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**West Nipissing Chamber of Commerce to Celebrate Local Entrepreneurs at
2015 Business Excellence Awards**

July 20th, 2015 – STURGEON FALLS, ONTARIO

The West Nipissing Chamber of Commerce/ Chambre de Commerce de Nipissing Ouest (WNCOC) announced today that the third bi-annual Business Awards Gala will be held on November 7th, 2015 at the Marcel Noël Hall in Sturgeon Falls. Chamber president Kathleen Thorne Rochon said, “We are passionate in honouring West Nipissing Businesses that are building the economic future of our great community. The Chamber is committed to showcasing and celebrating local entrepreneurs whose contributions have made a significant impact on our local economy.” One of the objectives of the Chamber is a healthy and vibrant community that recognizes the part our local businesses play in building, encouraging and maintaining entrepreneurial activity in West Nipissing.

Business Awards Committee Chair, Marian Bergeron explained, “A committee has been established to build on the success of previous award events and continue to honour the hardworking and dedicated entrepreneurs in our community.” The evening will include a 5 star gourmet dinner, live music, draw for \$1,000 West Nipissing Dollars and the awards ceremony. The West Nipissing community is encouraged to participate in the nomination process.

2015 Business Excellence Award categories include:

- ❖ **New Business of the Year**
- ❖ **People’s Choice Award**
- ❖ **“Looking Good” Award**
- ❖ **Aboriginal Business Award - Nipissing First Nation Award**
- ❖ **Not-for-Profit Organization of the Year**
- ❖ **Lifetime Achievement Award**
- ❖ **Most Active & Outstanding Business of the Year (10 Employees or LESS)**
- ❖ **Most Active & Outstanding Business of the Year (OVER 10 Employees)**

Nominations are open to residents of West Nipissing, with nomination forms available online, at the Chamber Office, at the Municipal Offices, and various other locations to be determined. Nominations will be open from Friday July 17th, 2015, to Friday September 18th, 2015. The winners will be recognized at the West Nipissing Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards on November 7, 2015. Tickets for the gala evening are priced at \$100 per seat for Chamber members and \$125 for non-members, and may be booked through the Chamber Office. “The Business Awards not only recognize excellence achieved, but also promote an active and engaged business community, to the benefit of everyone. Join us in celebrating the achievements of local businesses and their contribution to enhancing the quality of commerce in West Nipissing” said Thorne Rochon.

~Event Sponsorship Opportunities Available, Please Contact the WNCOC~

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