

## Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce

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## 2008 Business Excellence Awards

### NOMINATION FORM

- Nomination forms must be submitted to the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce **no later than Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008**. They must be faxed, mailed or delivered to the Chamber office. Electronic (email) nominations are not acceptable.
- The Business Excellence Awards are open to members of the general public and need not be Chamber members to vote or attend the banquet.
- You can vote in as many categories as you wish, but you must submit them separately. Each nomination form can only be for ONE business, organization or individual named in ONE category.
- Nomination forms must be filled out entirely, including your contact information. Incomplete forms will be void.
- All nominees must be located within Merritt and the Nicola Valley
- All nominees must be in business for one full calendar year as of September 1, 2008.
- Nominees who are no longer in business are ineligible for awards.
- A business may nominate themselves for an award.
- Nominees will be judged on the number of ballots received in their name.
- Businesses do not have to be Chamber members to be eligible.
- All nominees will be recognized at the Business Excellence Awards on Friday, November 7, 2008.
- The Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to limit the number of selected nominees, and/or withhold an award in any category.

### Award Categories

#### 1. *Customer Service Excellence - Business*

This business has demonstrated the ability to provide outstanding customer service on a consistent basis.

#### 2. *Customer Service Excellence - Employee* (please remember to say where the employee works)

This employee has demonstrated the ability to provide customers and clients with outstanding service on a consistent basis

#### 3. *Tourism/Recreation/Leisure Excellence*

This business has had a major impact or made a significant contribution to the tourism/recreation/leisure industry in the Nicola Valley.

#### 4. *Home-Based Business Excellence*

This home-based business has demonstrated excellence and quality in their product and/or service.

#### 5. *Community Leader*

This business owner has made a significant contribution through business, service and/or volunteerism in making our community a better place to live, work or do business.

#### 6. *Youth Entrepreneur of the Year*

An individual, 29 or younger, who has demonstrated exceptional entrepreneurial skills in building his/her own business or as part of an existing business.

#### 7. *New Business of the Year*

This new business has been open for more than one full calendar year and less than three years, (as of September 1, 2008) and has demonstrated outstanding characteristics in all areas such as performance, leadership innovation, management, marketing and service.

#### 8. *Harry Sanders Memorial Award*

Awarded to a business that has demonstrated a pioneer spirit approach to business growth, retention or comeback.

#### 9. *Branding*

A business or individual that has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to promoting Merritt as the Country Music Capital of Canada.

#### 10. *Professional Business*

This professional business has demonstrated responsible business leadership in our community.

#### 11. *Established Business of the Year*

This business, established more than three years, has demonstrated outstanding characteristics in all areas such as performance, leadership, innovation, management, marketing and service.

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#### **NOMINEE INFORMATION** (All information is required)

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Award Category:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons for Nomination** (be specific)

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#### **YOUR INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First* *Last*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce and/or Judging Committee, at their discretion, reserve the right to disqualify any nomination forms that are incomplete.