

Leading EDG Awards

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The 2008 Leading EDG Awards luncheon, hosted by the Nanaimo Economic Development Group and sponsored by the Nanaimo Airport Commission, is coming soon on October 15. As the selection committee works hard to choose the finalists in each of the six award categories, we would like to remind you of last year's winners, whose contributions continue to make a positive impact on economic development in Nanaimo.

Bob Moss took home the 2007 award for Committed Leadership - Individual. As a founding member of the Downtown Nanaimo Partnership, a successful realtor and Rotary Club member, Moss has garnered the respect and support of Nanaimo's business community and promotes Nanaimo outside the region every chance he gets. Quality Foods won the award recognizing businesses in the same category by being a well respected employer and a good corporate citizen, sponsoring important community events such as the Marine Festival fireworks.

The Excellent Foundation award was shared between the City of Nanaimo, Nanaimo Port Authority and Snuneymuxw First Nation (SFN) in recognition of their continued relationships and partnerships in projects such as the Foundry Land Transfer Event between the SFN and Port Authority, and the Newcastle Island Collaborative Land Management Agreement signed by the City and SFN.

The Port of Nanaimo Centre and Nanaimo Ice Centre did not go unnoticed as two new public facilities that give Nanaimo a unique identity and will continue to contribute to Nanaimo's quality of life and attract new residents for years to come. They received the award for Quality Infrastructure.

Two tireless community volunteers were recognized with an Award for Positive Image - Individual. Diana Johnstone represented Nanaimo at both the BC Seniors Games in 2007, as well as the BC Disability Games in 2005. She also has a history serving EDG, and was involved in EDG's Nanaimo NOW! Campaign. Marilyn Sullivan also gives countless volunteer hours to the community. As Past President of the Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce, she is now a well-known organizer of many fund-raising activities benefitting Nanaimo organizations and also played a key role in the BC Seniors Games.

Finally, the award for Positive Image - Business or Organization went to the Nanaimo Clippers Hockey Club. This BC Junior Hockey League team is made up of ambassadors who are willing to donate their time when called upon and has a loyal fanbase which fosters community pride.

Along with the winners, the finalists also deserve to be recognized for their dedication to making Nanaimo one of the most desirable, livable small cities in North America. Finalists for this year's awards are sure to be of the same calibre, and the community is encouraged to purchase a ticket and come and support their economic development champions. The 2008 Leading EDG Awards will be held on October 15 at the Coast Bastion Inn from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. If you have attended this awards event in the past, then you know that this is one of the most anticipated business events in Nanaimo that brings out the who's who in the community. To reserve your tickets, contact Katie Ferland at 250-755-4465 or katie.ferland@nanaimo.ca.