



The 2016 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 five categories. A summary of the judging criteria is attached.

Categories:

- **Excellence in Community Development**
- **Hospitality Award**
- **Innovation in Business**
- **Exporter of the Year**
- **Business of the Year**

Awards will be presented at a dinner and ceremony held at the Clark's Harbour Legion at 6:00pm on October 20, 2016. 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 help us recognize one or more businesses or organizations that have demonstrated excellence in the categories above.

The deadline for submissions is 12 noon on Friday, September 9, 2016.

For more information contact the Shelburne Community Business Development Corporation at 902-875-1133; or visit

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



Awards Criteria

For all categories, nominees: Must have primary operations in Shelburne County; must be registered and in good standing; cannot win the same award two years in a row; and cannot win more than one award in the same year.

Excellence in Community Development

Recognizes a community organization or social enterprise in Shelburne County that: has made significant and notable contributions to the community and the local economy; demonstrates high standards of leadership; employs innovative approaches and demonstrates excellence in the growth of programming and/or operations; serves as a catalyst for positive action; and is a good corporate citizen.

Hospitality Award

Recognizes a business, community organization or social enterprise in Shelburne County that: has demonstrated leadership, creativeness and innovation in the hospitality industry; demonstrates excellence in customer service; is an ambassador for the area who's actions have contributed to the positive promotion and advancement of tourism and hospitality; is committed to staff customer service training and development; and is a good corporate citizen.

Innovation in Business

Recognizes a business or social enterprise in Shelburne County that: has demonstrated innovative leadership that has resulted in business growth, improved productivity, commercialization of new or value-added products or services, and/or a competitive advantage in the marketplace; has contributed to the development and growth of the local economy; and is a good corporate citizen.

Exporter of the Year

Recognizes a business in Shelburne County that: has demonstrated excellence in exporting outside of Canada; has experienced growth as a direct result of entering the global marketplace; employs innovative approaches to any aspect of international trade; has made a significant contribution to development of the local economy; and is a good corporate citizen.

Business of the Year

Recognizes a business or social enterprise that: has made significant and notable contributions to the local economy; provides meaningful employment; has a positive history of business practices; demonstrates leadership that empowers staff; often exceeds customer expectations; has adapted or improved products/services to keep pace with the competitive environment; and is a good corporate citizen.