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Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce Announces Community Awards Finalists and Recipients

The Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the results of its 2018 Community Awards presented at a special event held on **Wednesday, February 20th, 2018** at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre.

Each year the Chamber honors individuals and businesses for their contribution to the community and excellence in business. This celebration follows a nomination period during which Qualicum Beach residents and visitors are encouraged to nominate those they consider deserving of recognition.

Networking began at 5:30 with guests enjoying beverages and perusing the showcase display tables. Galloping Gourmet provided a delicious meal highlighting Carved Baron of Beef with all the fixings.

Dave Graham from 88.5 The Beach was the night's emcee and hosted a lively evening full of celebration and acknowledgement. This year's awards evening was a very special occasion where our full attention was on nominees, and the businesses that help to contribute our unique and vibrant community.

The short-listed nominees and recipients for the 2018 Qualicum Beach Community Awards are:

Business of the Year

*Sponsored by the **Career Centre***

Final Approach
Qualicum Beach School of Dance

Recipient of the 2018 Business of the Year is **Bailey's in the Village**

Volunteer of the Year

*Sponsored by **Society of Organized Services***

Lindsey Genoe
Pat Jacobson

Recipient of the 2018 Volunteer of the Year is **Ron Jarrett**

Outstanding Customer Service

*Sponsored by **Waypoint Insurance***

Blair Stewart (BMO)
Cockney Pride
David Zuehlke (QF)

Recipient of the 2018 Excellent Customer Service Award is **Travis Ramstad (Dolly's Home Hardware)**

New Business of the Year

*Sponsored by **Community Futures Central Island***

Knockananna Grill

Recipient of the 2018 New Business of the Year is **Black Bird Schnitzel Haus**

Newsmaker of the Year

*Sponsored by **Parksville Qualicum Beach News***

Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers

Recipient of the 2018 Newsmaker of the Year is **A New Mayor for Qualicum Beach in nearly two decades!**

Citizen of the Year

*Sponsored by **Qualicum Foods***

Lindsey Genoe

Shari Selva

Recipient of the 2018 Citizen of the Year is **Pat Jacobson**

Young Entrepreneur

*Sponsored by **Coastal Community Credit Union***

Christie Carter-Tokairin – Revived Vintage

Megan Richardson – Mod Apparel

Recipient of the 2018 Young Entrepreneur of the Year is **Maggie Bugg – Crossfit.**

Also presented was the **Parksville Qualicum Beach Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award** to this year's recipient **Bill Luchtmeijer.**

The Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the volunteers who helped to make this evening a success and the support of our generous sponsors: Parksville Qualicum Beach News, Society of Organized Services, Community Futures Central Island, Qualicum Foods, Waypoint Insurance, the Career Centre, Coastal Community Credit Union, and the Parksville Qualicum Beach Foundation.