



The Port Hope and District Chamber of Commerce presents awards annually that recognize individual people and businesses that have demonstrated excellence throughout 2025.

## What's a nomination?

A nomination means a Port Hope based business deserving of recognition for its efforts in providing excellence. Individuals may nominate a Business for no more than 2 categories per nomination submission. A business only needs to be nominated once per category to be considered. Awards are not based on number of nominations received. Nominated businesses are required to provide criteria-based evidence that demonstrates how excellent they are which is then reviewed by a selection committee.

Following the conclusion of the selection process the awards will be presented at the 29th Annual Business Excellence Awards being hosted at the Port Hope Lions Centre on Friday September 25, 2026

**Nominations will be accepted until Friday June 26 at 4:00pm**

Self-Nominations are not accepted.

## How to nominate a Business?

Submit your nomination online at [www.porthopechamber.com](http://www.porthopechamber.com) – look under the Events Tab for Business Excellence Awards or click [here](#) BEA Nominations 2025

If On-line accessibility is an issue, contact the Chamber for assistance [admin@porthopechamber.com](mailto:admin@porthopechamber.com) or 905-885-5519

Nominated Businesses submit a detailed package based on criteria provided. Nomination Packages are reviewed by the judging panel and scored based on evidence and details provided. The judging panel meets to compare scores and determine which business best meets the criteria for each category.

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# Business Excellence Award Descriptions

## Businessperson of the Year

Honours a local business leader with at least 5 years in operation who shows passion, vision, and a strong commitment to the local business community. This individual drives innovation, upholds business ethics, champions economic growth, and actively supports community life. Partnerships within a single organization are also eligible.

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## Young Professional Award

Recognizes a rising leader under 40 who is shaping the future of our local business community. With at least 2 years in business, they bring vision, passion, and fresh ideas while giving back through community projects and initiatives

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## Small Business Award (Incl. but not limited to Home Based & Retail)

Celebrates a business with 1 to 10 full-time equivalent employees that stands out for its exceptional service, innovative thinking, and positive community impact. This business is known for its integrity, creativity, and commitment to both its customers and its team.

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## Customer First Award

Honours a business that goes above and beyond to put customers at the heart of everything they do. They consistently deliver outstanding service and show a deep connection to the community.

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## Hospitality & Tourism Award

Recognizes a business, restaurant, or event that showcases Port Hope, grows local tourism, and invites residents to explore and enjoy. Success is reflected in customer service, business growth, and meaningful community contributions.

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## Manufacturing & Skilled Trades Award

Celebrates a business or tradesperson, including those in agriculture, who delivers excellence in their craft. They bring industry-leading knowledge, innovative skills, and make a lasting impact on the community.

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## Game Changer Award

Honours bold businesses or individuals driving real change. Whether through environmental leadership, diversity and inclusion, workplace wellness, or breakthrough ideas – Game Changers challenge the norm and leave a powerful mark on their teams, industries, and communities.

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## New Business Award

Presented to a standout business that has been operating under current ownership for at least 2 years and less than 4 years. This business is already making an impact through great customer service, strong employee relations, and meaningful contributions to the community.

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## Not-for-Profit/Service Club Award

Recognizes a not-for-profit or service organization making a real difference in Port Hope. Through innovative, entrepreneurial spirit, they enrich the social, cultural, or environmental fabric of the community and improve the quality of life for all residents.

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## Professional Services Award

Honours a local professional or firm with at least 3 years in practice who sets the bar for excellence, integrity, and client care. Whether in law, accounting, engineering, consulting, healthcare, or financial services, they go above and beyond for clients and make a positive impact in the community.