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SEVENTH ANNUAL

# BC Aboriginal BUSINESS AWARDS

## 2015 CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

*We invite entrepreneurs, businesses, educational and financial institutions, professional services, Aboriginal business service providers, social enterprises, First Nations and Métis communities to submit nominations for this prestigious award.*



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# BC ABORIGINAL BUSINESS AWARDS

## AWARD CATEGORIES



### YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes success by a young entrepreneur in the operation of an existing business. Entrants must be under 30 years of age, have been in business for at least two years, and be the sole owner of the business.

### COMMUNITY-OWNED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

This award acknowledges a community's contribution to building a strong economic foundation. Businesses must be 100 per cent community-owned.

### BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

These awards recognize business achievement in **three** categories:

- one-to-two person enterprise
- three-to-10 person enterprise
- 10 or more person enterprise

Businesses must be at least 51% Aboriginal-owned and operated.

### JOINT VENTURE OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes a specific business entity created by two or more parties. It acknowledges efforts that contribute to the economic well-being of the area; increases employment and training opportunities for Aboriginal people and businesses; and shows commitment to the community to which they serve. Aboriginal ownership must be at least 50%.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

Whether you are a small business owner or a sole proprietor running a business out of your home, managing a large staff of a community-owned or social enterprise, creating opportunities through a joint venture, or growing a business from the ground up as an entrepreneur, these awards will recognize, acknowledge and celebrate your achievements.

## ELIGIBILITY

- All nominees must be Aboriginal (First Nations, Métis, or Inuit)
- All businesses must have been in operation for a minimum of two years
- You may enter in ONE category only
- Submissions will be considered for two years
- Previous Recipients must wait five years before reapplying unless the nature of the business has significantly changed
- Previous Outstanding Business Achievers may reapply after two years
- Social and/or not for profit enterprises may enter
- Government agencies and institutions are not eligible

## CRITERIA

The jury panel will evaluate submissions based on the documentation provided and will be guided by the success and sustainability of the business. Entrants are expected to be good corporate citizens with positive employee relations and accomplishments in social and environmental responsibility.

## SELECTION

An independent panel of judges representing Aboriginal business expertise throughout British Columbia will adjudicate the BC Aboriginal Business Awards. The judges' panel will select a first place Recipient and up to two second place Outstanding Business Achievers. The judges' panel will be solely responsible for the review, evaluation and selection of awardees.

## GALA PRESENTATION CEREMONY OCTOBER 14, 2015

The Gala Presentation Ceremony and Dinner will take place at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver on Wednesday, **October 14, 2015**. Awardees will be recognized and presented with a commemorative award. Recipients and Outstanding Business Achievers will be guests of the BC Achievement Foundation and have their travel and accommodation expenses covered. Six hundred plus guests attend this unique event, the "place to be" for anyone involved in Aboriginal business in British Columbia.





2014 JOINT VENTURE OF THE YEAR  
Karen Tunkara of Salish Sea Industrial Services  
accepting the award from the Hon. John Rustad,  
Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

- Nominate your own business;
- Nominate another business; or
- Provide the name of a business and we will follow-up.

## WHAT INFORMATION IS NEEDED?

- A completed nomination form
- A business statement (see description below)
- Two reference letters from individuals who can describe the impact and value of the business
- Up to five supporting documents (optional), including testimonials, certificates, media coverage and career resume
- Website address (if available)

**Please note that all materials are held in confidence.**

## WHAT INFORMATION IS NEEDED IN THE BUSINESS STATEMENT?

- Description of your business
- Ownership structure
- Number of employees for the past two years
- Number of Aboriginal employees for the past two years
- Number of years in operation
- Information on total revenue, expenses and net profit of the enterprise for the past two years along with a signed declaration by the accountant, auditor or CFO that the business is financially viable
- Successes and Challenges – describe business achievements and any difficulties faced and overcome
- Influences – tell about the influences that have impacted upon your business
- Benefits – state the benefits your business offers your employees, your community, and the environment
- For Joint Venture, please outline fully the role of the Aboriginal partner(s).

## HOW DO I SUBMIT THE NOMINATION?

Online: [www.bcachievement.com/aboriginalbusiness](http://www.bcachievement.com/aboriginalbusiness)  
Mail: BC ABORIGINAL BUSINESS AWARDS  
British Columbia Achievement Foundation  
4276 Musqueam Drive  
Vancouver, BC V6N 3R7  
Fax: 604.261.1964

For more information and frequently asked questions, please visit  
[www.bcachievement.com/aboriginalbusiness](http://www.bcachievement.com/aboriginalbusiness)  
OR call 604.261.9777 / 1.866.882.6068

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# NOMINATION FORM

**NOMINEE:** *(An individual or business may self-submit or be nominated)*

BUSINESS NAME:

ADDRESS: CITY POSTAL CODE

CONTACT NAME:

CONTACT TITLE:

E-MAIL: TEL:

ELIGIBILITY: ☐ FIRST NATIONS ☐ MÉTIS ☐ INUIT

**NOMINATOR:** *(If applicable)*

NAME:

TITLE:

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS: CITY POSTAL CODE

E-MAIL: TEL:

**CATEGORY:** *(Please select one)*

- ☐ **Business of the Year Awards**  
*Businesses must be at least 51 per cent Aboriginal owned and operated.*
- ☐ one-to-two person enterprise
- ☐ three-to-10 person enterprise
- ☐ 10 persons or more enterprise
- ☐ **Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award**
- ☐ **Community-Owned Business of the Year Award**  
*Businesses must be 100 per cent community-owned.*
- ☐ **Joint Venture of the Year Award**  
*Please complete the shaded section below*

**For Joint Venture Business of the Year Award only, please complete the following:**

PARTNER BUSINESS NAME:

ADDRESS: CITY POSTAL CODE

CONTACT PERSON: E-MAIL

TITLE:

TEL: WEBSITE:

**Information on other partners may be included in a separate page.**





## 2014 AWARD RECIPIENTS AND OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ACHIEVERS

**Bell-E Acres Recreation, Williams Lake**  
**Bizzie B's Cleaning, Squamish**  
**4Evergreen Resources LP, Moberly Lake**  
**Harwood Customs Composite, Sidney**  
**Heartland Economics Ltd., Westbank**  
**IVL Contracting Ltd., Lillooet**  
**Kalum Quarry Ltd. Partnership, Terrace**  
**Meziadin Junction Holdings LP, Kitwanga**  
**Northern Star Adventures, Quesnel**  
**Pure Beauty Ltd., Surrey**  
**Salish Sea Industrial Services Ltd., Victoria**  
**Santana Walker, West Vancouver**  
**SCS Diamond Drilling, Kamloops**  
**Secwepemc Camp and Catering, Chase**  
**Sidney Whale Watching, Sidney**  
**Thunderbird RV Park and Campground, Campbell River**

**2014 Individual Achiever Recipient:**  
**Councillor Garry Feschuk, Sechelt Indian Band**

### WHAT'S BEING SAID...

*"Salish Seas was born out of a desire to return to the harbour where our ancestors proudly lived and to participate as equals in the prosperity of the local economy. Three partners came together and envisioned a partnership where success is measured equally by what we accomplish on the balance sheet and by what we accomplish building confidence, capacity, pride and wealth in our families. This award honors our ancestors and recognizes the power of hard work and meaningful partnerships."*

*Karen Tunkara, Salish Sea Industrial Services, Victoria*

*"What a wonderful event (the Gala Presentation). It is a very big honor to receive this award. I would like to thank my team - they are the ones who make everything happen. I would also like to thank NEDC and TACC for their support of Aboriginal businesses. So everyone be proud of what you have accomplished and who you are. We all have the ability to reach our dreams."*

*Jonathan Harwood, Harwood Custom Composites, Sidney*

*"I never imagined that at age 28 I would be receiving a Business Award. How proud I am to be Aboriginal. If I can inspire youth, I will have done my job."*

*Santana Walker, T'Sala Spa, West Vancouver*

*"This award is something special. I can't take credit for it. It goes to all the hard working men and women of Evergreen who are in the field right now..... who get up early in the morning to do the work. This is your award. You deserve it. Let's take it to the next level."*

*Chief Nathan Parenteau, 4Evergreen Resources LP, Moberly Lake*

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