



**CLEARWATER & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE –
2023 BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS NIGHT - A SOCIAL EVENT
Theme: Lifting Higher!**

New Business; The Rising Star Award

Sponsor:

Recognizing an outstanding NEW business that has been in operation within the past year but no more than 2 years and which has demonstrated outstanding success, innovation, and entrepreneurialism.

Large Business of the Year Award (6+ Employees)

Sponsor:

An outstanding business; an owner/operator storefront that, in the past year, has demonstrated outstanding overall business success and made achievements in the areas of business growth, employee development and community involvement. This award is presented to a business that has been in operation for two years or more with 6+ employees.

Small Business of the Year Award (1-5 Employees)

Sponsor:

An outstanding business; a home-based or owner/operator storefront that, in the past year, has demonstrated outstanding overall business success and made achievements in the areas of business growth, employee development and community involvement. This award is presented to a business that has been in operation for two years or more with less than 5 employees.

Hospitality & Tourism Award

Sponsor:

The Hospitality and Tourism Award recognizes businesses in the Clearwater and Wells Gray region that actively contribute to the development of the local hospitality and tourism industry while enhancing the overall visitor experience. The award emphasizes the importance of friendly, generous reception and, exemplary service and professionalism. The business or organization will have proven customer service and been in operation for a minimum of 2 years.

Trades & Service Excellence Award

Sponsor:

Recognizing a staff member or entrepreneur in a business or organization that, in the past year, has demonstrated dedication to their profession, trade or craft and proven themselves to be an asset to the business or community. This person actively seeks ways to enhance offerings to clients and customers and offers a unique value-added proposition and consistently demonstrates leadership in their area of expertise. **Nominees can include (but are not limited to) retail, food service, health professionals, lawyers, trades, tourism, service providers, accountants, automotive, heavy duty mechanical, plumbing, electrical, and more. Employers are encouraged to make nominations for this award**

Retailer Excellence Award

Sponsor:

An outstanding retail business that has consistently provided exceptional customer experiences and has achieved a reputation of going above and beyond for their customers and clients. This retailer has demonstrated customer-focused culture and exemplifies professionalism, honesty, and integrity. They have a reputation of having excellent product knowledge and demonstrate a commitment to providing quality products.

Entrepreneur & Innovation Award

Sponsor:

For a Clearwater and District **entrepreneur or business** that consistently provides exceptional customer experiences and has achieved a reputation of exceeding customer and client expectations. This award is presented to an entrepreneur or business that has a customer-focused culture and exemplifies professionalism, honesty, integrity and has a proven track record that reflects the ability to stay ahead of trends and economic curves.

Business Leaders Award

Sponsor:

Awarded to a visionary business professional or entrepreneur who has achieved exceptional success in the ownership or management of a local business. This award honours an individual who has shown strong leadership, strategic thinking, balanced workplace values, exemplary customer service, community engagement, and demonstrated perseverance when implementing effective strategies that continues to drive business growth and success.

Farmgate / Agriculture Awards

Sponsor:

For a Clearwater and District farming or food processing business that has distinguished itself and shown leadership by promoting the betterment of agriculture and food production in our community. This award will be presented to a business that has made progressive contributions to the advancement of agricultural production and/or food processing in the valley, be it plant or animal products.

Citizen of the Year Award

Sponsor:

An award to an outstanding individual that, has volunteered for the equivalent of 100 hours over the past 12 months in the past year. Their hard work and dedication to volunteering has enhanced the community and made a difference to citizens by way of their community service.

Note: Nominees do not have to be a member of the Chamber of Commerce; can be a home-based business; must have a valid business licence; must do business within Clearwater and District. Businesses may nominate themselves.