



The Port Hope and District Chamber of Commerce presents awards annually that recognize individual people and businesses that have demonstrated excellence throughout 2023.

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 27th Annual Business Excellence Awards being hosted at the Port Hope Lions Centre on Friday October 25, 2024.

Nominations will be accepted until Friday July 19th, 2024 at 4pm

Self-Nominations are not accepted.

How to nominate a Business?

Submit your nomination online at www.porthopechamber.com – look under the Events Tab for Business Excellence Awards or click here [BEA Nominations 2023](#)

If On-line accessibility is an issue, contact the Chamber for assistance 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

Recognition of a local businessperson who demonstrates a continued passion for experience and leadership in the business community. This individual shows a commitment to economic development, innovation, business ethics and community involvement. This award can also be shared with a partnership for a single organization. Business should have been in operation a minimum of 5 years.

Young Professional

Recognition of a Young Professional who impacts the landscape of the local business community. They are exemplary leaders, exhibit vision, passion and show excellent potential for growth. They have innovative approaches, and they continuously give back by supporting community initiatives and projects. They have been in business not less than 2 years and are under the age of 40

Small Business (incl. but not limited to Home Based and Retail)

A business with 1 – 10 employees that has shown excellence in their approach to overall operation and a high level of customer service. This business has a reputation for integrity in the community, innovative approaches, and excellent employee management.

Customer First

Presented to a local business that shows special consideration for their customers. Demonstrates and provides a superior level of client service and a high level of community involvement.

Hospitality & Tourism

A business/restaurant/event that has showcased Port Hope or has played a role in the growth of tourism in Port Hope while encouraging the locals to enjoy them too. The business should demonstrate the factors that have played a role in success, including customer relations, business growth and contributions to the community.

Manufacturing and Skilled Trades

Recognition of a business or skilled tradesperson that has shown excellence in delivering services/products related to their trade, shows superior knowledge of their industry and/or innovatively applied know-how and contributes to the well-being of the community.

Next Big Thing – Innovation

The Next Big Thing takes a vision and turns it into a profitable reality. This award recognizes an individual or business that creates or develops a new product or service or creates innovative approaches in their routines.

New Business

Presented to a business that has been in operation and/or under the same ownership for at least 2 years but less than 4 years and has made an outstanding contribution to our local economy. This business has good employee/employer relations, has demonstrated excellent customer service and a commitment to the wider community.

Not for Profit/Service Club

Awarded to a not-for-profit or charitable organization that is committed to improving the overall quality of life for residents and demonstrates outstanding contributions to the community. They resonate an entrepreneurial and innovative approach to making a difference in the social, cultural and /or environmental fabric of the Port Hope Community.

Healthy Workplace

This award will recognize a business that demonstrates a commitment to supporting the health, safety, and well-being of employees, clients, customers, and the broader community while addressing the other various health challenges associated with managing quality of life within its structures and or policies.