

Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce
Annual Community Awards Criteria

Citizen of the Year - Sponsored by Canadian Tire

This award is presented in recognition of outstanding voluntary service by a full time resident of the Comox Valley to the community at large, over a significant period of time. This service can be of an individual nature or through clubs and community organizations. Note: Individuals who receive wages or honoraria for the service for which they are being recognized are not eligible for this award.

Business of the Year – Sponsored by Thrifty Foods

This award recognizes a business that has made an outstanding contribution to the community. Nomination requirements are as follows:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well established business • Has shown outstanding achievements through the years • Ability to create employment and generate income | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of economic welfare • Sound reputation providing service to the Valley • Community minded • More than 10 employees |
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New Business of the Year – Sponsored by Presley & Partners

This award recognizes a business that, in their short life, has made outstanding contributions to the Comox Valley. Nomination requirements are as follows:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than four years young • Outstanding potential for continued growth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willingness to employ locally • Community participation |
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Small Business of the Year Award – Sponsored by Glacierview Financial Services

This award recognizes a business that has made an outstanding contribution to the community. Nomination requirements are as follows:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 or fewer employees • Well established business • Has shown outstanding achievements through the years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to create employment and generate income • Promotion of economic welfare • Sound reputation providing service to the Valley • Community minded |
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Professional Merit – Sponsored by Ascent Coaching

This award recognizes an individual, a group or an organization that has made a significant contribution to the development, ethical stature or recognition of their area of professional endeavours. It is open to, but not restricted to, practitioners in any of the following categories: Accounting, Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Engineering, Surveying, Insurance, Stock Brokerage or any field which is generally recognized as a profession.

Business Recycling Award – Sponsored by The Westerly Hotel

This award recognizes a business or organization that has made an outstanding effort in innovative and sustainable environmental practices. Nomination requirements are as follows:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distinguished by their efforts to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have implemented an innovative program that sets industry standards for waste reduction and pollution prevention. |
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Heritage Recognition - Sponsored by Vancouver Island InsuranceCentres

This award recognizes an organization that has operated continuously in the Comox Valley for 25 years or longer. Special consideration in this category will be given to organizations that have contributed significantly to the community.

Environmental Initiative Award – Sponsored by BMO Bank of Montreal

This award acknowledges a business, organization or person whose sensitivity to, and their participation in, supporting the need to be more environmentally conscious, as demonstrated by the development or implementation of an environmentally sensitive program.

Customer Service Award – Sponsored by the Kingfisher Oceanside Resort & Spa

This award is in recognition of an individual who exemplifies the principles and practices of excellence in customer service. Nomination requirements are as follows:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offers exceptional service with each customer interaction• Reputation for going above and beyond expected service | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must have exceptional product knowledge |
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