabetically, in each category are as follows:

New Business of the Year Award:

- Grief & Spiritual Care
- La Vie en Couleur & Décor
- Padou's Steak & Ribs

Looking Good Award:

- Canadian Tire
- Rustic Zen Wellness Studio
- Tremblay Chevrolet Buick GMC Inc

Not-For-Profit Organization of the Year Award:

- Economic Partners Sudbury East West Nipissing
- Le CANO – Conseil des Arts Nipissing Ouest
- West Nipissing Art Gallery

Aboriginal Business Award:

- Jocko Point Fish & Chips
- Medal Road Variety
- Young Forestry

Most Active & Outstanding Business of the Year (OVER 10 Employees) Award:

- Canadian Tire
- Giant Tiger
- Lafond's Towing & Recovery Ltd.

Most Active & Outstanding Business of the Year (UNDER 10 Employees) Award:

- La Vie en Couleur & Décor
- OK Tire – Sturgeon Tire
- Steve's Premiere Pizza

The People's Choice Award is a non-juried award, the recipient will be selected according to the total number of ballots the business received. The submitted ballots indicate excellence in quality customer and client services. The nominees, listed alphabetically, are: Blue Mandolin; Don's Butcher Shop; Foodland; Giant Tiger; Great Northern Flea Market; La Vie en Couleur & Décor; MJD Place; No Frills; North Bay Computer Services; Riv Chipstand; Rustic Zen Wellness Studio; Stereo Plus; Sturgeon Falls Tribune; Twiggs Coffee Roasters.

All of the businesses nominated in each of the eight categories will be recognized on November 7th at the Marcel Noël Hall in Sturgeon Falls, with the winning business in each category announced. "I would like to thank the community for their participation in the nomination process, and to congratulate all nominees. On behalf of the Business Awards Committee, I encourage you to join us in celebrating the achievements of local businesses and enjoy a spectacular evening filled with exceptional food, impeccable decor and entertainment. It's going to be a night to remember" said Marian Bergeron, Chairperson of the Business Awards Committee. The evening will include a gourmet dinner prepared by Blue Mandolin Catering, live entertainment and a draw for \$1000 West Nipissing Dollars that can be spent at any of the Chamber of Commerce Member businesses in West Nipissing. "We are thrilled to honor and celebrate the hardworking entrepreneurs in our community" said Kathleen Thorne-Rochon, WN Chamber President.

The evening will be focused on recognizing West Nipissing entrepreneurial spirit and honoring our vibrant business community. Tickets to the Business Excellence Awards Gala are on sale now and priced at \$100 per ticket for Chamber members or \$750 for a table of 8, and \$125 per ticket for non-members or \$950 for a table of 8. The evening will begin with cocktails at 5:00 pm and gourmet dinner at 6:30 pm with the awards ceremony and live entertainment to follow. There are a limited amount of tickets available for the event and members of the community are encouraged to reserve their seat by calling 705-753-5672 or by visiting the Chamber of Commerce. Join us in this gala celebration that recognizes excellence and achievement; the 2015 West Nipissing Business Excellence Awards - an evening of celebration, gourmet food, and live local entertainment.

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