



2017
*Shelburne County Community
& Business Excellence Awards*

The 2017 Community & Business Excellence Awards will celebrate the work of local businesses and community organizations committed to excellence and innovation throughout Shelburne County.

Nominations will be accepted and awards presented in the following five categories:

- **Artisan Entrepreneur Award**
- **Business of the Year (1 -15 Employees)**
- **Business of the Year (16+ Employees)**
- **Exporter of the Year**
- **Rising Star Award**

Awards will be presented at a ceremony held at the River Hills Golf and Country Club at 6:00 pm on October 24, 2017. Three finalists in each category will be invited to join the celebration and attend the Awards Ceremony.

Nominating is easy, so please take a moment to fill out the form and let us know about a business or organization that has made a difference in Shelburne County.

The deadline for submissions is 12 noon on Tuesday, September 26, 2017.

For more information contact CBDC at 902-875-1133

or visit <https://www.facebook.com/shelburnecountyexcellenceawards>



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Award Criteria

For all categories, businesses or organizations have been operating a minimum of two years with primary operations in Shelburne County.

ARTISAN ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

- Recognizes a business which has advanced and promoted the re-emergence of the skilled artisan as a valuable and influential force in the business and economic community. This business focuses on the sale of unique, handmade products created with the artisan's individual craftsmanship and technique.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR (1 – 15 Employees)

- Recognizes a business or social enterprise that has made significant and notable contributions to the community by: providing meaningful employment; operational stability; vision; leadership; and excellence in its sector.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR (16+ Employees)

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EXPORTER OF THE YEAR

- Recognizes a business in Shelburne County that: has demonstrated excellence in exporting outside of Canada; has experience noticeable growth in their overall business as a direct result of entering the global marketplace; and has made a significant contribution to development and growth of the local economy.

RISING STAR AWARD

- Recognizes a business or social enterprise in Shelburne County that: is locally owned and has been operating for three years or less, or has had a new owner within the past 3 years, and has shown innovation, and/or growth and success within our business community.
*Nominees must have been established and operating by September 2014 or after and cannot be an expansion of an existing business or a new location of an existing business.