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**Cambridge Chamber reveals Business Excellence Awards nominees**

CAMBRIDGE, Ont. - The resilience and dedication of the local business community will be recognized at the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce’s annual Business Excellence Awards at Tapestry Hall on May 22.

An adjudicating committee of the Chamber has been selected to review nearly 70 nominations to select the recipients in nine categories, including Young Entrepreneur of the Year, Outstanding Workplace, Spirit of Cambridge, New Venture of the Year, as well as Marketing Excellence.

“The contributions these businesses make plays a vital role in making our community an amazing place to live, work and thrive,” says Cambridge Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Greg Durocher. “Having the ability to recognize and celebrate the outstanding contributions of the amazing group of leaders and innovators behind these businesses is an annual honour the Chamber always welcomes.”

The Business Excellence Awards is the Chamber’s premier event and has honoured the contributions and achievements of business leaders since 2000.

The winners will be selected to recognize the achievements of organizations and entrepreneurs who have made outstanding contributions in the past year.

*Award Categories and Nominees:*

**Business of The Year – 1-10 Employees**

* Apex Insulation Inc.
* Blooms of Paradise
* Charm & Wick Candle Co.
* Doggie Stay n Play
* Fedora Media
* Gadsbys Clothing Co.
* Gill Visa House Immigration Services Inc.
* Home Cleaning KW Cambridge
* Java Jax Good Roast Coffee
* Love letters Ontario
* Luminous Med Spa& Wellness
* NVDC Lifestyle, NVDC Pets, NVDC Kids, NVDC Beauty, Leaf and Breww Beverages
* Powerline Logistics
* Somerton Containers and Equipment
* Style Lounge
* Syed Health & Wellness Clinic Inc.

**Business of The Year – 11-49 Employees**

* Agency Employment Services
* Homewood Suites by Hilton Cambridge/Waterloo
* Kinsbrae Group Inc.
* Linton Window & Door
* Vision Investment Group
* Waddell Engineering Ltd.

**Business of The Year – 50 Employees & Over**

* Ayr Welding Limited
* Cintas Canada Ltd.
* Glen Dimplex
* Novocol Pharma - Septodont

**Outstanding Workplace – Employer of the Year**

* Canadian Western Bank
* Home Cleaning KW Cambridge
* Linton Window & Door
* Little Electric
* Powerline Logistics
* Syed Health & Wellness Clinic Inc.

**Marketing Excellence**

* B. Wallace Kennedy Production Management
* Cinis Marketing
* Forever Making Memoirs
* From Farm to Table Canada Inc.
* Linton Window & Door
* Lucid Digital Media

**New Venture of the Year**

* Abdimart
* Alliance Consulting Company
* ExactBlue Technologies Inc.
* Forever Making Memoirs
* Octant Executive Advisory Group
* Syed Health & Wellness Clinic Inc.

**Spirit of Cambridge Award**

* Alliance Consulting Company
* Cambridge Pools Leisurescapes
* Love letters Ontario
* New Hope Properties
* Syed Health & Wellness Clinic Inc.

**Young Entrepreneur Award**

* ***Danny Ghandial*** - Alliance Consulting Company
* ***Courtney and Cole Wigboldus*** - Doggie Stay n Play
* ***Robyn Schwarz*** - Dumbo Octopus Consulting
* ***Larissa Gadsby*** - Gadsbys Clothing Co
* ***Djamilya Kar*** - Home Cleaning KW Cambridge
* ***Samina Syed*** - Syed Health & Wellness Clinic Inc.

**WOWCambridge.com Customer Service Award (presented to a business or individual)**

* ***Bradley Thompson*** - DigiHype Media Inc.
* ***Laura Wray*** - Four Fathers Brewing
* ***Marlene and Theresa*** - Giant Tiger Preston
* ***Leah McQuire*** - Idea Exchange Queen’s Square
* ***Cheryl Morgan*** - Langs
* ***Sydney Pinheiro*** - Lumberjacks Axe Throwing
* ***Aaron Fisher*** - Multi Agency Community Space
* ***Kate McLachlan*** - Porchlight Counselling and Addiction Services
* SleepEzzz Cambridge
* ***Leslie Zinger*** - Top Market Family Farms
* ***Dr. Kevin Waddell*** - Townline Animal Hospital
* ***Alex Fuellos*** - Uptown Thrift

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## ***The Cambridge Chamber of Commerce is committed to the enhancement of economic prosperity and the quality of life in Cambridge. A non-partisan organization funded solely by memberships, the Chamber works hard to address concerns of business, provide access to information resources and represent members at the municipal, provincial and federal levels of government. With more than 1,800 member firms, the Chamber's strength is clearly in its hardworking volunteers and committees addressing issues affecting local business and providing practical solutions.***