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Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE 39th ANNUAL BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the 39th Annual Business Excellence Awards. Presented by Doane Grant Thorton LLP, these awards aim to recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements of businesses, organizations, and individuals who have been making a positive impact throughout the South Okanagan.

This year's theme, Rooted in Excellence, recognizes that every success story begins somewhere. Some businesses began as a simple idea or an opportunity to fill a need in our community. Others have grown through generations of family ownership, years of determination, and the unwavering support of dedicated employees, loyal customers, and the communities they serve.

"Every business has a unique story, and today we begin another opportunity to celebrate the people, perseverance, and innovation behind those successes," said Jordan Knox, Chamber President.

After six outstanding years with Total Restoration Services as presenting sponsor, the Chamber is proud to welcome Doane Grant Thornton LLP as the presenting sponsor of the 39th Annual Business Excellence Awards.

“As accountants and advisors, we have the opportunity to work alongside businesses at every stage of their journey. We see the dedication, the challenges, the long hours, and the determination it takes to build something meaningful and help it thrive,” remarked Peter MacIntosh, Partner at Doane Grant Thorton.

Anyone can submit a nomination for a business by visiting https://awards.penticton.org/

Eligible businesses and organizations include those located in:

- Penticton
- Summerland
- Naramata
- Kaleden
- Okanagan Falls
- Oliver
- Osoyoos

Award Categories include:

- Community Builder Excellence
- Hospitality Excellence
- Marketing & Communications Excellence
- Workplace Culture Excellence
- Service Excellence
- Not for Profit Excellence
- New Business of the Year
- Young Business Leader of the Year
- Business Leader of the Year
- Business of the Year

Nominations close August 7th, with the winners announced at the 39th Annual Business Excellence Awards Gala on October 24th, 2026.

If a local business, organization, or business leader has made a positive difference in your life, your workplace, or our community, now is the time to recognize their achievements. Submit a nomination before August 7 and help celebrate the people and organizations that make the South Okanagan exceptional.

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The Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce is a dynamic, trusted and respected business authority representing approximately 500 local business and non-profit members that drive economic and social growth and improvement on behalf of, and in support of our members and the community.