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**Cambridge Chamber hands out the hardware at Business Excellence Awards**

CAMBRIDGE, Ont. – The outstanding accomplishments of the local business community took centre stage last night at the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce’s annual Business Excellence Awards.

The awards were presented in front of a sold-out crowd of more than 300 business leaders and Cambridge/Township of North Dumfries officials at Tapestry Hall on Wednesday, May 29.

“Having the opportunity to recognize the outstanding achievements of our business community is always a great pleasure for the Chamber, considering the work they do making this community a great place to live and do business,” said Cambridge Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Greg Durocher.

An adjudicating committee consisting of Chamber Members reviewed nearly 70 nominations to select the recipients in nine categories. The recipient of the prestigious Chair’s Award was chosen from among those nominees and the Community Impact Award was presented to an individual who has contributed, or continues to contribute, to the overall prosperity, economic growth, or vibrancy of the community.

Since 2000, the Business Excellence Awards has been Chamber’s premier event when it comes to recognizing the many contributions and achievements in the local business community.

“Awards night is always a special evening because it gives everyone the opportunity to not only honour the achievements of others but gives them the chance to connect with new and some familiar business leaders,” says Durocher.

The recipients were selected to recognize the achievements of organizations and entrepreneurs in Cambridge and Township of North Dumfries who have made outstanding contributions in the past year.

***Award Categories & Recipients:***

**Business of the Year (1 – 10 employees) –** Java Jax Good Roast Coffee

**Business of the Year (11 – 49 employees) –** Roseview Global Incubator Inc.

**Business of the Year (Over 50 employees) –** Jackman Construction Ltd.

**New Venture of the Year Award –** The Poop Valet Pet Waste Removal Service

**Outstanding Workplace – Employer of the Year –** Valet Car Wash

**Marketing Excellence –** From Farm to Table Canada Inc.

**Spirit of Cambridge Award –**  Charm & Wick Candle Co.

**Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award –** Olena Weber (Weber Immigration)

**WOWCambridge Customer Service Award** – Melissa Hutchinson (Mr. Sub on King Street East)

**Chair's Award** – Little Mushroom Catering

**Community Impact Award –** Kevin Zimic (Cambridge Ford)

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