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Kelowna Chamber Launches Business Excellence Awards 2018 Nominations open until June 29

Kelowna: It's the time of year many Kelowna-area businesses anticipate – the coveted, high profile Kelowna Chamber Business Excellence Awards Nominations. The Chamber is calling for online nominations between now and June 29th, when nominations close at 4:00 p.m. The program offers well-deserved recognition to both Finalists and Award Recipients: recognition for their accomplishments, and, valuable exposure for their organizations.

2018 marks the 31st year the Kelowna Chamber has hosted this prominent benchmark in the business community. Awards are presented in twelve categories, eleven of which are filled by nominations. Businesses and organizations are not required to be Chamber members to be nominated, or to win.

All Finalists and award winners nomination packages are adjudicated by an independent judging committee. Three Finalists in each category are featured at the Awards Event in October, through video interviews conducted at the organization's place of business. Winners in each category are revealed at the Awards Event. The Business Leader of the Year is selected by an independent committee and named just in advance of the Event.

Finalists will be disclosed at a luncheon about six weeks prior to the October Awards event. Business Awards are open to companies, organizations, enterprises and not-for-profit groups which operate within the Central Okanagan. The Chamber is pleased that three previously-awarded categories are back by popular demand: Technology Innovator; Micro Business; and Social Leadership – all honouring contributions to Kelowna's economy. 2018 Award categories include:

- Rising Star Business of the Year (less than 3 years in business)
- Micro Business of the Year (1-3 employees)
- Small Business of the Year (3-15 employees)
- Mid-size Business of the Year (16-50 employees)
- Large Business of the Year (51+ employees)
- Young Entrepreneur of the Year (Under Age 40)
- Not-for-Profit Excellence Award
- Social Leadership Award (for-profit business)
- Marketing Campaign of the Year
- Arts & Entertainment Achievement Award
- Technology Innovator of the Year
- Business Leader of the Year

For more information:

<https://www.kelownachamber.org/events-programs/business-excellence-awards/#criteria>

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